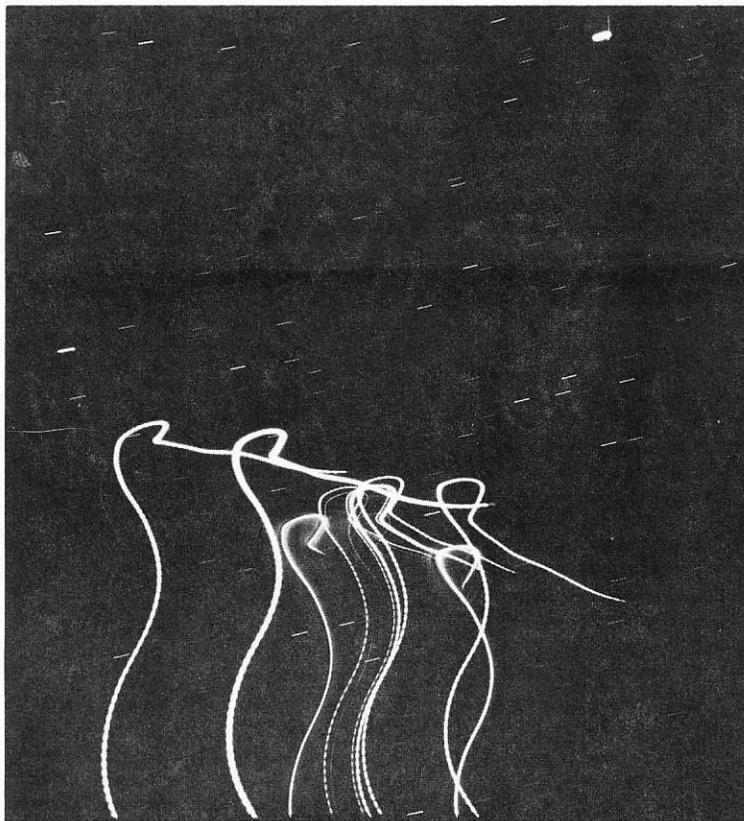


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UAO LANDING IN INDIANA



The following described incident is one of the most well-documented landing reports APRO has recorded, and unless ministers, Scout leaders and teachers are poor judges of the character of the principals, this report can be considered authentic.

Before proceeding with the narrative, we would like to point out that the incident was investigated and submitted by Donald Worley, some of whose other work appears in this Bulletin. Considering the fact that he is the only APRO member in that particular area of Indiana and had to work against the odds of cold weather, snow drifts and sometimes uncooperative people, he did a very thorough and admirable job.

The witnesses are two boys, 14 and 13 years of age, who will hereinafter be referred to as Observers A and B. On file in APRO's office are statements attesting to their trustworthiness and honesty from their respective teachers, ministers and Scout troop leaders. Both boys and their families request anonymity for the usual reasons.

On the morning of 4 October 1966 at about 5 a.m., Observer B was delivering his newspapers on John Street in East Connersville, Indiana. When he reached the last house on the dead-end street, he noticed a group of lights in the field beyond the end of the street to the west. He glanced at them and since they seemed somewhere near or in line where the electrical sub station should have been, he thought they were a new light installation and paid no further attention, continuing his route.

On the next morning, the 5th, the two boys were delivering their papers and generally keeping within sight of one another. Observer B suggested to his friend that he come to the end of John Street and see the new lights. As they approached the end of the street, it was obvious to Observer B that the lights were in a different place than they had been on the morning before, and were actually a little more to the north. Both boys sat on their bicycles and stared transfixed at a dark object with lights on it which was apparently on the ground some 280 yards out in the field. One told Mr. Worley, "I knew it was a UFO." The other said: "It was eerie and I felt like something was there that shouldn't be."

Observer A heard a faint high pitched

Mild Flap Continues

At this writing, reports are coming into the APRO office daily and the staff has had some difficulty keeping current with investigations and mail, as the tardiness of this issue indicates.

In order to expedite matters, we are asking that anyone who feels he or she is qualified and who could take the time to investigate, get in touch with this office by air mail letter, stipulating the purpose of the letter on the outside of the envelope with the words: Volunteer.

We realize that many of our members, especially medical doctors, of whom we have many on the membership rolls, have little time of their own but would like to point out that individuals such as engineers, doctors and lawyers are especially qualified to carry out investigations and in the event of a UAO incident in their area, it may be the only time they are required to perform this service.

APRO has expanded by about 600 members since October and it is felt that many of these could fill in the "gaps" in our investigative network.

Hopf Photographs Something (?)

John T. Hopf, APRO's photoanalyst wrote the following self-explanatory letter to Sky and Telescope magazine concerning the above photo. As some members no doubt know, Mr. Hopf builds his own telescopes and has won awards for same.

January 3, 1967

Photo Editor, Sky & Telescope
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

On Dec. 13 (A.M.) from midnight to 4 A.M., I had four cameras set up in my roof-top observatory to record the Geminid meteor shower. All used 120 size roll film (2¼ x 3¼" size).

Although only three meteors were picked up during this time, one of the Kodak Medalists (f3.5, 4 inch focal length (lens used wide open) recorded the enclosed unusual trails during the

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If your Zip Code does not appear on the envelope in which you received this Bulletin, please send it to us by return mail, POST CARD. We are re-vamping our addressing and records system and in the interests of office efficiency must have your zip code right away.

In response to the current increase in reports and membership, we are preparing for the day when we can publish on a monthly basis. A pre-requisite for that day, which may yet be a long way off, is that we streamline our office procedures. Your zip code will help.

Many members have written to say that they are having difficulty finding Coral Lorenzen's "Flying Saucers," Signet Book No. T-3058 on the book stands. This means generally that the actual sales of the book have exceeded the anticipated sales. To fully understand the situation (and remedy it) it is helpful to understand how Signet Books are distributed.

Bookstores and book departments of department stores buy directly from the publisher, New American Library. If your proposed source fails in this category, simply ask them to order it for you.

Most bookcracks found in drug stores, markets, bus terminals, air terminals, etc., are stocked by local distributors who depend on a national jobber—the Independent News Company—to supply them.

In this case, to be effective, a request must be made to the local distributor. Identify the book by number (Signet T-3058) and give him a list of the local retail outlets where you have sought the book in vain; talk to the soft-cover distribution manager—not the route man. You can get the name of the local distributor from the local retailer, drug store, market or whatever. If the book does not appear on the racks in a week or so—repeat the procedure.

Magazines With UFO Articles

In addition to the Saturday Evening Post issue which carried J. Allen Hynek's statement on UFOs, several other magazines are planning articles on UFOs, among which are TRUE, and PLAYBOY. On the newsstands at this time is a special issue published by Dell Publishing Co. called, simply, "Flying Saucers." APRO was asked to cooperate in the latter venture and the result is an interesting display of some of the most intriguing UFO incidents. We have been informed that LOOK magazine is coming out with a special issue on the subject, also.

As a result of increased membership and mention in various publications, APRO's membership has been soaring since late August. Besides the processing necessary to enroll a new member, the

office has been literally swamped with inquiries concerning membership, resulting in a "traffic snarl." Although extra help has been arranged, the flow of mail continues to bog down office procedures, and we hope that all the members will be patient about correspondence from this office. This issue of the Bulletin is late because of some of the foregoing problems, but we hope to be able to smooth out the rough spots before the January-February issue is due.

