

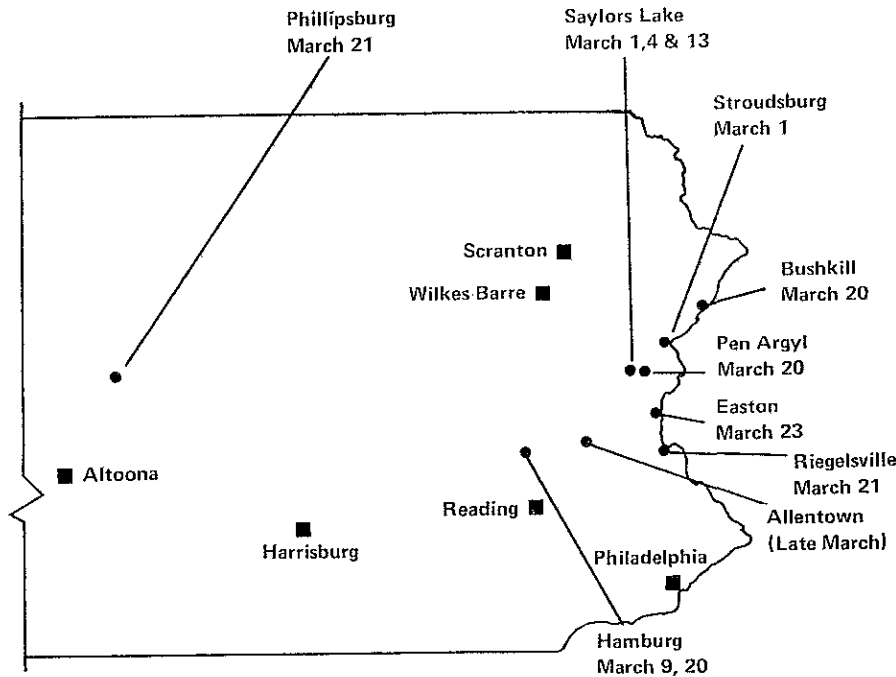
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Hundreds of Sightings Reported

UFO WAVE HITS PENNSYLVANIA



Major locations of recent sightings in eastern Pennsylvania show concentration in rural areas that have rarely reported UFO sightings in past. Large cities shown did not report sightings.

A major UFO "wave" apparently hit a three-county area of eastern Pennsylvania during March, with police in Northampton, Berks and Monroe Counties recording hundreds of sightings.

According to police, reports of UFOs were coming in from all parts of their respective jurisdictions at the height of the "wave."

The current rash of reports began on March 1, 1973, when dozens of residents of Saylor's Lake, Pa., spotted at least 42 flashing lights during a three-hour period (*UFO Investigator*, April 1973).

The Saylor's Lake UFOs were described as round objects, some with white lights and others with red or blue lights. The objects, according to local reports, appeared in groups at one end of the lake and took about three minutes to pass over the lake. One witness estimated the objects passed over at an altitude of approximately 1,500 feet.

Three days later, on March 4, Saylor's Lake residents once again reported seeing

objects pass silently over the lake at approximately 8 p.m.

Another UFO sighting was reported on March 9 by a registered nurse and a resident of Hamburg. According to the nurse, she was driving home from Pottsville when she spotted an object hovering over her car. The object was equipped with a red light at the front and a white one at the rear, which flashed in sequence "like a heartbeat." A neighbor of the nurse also reported a similar object hovering in the same area.

A state police dispatcher employed at the Blue Mountain Control Center said more than 25 reports of "strange objects in the sky" were reported to the Center on March 20. Bushkill Township Police Chief Harold Kostenbader reported seeing three objects himself about 9:15 p.m. while patrolling along Route 512.

On March 21 residents of Phillipsburg, including a local police sergeant, reported an "oval-shaped object maneuvering a-
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NICAP Unveils New Plan for Investigators

After three years of planning and preparation, NICAP has begun implementation of a new program to expand and improve its nationwide system of field investigators. The new system replaces the original network of local investigative units, which were formed in the early days of NICAP and have played an important part in development of NICAP's growing research effort.

The new system, utilizing the best features of the existing network, is based on discrete geographical areas covered by individual representatives called Regional Investigators. Each Investigator has complete responsibility for activities in his area, including assignment of assistant personnel. Investigators report directly to headquarters and coordinate their work with other Investigators in their general region.

To support this new system, NICAP is developing a comprehensive Investigator's Manual, which will provide detailed guidelines on how to conduct UFO investigations and related research. A new Investigator's Identification Card has also been designed, along with data forms, stationery, and other materials. Regional training classes for Investigators will be introduced as soon as time and funds permit.

Applications are now being accepted from NICAP members for Regional Investigator. Investigators are chosen for their ability to understand and use scientific methods of investigation, and for their general educational and occupational backgrounds. The minimum requirements are as follows:

1. You must be an active NICAP member.
2. You must be at least 25 years old.
3. You should have formal training or experience in some branch of science, or other specialized background applicable to systematic collection of information.
4. You should be able to cover an area at least 50 miles in diameter or one hour of driving time.

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Portland Residents Spot UFO

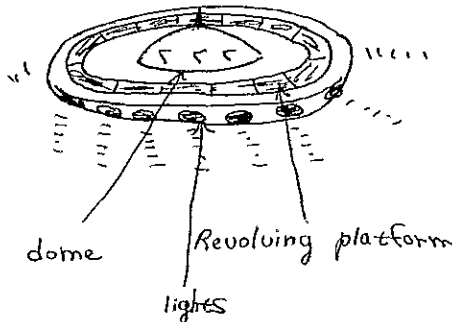
Four adult residents of Portland, Ore. claim they watched a strangely-shaped object maneuver overhead for approximately two minutes on the night of Feb. 23, 1973.

