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Macon County Skies Reveal

Flying saucer sightings in Macon County have not caused a flap. Not according to UFO terminology, at least.

"There's been no flap here," says Decatur UFO expert Leonard Sturm. "Usually it requires a couple hundred sightings in an area."

From 1967 until the beginning of this year at least 36 sightings have been reported to Sturm, who says he has received a minimum of six each year. He started taking reports in 1967.

Good UFO observations have come from Argenta and Cisco.

"Close to Cisco a farmer saw two globular UFOs. One came down and left a burn spot in his soybean field," Sturm says.

He adds: "We've had a concentration of UFO sightings to the northeast of Decatur and more reports to the southwest but very few from the Mount Zion area or

the northwest of Decatur towards Warrensburg."

One of Macon County's most spectacular UFOs hovered over a farmer plowing a field between Beason and Chestnut nine years ago.

The man said a brilliant white light lit the sky 275 yards away from him.

The light winked off and on five to seven times as he continued plowing towards where it remained above a transmission line tower.

As the tractor passed under the high voltage line the object glided slowly above the wires toward the farmer.

Frightened, he pulled up the plows and sped away. Three hundred feet from the line silence greeted him when he shut off the tractor engine.

The white light, still over the line, pointed at him. In his report to Sturm the farmer said it was bright enough for him to read by at his tractor.

Shortly afterward, the white light disappeared and the farmer saw a much smaller flashing red light as the form dissolved into the light rain and low clouds.

The South Side Country Club was the location of a December, 1968, sighting made by a newspaper carrier.

As the overcast sky became light around 7 a.m. throbbing, humming and beep-beep sounds attracted his attention to a dark object silhouetted in the sky.

He watched it as he coasted his bike down a small hill. At the bottom of the hill near the

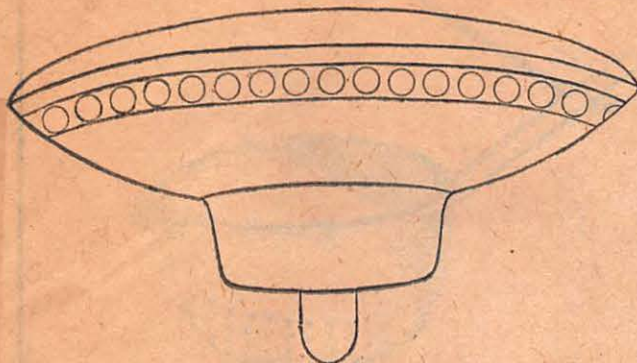
lake he stopped, gripping the bike handlebars.

The object flew to him and stopped directly over his head for less than a minute.

"I could have reached up and touched it. It looked like a top, dark blue in color, and it was spinning on its axis," he related in his UFO report.

A light-colored band contained round, lighted portholes. A foot-long rod protruding from the bottom of the UFO looked like stainless steel.

Following a 45-degree angle it moved away over trees. The sighting had lasted about three minutes.



Disc that hovered over news carrier.



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