Along with new members we have received many old sightings as well as current ones, which need a certain amount of attention. Despite the workload we wish to urge all members to remain alert to UFO incidents in their immediate areas and notify this office at once.

Tiny Object In Washington

At 8:30 p.m. on 13 February 1966, three members of the Stanley Lord family were startled to observe a small object outside the kitchen window. The article in the Methow Valley News gave a pretty fair description of the incident:

The object was first noticed by Stan Lord as a bright, circular orange disc of light hovering seemingly close to the kitchen window as if it were observing. When someone would look up and watch it, it would disappear. It would then move to another window. On its third appearance it attracted attention of all three of the Lords as it appeared to come to within 3 feet from the ground and about 50 feet from the house. As the three scrambled to get to the windows it left again, and when they got to the windows it had gone toward a neighbor's house, ascending at a 30 degree angle. At this time it seemed to have two lights—a small "forward" one and a larger one in the rear, which appeared to be about 18 inches apart. The rear light seemed to be glowing much brighter. The object was very maneuverable, changing positions and directions swiftly, hovering and accelerating immediately from any angle.

The Lords said that they couldn't describe the shape of the object, because of the bright lights, and theorized that the first object, the small sphere, may have been lowered to the window height from an object at a greater height.

(Editor's Note: The newspaper added their comment that the object had been seen by two boys near Mazama, but gave no other detail. This sighting, however, coincides in detail with many others we have logged, which have been tagged "monitor units.")

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whirring sound from the direction of the object. It has been suggested that what he heard was Roots Blower Co., a local factory testing a blower. It was learned later by Mr. Worley, that the factory was not testing at the time. It was decided the sound could not have been a fence or transformer hum either. Both boys noticed a faint odor which one said smelled like sulphur. The other, who has a chemistry set described it as an odor similar to that of sulphur and tannic acid.

After watching the object, observing its lights, smelling the odor, the boys heard a sound which, after 10 to 20 seconds, caused them to flee the scene in fear and as fast as their bicycles would take them. Observer A said: "I could hear the sound of breaking weeds and it sounded like a person walking, not a four-legged cow." Observer B said: "It sounded like a person walking slowly. There was the crush of weeds and stubble and a faint plop. It never got louder. I was scared and my heart was pounding. We took off as fast as our bikes would go and raced up John Street neck-and-neck." Observer A said: "I had cold chills up my spine and we didn't slow down until we got to Vine Street. I finished the rest of my route awfully fast that morning. I felt like something might be watching me."

Commenting on the rest of the morning route, Observer B told Worley: "I was too scared to care if I made a bad throw at a porch with a paper. I felt like something out there may have seen us." When asked where he was looking for the danger he said, "Everywhere — ground or air."

Worley makes the following observations about the "walking sound": "Something humanlike with two legs was walking. If so it may not have been too far distant because this type of sound is not audible beyond a certain distance. It is not known if dew was on the weeds or not.

"Or—it may have been some type of machinery used to start the object.

"Or—it was imagination on the boys' part

"Or—a cow walking in a field. (Observer B stated that he heard the sound of cattle down near the barn to the south. Both boys were certain it didn't sound like a cow walking).

"And lastly—it might have been movement in the foliage resulting from the wind or breeze.

Investigation indicated that it was a still morning, with no discernible air movement. After finishing their routes the boys went home, and for the most part their story was met with nearly total disbelief. Observer B's mother said "he was sure wound up and excited" when he got home, but thought he was exaggerating something he had seen by

adding something from TV or one of his books. He told his Scout troop and although not all of them believed him, it was decided it was best for him to remain quiet.

Observer A's sister-in-law and mother were impressed by his days of excited talk about the event. He was urged to call Worley.

After school on the 5th, Observer B, brave in daylight, returned to the scene and discovered three holes and noticed a faint sulphur smell. He also saw a small spot of light red dirt-like material about 6 feet away from one of the holes. He looked for holes made by the object on the first morning, but found nothing. The point where it hovered on the first morning, the 4th, was quite close to a 2-strand electric fence.

During the next several days the boys and friends went to the spot and looked at the holes, and discussed them. On Sunday, the 9th, Observer A's 27-year-old sister-in-law took her camera to the spot and photographed the holes. She looked for other tracks or evidence, but found none. The cattle seemed to have avoided the area.

A telephone survey of the area near the sighting has not revealed any other witnesses.

Observer A's description: Edge of the object was solid and smooth, but didn't reflect light very well. It sat level. He could not see the underside. He saw about ten red, green and another color (can't remember which) lights. He does not remember the location of the lights but two were on each end. The lights pulsed slowly, were round, about the size of a light bulb. He estimated object's size as 27 feet long and 10 feet high, after observing an auto at the same distance in the same light.

Observer B's description: He saw a dark, curved shape, much like a house looming in the darkness with lights off. He saw at least 8 red, white and green clear bright lights. They were a little larger than an outdoor Christmas light. At several places in between he saw faint lights which pulsed slowly. He doesn't remember the sequence. He estimates distance between the end lights to be 23 feet apart and 6 feet off the ground, after observing two flashlights in the field at the same distance.

The sister-in-law and the boys all estimated the holes to be 8 feet apart, forming an equilateral triangle. She said the holes were 7 inches in diameter at the top, tapering to around 1 inch at the bottom. This formed a cone-shaped hole and was estimated and appears to be, in the photographs, 7 or 8 inches deep. Mrs. Granger said the holes were cleanly compressed with no dirt on the top edges and not even the weeds along the top edge were disturbed. Observer A said the sides of the holes were fairly smooth and "kind of hard." Observer B said the sides of the holes felt like dirt that had water poured on it and then dried in the sun.

Hollis Hanson, the farmer who owned the field, said he had nothing with that many lights on it and did not recall moving anything into the field.

The appearance of the holes indicate three apparatuses pressed into the ground under great pressure.

IN CONCLUSION

As we said earlier in this report, Worley's presentation is thorough and neat. The document includes statements concerning the boys' character and integrity from a minister, a teacher and a Boy Scout leader. Although by the time Worley was notified of the sighting, the evidence had undergone the rigors of weather, the photos taken by the sister-in-law were helpful in interpretation of the physical evidence.

As Worley so aptly pointed out, if one took the sighting for granted and did not attempt to relate it to the others which preceded it and followed it, it made absolutely no sense. However, the map which Worley included with the landing report is quite revealing.

The sightings from August 8th forward fall along a line in the area of the microwave relay tower chain in the vicinity of Connersville and Rushville. The middle of the area of the sightings is within 70 air miles of Wright Air Development Center at Dayton, Ohio. Further:

The October 5th landing took place: 180 yards from an electrical substation, 340 yards from high tension power lines, adjacent to an electric fence, two blocks from the State Police Post and Radio Transmitter, and in a direct line between the State Police antenna and the WCNB Radio antenna, nine-tenths of a mile distance. The only other outstanding features of the terrain was the field full of stubble.

Three Unidentified Satellites In Orbit

The press wires carried stories out of Washington, D.C. on 1 November 1966 relating to three satellites discovered in orbit around the earth by tracking radar in May of 1966. They had not, at that date, (November) been identified "with any launching or country of origin" according to the official catalog, "Satellite Situation Report."

The report claimed that this discovery is the first time that unknowns have been listed among the satellites and debris being tracked by the U.S. It went on to propose that they could be natural meteorites and may have been in space for some time (the report mentioned 1958) without being discovered.

