# "FIFTY YEARS OF UFO RESEARCH: What does it tell us, what do we know?"

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## Summaries of a few interesting cases reported to the National UFO Reporting Center:

Eklutna, AK		
Description: Two men hitchhiking to Anchorage witness a very bright light approaching their location		
at high speed. The object hovers above them, causing them to dive into a snow bank to escape from it.		
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Fontana, CA	Late 1930's	Night Night
Description: Three young boys, returning from the local movie theatre, are suddenly illuminated from		
above by a very bright shaft of light. They run to a nearby orange grove to take cover.		
St. Louis, MO	May 1954 (est.)	~9:30 p.m.
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apparent size of a full Moon in the sky, hovering over the St. Louis Airport. Accelerates, disappears.		
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Exeter/Kensington, NH	September 03, 1965	Morning
Description: Many people in south-eastern New Hampshire witness a peculiar disc-shaped object.		
Later, a young man and two police officers witness the disc up quite close, and it moves very quickly.		
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Northern California	<b>September 09, 1994</b>	Early morning
Description: Multiple dramatic reports of objects streaking across the morning sky. A young school		
girl reports to school nurse being approached at a bus stop by a strange, diminutive grey creature.		
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Palouse, WA	December 29, 1994	Evening
Description: A woman decides to take a short-cut home through a wheat field. Three wedge-shaped		
objects, with lights on their leading edge, pass in front of her car. Event frightened her badly.		
McMinnville, TN	January 07, 1995	Evening
Description: Multiple witnesses on the ground report a "fleet" of peculiar looking objects allegedly		
seen descending slowly and vertically. One of objects appears to blow up. TEMA activated.		

## --Eastern United States March 15, 1995 Evening

Description: Multiple sightings reported from the eastern United States of a bizarre blue-green, eggshaped object that streaked across the night sky, hovered, and then streaked across the horizon.

## --Cordova, AK March 28, 1995 Midnight

Woman sees object fly in front of her car several times in heavy fog. Suddenly, it stops and hovers just above her right fender. Several miles further along highway, she witnesses two discs on ground.

#### --Western Pennsylvania/Canada August 25, 1995 00:40 hrs. (Eastern)

Description: An extremely bright, perfectly round blue spherical object streaked south across Ontario, Canada, and then western Pennsylvania. Bizarre interaction with driver on Pennsylvania Turnpike.

#### --New England/Eastern Seaboard November 17, 1995 21:00 hrs. (Eastern)

Description: An extremely bright, yellow and blue disc streaks down the coast of Maine, over New England; rendezvous with six brightly lighted objects over New Jersey. Multiple reports to FAA.

## --Doylestown, PA February 25, 1996 02:30 hrs. (Eastern)

Description: A young man was driving his van along Rte. 313, when he witnesses three peculiar "meteors" in the sky. His van stops suddenly, and he experiences several anomalous sensations.

## --Phoenix, Arizona March 13, 1997 1955 hrs. (Mountain)

Description: Multiple objects, estimated to be 1-2 miles in width, pass over the states of Nevada and Arizona. The objects hovered motionless in several locations. Very dramatic sighting by thousands.

## --Eastern seaboard March 17, 1997 19:00 hrs. (Eastern)

Description: An FAA Air Traffic Controller telephones NUFORC to report multiple sighting reports by airline pilots of "metallic cigar tubes" tracking their aircraft for several seconds.

## --Pacific Northwest November 14, 1997 21:20 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: A bizarre cluster of lights moves across the night sky, generating thousands of reports. Some reports suggest significant magnetic anomalies occurred. Other reports in OR, CA, Mexico.

## --Pacific Northwest April 22, 1998 2120 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: A former Canadian CF-104 pilot in Whistler, B.C., is stunned to see a green ball of light streaking to the S; many witnesses. <u>Obj. stops, flies directly over Bangor Sub Base nuclear weapons.</u>

#### --Longview, WA February 25, 1999 1159 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: Fourteen forestry workers witness a horseshoe shaped object lift an adult elk out of the forest and fly off with the apparently dead, or unconscious, animal.

