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Three OPP Officers Report UFO in Quinte Area

have requested that names of their officers involved in sightings be withheld from publication.

Three OPP officers in three patrol cars, two from Belleville and one from Napanee, report the sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) while they were in the area of Highway 2 and the Deseronto Rd. sometime in February, 1974.

W pulled up around Deseronto Rd. and towards the southeast we saw something that was moving around and

then just shot away, much too fast for a conventional aircraft," one officer said.

He said it appeared the object was hovering in an area either over or near the hydro generating plant at Bath.

All three officers, who are trained observers, have discounted such possibilities that the object was either a star, conventional aircraft, other airborne man-made device or atmospheric aberration, he said.

The officer related the object travelled north soundlessly at a

speed estimated to be well in excess of 500 miles per hour. The object appeared to be circular and was brightly-lit, he added.

He said the sighting was reported to the Canadian Forces Base at Trenton but base personnel said nothing had appeared on their radar screens.

Another Belleville OPP officer said he was northbound on Highway 14 one night in the recent past when he looked south and observed a light flashing across the sky in the

area of Prince Edward County.

He said the light was not normal for the Quinte area and noted police radio frequencies were jammed with communications about the incident. No one apparently observed the source of the light, he added.

Staff-Sgt. Mel Wilkinson of Madoc OPP, within whose jurisdictions the Cooper incidents occurred, said none of his officers have reported sightings.

Sgt. Wilkinson said no extra patrols have been ordered for

the Cooper area and the investigation is closed.

"If they (residents) saw something criminal, we'd investigate, but not for seeing things in the sky," he commented.

Regarding the presence of a Madoc OPP officer at a Cooper-area farm where photographs and measurements were taken of an alleged touchdown by an unknown flying craft, Sgt. Wilkinson said, "we went out more for curiosity."

He added samples were not

sent to the forensic laboratory in Toronto for analysis.

Bancroft OPP said there have been about three reported sightings of UFO's by private citizens within their jurisdiction located just north of the Cooper area in the past year but officers on patrol have not observed anything abnormal.

Spokesmen for both the Belleville and Napanee OPP detachments said there have been no reported sightings by either citizens or officers in the last year.

There's Something Strange Happening Near Madoc, But What?

By ROBIN CHASE
Staff Reporter

COOPER — A Toronto-based research organization says there is sufficient evidence to indicate one or more unknown, unconventional flying craft are present in the area of this hamlet, located about 10 miles north of Madoc. Harry Tokarz, researcher

and co-ordinator with Reptune Research, told The Intelligencer Tuesday his group has investigated occurrences involving what are commonly referred to as "unidentified flying objects (UFOs)".

Mr. Tokarz said an investigative team, which visited the area last Saturday, paid particular attention to the remo-

val of three large pieces of earth in a field on the farm of Reginald Trotter here, believed to have occurred sometime during the last week of April.

He related "three massive holes in a triangular configuration" were discovered about one-quarter mile from Mr. Trotter's barn.

"The anomaly was, the soil was pulled out of the depressions, to a depth of eight inches, and neatly placed 20 feet away," he said.

Mr. Tokarz said the estimated total weight of the chunks of heavy loam soil is 1,500 pounds with the largest piece measuring 8-10 feet by 10 feet and the smallest, 3-4 feet by four feet.

Distances between the displaced pieces are 19½ feet, 26½ feet and 30½ feet, he added.

Mr. Tokarz said the pieces were moved intact and "extremely defined... as if you had a puzzle."

Based upon the evidence, Reptune suggests the soil displacement was caused by "something definitely disk-shaped, minimum of 75 feet in diameter," he commented. "It leads us to believe it might have been a quick touch-down."

Mr. Tokarz said it is believed some type of heavy aerial craft, possibly fitted with a tripod-form of landing gear, attempted to land on an angle, moving the chunks in an easterly direction.

He said although there was no trace of radiation or temperature differential, there

was a "surprising amount of magnetic disturbance" of about five degrees variation from normal levels.

In addition, rocks recovered from the depressions, covered with very defined scratches, have been submitted for analysis but results have not yet been returned, he added.