Military officials reportedly hesitated to list the three until some clue as to their identity could be found, because they feared "flying saucer enthusiasts" would claim the three objects were evidence that earth has visitors from elsewhere.

The "UFO Circus" In Indiana

Member Don Worley of Connersville, Indiana found himself the only APRO representative in his area when UFOs began to haunt it in late September, but nevertheless undertook to investigate and report his results. He came up with 9 good sightings, some of them involving multiple witnesses, and one landing. We present the nine here and the landing elsewhere in this issue. We would like to editorialize a little concerning Worley's performance, however.

Realizing that the activity might be a one-time thing he devoted his spare time to tracking down witnesses, often driving as far as 40 miles on poor country roads. The results are very comprehensive reports which are important contributions to the UFO picture.

Thursday, October 6: Jack Lewis, wife and children were headed west six miles southwest of Connersville at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Lewis noticed what she thought was an airplane with red, green and white lights going east at low speed. No sound was heard. The object suddenly stopped and hovered at no more than "cornstalk height" over a field. Jack turned the car around and they drove back and watched the now one slow pulsating white light for about 15 minutes. Object then became much brighter, took off at rapid speed and a green and a red light could be seen on each side and a little lower than the white light. The white light while hovering was a flat-bottomed, shallow-domed configuration.

Witnesses drove west again to home of friends and 6 adults assembled in the yard to watch. Lewis, owner of Citizen's Band Radio Transmitter, was all this time on the radio telling anyone who was listening what was happening.

The lights soon returned from the south and hovered very low over a wooded area about 500 yards south of the observers, and went dark for about 15 minutes. Just as suddenly as its other maneuvers, the light showed again, flew into the western sky, stopped and remained stationary again, then turned bright white and sped off west. It appeared to swing over part of Rush County and CB owners there were saying (on the radio) "I see it. I see it." At high speed it then returned and appeared to fly north over Connersville. It seemed to stop in the NNE and began to slowly change from red to white to green, gradually receding from sight. Conservative estimate of number of witnesses: Seven Citizen Band owners in Fayette County, five in Rush County, one or two in Wayne County and their wives, children and neighbors. Approximately 50.

On the same night at 9 p.m., Robert Zimmerman of Connersville, a Philco employee (27) who had heard the CB broadcast earlier and treated it as a joke, spotted the same or a similar ob-

ject. During his observation the object passed over the Connersville area, appeared to pass between WNBC and State Police radio towers and arced up as though climbing, toward the north. During this time it was observed to stop and slow down and make an instant right angle turn without stopping. Faster than a jet, made no sound. When passing overhead, going north, it was a bright white light, with a greenish tinge on the edge and "almost as bright as the sun," "a little larger than a full moon high in the sky."

Zimmerman alerted several CB people in towns to the north and received an answer from Pershing, 15 miles to the north, saying they had the object in view.

Another witness to what was apparently the same object's flight, was Richard Henry, who heard the alert on CB and first saw the object in the south going west at 8 p.m., at prop plane speed. It seemed to be just a little above the tree tops and like a ball of blood-red fire. It stopped suddenly, seemed to be about 500 yards away and the size of a half dollar held at arm's length. The object hovered in the SW for about 10 minutes where it pulsated red, green and white. Then it suddenly turned a glowing white and sped off toward the SW at 45 degrees and at a speed much faster than a jet.

Another 8 p.m. sighting was by Bob Hamilton, also of Connersville, R. R. 6. He heard Jack Lewis call on CB and hurried outdoors and saw the light passing east to west at what seemed to be about one mile south of him. The bright green, red and white lights, glowing and pulsating, seemed to be no more than 500 feet off the ground. They stopped instantly in midair and then hovered, then moved again and then hovered again. They seemed to stop over the Mary Grey Bird Sanctuary for about 10 minutes. Object finally disappeared at high speed in the southwest.

Later on the same night, at 10:45 p.m., another CB owner, Ray Cox, of Laurel, Indiana, was driving home from work south bound on Highway (State Road) 121. As he neared a new bridge, he observed a rapidly approaching light coming from the south at about 300 to 400 feet and an estimated one-fourth mile distant. The light swooped over the top of a large house on a hill south of the bridge, then dived at the bridge at high speed. Feeling it was coming straight at him, Cox hit his brakes and swerved.

Object was now round, "larger than an aircraft searchlight," the size of an orange held at arm's length. Smooth-edged, left no trail, made no sound. It then darted to Cox' left, and headed down the creek bed so low he could see it flash through the trees as it went east and was quickly lost from sight. About 10 seconds later another object, this one with several small white lights followed exactly the same route.

As Cox initially approached the bridge

mentioned above and spotted the object, he turned on his CB radio and began transmitting. All he was able to say was: "Fellows, I may need help—it's—" and the object loomed near and both his transmitter and receiver were blocked by a transformer-like hum. When he finally returned to the air after the object left it was obvious to all who were listening that he was very frightened.

The next incident in Worley's Circus took place at 10 p.m., on 8 October, when Ronnie Cameron, 22 and his wife Judy, of Rushville, saw an object from their home on R. R. 6, State Road 44.

Judy Cameron heard what she described as a "screaming" sound, looked out the window and saw a blinking red light going southeast at about 70 degrees elevation. Ronnie looked out a rear window, saw two lights, one red and one white, side by side. He ran upstairs to look out for a better view. The lights did not blink and seemed to be hovering above a field southeast of the house, barely above the tree tops. Both of the Camerons watched the lights for about 6 minutes. They did not change brightness or position. Police dogs in a pen next door began to howl.

At the end of the 6 minutes the object or lights began moving straight up, were lost to sight within 7 seconds. The sound was also heard by brother Bennie Cameron, sister Diana Cameron and sister-in-law Nancy Isgrigg.

Miss Isgrigg, in house next door on the west said later her TV began to act up just as she heard the strange sound.

On the 12th of October at 8 p.m., Harry Remy of R. R. 3, Rushville, Indiana, came into the house, told the family "one of those airplanes people are always mistaking for flying saucers" was in view. He and Mrs. Remy and daughter, Christine Lore, 22, went outside. They were startled to see a perfectly round, glowing red object about three-fourths the size of the full moon. Mr. Remy now decided the object was not a plane, but the red light on the relay tower. The light was hovering at about tree top level due south of them. Mrs. Remy pointed out the location of the relay light to the southeast and about five miles away. Suddenly the object made a leap and stopped again, a maneuver almost too fast for the eye to see. The length of the leap was described as "10 full moons." The object stayed in its second position for a few minutes, then made another jump, which put it in a more southeasterly direction from the observers. After a short pause, it began to move east and seemed to curve around to a northerly heading. As it came around to pass the observers on the east it appeared as an object with red, white and a blue-green light on it. They seemed to move around the object on a horizontal plane as if the object were revolving at just under a speed

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period between 3 and 3:10 approximately. This camera was aimed to the South and up at a 45 degree angle. Jupiter appears at the top right of the print. The trails rise into the camera's field from the bottom. At the time this was recorded I was changing the film in two of the other cameras and had my back turned to the South and did not see anything. Of course I don't understand how anything this bright did not attract my attention, but apparently the object or objects were silent. I have checked every possibility that could have caused these trails and can find none that fit the facts.

Due to the blinking effect of some of the trails, I of course thought that they were aircraft lights, but examination of several negatives on hand taken with the same cameras in the past show an entirely different effect. The main trails here are fully as bright as the Jupiter image which gives a good comparison. I have been observing and photographing the sky for over 20 years and have never caught anything like this before. Your opinions would be most welcome on this matter.

