

# Low Flying Saucer Sighted Thursday Near Darmstadt and Marissa

The area was turned into a turmoil last Thursday night, Feb. 2, when Dale Luecking of St. Libory, a Marissa High School student, sighted a black disc hovering in the sky a short distance away while he was riding in his truck near Darmstadt on the way to Marissa.

Luecking said it was about 8:30 p.m. Thursday night when he was passing the Darmstadt road and noticed a peculiar glow in the sky at the right of the highway about 20 yards out and a hundred feet ahead. He stopped his truck and got out to get a better look. The object outlined clearly, seemed to be hovering over the spot and was a black disc with a faint white glow. Around the center was two strings of red and green lights that circled the machine.

Luecking said he would have watched longer but at that moment the machine, which was like nothing he had ever seen or pictured before, turned on two spotlights the size of auto lights on the dome and that's when he said, "I scrambled into the truck and took off on high down the highway toward Marissa."

Asked whether he heard any engine noise he replied that the loudest noise he heard was the pumping of his own heart.

On reaching Marissa about 9 p.m. Luecking picked up two school mates, Norman Harriman and Linda Bollmeier and they returned to Darmstadt but didn't see anything until they turned onto the Darmstadt road and went out a distance where they sighted the disc which was moving slowly toward the south. The machine again was outlined by the spotlights in the dome and the lights went around the middle circle.

They went back to the highway and returned to Marissa where Linda Bollmeier let the two boys out of the truck near the Mill Hill north of town and she returned to Marissa to get reinforcements.

Harriman and Luecking walked up the hill and again cited the flying saucer which seemed to be sitting in a nearby field. They didn't investigate any more but took off for Marissa running when the machine started to move.

Luecking said they were not about to meet and interview the pilots of the machine.

Several more citizens reported that they had seen a flying object in the sky on several occasions in previous weeks. Another had seen a glowing object but it was too far away to discern the shape or size.

Anyhow Luecking is certain what he saw was a UFO or flying saucer.