#### --Southwest U. S. August 15, 1999 2318 hrs. (Mountain)

Description: Observers throughout NM and CO are witness to an immense flash of intensely bright light, which illuminated up to 12,000 square miles like daylight. Occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> time in NV 22 min. later.

## --Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX October 26, 1999 0236 hrs. (Central)

Description: Two airline pilots, both former military pilots, are shocked to see 3 gigantic lights approach their a/c at cruise altitude. Object executes sudden turn to east, streaks off. FAA audio report.

#### --St. Clair County, IL

**January 05, 2000** 

0410 hrs. (Central)

Description: Officers from eight police departments witness, pursue, and photograph a huge, triangular object. Object "jumps" an estimate 20 miles in seconds. Scott AFB claims they did not see object.

## --Rockford, IL; Prescott, AZ February 2000 Evenings

Description: Multiple sightings of clusters of yellow lights appear over Prescott, AZ, and Rockford, IL. No explanation for the events. (See similar event over Carteret, NJ, for July 15, 2001.)

## --Washington & B.C. April 28, 2000

2200 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: Multiple witnesses to an extremely bright object streaking over Puget Sound from south to north. Looked like a silver disc. Stops over Aldergrove, B.C., descends, and streaks off.

## --Rhode Island June 22, 2000 2115 hrs. (Ea

Description: A commercial pilot, flying from Nantucket Island, MA, sees a charcoal-black, egg-shaped object streaking toward his airliner. The object is seen on radar to reverse its course and track the a/c!

#### --Oklahoma August 11, 2000 0200 hrs. (Central)

Description: Law enforcement officer becomes lost at night on a rural road in Oklahoma. Is approached by strange creatures, and he fires his service revolver. Witness found by police in roadway.

## --Victoria, B.C. August 12, 2000 0001 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: A group of people at a wedding celebration witness a cluster of lights in the night sky, which form a symmetrical pattern, and hover for 5-10 minutes. The lights then streak off to the east.

## --North Texas September 01, 2000 0230 hrs. (Central)

Description: A young woman is driving alone through northern Texas, when a very large and strange light approaches her vehicle. She experiences missing time, and later returns to the site.

## --Houston, TX September 08, 2000 0800 hrs. (Central)

Description: A man driving to work on the outer ring road witnesses a very bizarre object moving slowly to the south over heavy traffic. He appears to be the only witness.

#### --Challis, Idaho (rural) September 27, 2000 2130 hrs. (Mountain)

Description: Four hunters, all experienced outdoorsmen, witness a gigantic, unlighted triangular craft pass over their campsite. Two men drive to town. Two USAF F-16's fly over camp. FAA report.

#### --Cygnet, OH October 31, 2000 1915 hrs. (Eastern)

Description: Two young men, driving from Florida to Detroit, witness a "fireball" streaking in front of their car, from east to west. The object stops, and they see that it is a black, egg-shaped object. Hovers.

#### --OR, WA, & B.C. March 13, 2001 Evening (3 hrs.)

Description: Multiple sightings of yellow lights in night sky over Oregon. Later, three yellow lights seen by many witnesses streaking in formation from south to north over Puget Sound.

#### --Mahnomen, MN March 28, 2001 0130 hrs. (Central)

Description: A Canadian truck driver witnesses a disc-shaped object hovering low over the local airport. The disc suddenly accelerates and shoots across the airport, where it hovers above trees.

#### --Bellevue, ID **April 24, 2001**

1235 hrs. (Mountain) Description: A local businessman sees some movement in the western sky, and sees a disc-shaped

--Carteret, NJ July 15, 2001 00:30 hrs. (Eastern)

Description: Two clusters of yellow spheres move across New Jersey very rapidly, then slow and hover in the vicinity of Newark Airport. Multiple witnesses stop on New Jersey Turnpike to view.

object hovering against the mountains. Other discs streak up to the first, and then the cluster departs.