Very truly yours,
John T. Hopf.

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that would not cause the lights to blur. A dim grey outline could be seen at one time. It seemed to be ovoid or egg-shaped. Mrs. Remy said she heard a sound like "frying." As the object moved north it became red and round again and growing dimmer, it faded from sight.

Things were apparently quiet in the Connersville-Rushville area until the 24th. This next incident has no exact date—the 24th or 25th is the closest the observers could estimate. At about midnight or shortly after Rodney Howell of Connersville was called to the scene of a wreck in the country where his mother's car had run off the road. When the wrecker, driven by James Swanner arrived, Swanner complained about a light in the sky which he couldn't identify, on Road 121. The people at the scene of the wreck looked at the light which was about 2½ times the size of the brightest star, and was located at 45 degrees elevation in the northeast. They stopped and discussed the light from time to time while getting the car back on the road. In a short time one of the party looked at it again and it was gone, and now appeared to be in the southeast and lower. Their time and attention taken up with the task with the car, the party forgot the light entirely.

On the night of the 29th at 7:30 p.m., Don Carlton of the Rushville Police De-

partment was called about "objects" in the sky seen from an East Second Street address. Delayed answering the call because of other matters, finally went outside and saw a star-like point moving across the sky at prop-plane speed. He did not get out of the patrol car to observe. Carlton later told Worley that he had received a call from someone who said they saw a glowing light near a transformer south of Rushville, but ignored it as he thought it was probably a light that the fog made glow.

On the same night at 6:35 p.m., on the Eastern outskirts of Rushville, Brenda Butts, 20, was called outside by her brothers to see a "flying saucer," observed a point of light, smaller than a star, move slowly, then stop at approximately 30 degrees elevation in the SSE. It alternated red or white and frequently disappeared for a second. She compared it with a large star nearby and its color changes were more pronounced. This object remained in this position for 1 hour and 10 minutes.

At about 7:15 there appeared in the SE sky at about 32 degrees elevation and 15 degrees east, object which was bright and shiny and had a trail 10 times its own length. It traveled across the sky at faster-than-jet speed in an upward flight path. It disappeared at about 40 degrees elevation in the ESE in an estimated 5 seconds.

Attention of the observers was then attracted to an area ENE some 20 degrees from the moon, at the same elevation. The sky had a terrific red glow with a white haze spreading around it very fast. The dull red seemed to be a curved layer as did the white. The white part was brighter than a cloud but was not a light. The red began to fade as the white spread and turned into a haze. Miss Butts called her mother to come outside, and Mrs. Butts directed some of the brothers to call the police.

The haze kept spreading until it darkened the moon somewhat and covered the stars in that area of the sky. In the midst of the thicker haze in the spot where the witness had first seen the explosion (?) there was noticed a slanted large dark grey band or layer of cloud. The band was about one-fourth the width of a full moon and seemed longer than the full moon with ends lost in the haze.

Shooting up out of this "cloud" were two pairs of light points about the size of a star. All arose at the same time and were joined by a light point already above the cloud. All five traveled a short distance and disappeared in the haze. The latter had begun to break up and many dark places had begun to be seen by the time the police arrived. The unidentified light in the SSE now began to move at about Piper Cub plane speed on an upward flight path toward the "explosion" site. When it almost reached the spot where the glow had first appeared, it just disappeared. At this point it was the size of a large star.

The last incident in Mr. Worley's re-

port involves a group of coon hunters who were interrogated separately and in two instances, the wives were questioned about their husband's reported sightings and their reactions. The only deviation in these individual reports is the approximate time of the sighting given by each, but this is accounted for by the fact that the men had been out for about three hours at the time of the incident and time is only estimated.

At sometime between 10:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., on the night of 14 November, 1966, Dewey P. Isaacs, 28; Paul Jenkins, 26; Ronald Collins, 24, and Jack Hall, 24, all of Connersville, were 5 miles NE of Brownsville in Union County, Indiana. An aircraft began circling the area in wide circles. Jenkins estimated its altitude as about 1,000 feet. Ronald Collins was angry because the sound of the airplane blocked out the sound of the hounds which were tracking a coon some distance away.

Jenkins noticed an exceptionally bright "star" in the east, later said it was the brightest star he had ever seen.

It began to increase in brilliance and seemed to be approaching. Sometimes it appeared to hover in mid-air and had a yellow colored glow as it did so. As it reached a location which the men estimated to be about half way to their location, the circling plane flew close to the right of the object. Jenkins, Isaacs and Hall all stated that they definitely heard the plane's motors stop momentarily, and Collins said he thought they did. The plane then banked and flew out of the area.

The big, white, perfectly round object was at this time nearly overhead by a tall walnut tree, its apparent size, that of a grapefruit held at arm's length. One of the remarks that was passed at this time was: "I don't like this; I think I'll get out of here."

Collins directed the beam of his five-cell sealed beam flashlight at the object and it shot out of sight "like a bullet," and was gone in 4 seconds.

Isaacs told Worley that when he got home, he took three Excedrins so he could sleep because he had to get up early for work. As he told his wife about the incident, he stood by his bed and scratched nervous welts which he gets when upset or nervous.

Jenkin's wife told Worley that when he got home he kept talking about what had happened, was quite upset, until she finally told him, "I believe you, please shut up so I can get some sleep."

Collin's wife said he was pale and excited when he arrived home. Collins is the man who flashed the light at the object over the objections of his friends.

In summation, Worley said that interrogation revealed that none of the men were familiar with "saucer" lore prior to the incident, and that none had ever heard of the incidents involving UFOs apparently interferring with engines, or the affect that light apparently has on the objects.

Weird Aerial Phenomena In Oregon

In October of 1966 a remote logging area near Toledo on Pioneer Mountain experienced the presence of strange objects which captured the interest of the press. Among those who observed the manifestations were Georgia-Pacific Co. chemist Max W. Taylor and the Evelyn Reeves family. The sequence of events began in March when the Reeves' called Deputy Sheriff Thomas Wayne Price about the small doughnut-shaped lights which had been "crawling" across walls almost nightly both inside and outside the house. These were accompanied by noises described as like a high speed saw or a "giant, spinning top."

Taylor had been called by the Reeves family also, and one night while visiting there for the specific purpose of observing, he saw one of the small light spots on the living room wall and at the opposite end of the house, another spot, located in such a way that it indicated that an invisible beam of light had penetrated the house and was showing at each extreme.

However—there was no apparent source for the light and no beam in between.

When Price arrived on the scene at 1:20 a.m., the morning he was called, he was startled to see a large orange, glowing object maneuvering in the sky. The whining noise was then heard and the orange object vanished.

The first indication of the strange phenomena came when Mrs. Reeves' daughter, Kathleen, 16, was walking up Pioneer Road with a friend and both girls saw what looked like a neighbor's field on fire. "It was dome-shaped," she said, "and looked like it was burning." The sight perplexed the girls and they started on home and then saw what appeared to be a "flashlight with a cover over the end so there was no beam."

Kathleen said she thought it was someone playing a trick, and threw a rock at the light, whereupon, "a lot of big ones went on all around it and we ran home."

Thereafter, according to Mrs. Reeves and her daughter, the house was increasingly visited by pulsating "wall donuts" and the strange noises including the high-pitched whine heard and described by Price.

