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MPs Claim UFO Forced Car Off Road

SAVANNAH, Ga. — (UPI) — A Savannah policeman reported seeing an unidentified flying object in a residential area last night a few hours after two military policemen reported another UFO forced them off the road near the Hunter Army Air Base.

The sighting marked the third straight night UFOs have been reported in Chatham County. The reports have occurred almost nightly for the past 10 days over south and central Georgia.

Savannah Police Cpl. John Kitchell said a policeman sent to investigate a UFO sighting by residents reported seeing "a large circular craft something like a flying saucer."

Kitchell said the officer described the craft as having "a large spotlight which changed color from red to green" as well as smaller blue flashing lights.

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The two military policemen said the UFO hovered near the car as they worked to free it from a ditch and then pursued them as they returned to headquarters to report the incident.

The police report said the men saw "quick flashing lights, traveling at a high rate of speed from east to west, about 2,000 feet above ground level."

The military policemen said they continued their patrol and about 10 minutes later the object "came in at tree-top level and made a dive," forcing the car into the ditch.

Late Friday night, about a dozen residents in south Savannah reported seeing an unidentified object, described as "bright yellow" in color.

UFO Reportedly Dives at Auto

SAVANNAH, Ga. (UPI) — Police and civilians throughout south Georgia reported sighting unidentified flying objects Saturday night a few hours after two military policemen reported another UFO dived at their car on a road near the Hunter Army Air Base.

A 9-inch, cylinder-shaped green luminous object was found in a field near Manchester in central Georgia. The Georgia Highway Patrol was examining the object, which

officers described as slightly cooler than air temperature.

Authorities said at least three UFOs were sighted Saturday night in the Manchester area. One of the reports was from a state trooper, who said he saw an object hovering at treetop level.

The Georgia State Patrol said two Woodland officers received calls from citizens reporting the green object in a field near Manchester and went to investigate. The police-

men recovered the object and turned it over to state troopers.

The State Patrol said the object had been reported to Air Force officials at Albany, Ga.

In Savannah, military policemen Bart J. Burns and Randy Shade said an unidentified flying object dived toward their car early Saturday during a routine patrol around the perimeter of the Hunter air base.

The two military policemen said the UFO hovered

near the car and then pursued them as they returned to headquarters to report the incident. A police report said the object forced the military policemen off the road but a military spokesman Saturday night denied the vehicle left the road.

The military spokesman confirmed the men saw the object, which they said hovered over their car and followed them back to the base. The object was described as having "quick flashing lights" and was reported traveling about 2,000 feet above ground level.

UFO Chases Military Police

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Sunday night, a Spalding County deputy answered a call reporting an object hovering over a house. The deputy radioed his office that he saw "two red lights descending slowly to earth," and then the lights disappeared.

Mrs. Hugh D. Beall told local police an "upside down cup and saucer-shaped object" hovered over her house. She said the object had gold, red and green lights on the bottom.

Mrs. Beall said the object, which she said made a "funny" noise, was too low for an airplane and was just above tree-top level. She said the lights changed colors.

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There were at least two other reports in Griffin and other sightings in Newman, Ga., 30 miles to the west.

In other weekend sightings, two military policemen at Hunter Army Airfield near Savannah reported something dived at their car as they were on routine patrol and then pursued them as they raced back to headquarters.

Bart J. Burns and Randy Shade said the object, traveling at a high rate of speed with "quick flashing lights," was initially spotted at about 2,000 feet but then it dived at them. They said it hovered near the car and pursued them as they raced back to the base.

A Georgia highway patrolman in Manchester said he saw a UFO hovering at tree-top level Saturday night.

"It went over the unit patrol car, and was going so fast there was no way he could even get close enough to identify it," said a patrol spokesman.

Unidentified flying objects

were also reported in five east central Alabama cities early Sunday. Officer Keith Broach of Auburn, Ala., said he saw something the size of an airplane, which appeared red and white, changed to green and then to white before flying away.

A spokesman at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery said officials there had no explanation for the sightings.

