

STRUCTURED OBJECT REPORTS CONTINUE

Structured object sightings since the beginning of the year have been reported to NICAP from at least 10 states and two foreign countries. Characteristics include a plane, train and car pacing; a light that "blinded" witnesses; frightened observers; E-M effects; animal reactions; physical evidence; near-landings; and UFOs that emitted light beams and sounds. Witnesses include an airline pilot, FAA personnel, policemen, a forest ranger, a NASA mechanic and an airport employee.

A UFO that caused an animal reaction, paced a train, and shot off light beams was observed at 2:30 a.m., May 24, near Vina, Calif.

Tom Kitchen, ranch hand, was working the night shift when he observed an object "as big as a small bus illuminating a plum orchard about 150 yards away." The UFO hovered just over some trees and maneuvered above the orchard.

The witness left to awaken his foreman, John Sharp, who said his "quite upset" dog had already roused him. For about the next hour, Kitchen, Sharp and his wife watched the alternatively blinking and dimming UFO.

UFO Paces Train

During this time, according to William M. Murphy, who investigated the incident for NICAP, the object left the area to pace a nearby freight train. It returned at a higher altitude.

At 3:45 the witnesses called the sheriff, who arrived with two California highway patrolmen and a Corning policeman. All saw the UFO emit orange light beams to the southeast "at regular five-second intervals."

The sheriff left for a forest service fire station. Both he and a ranger on duty saw the box-shaped craft through binoculars. At 6:30, the UFO, which "always got brighter whenever it moved," ascended fast toward the southeast, still emitting the orange beam.

Murphy asked the sheriff if the UFO could have been the planet Venus.

"Definitely not," the lawman responded. "It was much too large . . . and was not in the direction of Venus. And it moved around."

The sheriff said he was well familiar with Venus from his extensive night duty patrols.