--Rock River, WY August 17, 2001 2220 hrs. (Mountain)

Description: Multiple reports from Wyoming of a fireball streaking across the sky very rapidly. Railroad conductor witnesses a large, flaming ball of light hovering over an empty field.

**January 07, 2002** 

Description: A man and his son see a dramatically bright fireball overhead, moving from south to north very rapidly. They could hear (!!) the meteor as they watched it pass overhead.

**2145 hrs. (Central)** --Cape Girardeau, MO January 26, 2002

Description: A radar patrol officer witnesses an unlighted, disc-shaped object, move across the highway. He points his radar gun at the object, but gets no return. He pursues it, but it disappears.

-- California Desert **January 31, 2002** 0530 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: A senior INS Border Patrol officer and his dog witness a disc pass over their patrol vehicle very rapidly. Peculiar sound emanates from it. Seconds later, another dozen are witnessed.

March 29, 2002 1920 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: Three teenagers witness several extremely bright lights in the evening sky above an empty field. The object is a triangular, solid craft. It suddenly changes color, turns, and streaks off.

--Bakersfield, CA March 29, 2002 2130 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: A young couple, driving south on Interstate 5 approximately 100 miles north of Bakersfield, witness a triangular shaped craft moving slowly above nearby houses, illuminating them.

March 30, 2002 1430 hrs. (Pacific) --Yuma, AZ

Description: A group of boaters on the Colorado River, approximately 30 miles north of Yuma, witness three, bright, disc-shaped objects in the sky. Two more suddenly appear. All streak north.

--Andrews AFB/Waldorf, MD July 26, 2002 **01:30** hrs. (Eastern)

Description: Many people awakened by multiple launches of F-16 fighters, on afterburner, out of Andrews AFB. Witnesses observe two F-16's in high-speed, low-altitude pursuit of "red ball of light."

--Meriwether Co., GA **April 13, 2003 19:45** hrs. (Eastern)

Description: Three adults are driving in a rural area of Georgia, when all three become aware of flashing lights behind their vehicle. Suddenly, the vehicle is filled with small spheres of red light.

**22:00 hrs. (Central) April 8, 2004** 

Description: Multiple witnesses in northern Indiana witness a very large, disc-shaped object near their respective residences. Analysis suggests that the object was approximately 200 feet in width.

## --Omaha, NE March 25, 2004 19:00 hrs. (Central)

Description: The crew of an airliner report seeing four disc-shaped objects, which remain visible ahead of the aircraft for 10-15 minutes. Objects did not appear on FAA radar during the entire sighting.

#### --Orlando, FL April 15, 2004 06:00 hrs. (Eastern)

Description: A woman awakens and walks to her screened bedroom window, sees a self-luminous spherical object hovering. Her housecat notices object, which suddenly streaks away.

## --Port Clements, B.C. April 21, 2004 06:05 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: A young woman walks out of her place of work and sees a contrail in the sky. Upon further observation, she observes tiny object near aircraft. Object suddenly disappears.

#### --McFall, MO May 04, 2004 03:45 hrs. (Central)

Description: A young woman on a newspaper delivery route witnesses a perfectly spherical, self-luminous "fireball" streak through the sky on the near side of nearby trees. Very fast object.

## --Seattle, WA June 20, 2004 23:15 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: An adult male was standing outside in the University District, looking to the west, when he observed a bizarre, triangular craft streak from north to south in the clear, cloudless sky.

## --Twin Cities, MN August 19, 2004 09:00-20:00 hrs. (Central)

Description: A very large, unidentified white object hovered over the Twin Cities area for approximately ten hours. No one, including the FAA or NWS, could identify the object.