The only possible explanation which has been offered came from an astronomer at the Fernbank Science Center near Atlanta who said last week they could be man-made satellites and assorted space "junk" dropping out of earth orbit. Dr. Ralph Buice said the decay of a satellite may produce unusual aerial phenomena for several days.

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One 'UFO' Was Only Auto Flare

By United Press International

Authorities Sunday checked out more reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Southeast, but quickly dispelled a fear that something from another world had fallen in a Georgia field.

The Georgia State Patrol said a glowing green cylinder found near Manchester Saturday night, shortly after several persons said they saw UFO's buzzing the area, turned out to be only a commonly used automobile trouble flare.

But reports continued to pour in, from police and civilians. Two military policemen said something dived at their car near Hunter Army Air Base south of Savannah and forced them off the road. A state patrol trooper based in Manchester said a UFO whisked past his car, going so fast there was "no way" he could get a close look.

A cameraman for WAGA-TV in Atlanta recorded 90 seconds of film of a UFO near Manchester early Sunday. It showed a hovering, glowing light, changing colors rapidly.

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Hunter Report Changed

*Officials Change
Account of UFO
At Army Base*

By JOHN REETZ
Assistant City Editor

Hunter Army Airfield officials Monday denied that an unidentified flying object forced a military vehicle off the road early Saturday.

At the request of the Provost Marshal, Lt. Col. Robert Reid, the portion of the report indicating that the vehicle left the road was deleted.

Two military policemen on routine patrol Saturday saw the UFO at approximately 2:20 a.m. In a report filed after the incident, they described it as "traveling at a high rate of speed from east to west about 2,000 feet above ground level."

The object dove toward the sedan and passed above the blue warning light on top of the vehicle. The initial report filed Saturday said the vehicle left the road when the object passed over the car's roof.

A statement from the office of military police Saturday indicated that the vehicle also entered a ditch, but Lt. Robert Hulen, duty officer, said Sunday that report was incorrect.

Left the Road

Spec. 4 Barf J. Burns, one of the MP's in the vehicle, stressed early Sunday morning that the vehicle did not enter a ditch, but did leave the road. Burns said he and his partner, Spec. 4 Randy Shade, ducked in their seats when the UFO approached and the car left the road at that time.

Hulen disagreed Sunday with the report that the MP vehicle left the road and said both of the MP's told him Sunday afternoon that the car had remained on the road during the incident.

Following Hulen's statement Sunday, the public information officer for Hunter-Fort Stewart said Monday that the "vehicle left the road" phrase was omitted from the official report at the request of Reid. "There apparently has been some error made in the initial report," Anderson added.

"Whole Story"

Burns, who Sunday morning had offered to tell the "whole story," did not keep an appointment with a reporter scheduled for Sunday afternoon. He also said early Monday morning that he had been told not to discuss the UFO incident. "I'm afraid we aren't allowed to say anything," Burns added, and referred inquiries to Hulen.

Hulen said Monday that the "situation has changed," but he was "not at liberty to say" how the situation had changed or why the MP's were not allowed to discuss the incident.

However, the MP's were given permission late Monday to discuss the incident but were on three-day leave and could not be reached, according to Hulen.

UFOs or Space Junk?

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 16, 1973

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

JOURNAL AND SENTINEL

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Dr. Ralph Buice, astronomer and satellite tracking expert at the Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta, said some of the flashing light sightings might be space junk, mostly parts of satellites, burning up as they re-entered earth's atmosphere.

He said there are at least 3,000 pieces of debris in orbit and two were expected to drop out of orbit during the time of many of the sightings. He said the destruction of such objects can produce spectacular aerial phenomena for days.

The chemist who examined the hole left by Ress Clanton's golden egg said nothing unusual was found in the soil, but he said Clanton seemed quite sincere.

"I had the feeling he was telling us what he thought he had seen. I talked with the gentleman again today, and he sticks to the same story. It is a credible story. I don't think he dreamed something up and went out and set a fire."

Clanton, on the other hand, didn't classify his egg as a UFO.

"I believe it to be a piece of brimstone," he announced.

