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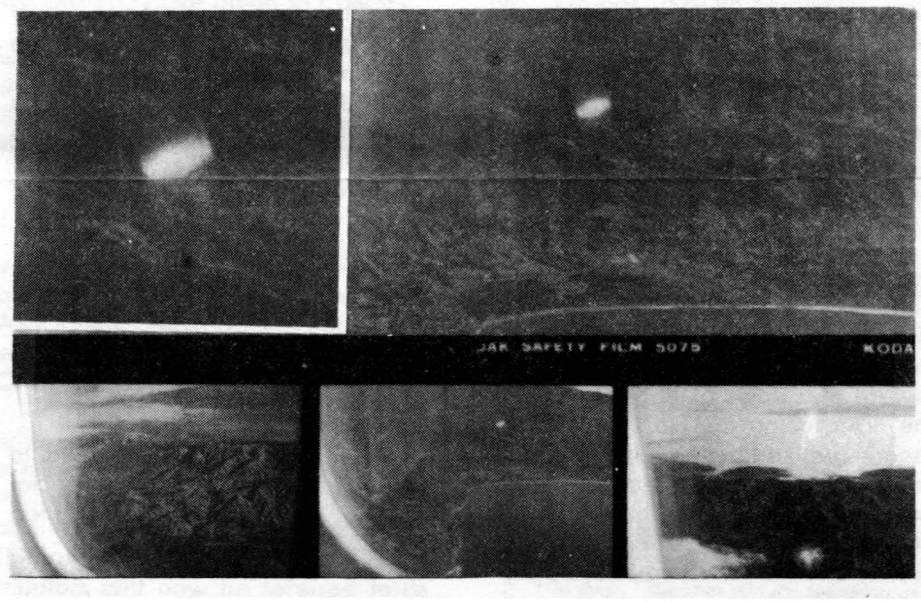
Reflection Or Object? Photo From Airliner Being Studied



Nancy Parker photo Nov. 6, 1980 from Western Airlines near Monterey Bay, CA. Property of: Center for UFO Studies

It was approximately 7:55 AM on November 6, 1980. Nancy Parker of Manhattan Beach, California, was seated in seat 7A, next to the window, aboard a Western Airlines flight to San Francisco.

As the aircraft was passing what appeared to her to be Monterey Bay, she decided to take a second picture through her window, this time of the long, curving shoreline several miles below to the right of the plane. In her cramped position, the camera lens was likely to have been resting against the window itself, as a means of stabilizing the camera. She also had it pointed at a slight angle to the window, looking forward, in an attempt to avoid the sun, rising back to her far right and reflecting off the left lower corner of the window.

Nancy Parker took the picture, not observing anything unusual at the time. A few minutes later, she took the third picture in the series of three shown on this page and eventually had the film processed and printed. When it returned from the film processor, she was amazed to see the bright discoid image near the center top portion of the second photograph on her film.

She had not seen a moving object, since she was concentrating on "getting the green light and a shot of the surf." She was aware of the reflections in the lower (left) which are in the window itself, the separation between the two windows.

The camera was a PENTAX 35mm with an ASAHI OPT PENTAX-M 50 mm lens and a skylight filter. She is certain that the shutter speed was quite fast with the 400 ASA film and the distance setting was on infinity. "I probably had the aperture at a setting to give the largest possible depth of field," she said.

The original negatives have been carefully examined by CUFOS and, although there is the obvious possibility that this was the reflection of an interior light from within the airplane, the true identity of the bright image in this photograph remains undecided at this writing. The camera was pointed at an angle downward in all three pictures and the back of the seat in front of Ms. Parker is reflected in the upper left corner of the second photograph. It is, as she says, "difficult to see how the interior light from the seats behind (her) could reflect in this manner, but it is just as difficult to believe that something that bright and moving would not attract (her) attention." Her attention at the time she shot the photo was not out the viewer, but inside the camera where the light meter is located.

CUFOS suggested that if she has the opportunity to make the same trip in an identical (or the same) aircraft it would be an interesting experiment to use the same camera and film, sit in the same seat and attempt with a series of photographs to duplicate the effect, turning off and on the interior cabin lights. Another possibility would be to ask our readers to attempt to produce a similar photograph with their camera from an aircraft window, capturing the reflection of an interior light. The other unknown is a light smear in approximately the same location on the third photograph shown here. Interpretations from our readers of this article will be welcome. □

Correspondence

Mr. Timmerman,

Thanks for your interest in a curious lady. I'm not one of these "favored few," who have outer space connections. What I have is a habit of seeing my entire surroundings, which includes the sky.