## --Tinley Park, IL August 21, 2004 22:30 hrs. (Central)

Description: Multiple witnesses report seeing three, or more, distinctly red lights hovering in the night sky. The lights moved, relative to one another, and moved off to the south.

#### --Tinley Park, IL October 31, 2004 23:00 hrs. (Central)

Description: Multiple, bright-red lights witnessed by hundreds of observers. Lights seen to manoeuvre as a group, move above the cloud layer, then slowly move to the west.

## --Exeter, NH July 20, 2005 15:15 hrs. (Eastern)

Description: A former U. S. Navy Chief is mowing his lawn, looks up to the west, and reports witnessing a huge, cigar-shaped craft with multiple "windows" along its side.

## --Tinley Park, IL September 30, 2005 23:15 hrs. (Central)

Description: Three red lights return to Tinley Park. Multiple witnesses over a wide area observe three red lights hover and manoeuvre in the night sky.

#### --O'Hare Airport, Chicago, IL November 07, 2006 16:00 hrs. (Central)

Description: Dozens of airline and FAA (?) personnel at O'Hare Airport observe a disc-shaped object hovering above Gate C-17. Object suddenly accelerates straight up, and disappears through overcast.

## --Stephenville, TX January 08, 2008 18:07 hrs. (Central)

Description: Dozens, or hundreds, of witnesses observe an immense object streak across sky, then stop directly above town. Minutes later, object is seen being chased by F-16 fighters.

## --O'Hare Airport, Chicago, IL August 04, 2008 19:01 hrs. (Central)

Description: A husband and wife, probably qualified witnesses, observe from Gate K-7 a dull-gray disc fly over the airport area.

## --Chicago, IL November 04, 2008 21:30 hrs. (Central)

Description: A young woman, driving her small car on a three-lane road, is suddenly "shoved" into the right lane no apparent reason. Strange damage seen done to left side of car. No explanation.

## --Harrington, WA October 17, 2011 18:42 hrs. (PDT)

Description: An adult male witnesses a peculiar obj., the apparent size of the Intl. Space Station, fly from the western sky to the eastern horizon, in 20 seconds. Object alternated blue & purple.

## --St. Louis, MO June 01, 2012 21:00 hrs. (Central)

Description: A St. Louis law enforcement officer and his wife and daughter witness 20-30 orange-colored "fireballs" move from west to east over I-55. The spectacle caused an auto collision.

#### --Beacon Rock State Park, WA June 02, 2012 20:30 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: Several groups of campers witness approximately 20 orange "fireballs," apparently at very high altitude, which approached their campsite from the west, then turned to the north.

## --Castle Rock, WA November 10, 2012 18:28 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: A retired airline pilot, while driving east on Hwy. 504, witnessed three orange "fireballs" approaching, and descending, from the south. The witness turned around on highway, departed.

## --Los Angeles, CA November 10, 2012 19:40 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: A retired U. S. Marine Corps officer and his wife witness three orange "fireballs" in the nighttime sky.

## --Spokane Valley, WA December 08, 2012 20:45 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: A group of approximately nine adults witness approximately 6-8 red/orange "fireballs" in the western sky.

#### --Athens, TX July 05, 2013 22:15 hrs. (Central)

Description: A retired former U. S. Astronaut, who is a former fighter pilot and airline pilot, watches six bright red lights pass directly overhead, moving from east to west.

#### --Glendale, AZ September 28, 2013 19:15 hrs. (Pacific)

Description: A retired Arizona Highway Patrol Officer witnesses from inside his home an orange light move rapidly from west to east in the northern sky. He rushes outside, sees 150 follow the first.

#### --U.S. & Worldwide June 2012 to present All hours

Description: Many thousands of reports of red, orange, and yellow luminous objects, reported from across the U. S., Canada, and from other nations, as well. No ready explanation for what the objects is apparent. Please see <a href="https://www.ufocenter.com">www.ufocenter.com</a> for original witness sighting reports.