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FLASHING ORANGE LIGHTS

UFO Reports Continue

By JIM GRAY
and CHUCK BELL

Several Atlanta area residents were slightly spooked Sunday by what they said were unidentified flying objects that zoomed and zigzagged across the Atlantic skyline.

Descriptions of the UFOs ranged from "three flashing orange lights" to "something as large as a big airliner" to "a bunch of lights popping on and off."

Although scientific evidence of flying saucers has not been presented, a rash of reported UFO sightings in the state recently seems to have prompted Georgians to gaze at the sky.

The first reported UFO came at 4:40 a.m. Sunday from Mrs. Virginia Smith of Morrow. Mrs. Smith said her cat started acting strangely and she spotted the UFO when she went to the tree to put the "growing" cat outside. "I saw something shiny sticking up from the top like a pipe," Mrs. Smith said. "It stayed at the tree tops for about 15 minutes and then moved quickly and silently to the northwest."

The orange-colored object was about the size of a large airliner, she said, and it had "pipes" protruding from the bottom and from both sides.

Two northwest Atlanta residents claimed they spotted three glowing objects over their homes at about 7:30 p.m. Sunday. James R. Wyatt II, national director of the Civilian Saucer Information Bureau, said he sighted three glowing objects moving in an erratic, zigzag pattern.

At about the same time, Wyatt said, all the lights on his side of the street went out. "They continued flying zigzag and then moved off in a northerly direction," Wyatt said.

Mrs. Alma Ethridge, who lives almost due south of Wyatt, said she saw the three objects at about the same time.

The UFOs must have returned for a repeat performance three hours later because Mary Alice Rodes saw "what looked like a plane cracking up" at about 10:30 p.m.

She said she was driving along Buford Highway and

saw flashing lights that appeared to be over the oil tanks in Doraville. "It was like magnesium, real bright, and there was one red light," she said. She has been in a UFO club before and said she was looking for UFOs Sunday.

"I thought there was some smoke as it moved away, but it may have been a cloud," she said.

UFOs were also spotted in Carrollton and Palmerton.

Alton Hutcherson of Carrollton was fixing his television antenna at about 9:10 p.m. Sunday and told his wife the UFO "looked like a falling star going sideways." Hutcherson said the object was white and silent. He said he figures the object was put up there "by the government."

Georgia State Trooper R.E. Traylor reported he was in his patrol car in Palmerton at about 10 p.m. Saturday when "a large glowing object came into my line of sight travelling due south at a high rate of speed."

"It was floating like a balloon, only much faster, at an altitude of about 250 to 300 feet," Traylor said.

What bothered him was that two minutes earlier he had gotten a radio message that a UFO has had been spotted over Manchester, which is about 14 miles from Palmerton.

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Evidence Left Behind After Report of UFO Stirs Official Interest

ARKANSAS
CR: LOU FARISH

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'They've Been Landing Here for 6 Years'

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Don't be alarmed, the Emanuel County farmer advised. "They've been landing in the pastures near my house for the past six years."

Raymond Williamson of Oak Park was one of the few callers to the Morning News that took the UFO reports with a calm, nonchalant attitude.

Reports of UFO's in Chatham County skies entered their fourth day Sunday with approximately 50 reports made to city and county police by 10 p.m.

Reports have ranged from an alleged buzzing of two military policemen at Hunter Army Airfield to four calls about a UFO landing in Laurel Grove Cemetery, then cutting it's lights. After a warning

from several youths that "10 big, black hairy dogs" emerged from the object and were seen running through the cemetery, two Morning News staff members checked out the report. After about 15 minutes of slowly driving through the cemetery, they saw only a crowd of people peering at them from across the street.

Williamson described the UFO's he has seen as "about the size of a pick-up truck with a camper attached to the back. When one lands it's bright yellow glow disappears." He said they are "nothing new" and he sees one every two or three days traveling above the tree line in Emanuel County.

The objects usually rise about 300 to 400 feet in the air when taking off, then go straight up at a high rate of speed.

"In fact, four just passed over here, heading west," Williamson said. They came by here about 9:10 p.m., he added, "so they should be over Savannah just about now."

