

1978 : Between Grafton & Armidale,
NSW

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A single witness observed 2 luminous lights as he was driving between Grafton and Armidale. One moved over the mountains and the other hovered above the ground a short distance from the witness. It began falling in a stop-start fashion, finally maintaining a level elevation 30-40 feet above the ground. It emitted 'sparks' as it hovered and he shone his car headlights and a pocket torch on the object with no reaction noted. He drove on down the road and alighted to see a huge elongated object with 'portholes' along it's side hovering above the ground. Photographs were taken but produced no tangible proof due to incorrect settings and lighting problems experienced at the time.

The witness ran into the paddock where the object was hovering but returned to the roadway when he heard a car approaching. The driver slowed down and passed the witness who, by being in an agitated state, must have appeared to be mentally affected and gave the wrong impression to the driver of this vehicle. The witness again ran into the field and saw the same vehicle tearing back the way he came at high speed. When he again looked for the object the witness noted that in its place was a strange 'mist' that retracted up the creek and then returned to encircle him. He heard a distinct humming sound directly above the mist. The mist departed along with the object and the witness then continued on his journey. He placed an advertisement in the local paper the next day and other witnesses contacted him to relate similar incidents in the area. The witness suffered much discomfort after the event and he could not sleep for 5 days and nights after it.

from ACOS Bulletin Sept. 1978.

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of UFO Research NSW:

SPECTACULAR CLOSE ENCOUNTER EVENT NEAR ARMIDALE

A newspaper report carried in the "Armidale Express" of January 30th, 1978 has allowed UFOR (NSW) to carry out an investigation into what appears to be quite a significant incident. The newspaper account described how a Melbourne man had experienced an unusual UFO sighting near the Bakers Creek Falls area, just east of Armidale. David Reneke has carried out preliminary investigations into this case and since our enquiries are still continuing, only a summary of the case will be presented for the moment. We have secured considerable detail already but the nature of the case holds the promise of possibly a lot more.

A single witness (a 25 year-old male) observed 2 luminous aerial lights as he was driving between Grafton and Armidale on January 10th, 1978. One moved over the mountains and the other hovered above the ground a short distance from the witness. It began falling in a stop-start fashion, finally maintaining a level elevation of between 30 to 40 feet above the ground. It emitted "sparks" which seemed to interact with the ground beneath it. As it hovered the witness attempted to elicit some sort of reaction by shining his car headlights, shining a pocket torch and shouting at the strange object. No reaction was noted and eventually the witness drove on.

Further on down the same road he saw a huge elongated object with "portholes" along its length, apparently hovering just above the ground in a paddock adjacent to the road. Photographs were taken at this point but it was subsequently determined that except for a blurred yellow shape on one of about 5 prints, no tangible proof of the object's presence was obtained, apparently due to incorrect camera settings and lighting conditions. The witness ran into the paddock where the object was hovering but returned to the roadway when he heard a car approaching. The driver slowed down and passed the witness who, by being in an agitated state, must have appeared to be deranged and gave the wrong impression to the driver. The witness again ran into the field and then saw the same vehicle tearing back the way it had come at high speed. The driver of the vehicle failed to stop. When he again looked for the object the witness noted that in it's place was a strange "mist" that retreated up the creek and then returned to encircle him! He heard a distinct humming sound directly above him apparently coming from a "hollow tube" he could make out in the mist. The mist eventually dissipated and the witness was left standing in an empty field, completely alone. The total duration of all these events was approximately 3 hours, ending at about 7.05 am. Other witnesses to similar incidences in the area at about the same time contacted this witness and we in turn are conducting additional investigations into these sightings. The witness of the Bakers Creek manifestations suffered much discomfort after the event and could not sleep for 5 days after the encounter.

Bill Chalker lived in the area of Armidale, for four years while attending university and he indicates that in his files he has a number of reports of UFO sightings in the area of Bakers Creek Falls and the Blue Hole. Both areas in the same gorge network.

A more detailed report on this case will be carried in the next newsletter.