On one occasion, said Mrs. Reeves, one member of the family went for a gun after seeing "something" outside a living room window. When he pointed the gun, the "thing" appeared to back away, and then the inside of the house suddenly sparkled with a multitude of the crawling lights.

Another incident took place at about 2 one morning when Mrs. Reeves woke up to see her whole bedroom lit up with a rosy glow so bright it would have furnished adequate light by which to read. She turned toward the living room door

and saw a watermelon-colored red thing, like a cloud—just hanging there. She could see through it. It hung there, a hazy mass for a couple of minutes, and then disappeared.

Among others who witnessed the strange sights was the owner of the house, Delbert Mapes, who bought the house from the Reeves. He said there has been no more activity since the Reeves left.

Mapes observed round, luminous objects whizzing about through the orchard on one occasion.

The remarkable thing about this incident is that no one believed the observers who reported the strange manifestations—until the doubters saw the things themselves. One of the incidents which Kathy reported and which no one can accept is the three little "stumps" that walked across the pasture one night.

The activity, which started in March was still going strong as late as October 1966 when a secretary and two others in a car had a "near miss" with a "house-sized glowing sphere" on Friday, the 14th of October.

This seems to be another one of those series of incidents which may involve UAO occupants engaged in certain activities in a certain area, and the methods by which they discourage local residents from interfering with them.

An Oregon member far removed from the Toledo area has volunteered to make the long trip to thoroughly investigate the incidents and attempt to procure exact times, places and dates. We will report on this series of sightings when more information is available.

The most recent Oregon sighting took place near Corvallis, where "an engine blast" strong enough to almost knock a man to the ground was reported to the Benton County sheriff on Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Brooks of Route 1, Monroe, claimed they were driving along a road two and a half miles south of Monroe at about 3 a.m. on the 25th of December. They stopped and while Brooks was out of the car, a sudden noise of an engine and a blast that threw him against the car, was heard. Then an object emitting a large reddish orange flame took off into the sky and joined two other similar objects, the couple reported. They returned home, got two of their children and returned to the scene but found nothing. A sheriff's investigation disclosed no evidence of the object or a blast.

Tucson Site Of Flyover

Four boys, aged 12 and 13, were sleeping outside the home of Scott Stewart on the morning of April 2, 1966, when they spotted 3 or 4 discs flying over in a west to east direction. Scott's mother heard them excitedly talking about what

had gone over, and when they asked for the binoculars, she handed them out the door and went back to bed, and later was sorry, after hearing what they had seen.

The discs, (there is disagreement here) three or four of them, began coming over, fast, at between 30 and 45 degrees elevation in the south, at 5:15 a.m. They came singly, 3 to 4 minutes apart. They appeared to be ¼ inch in diameter (at arm's length) and stood out against the dark morning sky.

The boys were interviewed, singly, by Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen and it was concluded that they did indeed see the discs, that the discs had three lights on the bottom. All of the objects were seen from a side view except one which banked and showed its top as it went over.

The boys' attention was first arrested when a brilliant white flash which seemed to emanate from nowhere, but lit up the sky, was seen, and five minutes later the first disc passed over. It took about 20 seconds to traverse the sky. The second slowed, hovered, then went into the east, the third tilted, then straightened out and continued on. All appeared to have the same path. One bit of humorous authenticity was lent by the fact that one of the boys was so upset by the experience that he scrambled down into his sleeping bag, covered his head and swallowed his bubble gum.

Disc Skims Field

Our thanks to Mrs. Robert Pechinski for this one: Mrs. James Passineau of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, was using the telephone at 9:20 a.m., on November 28 and looking out the window when she observed a round, metallic-appearing object which skimmed above a field adjacent to her home. At first glance she thought the object was preparing to land because of its extremely low altitude, but it continued on, then zoomed off into the sky. She called the local radio station and was told to contact the sheriff's office.

On the same day at approximately 10 a.m., Mrs. Wilbur Reinicke was driving into Wisconsin Rapids for a luncheon appointment when she observed an oblong metallic object which appeared to be hovering over the local canning factory. Because of traffic she was unable to watch the object closely, but when she arrived in town and parked her car, she looked in the direction in which she had first observed the object. It had been hovering or moving very slowly at first, but by the time she stopped, it was speeding out of sight into the northeast. The sheriff's office was notified.

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Airliner Sighting Over Mo.

Captain Donald E. Lochner, of Ozark Air Lines, was interviewed concerning his sighting of a UAO while en route from Jefferson City to Columbia, Missouri, on 15 November, by Walt Andrus and the following information resulted:

Lochner noticed a fairly large fire—what he thought might be a forest fire, northwest of Columbia. He turned his attention to his instrument panel for a couple of seconds, looked back at the fire, and it was gone. The time was 10:20 p.m. The plane landed at Columbia and as Lochner taxied out, the radio operator asked if he had seen any “weird objects.” Lochner said he had not, and asked for a qualification from the operator who said he meant “UFOs or anything like that.” Then Lochner told about what had appeared to be a forest fire northwest of Columbia which suddenly went out. The operator verified this and volunteered the information that residents of Fayette were calling in and stating that there was a UFO which hovered over the city for about 30 minutes. He asked that Flight 419 take a look at it and Lochner said he would. He took his plane off south, making a right turn out and he and his First officer, Donald Egerton, saw the object immediately. Lochner’s description: “The object appeared to us to have multi-colored lights, green at the tip appearing whitish toward the middle. It looked like it had a rotating beacon on the top of it, however the beacon appeared to be turning much faster than that on a normal aircraft does. We kept an eye on it and on occasion, could see it emit a strong beam of white light from the top and the white light would go vertically, like it could possibly have been a signal of some sort. It didn’t last but a few seconds and it would go off.”

Lochner and Egerton compared their observations and Lochner had Egerton ring the hostess, Miss Jewell Wade, and she came forward and observed the object also. She was first asked if she saw anything unusual in the sky and she immediately spotted the object and then the three discussed it, comparing observations.

Lochner then asked the Columbia radio operator to call Kansas City radar to see if they had radar contact with it. He gave his position, his plane was on a 307 heading at this time.

The Columbia radio operator called back and said that Kansas City did have the object on radar. Lochner was climbing toward the object and seemed to be closing in as it looked as if it were getting bigger. Columbia said Kansas City had fixed the altitude as approximately 15,000 feet at that time.

Lochner then decided to use his Altus light to attempt to signal the object. The Altus light is small, portable, has a trigger and a sight and is extremely bright. He flashed a series of three short

dots. As Lochner flashed the light at the object, it appeared to move away at a fairly high rate of speed. Columbia radio called and notified him that Kansas City radar station said the object had “moved off their scope at a high rate of speed.”

As the object moved away from Lochner’s plane, he described the light change in this manner: “It did move very rapidly and the lights got much dimmer. The only thing that was visible as it got away from us was the beacon and the greenish lights. They kind of all went together and I could still see the red light. It seemed to be more clear and outstanding.” It appeared to go out away from Lochner’s plane and then stopped. Lochner and Egerton watched it for a period of about 40 minutes and as they watched, it got dimmer and dimmer and finally disappeared from view.

During the time that the two pilots watched the object, they turned the plane several times to determine if it was a reflection, or weather balloon, etc. They said that neither balloon nor reflection would explain the object, and that they were particularly impressed by the multi-colored lights and the strong beam of white light. Lochner said he got the impression that the bright, white light on top of the object was sending a signal of some sort.

