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Flying Saucer Again Sighted In The Area

A similar flying saucer reported here by three high school students several weeks ago was again sighted in the area by Police Chief Dave Gerald's Wednesday night about 4:55.

Gerald's said Thursday morning that he was cruising in his car near the Wilmer Kunze farm when he sighted a very bright object in the sky several miles away toward the east. He watched as it moved slowly toward Marissa and then stopped at Sam's Cafe where he awakened the owners, Sam Bilderback and his wife, to show them the object. He said he told Mrs. Bilderback he wanted someone else to see the object because he didn't want them to believe his story was silly.

They all watched the object slowly moving up almost hovering and Gerald's got Richard Neal out of bed to watch the flying saucer which was taking form as it neared.

He then drove out to Dintleman's Wye Market where the object was a brilliant glow which was hard to look at but the nearness of about 1,000 feet up and a half mile away revealed a disc like object with colored lights of red, green and amber around the center.

The object hovered for a few minutes and then moved swiftly without noise toward the northwest and suddenly shot out of sight in the distance.

Gerald's said you might not believe in flying saucers but this was some kind of flying disc and it made a believer out of me. He said that he believed if the object did hover close enough to get close too the brightness of the glow would blind one.



REPORTS UFO SIGHTED OVER MASCOUTAH

Chief of Police Lorin Gregory of Mascoutah reported that he saw an unidentified flying object at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday evening of last week while sitting in the police car in front of his home on Maple Street in Mascoutah. With him at the time was Tom Reynolds and they watched the object for quite some time.

Chief Gregory states because of the time of night and the flying altitude of about 1,500 to 2,000 feet, that the shape of the object could not be analyzed but had white alternating high intensity lights and was flying in a northwesterly direction at about 150 miles per hour.

Mr. Gregory reported the incident to the sheriff dispatcher, who in turn called Scott AFB. They reported there was nothing on radar or no overflights scheduled and that they had covered the whole area. Mr. Gregory also called the duty officer at the base and they had nothing on radar in the past half-hour report.

Mr. Gregory said, "I have been flying airplanes since 1956 and I am very familiar with lights that are on planes which are red and green and some have a rotating beacon but there wasn't any lights like this on the UFO." He went on to state that he had heard a lot of stories about flying objects and had his doubts about them. He said many times he had seen meteors which he recognized, traveling at a greater speed. He felt that perhaps more people should be on the alert and report any spacecraft that was unusual.

A call was made to the Herald office recently by a woman from East St. Louis that a UFO had fallen in Mascoutah and burned a hole in the ground but no reports were received in the area.