

1972: near Barstow, CA... something
odd scaring lots of folks. One wonders
where any follow-up on this circus is.

18 Jun 1972 - (near)Barstow, Calif. (Sun/2330)-(I-A-bc-.) - UFO RUNS CAR OFF ROAD

Mr. Darrell Totten of Highland, Calif. wrote to The Sun about a previously printed UFO sighting by two George AFB airmen. The airmen, Gary Corley and Randolph Wogoman, reported seeing a "bright orange object" about 1am that seemed to be 375 feet in diameter as it sank behind a building southwest of their security-police beat at George AFB. No evidence was found of the object having landed.

Mr. Totten and his two passengers had stopped at the scene of a minor accident to find about 30 people far more interested in watching a strange, circular object moving quickly about in the sky above, changing from bluish-white in color at higher altitude, then to a weird orange-yellow as it came down into the smog-filled lower atmosphere. A pickup camper and trailer belonging to a family of four had been run off of the dirt road. The two almost hysterical girls, aged 9 and 11, said that the "thing" had hovered around their campsite the night before for more than three hours, hurting their ears with its strange whirring sound each time it ascended from "almost on top of us" as "a big round orange-colored thing" which became a second later "just a big bright-blue dot high in the sky." The still-frightened girls were telling their story to Totten in between the several "dips" the "craft" made over them as people tried to move the camper out of the ditch. Each time the "thing" moved in, as though exploring the various automobile lights and flashlights trained on the repair job, the two little girls would cover their ears and throw themselves at their mother's feet, sobbing. Totten also heard a faint whirring sound when the object came near, and he was shaken. The noise he heard was not any louder than a vacuum cleaner noise though. Since the father had told his family's story to a deputy sheriff Sunday afternoon, only to be told that they were imagining things, Totten assumed that the story would be in all the papers and failed to secure the name and address of the family who believed that they were the target of the "thing." Totten exchanged cards with a lady from Inglewood since they both were the only ones to take pictures of the object. Before Totten had arrived on the scene, the lady from Inglewood said the thing has "swooped in" over the dirt road ahead of the pickup and trailer, causing the 9-year-old girl to grab her father and cause him to drive off the road. They had doubted the story until the "thing" returned with another rather loud "swoop" over them. The younger of the two girls had been quite physically ill since the first appearance of the object over their campsite Saturday, although she had heretofore been a healthy child. Totten plans to contact the Inglewood lady again if he does not obtain a logical explanation.
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