

1957 East Thermopolis, Wyoming, Aug. 31. A dozen residents told police they sighted "a round, ice blue object as big as a garage and with windows" hovering about 10 feet above ground. Mrs. Molly Wertz told Civil Defense officials and Police Chief Mel Mathews that her four sons and two neighbor boys drew her attention to the object, which she saw hovering over a tree about 100 yards distant. It was silent as it disappeared behind a hill, said Mrs. Wertz, adding that the UFO traveled "faster than anything I could comprehend." The police chief, after questioning the witnesses, stated their descriptions coincided. (AP. Thanks to Richard D. Vanderberg.)

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East Thermopolis, WY

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Multiwitnessed  
case which fell  
between all the  
crackles (i.e. no one  
looked into it).

[This seemed to happen  
a lot in this time period]

Also we don't use to print sightings from clippings because reporters are extremely careless about some very important data and most of the time we only know that Mrs. X while marketing with Mrs. Y and her daughter Joyce saw something amazing crossing the sky. Well, reporters are not UFO investigators. Then this is why we will be printing some sightings. Perhaps these sightings will be the missing link for your straight line. Let us know if they are.

We are indebted to Mrs. Mae Wentworth, 828 Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Texas, for the following clipping: Fort Worth Star Telegram, Wyo, Aug 31, Thermopolis, AP. "A dozen East Thermopolis residents reported to police Saturday sighting 'a round ice blue object as big as a garage and with windows' hovering about 10 feet off the ground. Mrs. Molly Wertz told Police Chief Mel Mathews and civil defense authorities the object was first sighted by her four youthful sons and two other neighbors boys. After the boys told her about it, Mrs. Wertz added, she saw the object hovering over a tree about 100 feet from the Wertz home. It made no sound as it sped off and disappeared behind a hill, Mrs. Wertz said. She said it moved 'faster than anything I could comprehend.' Karl Kertson of Radio Station KRTR said Saturday night he had found a possible explanation for the phenomenon. Byron Barney Smith, a Thermopolis area business man, told Kertson he had seen a bright light in Shoshone at about the same time the object was spotted in Thermopolis. Checking further, Kertson called Riverton, about 50 miles southwest of Thermopolis, to see if anything unusual had been seen there. Kertson was told that a giant searchlight had been used between 8 and 9:16 p. m. Friday to advertise the opening of a shopping center. Kertson said the skies were cloudy in the area Friday night and it is believed the object spotted in Thermopolis and Shoshone, 30 miles south, could have been a reflection of the powerful, arc-powered searchlight beam against the clouds. He added that the light also had been seen and reported by a Frontier Airlines pilot who was flying in the vicinity."