

1975 & 1976 Boomerangs: NJ

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Cape May Man Tells of His Earlier Experiences With UFO

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VILLAS — Reports of unidentified flying objects in Wednesday's Press have spurred John Lare, 21, an employe of the Martee Construction Co. in Rio Grande, to tell of his three brushes with similar objects more than six weeks ago.

The object seen on the Atlantic City beach Tuesday was declared by Coast Guard authorities to be a "reflection of lights from fishing boats."

Residents of Heislerville and Dorothy reported "strange sights in the sky" Monday evening. Neither the Millville Airport, the Federal Aviation Administration, nor the Port Norris state police received any other reports of a UFO Monday, nor could they offer an explanation of the sightings.

Lare, a resident of this community, said he and the six other people who accompanied him during the sightings here were reluctant to make their experiences known because, "We thought no one would believe us."

All three of Lare's sightings took place about the first week in December,

he said. The first incident took place about 5:30 a.m. while he and four other employes of the firm were bound for work.

"The object was quiet and motionless about 300 feet in the air. It was down toward the bay over the Lower Township landfill area," said Lare. "It was huge with two gigantic lights on the front and some smaller red lights underneath," said

Lare. "We shut off the car engine and listened. There was no noise. We started up the car again and flicked our lights from high to low," continued Lare. "Then there was a great whirring sound and the thing started moving fast, but it stayed low and headed east."

Lare said it was boomerang-shaped, resembling the one seen by several Heislerville residents Monday evening.

Lare was again on his way to work the next day when he spotted the UFO again. This time he was alone and once more it was over the landfill area, "sitting there."

"It was in front of me, 300 feet up and I turned off the car lights. It moved then directly overtop of my car," Lare said.

On the third occasion of "the thing's" appearance, Lare said he was certain "many other persons must have seen it."

Driving on U.S. 9 between Rio Grande to Cape May Court House about 8 p.m., Lare was accompanied this time by his wife and another passenger when the object appeared overhead.

"Any drivers traveling north from Rio Grande had to be blinded by the lights," said Lare. The object soon turned and headed west with the same red lights glaring from its belly, Lare said.

Since those days of the sightings in the first week of December, Lare and his co-workers have discussed the object they saw, but felt they would appear ridiculous to make their experiences known to the media.

Two sightings of objects were reported in Wednesday's Press. One was seen on the Atlantic City beach about 5:15 a.m. by Press columnist Sonny Schwartz and Ventnor Ptl. Frank Ingargiola. The other seen Monday in Heislerville had "headlights" and red lights underneath which dimmed and brightened at intervals, according to a witness, Mrs. Vi Camp.

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Dec (early) 1975: 2 sightings of a "boomerang" which seemed responsive to auto's lights.

Multiwitnessed CEI with pulsating lights: Jan 19, 1976
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Bleeker's HUMCAT entry

On January 19, 1976, as Mrs. Kay Peterson and Mrs. Vi Camp were leaving the Peterson home in Heislerville, New Jersey, they noticed a boomerang-shaped object with two bright lights hovering soundlessly over the woods about 30 yards away. They called to their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tomlin, who came outside with their two children to watch the object. Two minutes later, the craft's lights dimmed, brightened, and finally flashed out as it moved away, passing directly over the witnesses as it did.

As the object moved overhead, the witnesses saw something like a semicircle of red lights on its underside and one of them, Mrs. Camp, heard a low whirring sound. Mrs. Camp also saw something the others didn't: "I saw a figure in a small window. It was all dark, but it appeared like a figure from the waist up, the form of a body." The object flew off in the direction of Delaware Bay.

January 19, 1976 1945 Heislerville (Cumberland), N.J.

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Mrs. Kay Peterson & Mrs. Vi Camp were leaving Mrs. Peterson's house when they spotted an object with 2 bright lights hovering over the woods about 300 yards away. It was boomerang-shaped, with 2 small wings. They called Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Tomlin to see it. About 2 minutes later the object took off, passing over their heads with a low whirring sound. They could see a semicircle of red lights on the underside, and Mrs. Camp saw a small window in which a figure was visible from the waist upward.

Investigator: Mike McClellan.

Sources: Atlantic City (N.J.) Press, 1/21/76; telephone interviews with witnesses by McClellan.

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