Now, about my sighting of an odd aircraft here. That was in December of 1978. I noticed a single light, about 100 feet or so (in the air) and it began to slowly move. It stopped and an immense "V" shaped design lit up on the underside of whatever it was. It emitted a cloud of dirty colored vapor...and it slowly moved toward Portland...at about five miles per hour. It held the same level at all times...

The Vernonia (Oregon) one was very different. On October 18, 1976 I noticed a glittering star. It moved, slowly, for about four blocks...just skimming the utility poles. It came toward me. Rows of lights came on the area facing me, so I walked to meet it, walked beneath it and could see nothing but the underside. I let it pass over. It made another 90° turn and angled onto Bridge Street, hovered over a vacant lot, absolutely silent, no heat, cold, vibrations...and I felt no fear. Then I got a look into what I'd call windows, six very large ones and all I saw in there was clean sparkling sunlight.

Four sort of light tubes lit up under it. These stayed on...this "light" didn't beam out. Should have lit up that lot, but didn't. This bright light that I first saw always faced the same direction, even though this craft did 90° turns.

Also, I noticed that there are fir trees on that lot. As it hovered and sort of slightly tilted, it also avoided any contact with these trees, just as it did with other trees and utility poles.

This whole thing lasted over an hour and it finally slid over the town and went toward Portland, slowly, (keeping) the same level, in relation to the contour of the land...

I can still see that main body, like sitting on a deep platter, roll and turn and shift (as if) to keep itself level...and I still think of the gyroscope...

What I'd like, if this is possible, is to be able to meet and talk with others who have also seen these objects at close range. An experience like this was to me a mind-opener. □

Lorraine Houston
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Dear Dr. Hynek,

Last night (2/12/81) I decided to write to you, because I saw a special report on a television show titled 20/20...

(In the Summer of 1977) a friend of mine who is the same age, female and...I decided to look in on a house for rent in East Aurora (NY)...at 7:00 p.m.

While driving from Lancaster to East Aurora (Donna was driving), I noticed...a red light to the south. I thought of Venus, only to realize it would not show below the (exceptionally low and thick) clouds. Also, this light was quite distant, but following us at our south side. I watched to make sure of this, then I asked Donna to watch while I steered the wheel. She said she had no idea what it was, then she took the wheel and, as I watched, it seemed to be closer because the light was reflecting on the clouds, and I could see from this relection that it was revolving a red orange glow. So I said, "Stop the car," which Donna did and the light went straight up above the clouds. We drove on...

On the way home (from inspecting the house), we talked of what we would do if we got the house for rent...when I looked out the window and there it was, the red light revolving and following us again, this time on our north side. I told Donna and she immediately pulled to the side of the road. The red light also stopped and went straight up above the clouds. So we drove off again and down from the clouds came the red lighted (object) which proceeded to go along next to us but still keeping a very distant space away.

Our exit was soon ahead and as Donna slowed to enter we lost sight of it and then suddenly Donna jerked the car by turning suddenly off the road and slamming her foot hard on the brakes, because there before us coming slowly down above a one-story building (garage?) was a metal aircraft with two visible lights.

It looked like a very plain helicopter, but the metal was darker and very dull. It had no propeller or landing feet and it didn't make a sound. It almost landed on the building below and then it went straight up, through the cloud barrier.

We were shocked. I remember Donna saying, "Let's get out of here," and she started the car and we went to my house talking about what we saw, not deciding what it was...

Then, two weeks later, my mother called and read an article from the *Buffalo Evening News* which stated "People from the East Aurora area have been reporting strange red lights and sonic booms." The local airports and the Air Force have no explanation, "please call...if you have had a similar experience." I did call, but received a busy signal for the four days I tried.

Now, years later in another paper (*Cheektowaga Pennysaver*) I read someone's statement of seeing a UFO in the East Aurora area and someone else's answer stating "many UFOs have been seen in this area." "So, you are not crazy."

I am writing...to state that electrically charged granite cannot be the explanation for the lightless UFOs of a metallic nature. Also,...if there is information about the East Aurora UFOs, please keep me informed. Thank you.

Linda DiNanno
Alden, New York □

Readers in the Buffalo area are invited to respond to CUFOS regarding any information they may have similar to that reported by Ms. DiNanno.

Editor □

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World's Oldest (?) UFO Publication "In Recess"

XENOLOG, published in Timaru, New Zealand since 1954, will cease publication with issue No. 125, December 1980. Fred and Phyll Dickeson, XENOLOG editors for 26 years, cited increasing publication costs, fluctuating subscription levels (related, they say, to variations in UFO reporting rates) and failure of their duplicating equipment as reasons for the "recess."