Williamson said there is evidently a connection between the UFO landings in his pasture and his cattle.

"They usually land when the animals are out in the pasture."

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Eyewitnesses UFO 'Believers'

By RICK BARRS
Enquirer Staff Writer

More and more Valley residents became believers in unidentified flying objects (UFOs) during the past weekend as sightings were made from several locations across the Chattahoochee Valley.

The most recent sightings were made from Columbus by residents of the northern portion of the city.

Leonard Waller, who lives at the corner of Beallwood Avenue and 41st Street, said he spotted "five or six UFOs darting back and forth."

Waller said the objects appeared to be over the Manchester area.

"They looked to be white or yellow," Waller said, adding that each would dart in one direction, come to a full stop and dart in the opposite direction.

Residents in Manchester and Talbotton made several sightings Saturday night.

Descriptions of the UFOs vary only slightly. In each case observers report that the object emitted a dull yellow glow, was as big as an automobile and moved silently through the heavens.

Mrs. Joanne Cornwell was among a group of four persons who sighted UFOs near Manchester Saturday around 10:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

"We followed the first UFO across the sky until it disappeared over the tree line on Pine Mountain," Mrs. Cornwell said Sunday. "We watched it for at least a minute as it glided slowly through the air."

Mrs. Cornwell, who gazed at the sky until 4 a.m. Sunday, said on the second UFO sighting, which lasted about two and a half minutes, she noticed an airplane flying toward the object.

"It seemed as if the airplane was trying to overtake the UFO," she said.

Manchester State Patrolman Sammy Taylor, along with his wife, Shirley and Mrs. Cornwell's husband Gary, also sighted the UFOs.

"The object came from the east over Pine Mountain about 100 feet above the ground," Taylor recalled. "It looked to be a solid object at least the size of a car and giving off a dull yellow glow."

"Then we saw another object which I don't believe was the same as the first coming from the northeast," he said.

Taylor said there have been sightings of UFOs in the Manchester area for nearly two weeks.

"People at first didn't believe it when they first heard of UFOs but I can tell you, they believe it now," Taylor said. "I didn't believe it at first myself."

Taylor said an object which a Woodland policeman said he saw fall from the sky was "obviously a hoax."

"That piece of metal was definitely man made," he said. "But what we saw Saturday night was definitely not manmade."

Taylor said the UFOs sighted Saturday over Manchester were "certainly not flares."

"When I was in Vietnam, I saw every kind of military flare made and none of them looked like the objects we saw hovering overhead," he said.

The Manchester patrolman said he contacted the U.S. Naval Air Station in Albany, but "they wouldn't have anything to do with it."

Taylor also said he contacted Charles Woolford of the National Investigation Committee for Aerial Phenomena in Cocoa Beach, Fla. He said Woolford indicated that his group would investigate the Manchester sightings.

Talbot County Deputy Sheriff Charles Pope said he and another Manchester State Patrolman, R. E. Traylor, saw a UFO about two miles east of Talbotton about 11:15 p.m. Saturday.

"It was coming right at the patrol car," Pope said. "It looked like a dull light bulb."

Pope said that he and Patrolman Traylor pulled off the road and turned off the car's headlights to watch the object overhead.

"When we turned off the lights it reversed and went in the opposite direction," Pope said. "It was about 300 feet in the air and a quarter of a mile away."

"It looked like a giant light bulb," he said. "I just couldn't believe it at first."

The UFO sightings near Manchester and Talbotton represent only a few of the sightings noted in Georgia as well as Florida and Alabama.

Patrolmen in five Alabama cities have reported sighting UFOs during the past week.

Officer Keith Broach of Auburn, Ala. said he saw something the size of an airplane which appeared red and white and then changed to green and white before flying away Saturday night.

A policeman in Lanett, Ala. has also reported sighting a UFO about the size of a car only a few feet from the ground.

There have also been sightings in Tuskegee, Notulsa, and Carrville in east Alabama as well as numerous sightings in north Georgia and near Savannah where two military policemen from Hunter Air Force Base were reportedly forced off the road by a UFO last week.