Lochner told Mr. Andrus that he could not establish whether there was an actual craft or not—that he saw only the lights, and their movement away from his aircraft.

At the time that the object appeared to move away, a woman at the Kirksville radio station contacted Lochner. She said she could see the object in her binoculars. Another light aircraft pilot at about 9000 feet and east of Kirksville called in told Lochner he had the object in sight.

After the object moved away, Lochner went on to Kansas City. When he approached the city, he contacted Kansas City radar and identified himself and told them that he had been in contact with the controller in Kansas City on a UFO out of Columbia. He asked for the controller’s name. They asked Lochner to stand by, and when they made radio contact again, they said “no controller here had seen anything like that on radar tonight.”

During the course of the interview with Lochner, Mr. Andrus established that the Kirksville F.A.A. operator was Mrs. Donna Wharton, who had initially reported the sighting to Andrus in Quincy, Illinois.

When asked to estimate the apparent size of the object, Lochner compared it with the brightest star, said it would be three to four times the diameter of the brightest star. He also said that the flashes from the object were 2 to 3 times faster than the normal rotating beacon.

At the same time that Lochner was observing the object from aboard Flight 419, Mrs. Wharton was observing the

object through binoculars from the airport at Kirksville, according to her report to Andrus. She said she called Kirksville Air Force Base which is an early warning radar station for the St. Louis area, and they reported they had the object on radar also. Later, when Mrs. Wharton advised the AFB in Kirksville that she planned to call Andrus and report the incident, and that “they had confirmed the radar sighting”—they quickly withdrew their opinion and said “that there would be too much red tape involved to report this.”

Two male passengers (unidentified) aboard the plane also observed the object. One of them suggested to Lochner that he should make it official by making a report to the company (Ozark Air Lines) concerning the sighting. Lochner later asked his office if they wanted a written report for the Vice President of Operations. They didn’t, but listened to it.

Weather data concerning this incident: Extremely clear sky, visibility more than 15 miles. Marshall, Mo., about 40 miles from Columbia was visible at 2,000 feet. There did appear to be a thin layer of haze at Kansas City. There did not appear to be any interference with the airplane’s function nor the radio during the sighting.

Speedy Lights Over Tucson

Ralph H. Pestalozzi, Major, USAF, Retired, of Tucson, Arizona, reported the flight of objects over Tucson, Arizona, on the 13th of October, 1966, at 8:10 p.m.

Pestalozzi describes the objects seen as orange lights, no shape discernible, about the brightness or size of Echo satellites but with a speed about 3 times that of Echo. The first object was spotted at 8:10 p.m., was followed by another 20 seconds later, then by a third 20 seconds after that. Fifteen to twenty minutes later three more objects passed over in the same flight pattern, spaced the same in time. The fourth object showed flashing red lights as it curved toward the southeast. These lights flashed in series of 3 in very rapid succession. The first flash in each series seemed more intense than the other two.

There were other aircraft (F4C) flying in the Davis-Monthan AFB traffic pattern, and issued the usual jet aircraft noises and F4C whine. Pestalozzi states that they appeared to be at great altitude and much faster than any jet aircraft that he has ever observed.

A separate report from Wendelle Stevens, Lt. Col., USAF, retired, a rated pilot, coincides in detail with the report of Pestalozzi although Stevens saw a total of 12 lights, having spotted them before Pestalozzi (who saw 7) did.

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Man Claims Contact

During a spate of UFO reports in the vicinity of Interstate 7 and State Road 47 near Cedar Grove, West Virginia, in November, Woodrow Derenberger, a 50-year-old Mineral Wells resident and salesman reported his fantastic encounter with a "space man" on November 2nd. Derenberger claims that a dark object passed his truck on the highway, pulled over in front and forced him to the side of the road. A "man" wearing dark clothing got out of the object, and, using mental telepathy, told him he would not harm him and asked him to roll down the right window, which Derenberger did. After the "man" got out of the craft, it elevated so that it was no longer visible. He came around to the open window and conversed with Derenberger, using telepathy.

Derenberger claims that he was frightened until the "man" assured him that he would not be harmed. The "man" asked what Parkersburg (which lights were visible in the distance) was and Derenberger told him and the "man" asked if people lived there and was told that they did. The "man" then informed Derenberger that where he came from such a place was called a "gathering." He asked Derenberger's name, then proffered the information that his name was "Cold."

When the "man" departed, the object came down, a door opened (similar to a car door), he got in, then another arm (not belonging to Man No. 1) reached out and closed the door, and the object departed.

In this instance, we have several choices in rationalizing the report. The whole thing could be a hoax. Or it could be real, and that opens up many possibilities such as UFOs simulating cars and operating along highways. Why was Derenberger chosen for such an inane and seemingly useless conversation, even if it is true? Why wasn't, for instance, the car which passed Derenberger's truck just prior to the UFO's passing, stopped?

The seeming boldness does not fit into the general pattern of behavior of the UFOs and their occupants which has been evident over a long period of time. They have been quite surreptitious, avoiding contact with humans, landing in isolated places.

It is not known in this office if corroborating reports have come to light. Although objects were seen in that vicinity weeks later, as far as we know, there has been no report of objects being seen in that vicinity on that night. If any member is aware of such, we would like to be informed.

Derenberger's experience could be hallucinatory in nature and his description of the man in dark, ordinary clothing suggests the appearance of the "shadow self" of Jung's theory of subconscious archetypes. Supporting this is the name

"Cold" and Derenberger's Doctor's statement that Derenberger seems to be in better health and spirits than he has been in a long time. It has been our experience that real encounters with the occupants by normal individuals bring on a nervous state and extreme fright which lasts for some time. On the other hand, in those instances in which the symbolism of the experience indicate a psychic origin, the "observer" or participant in the experience was disturbed BEFORE the experience, but exhibited unusually good health and spirits afterward. A very revealing bit of information is the fact that Derenberger refused to submit to hypnotic questioning, saying that Air Force representatives advised him not to.

Lights Over Long Island

During the month of October, hundreds of Long Island, New York residents reported observing strange star-like objects which appeared to have brilliant multi-colored lights. A careful study of the information forwarded to this office indicates that most people may have been viewing bright stars which appeared to be changing colors due to dust in the atmosphere. Some of the sightings, however, are not as easily explained.

On the 30th of October, 25 people in Suffolk and Nassau reported moving objects in the sky. A Southampton village patrolman, Thomas Dombrowski, said that he watched a bright ball of light for 20 minutes at about 7 p.m. Although the object seemed to be at low altitude, he heard no sound.

The night before, on the 29th, Leonard Victor, a photographer for the Long Island Press, got photographs of an object which were printed in that paper on the 31st. The feature accompanying the picture said that the motionless object which Victor spotted was at least ten times as large as any star in the sky at the time, brilliant and pale yellow in color. At first located near a cloud bank, it was shortly obliterated by the cloud and when it reappeared later, it was in motion from west to east and the yellow shade was changing to a bluish-purple color. As it went into the east, its speed increased dramatically. Photographs of the object after it got underway, showed a glowing streak of light accompanied by two others. We are indebted to member Norman Bohrer for a comprehensive investigation of all of the Long Island sightings.

Blackouts Result In Power Directive

Unexplained blackouts which are occurring in increasing number seem to have resulted in a power directive out of Washington, D.C., on the 22nd of December, 1966. A United Press Interna-

tional story said that beginning on the 31st, electric facilities through the U.S. must report any major power failures to the Federal Power Commission. The order outlined the following procedures: Major failures should be reported as soon as practicable by telephone, and lesser failures by telegram within two hours.