"XENOLOG," they write, "has always been intended as an economic, efficient, and regular means of communication between local Ufologists and a means of distributing the latest local and world-wide UFO news to interested parties, both here and overseas . . . The (publication "recess") situation will be reviewed in a year or two's time, when hopefully conditions may have become more stable."

Beginning with issue No. 90, XENOLOG is coded into UFOCAT, the Center's computerized file of UFO reports, under source code 5XG.

With the aid of their son, Bryan, a scientific and technical writer, the Dickesons plan to write a book about their twenty-six years of investigating UFO reports in New Zealand. □

Fred Merritt

Swedish Associate Searching For Mysterious Airplanes

Anders Liljegren, long-time ASSOCIATE of CUFOS, is searching for any reports of unidentified or mysteriously behaving aeroplanes, new and old, for an on-going study of "ghost-fliers," particularly in the 1930s.

The project includes previously unpublished in-depth investigations and documents from Swedish government bodies in the mid-1930s now released by the Swedish Secretary of War. Write: Mr. Anders Liljegren, Archives for UFO Research, P.O. Box 11027, S-600 11, Norrkoping, Sweden. □

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We are sure you will understand that we must add the disclaimer that all of the above information is subject to change without notice.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and for your continued support of our investigation and study of UFO reports.

John P. Timmerman
Chairman □

Recent Books About UFOs

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First UFO Spotted In China

PEKING (UPI) - Two campers near the Great Wall saw a bright unidentified flying object and took a photograph of it, the first ever made in China of a UFO, a Peking newspaper reported Wednesday.

The two campers sleeping out in the open near the Great Wall and the historic Ming tombs said they saw a UFO over the north of Peking at 4:08 a.m. on August 23, 1980.

In a letter to the Peking Evening News, they said they saw an object, possibly ringed, that emitted white light.

The object appeared to have a darker core, and was apparently revolving around an axis, they said.

The campers, Xin Seng and Bi Jiang, said the object moved farther away and then closer for half an hour, but they heard no noise.

The newspaper printed a photograph showing a moon-like object, with what appeared to be protrusions around the middle. It hovered just above the side of a slope.

The newspaper's editor said the film was received undeveloped. The newspapers processed the film and made the print "of the first photograph of a UFO in China."

Although Chinese scientists have expressed an interest in the study of UFO, they have always based their discussions on overseas reports.

UFO sightings, if they ever occurred, had until now gone unreported in the mass media. □

Investigator Awarded Degree For UFO Study

Long-time UFO investigator Bradley Earl Ayers of Lakeland, Minnesota has been awarded a graduate degree in Life Science by Heed University of Florida and California.

The university is conferring the degree in recognition of Mr. Ayer's achievements in the study and investigation of unexplained phenomena in connection with his forthcoming non-fiction book, "Myths or Messages." The author's research, for the past several years, has concentrated upon the relationship between the display of unexplained phenomena such as the UFO experience and human consciousness and awareness.

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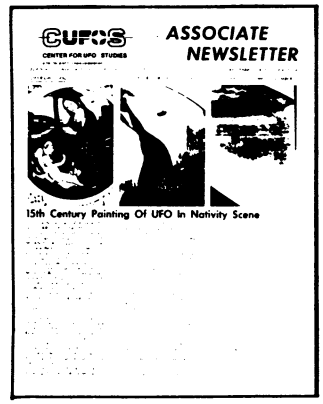

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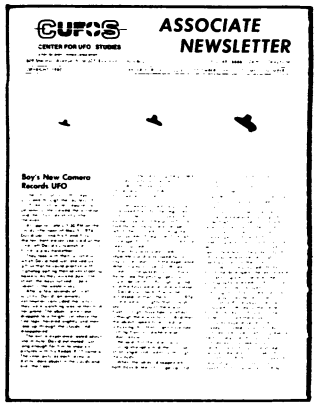

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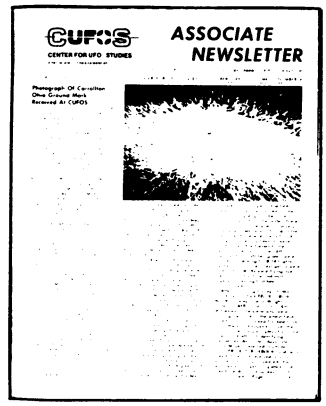

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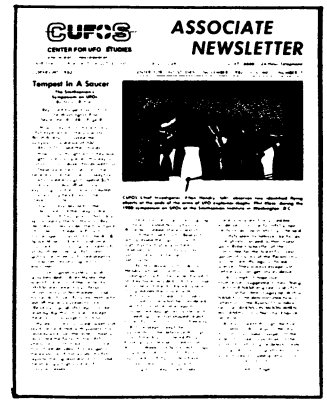

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UFO Convention Planned For Wisconsin

The 1981 convention of THE NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday, June 27, 1981 at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, just off Highway 41 in DePere, Wisconsin.

