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Waynesburg Woman Tells of Seeing Flying Saucer

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Naomi Snider of 10 West Elm street, Waynesburg, has an unique experience to relate to her friends and acquaintances, because she is one of the few persons who can tell of actually seeing a "flying saucer."

Miss Snider reported that while she and her escort, Ralph Butcher of Aliquippa, were traveling toward Waynesburg along Route 16, near Rogersville, on the night of August 20th, around midnight, she glanced out the side window of the car and saw an odd shaped and eerie lighted object hovering over a cornfield about 400 feet off the highway.

She immediately thought that it was merely a reflection from the dash of the car in the side window, and rolled the window down, expecting the object to disappear. It didn't!

After calling it to the attention to Mr. Butcher, he stopped the car and got out for a better look. Describing the object that she took for a flying saucer, and incidentally the U.S. government has classified such occurrences in other parts of the country as "unidentified flying objects." Miss Snider said that it was flat on the underside, and "bell shaped" on the top.

Through the middle of the object she remembers seeing a row of white lights, like "parking

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lights on an automobile."

When asked how she determined that the topside of the object appeared to be bell shaped, she said that it had intermittent red and green lights up and down the side which silouetted it against the sky.

Miss Snider said that she and Mr. Butcher had been visiting some friends and had been trying to locate the new Echo satellite earlier, but could not remember if the sky was cloudy or starlit at the time of the sighting.

There was no sound from the object during the entire time that it hovered over the ground. After looking unbelievably at the "saucer" for a few moments they got back in the car and drove to the John Morris farm, and stopped in order to have someone else verify what they were seeing. Unfortunately as they pulled up to the house, and got out of the car, the object began to move.

"There had been no sound at all before it began to move," she said.

"As it started," she continued, "there was a sound like a electric motor, a powerful, smooth running motor."

Miss Snider also said that the sound did not resemble the sound of an airplane or helicopter. There were no vibrations at all, and as it started to move, a flashing red light on the top of the dome came on and it climbed slowly, and away from the sights toward Holbrook and Graysville and disappeared behind a hillside.

Miss Snider said that if anyone else had told her of seeing such an object she would be highly skeptical. But after you

see it for yourself, it's another story."

She added that her small terrier, "Sugar," was in the car at the time of the sighting. Another reason that she knew the object could not have been an airplane or helicopter, she said, was that Sugar barks when she hears airplane motors, because of their high pitch. The dog made no sound during the entire time they saw the object.

The couple reported the sighting to a skeptical state trooper on desk duty at the Waynesburg substation, and after checking with the local airport, he verified the fact that there were no planes or helicopters in the area at the time.

She also reported that there was no vapor trail, or gas trail of any kind left behind the object as it moved out of sight.

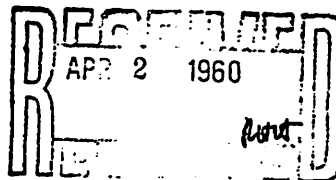
Miss Snider talked in earnest of her experience, and concluded that she expects to make other trips out to the vicinity where she first saw the object, and

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Aerial Phenomena (NICAP)
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Gentlemen:

I wish to thank you for my 1960 membership card and at this time would like to exercise my privilege, as a member of NICAP, by reporting a UFO sighting. It occurred back in 1958.

On the evening of August 18th or 19th I was sitting beside the East River, at 51st Street, New York City. It was a very clear, dark night. About 10 p.m. I decided to leave and started climbing the stairs leading up to the foot-bridge which spans the East River Drive at this point. However, halfway up I paused for a few minutes to look at the apartment building and shrubbery on the other side of the Drive. While doing this, I happened to glance up over my right shoulder and was startled to see a very bright ball of light hovering about 45 to 50 feet above the river's edge. It looked exactly like an unfrosted electric light bulb, except that it was perfectly round, and from my vantage point I could see the filament very clearly. A second or two after spotting the light, it began to slowly move in a restrained, bumpy fashion over toward the tree near the foot of the stairway, a distance of about 12 feet. When it was directly above the tree it stopped for about two seconds and then proceeded north (a very sharp 90-degree turn). Now it began to move a trifle faster as it gradually snaked (zigzagged) its way diagonally across the East River Drive, on up York Avenue, which begins at 53rd Street and runs parallel with the Drive, continuing along this street until it reached 57th Street, where it turned west and disappeared from my view. As it turned around the building on the corner of 57th Street (an apartment house) I could see that it appeared to be about half way up.

This sighting lasted some four or five minutes and covered a distance of approximately six blocks. I might also add that when it was poised above the tree not a leaf stirred, nor was there any sound whatever. People sitting down below on the benches along the river's edge were not aware that anything unusual was going on above them.

Very truly yours,

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