Some of the blackouts during November and December were: Las Vegas, Nevada (including Nellis Air Force Base) on the 14th of November. Failure blamed on failure of a lubricating pump feeding the main bearing of a generator at the station 50 miles north of the city.

San Rafael, Calif., 4 December. Three thousand homes affected.

Austin, Texas (State capital) suffered a blackout on the 14th of December, 1966. Workmen patrolled 60 miles of high voltage lines between major substations to determine the cause. It was still a mystery two days later, according to news dispatches. Seventy per cent of the city, in the north and west, was without power for from 10 to 40 minutes. On Saturday, the 17th, a part of south Austin was blacked out for 43 minutes. The failure on the 17th was attributed to a squirrel which allegedly crawled into a transformer at a sub-station.

At Missoula, Montana, on or about the 22nd of December, firemen rushed to the summit of TV Mountain to fight a fire which destroyed a large metal building which housed television transmission and microwave equipment. Newsmen who went to the scene said the heat was so intense in the building that a 200-foot tower nearby toppled into the snow.

The transmitter operator, who was on duty alone at the time was in shock and was hospitalized in Missoula.

The news account of this fire and the ensuing damage stated that the fire "apparently started in electrical equipment," and that heat was so intense that the aluminum shell of the building was melted, leaving only a skeleton of girders.

"The Humanoids"

This special issue by the Flying Saucer Review" (21 Cecil Court, Charing Cross Road, London, W.C. 2, England) is a collection of the recorded sightings of UFO occupants from around the world. Among the contributors are Aime Michel, Jacques Vallee, Gordon Creighton, Coral Lorenzen (APRO's Secretary), Antonio Ribera, and the issue is edited by Charles Bowen. It includes a very interesting article by Michel titled: "The Problem of No Contact." Every UFO researcher interested in the occupant reports should order this special issue. It is available from the address given above, make remittances payable to Flying Saucer Review. \$1.75 postpaid.

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Pair Of Discs At Bloomsburg, Pa.

Several oil company employees, Mr. Delmar Pegg, Mr. George Shipe, and Miss Judy K. Schaffner observed a pair of UAOs over Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania on the 22nd of July, 1966 at 8 p.m. This case was investigated by Mr. Clarence Stackhouse, APRO member in Allentown, Pa. Mr. S. is also vice-president of the two-state UFO Study Group.

Mr. Pegg was raising his American flag to the top of the flagpole, looked up and saw two elliptical-shaped objects directly overhead at what appeared to be very high altitude, estimated at 80,000 to 90,000 feet. He immediately obtained his 10x50 binoculars and observed that the objects were egg or football-shaped, silver in color and when changing directions, reflected the sun's rays.

For the duration of the sighting, which was 30 minutes, one UFO hovered directly overhead, never deviating from its position. The second object proceeded due east, making a full 360 degree circle flight over the Bloomsburg area. Pegg estimated its speed as greater than that of a jet plane and the time required to complete the full circle was ten minutes. At the end of this maneuver, the object returned to its original position, which appeared to be under the other UFO, remained there for five minutes, then made another full circle flight. The second circle was smaller, and required a period of 8 minutes.

During both full 360 degree flight pattern circles, the No. 2 object turned at a 45-degree angle clockwise going to the right at the same time and when it tumbled or turned, the sun's rays would reflect from its surface. It then resumed its original position again.

After the second circle maneuver, the objects stayed in hovering position overhead for about 10 minutes, then left the area, separately and within 5 minutes of each other. Object number two left first, in the general direction of Red Rock Air Force Base. One UFO went north, the other disappeared into the west.

After the two objects had left, Pegg observed a large quantity of white material which resembled snow or feathers or paper the "size of a teacup" which started falling from the sky and gave a "sparkling appearance." The effect was pronounced and resembled hard frost on a very cold morning with morning sun reflection shining on it. A very light breeze was starting to blow and seemed to make the objects flutter.

No sound came from the objects while they hovered or during Number Two's flight.

A letter from Mr. Stackhouse to the Department of the Air Force in Washington elicited a reply which stated that "radar personnel at Benton AFS, Pennsylvania, and the New York Sector Cen-

ter have no record of any unidentified objects on their respective radar scopes. Also, no type of radar jamming was experienced by either station. Benton AFS also reported that no aircraft were scrambled because of UFOs."

U.S.A. Round-Up

At Lisbon, Ohio, on the 5th of December, a bright unidentified orange object was observed above a hilltop for several minutes by the Arthur Pitchard family. It took off in a burst of speed, they said, at about 7:30 a.m. Pritchard reported he first thought it was the rising sun, but noticed it had an unusual shape, like a dish, with a dark blue horizontal stripe dividing it. They estimated the object to be about 15 feet in diameter, and thought it was about 2½ miles away near Lusk's Lock.

At Brooksville, Florida, John Reeves, who reported seeing a landed disc-shaped object and its occupant in March, 1965, claims another landing has taken place near his home at Weeki-Wachi Springs on the 4th of December. APRO members are investigating.

On the 8th of December at Escondido, California, an anonymous caller to the local paper reported an orange-yellow light moving slowly from east to west above Highway 395 at 9:32 p.m. It stopped, the observer (who was watching with binoculars) said, and another similar object "apparently behind the first, then fell, the falling object seeming to be unstable in its fall, but close to vertical, and was lost to sight." The fixed object then went north and out of sight. No sound was heard, the object appeared "larger than a plane," and ringed about with "very light blue-white lights like an arc weld lights, unstable in intensity."

A second report by others seemed to confirm the first one. These observers said they saw an object "of unknown circumference, with a cone on its top and a glowing surface, which hovered over a shack for 40 to 50 seconds at 9:30 p.m." It then sped off to the north, the observers said, dropping three red objects as it left. No sound.

At Imperial Beach, California on the 16th, glowing, symmetrical-shaped objects were reportedly seen by about a dozen residents and three Navy fliers at Ream Field. One observer, an insurance broker and private pilot, said, "I can't discount what I saw. It's beyond my knowledge." All observers felt that what they had seen were very unusual but Donald Robey, an engineering staff specialist with General Dynamics-Convair labelled the objects as "cometoids," said they are frozen gas masses in a predictable orbit that nears earth in late June and December.

According to testimony of the major witnesses, however, the cometoid theory did not account for what was observed. Ensign John Schmitt, 22, a Ream Field

helicopter pilot said the objects were bright, round and yellow and flying in a triangular formation. A fourth similar object appeared from the east, joined the first three, then dropped out of the formation and headed back into the east. He estimated the altitude as 50,000 feet, and the speeds ranging from that of the minimum speed of a B-52 to five times that fast. The fourth object traveled faster. Ensign John Coghill, 23, a pilot from Miramar Naval Air Station at San Diego, and Ensign David Conklin, 22, of North Island Naval Air Station, said the objects were seen by fourteen people leaving the main gate at Ream Field at about 9:30 p.m. Duration of the sighting was nine minutes. San Diego area bases said nothing unusual was registered on radar. Schmitt ruled out meteors because of the time and maneuvers involved, and said that fixed-wing craft were ruled out also because the objects frequently hovered in one spot.