This 18th consecutive annual event will feature among its speakers James W. Moseley, Co-founder and Chairman of THE NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE; William Moore, co-author of two important books in UFO literature, *The Philadelphis Experiment* and recently *The Roswell Incident;* Wendelle C. Stevens, author of perhaps the most controversial UFO book in recent years, *UFO: Contact From The Pleiades;* and Richard Hilber, author, lecturer, co-founder of the NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE and Chairman of the NORTHERN OHIO UFO GROUP, a CUFOS affiliate.

Advance tickets and reservation information may be secured by writing to Ron Spanbauer, P.O. Box 172, DePere, WI 54115. □

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Current Sighting Reports

TYPE: DD
DATE: 1-17-81
TIME: 10 AM
DURATION: 3-4 minutes
WITNESSES: 4
PLACE: Virginia Beach, VA

Our reporting witness was a 44-year-old heating and air conditioning man working with three others on a Saturday morning at the construction site of a home some 10 miles east of town. Looking out a trailer window, he saw two silver "cigars (or "dishes" seen edge on) moving slowly northbound in the eastern sky. He and another witness agreed that the angular size of the cigars was three times longer than the apparent diameter of the sun (about 1-½°). Each had distinct outlines, a surface "like aluminum" and pointed ends. One followed the other about three lengths behind it, and lower. The other witness guessed that each UFO was 20 feet long with a 50-foot gap between them. Though they flew with a slight up/down behavior, they always maintained their horizontal orientation. No sound was heard as they proceeded through the cloudless sky to the north. Altitude was estimated at 1000-2000 feet, distance at 2 miles.

Discussions with the Oceana Naval Air Station produced the prospect of an unusual explanation for such a sight. Military exercises in the area sometimes involve silver "torpedo"-shaped targets being towed behind planes. This sounds good, but checks with the Navy and the Norfolk International Airport failed to pin down any such exercise in that area at that time. □

TYPE: CEI (II?)
DATE: December 6, 1980
TIME: 12:45 AM
DURATION: several minutes
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: Edwardsville, IL

A 23-year-old worker with two years experience in the Civil Air Patrol was driving home westbound a few miles north of town. He was quick to slow down, though, when a disk-like form cut across his view from the south. The young man described the UFO's appearance as two "pie pans" put together. Only an estimated 100 feet away, the disk seemed to be 40 feet in diameter and 9-13 feet in thickness. The dark shape was illuminated mostly at the top by five intense, steady blue-white lights and by a surrounding red glow. Windows were noted at the center.

The witness tried to drive his car toward the UFO, but the 1972 Oldsmobile Delta 88 conked out for a 1-2 minute period. The witness felt so "intimated and harassed" about the experience, though, that he cannot say whether the car's failure was his own fault or was attributable to the presence of the disk. The UFO sat there for 1-5 minutes, then "zipped off" at a 45° angle to the north and was gone in 30-40 seconds over a hill.

This is the second time in 13 years that this individual reported seeing a UFO. The first time was with his parents in Springfield. Nonetheless, this event *literally* caused the witness to "wet his pants", leaving him feeling "helpless to do anything" about the UFO. □

CUFOS UFO Photo Display In Milwaukee

Thanks to arrangements by CUFOS ASSOCIATES Don Schmitt and Rick Heiden, the CUFOS UFO PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT will be on display at the Northridge Shopping Center beginning March 18th and ending March 21st. All ASSOCIATES in the Milwaukee area are encouraged to attend and bring interested friends.

In addition to the 150 photographs and publication reproductions, a videotape of UFOs in flight over Mexico and Guatemala during 1977 will be shown at the display area and sighting witnesses will be given the opportunity to give a confidential report of their experience to the display attendants on duty, using a portable tape recorder.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek and others from the CUFOS organization will be at the Mall during the day on Saturday, March 21st, to answer questions and to meet with sighting witnesses from the area. Samples of CUFOS publications will be on display and free information about the organization will be distributed. □

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