

1972: Beausejour, Manitoba

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INC. RCMP Inspector

7 Sep 1972 - Beausejour, Manitoba, Can. (Thu/2145)-(I-A-.) - UFO FOLLOWS CAR

Inspector William McFarland of the R.C.M.P., his wife Thea and their three children, Bob (13), Tim (12) and Catherine (7), were driving south on Hwy. 203 just outside Beausejour. A bright luminous object approached from the east at an altitude of about 30 ft. It zeroed in over the car and followed it for 20-25 minutes.

The oblong, bright glowing object appeared to be the size and shape of an oval dining room table. Four to five feet in length and about a foot in depth.

Inspector McFarland speeded the car up and then slowed down to a crawl several times. The object held its position above the roof. He stopped the car at the corner of 302 and the Springfield-Brokenhead boundary road and doused the headlights. The object did not disappear. Instead it hovered over them. After waiting a few minutes they proceeded on. When they reached Mrs. Reimann's house, Thea's mother, the UFO was still with them maintaining its position about 30 feet above the ground. When Inspector McFarland switched off the ignition and turned off the headlights, they saw that the object had shifted its position from above the car and was now hovering about 10 feet above the house.

The children brought their grandmother out into the yard. The object "seemed to sway slightly" as it rotated in a swinging motion but otherwise it maintained its position over the house. It was a soft, bright white light, halo in shape but seemingly solid all the way through. There seemed to be no sharp edges or details visible," they all agreed.

After about five minutes it slowly moved off to the west, rotating as it went, and was lost to view behind the trees.

Only Mrs. McFarland had felt any sense of fear. "What do you suppose it could be?" she asked her mother, Mrs. Reimann. "Oh its probably just one of those flying saucer things you hear about every so often," her mother replied." (Beausejour Beaver, Manitoba, Can., 19 Sep 72)

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A 68 dark blue Dodge swung south on Hwy. 203 just outside Beausejour town limits at 9:45 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 7. Occupants of the vehicle were Inspector William McFarland of the R.C.M.P., his wife Thea and their three children Bob (13), Tim (12) and Catherine (7).

The powerful beams of the headlights punched two bright holes in the dark moonless night with heavy cloud cover, as the McFarlands drove down the gravel road on their way to visit Thea's mother, Mrs. A. Reimann, on their journey to Ottawa where Inspector McFarland has been posted.

Within moments of turning down 203, a bright luminous object approached from the east at an altitude of about 30 ft. It zeroed in over the McFarland vehicle and proceeded to follow for 20 - 25 minutes.

Bob, the oldest boy, was the first to spot the strange object. 'Hey, there's something following us,' he cried. Alarmed, the boy's mother turned and looked towards the rear window. 'What do you mean?' she asked. 'There is nobody behind us.'

'No,' cried the boy, 'It's up there, it's up there! Can't you see it?'

He pointed above the roof of the car where a strange light object, slightly off to the east, could be seen from any point of the vehicle.

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Inspector McFarland speeded the car up and then slowed down to a crawl several times. The object held its position above the roof.

At the corner of 302 and the Springfield - Brokenhead boundary road, six miles from the turnoff point on the main highway, he stopped the car and doused the headlights to see if the object could possibly be some unusual reflection from the car headlights. The object did not disappear. Instead it hovered over them.

After waiting a few minutes they proceeded on for the last mile and a half to Mrs Reimann's neat stucco bungalow. The UFO went with them maintaining its position about 30 feet above the ground.

When Inspector McFarland switched off the ignition and turned off the headlights in his mother-in-law's yard, there was the object waiting for them. It had shifted its position from above the car and was now hovering over the house.

The children rushed into the house, breathless and excited. 'Grandma, grandma,' they cried. 'Come see what's out here.' They seized their astounded grandma by her arms and almost dragged

her out into the yard.

Ten feet above her one story home was a UFO.

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It was a soft, bright white light, halo in shape but seemingly solid all the way through. There seemed to be no sharp edges or any details visible on it,' they all agreed.

'We all watched it for a good five minutes and then it slowly moved off to the west, rotating as it went, and then we lost it behind the trees.' Inspector McFarland, a veteran R.C.M.P. officer with a disciplined mind, had been very sceptical of UFO reports up to this point and was not about to jump on the believers' bandwagon. Neither was he able to deny the evidence of his own eyes when he had tested the UFO for reflections.

'There just has to be some sort of reasonable explanation,' he said.

Checking with Captain Deault of CFS Beausejour radar site, it was learned by The Beaver that no unusual sightings had occurred on that evening.

'However,' noted Captain Deault, 'commercial level aircraft would have been processed by normal means and would not have been looked for by the Base.'

On checking with residents of

two houses along the 7½ miles stretch the McFarland car travelled, no one else saw either the car or the object. Heavy bush and foliage from yard trees obscure the roadway. There are only six homes along the entire stretch and most are far back from the road.

To the reporter, one item stood out on questioning the family, only Mrs. McFarland had felt any sense of fear. 'What do you suppose it could be mother?' she had asked while they watched the UFO above Mrs Reimann's home. 'Oh its probably just one of those flying saucer things you hear about every so often,' her mother replied.

There have been a number of UFO sightings in eastern Manitoba in the past. In June of 1967, over 20 different valid unidentified flying object sightings occurred during an eight week period.

The rash of sightings in 1967 prompted former MP for Springfield, Ed Schreyer to bring the matter up in the House of Commons. A spokesman for the Defence Dept. at that time said that such accounts are passed on to the National Research Commission if there is no local explanation for the UFO. Reports are also made to the U.S. authorities. The American government has a special section operating in conjunction with the North American Air Defence Command. (NORAD)

Whatever the explanation, the McFarland family are not likely to forget their strange drive down a lonely Lydiatt road near Beausejour accompanied by a mysterious presence which hovered above the roof of their vehicle.

Mrs Wayne Inkpen of the Tyndall area spotted a similiar oval object to the one the McFarlands saw about 11:30 p.m. on May 31, 1967

Mr John Kryschuk of Brokenhead, on Apr. 3, 1968, was badly shaken for several days after a 40 ft. UFO making a buzzing sound followed him in his farm vehicle a distance of 13 miles into Beausejour along Hwy. 12. That one hovered over his truck some 400 ft. overhead and supplied enough

light that headlights could have been unnecessary. He too tried stopping his vehicle and turned out his lights in the hopes that he was seeing a reflection. The UFO just hovered overhead and waited for him to proceed.

On Aug. 30, 1968 at 10:15 p.m., Ken Bilkoski, Keith Lafreniere and Les Englot, all 17 years old at the time, thought they saw one and drove into the Sand Pit area

near the Beausejour Hospital to get away from streetlights and get a clear view.

The disc shaped object, about 100 ft. in diameter, with four to six domes and red & white light with brilliant blue flashes came right in over the Pit terrorizing the boys to the point where one of them broke and ran for home.

On all these occasions, a number of other people also saw the same UFO.

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