Mr. Tokarz said the team also checked two "burn rings" in a field of fall wheat beside County Rd. 12 which seem to have been caused sometime last week and "could possibly have something to do with radiation."

He explained the rings, baked into parched soil, would have to have been formed by "tremendous weight and tremendous heat similar to microwave radiation."

He also pointed out jeep-track marks found around the circles. The tracks exit into nearby fields.

The remainder of Reptune's Saturday investigation involved interviews with persons alleged to have sighted UFOs in late 1975 and earlier this year near here, Mr. Tokarz said.

He said Reptune believes the occurrences are caused by an unknown type of energy-driven object with aerial ca-

pacity, either extra-terrestrial, ultra-dimensional or of a manner native to this planet which humans cannot comprehend at their current stage of evolution.

When asked what might attract such objects to the Cooper area, Mr. Tokarz replied the region has a high concentration of basic minerals, including iron, magnetite, gold,

uranium and some arsenic, and pointed out there is a main hydro line running through the Madoc area from the Pickering nuclear generating plant to Arnprior.

He said results of the Cooper phenomena will be displayed during a series of lectures to be held Thursday to Saturday at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

Reptune, formed 2½ years ago, co-operates with the Canadian UFO Centre and is made up of persons versed in all aspects of scientific education, including such fields as biology, astrophysics and extra-biology, Mr. Tokarz said.

Reptune utilizes consultants who are employed as professional scientists, he added.

Area Farmer Discounts

Police Lightning Theory

COOPER — A 68-year-old Cooper area farmer says Ontario Provincial Police at Madoc are wrong in their conclusion that three large chunks of soil, weighing an estimated total of 1,500 pounds, were displaced intact for about 20 feet by lightning in late April in a field near his barn, located about 10 miles north of Madoc.

Reginald Trotter, a farmer since 1930, told The Intelligencer Tuesday, "no way it could happen that way."

Staff-Sr. Mel Wikison of Madoc OPP had earlier told The Intelligencer, "our con-

clusion was, along the fence line, there was an Elm tree which had been hit by lightning."

Sgt. Wilkinson said police believe the lightning travelled along the tree's roots in the ground and ripped out the pieces of soil.

Mr. Trotter said the tree was struck by lightning 5-6 years ago but even when lightning hits the ground, it cuts furrows through the soil.

He said he has observed all kinds of lightning and ground upheavels in his years as a farmer but has never encountered anything such as he

found in his field.

The soil displacement, in a hayfield, is thought to have occurred sometime during the last week of April when much rain had fallen and the ground was wet, but neither he nor his neighbors saw or heard anything unusual during that time period, Mr. Trotter said.

He pointed out no conventional farm or earth-moving machinery could have moved the pieces without causing them to crumble somewhat. Let alone move them at all. These were the same as when they were in the ground, he commented.

Couple Say They Watched Object Hover Above Field

COOPER — Frank and Barbara Pringle of RR 3, Madoc made the most of several minutes of observation when they encountered what they say was an unknown, unconventional flying craft while driving home the evening of Jan. 9 on County Rd. 12 near this hamlet located about 10 miles north of Madoc.

In an interview with The Intelligencer Tuesday, Mrs. Pringle related it was about 6:30 p.m. when they noticed a light in the distance during dusk at a time when the moon had not risen.

She said they stopped their car when about 1,000 feet from the object which was stationary about 200 feet in the air above a field near the road.

Mrs. Pringle described the object as being in the shape of two connected overturned saucers with the larger section on top.

She estimated its diameter at 20-25 feet and its height at 15 feet and could see no evidence of landing gear or other projections.

There were "funnels" of bright bluish light emanating

from the exterior and directed toward the ground below, she said. On top of the craft, there was a red light.

Due to the amount of light, the couple was able to see that the object had a metallic silvery-gray color and was flat on the bottom.

She said she and her husband could not hear any sound to indicate the object was engine-powered.

Mrs. Pringle said when it sped away her husband estimated the object's speed well in excess of 600 miles per hour.