UAOs Over Akron, Ohio

Police were included in a number of observers of a brilliant orange-gold half-moon object over East Akron at 1:30 a.m., on the 7th of November. Officers Gary Yost and John Bickett said the object was south of them, then veered to the northeast, rising rapidly and that it finally disappeared in the east. A state highway patrolman also sighted the object, commented to reporters: "Officially it was an optical illusion. Unofficially, I don't know what I saw." Yost and Bickett said the object resembled the bottom half of a bright harvest moon and hovered about 200 feet off the ground at one time.

At Weirton, Ohio, U.S. Commissioner John Vajnovic reported on the 4th having seen a strange, brilliant light a few nights previously which apparently landed on a hillside near State Route 66. He was driving at 10 p.m. with his 10-year-old son who also saw the object. They left the area immediately because the boy was frightened, and did not mention the sighting until other sightings were reported in the area.

Orange Egg In N. H.

James Roy Garceau of Claremont, New Hampshire, reports that on the night of October 26 at 7:45 p.m., his attention was arrested by a flash which he took to be a meteor burning out in the atmosphere. He looked up at the sky and saw an elliptical or egg-shaped object, glowing a bright reddish-orange which approached the town from the northeast, at an estimated elevation of 10-12 degrees. It appeared to be about three-fourths the size of the full moon or larger. The object exhibited a downward flight path and disappeared behind trees after about 10 to 15 minutes of observation. No sound.

The "Mothman" of W. Va.

On the 17th of November, 1966, two couples from Point Pleasant, West Virginia, USA, were in the headlines as a result of their encounter with a 6-foot-tall, 100-mile-per-hour "bird" which followed their car around midnight on the night of the 15th, and the early hours of the 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mallette and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Scarberry told authorities that at that time the four of them were riding in the vicinity of the McClintic Wildlife Reserve. The "bird" was apparently caught in the headlights of the car, and the observers gave this description: Six feet all or over, grey in color, and two-inch diameter eyes which glowed a reddish color. At this time, the "bird" was near the abandoned power plant in that area.

The "bird", described as a "clumsy runner," took off after the two couples saw it, and, said Scarberry, "I'm a hard guy to scare, but I was for getting out of there." "If I'd seen it by myself," he continued, "I wouldn't have said anything about it, but there were four of us who saw it."

The "bird" reportedly flew along above the car until it reached West Virginia Rt. 62, when it disappeared. They proceeded into Point Pleasant, turned around and went back as far as the city limits where their headlights illuminated the thing again, apparently waiting for them. It then scurried into a field and disappeared.

Deputy Sheriff Millard Holstead, who investigated and questioned the two couples, said he didn't discount the story, and emphasized that none of the four had been drinking.

Several other people reported seeing the thing in the ensuing days and the curious flocked to the area to "hunt" it. On December 1st, Dr. Robert L. Smith, associate professor at West Virginia University, offered his theory that the "mothman" (one of the names given the strange "man") was a sandhill crane, the second largest American crane, which stands almost as high as a man and has a wingspan of more than seven feet.

Rocket With Fins Over Texas

Capt. Louis Fontenot, 49, port captain at Morgan's Point, Texas, and several friends, observed a vertically-oriented cigar-shaped object travelling at an estimated 100 miles per hour at an estimated 15,000 feet on the 6th of November. There was "either writing or windows" on it, he said, and he watched it through 50 power binoculars. Fontenot reported that he and his friends watched a jet fighter turn over LaPorte, Texas, and followed the object's path as it went out of sight.

Objects Haunt Ohio Area

At 4:45 a.m., on the 17th of November Mrs. Roy Grose of Cheshire, Ohio, was awakened by the barking of her dog and got up to see what was bothering the animal. When she looked out the kitchen window she saw, in addition to the moon, a bright-colored circular object on the "other side" of Route 7. She said it was the "size of a small house" with what looked like sections or compartments of blue and red windows. The object appeared to be over an open field at about housetop level and its brilliant lights were visible for from 30 to 40 seconds before it zigzagged, and then abruptly disappeared.

On the 8th of December, Charles Hern, an employee at the Kyger Creek Power Plant took his dog out for a walk along the Ohio River at about 6:30 a.m. He noticed a red light across the river and thought at first that it was merely a trapper in a boat checking his traps. As he watched, he realized his first guess was wrong, and he called his wife. The two watched the light, called their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor who watched it also. Mrs. Taylor, a school teacher, got outside first, and recalls that the red and orange lights were shining from an object by the river. One of the lights was directed toward the water, she said. Taylor corroborated the testimony of his wife and the Herns. The Herns said they detected small people moving to and from the object, but were visible only when near the lights.

Although the Taylors and Mr. Hern went back inside, Mrs. Hern remained outside for a while and watched while the lights went out and lights of another color appeared. Then, she said, the object went straight up and vanished. Hern, who said he had lived at that spot for 12 years and "I know every boat-light," said this was definitely not anything he had ever seen before.

On the 9th, a George Creek woman was driving along George Creek Road at 7 p.m., when she saw a reddish-orange metallic-appearing object just above a utility pole. She said it was "about the size of a helicopter" but definitely not one. She said she and her children watched as it moved along the highway in front of the car for about a mile, disappearing from view as it approached the lights of the power transformers.

"Bubbles" In Indiana

Mike Jenkins, a radio station newsmen at Marion, Indiana, was among many who observed a UFO in that area on the 2nd of December. After he had received several calls concerning the object, he stepped outside and saw two "balls of light attached to each other"—like two bubbles, moving southwest. They stopped between the radio station's towers, according to Jenkins, then moved away and disappeared.

Pink Object Scares Youths

On the 1st of December at about 9 p.m., a pink flying object terrorized a group of young people driving on a Caroline County road near Preston, Maryland. The car was driven by Eugene Roe, 16, a high school junior. With him were his 11-year-old sister Debbie, and his brothers Dale, 13, Jerry, 9 and Rickie, 8.

The object, described by the children as circular and 60 feet in diameter, was approximately 100 feet above the tree tops, then it crossed the road in front of the car and dropped down level with the tree tops after stopping over the Roe house. Eugene Roe said, "It wasn't making any noise, it just went on across the woods and we didn't see it any more. Then about 10 or 15 minutes later we saw a flashing red light resembling a searchlight over the woods.

The Roes, when questioned about the incident, said that the children were so frightened that one had a headache and another a stomach ache after the experience.

Missouri River Under Scrutiny

An unidentified hovering object has been reported over the Missouri River in the vicinity of Plattsmouth, Neb., several times. It was seen occasionally in March and the last sighting during that month came on the 25th of March from Mrs. Lowell Hamblen of Plattsmouth who described it as a canoe-shaped object with a bright light in the center. Beneath it, she said, apparently supported by two rods, were a series of lights blinking red and green.

When suggestions were made that she may have seen navigation aid lights, Mrs. Hamblen pointed out that she knows the river, and lives on Wintersteen Hill overlooking and about a quarter of a mile from the river. Her husband, who also saw the object, is a pilot of a dredge for the Army Engineers.

Mrs. Hamblen's first sighting was about a week before the March 25th sighting, at 10:15 p.m., and the next sighting was at the same time three days later. Mrs. Hamblen also compared notes with H. C. Steeby, operator of the Equity Union Elevator at Rock Bluff who had reported seeing three objects over the river on the night of April first. The Steebys said two of the objects moved away and the third settled down over the river bank with a torch-like light showing. Occasionally red and green lights were seen, they said. They turned their car lights on and off and the object soon disappeared.

Offutt Air Force Base is close to the area where the objects were seen.