According to one of the witnesses, 23-year-old Jay Henkelman of Portland, the UFO was first sighted approximately one-half mile away, and then moved slowly closer "in an arc direction across the front of the residence I was at."

The witnesses estimated the speed of the object at approximately 30 to 40 miles per hour as it moved across the sky. Henkelman claimed the "craft" was at an altitude of approximately 300 feet as it passed over their location.

"The general shape of the craft was like a 'saucer.' Its height was approximately one-quarter its diameter. The

craft was flying so low and close that it proved itself to be massive in its size...I couldn't even make an educated guess at its size."



Sketch of UFO as drawn by one of the witnesses.

Missouri UFO Still on Scene

The "shy UFO" has again been reported in Piedmont, Mo.

Dozens of residents of this small valley town located in southeastern Missouri are demanding an explanation to the light or lights they have been observing sporadically for more than two months. (See *UFO Investigator*, April 1973.)

Since the first sighting on Feb. 21, 1973, the number of citizens who have spotted one or more bright, multicolored lights hovering, looping, or passing swiftly overhead continues to grow.

More than 25 "multiple-witness sightings" have been recorded, with one of them occurring during daylight outside of Piedmont. Two students at Southeast Missouri State College claim they were driving toward the town on March 22 at 4:30 p.m. when they spotted an object glistening in the sun. According to the students, it was metallic in color, moved rapidly, and had an oval-shaped bottom.

Other Piedmont residents say they have seen an object "about 30 feet in diameter."

Dennis Keeney, a radio station announcer for KPWB, said he was driving his car one evening in March when "the thing appeared right in front of me. I stopped the car in the middle of the road. It appeared to have a tripod on top that spinned. The lights were like an electric welding torch."

Keeney said he was able to snap a Polaroid picture of the object, but the print showed only a small white ball with blue rings and a long hazy tail. Then the UFO "just went poof! I didn't even see it leave — it was just like a rocket," he exclaimed.

Teenagers Spot Glowing Sphere

Three Los Angeles area teenagers, while on an early morning trek along the beach at Point Dune, reported observing a "glowing sphere" for more than 15 minutes on March 23, 1973.

According to one of the witnesses, 18-year-old Joe Cavaretta, the men were walking up from the beach and were standing on a plateau looking over at the Santa Monica Mountains when, "All of a sudden we noticed this light, a kind of shining yellowish light — like a big headlight on a car — just hanging there in the sky about at the mouth of the canyon.

"It was sphere-shaped and just staying there, not moving. We watched for maybe 15 minutes...Then it started to move. You could hear the sound of low-pitched jet engines, not really revved up — just a sort of whoosing sound."

Cavaretta said the object moved slowly (See *Teenagers*, Page 4)

UFO Hovers Over Power Station

An operations engineer for the Central Illinois Public Service Company claims he observed an oval-shaped object with pulsating red lights hovering over the company's 66,000-volt transformer yards at Grand Tower, Ill., on March 22, 1973.

Oscar Wills, an employee of Central Illinois for 30 years, said he was on night duty at the power station when he received a phone call from Willis Hughes, a fellow employee who lives nearby. Hughes, according to Wills, told him to check on something that was hovering over the transformer yard.

Wills said he saw the object as soon as

Residents Report UFOs Over Rhode Island

Wood River Junction, R. I., is in the midst of a UFO flurry. Day after day, week after week, the number of residents who claim they have seen a "huge bright white light," moving slowly above their community, continues to grow (see *UFO Investigator*, March 1973).

More than 250 people have reportedly seen the object since it was first sighted in early February. The UFO has been observed by many residents hovering soundlessly at tree-top level for minutes at a time before disappearing. Many have claimed the object is huge, with estimates ranging from "bigger than a car" to "one-half the size of a house."

UFOs Seen Near Nuclear Plant

A number of the sightings, according to local reports, have occurred near the United Nuclear Corp. plant, located nearby. United Nuclear operates a waste reclamation plant. Witnesses to these sightings have reported observing what appear to be military aircraft searching or patrolling the area following UFO sightings.

Thomas Gariepy, a reporter for the *Providence Evening Bulletin*, is among those residents who have observed a UFO in recent months. Gariepy claims he "saw a bright white light surrounded by numerous flashing red lights" flying slowly northeast on March 12. Viewing the object through field glasses, the reporter said the object emitted no noise and appeared to circle around and head back to the southwest.

The pattern and configuration of the lights did not resemble that of a helicopter, according to Gariepy. A spokesman at nearby Quonset Point Naval Air Station said no Navy helicopters had been in the area at the time of the sighting.

he reached the door. "I walked about 200 yards to the transformer yard and got almost to it before it (the object) moved away. It went right over me. It was about 1,500 feet up and was making no sound."

Wills estimated the object was about 25 feet in diameter. He said it went over the plant and moved away. According to Wills, when he saw the object again it was hovering over a water intake pump for about five minutes, before he was forced inside to answer a phone call. When he returned, the object was no longer in sight.

STAR MAP ADDS TO HILL CONTROVERSY

The already complex case of Betty and Barney Hill (*UFO Investigator*, April 1972) has recently been injected with new controversy by an Ohio schoolteacher who has produced evidence she claims supports the Hills' reported abduction aboard a UFO.

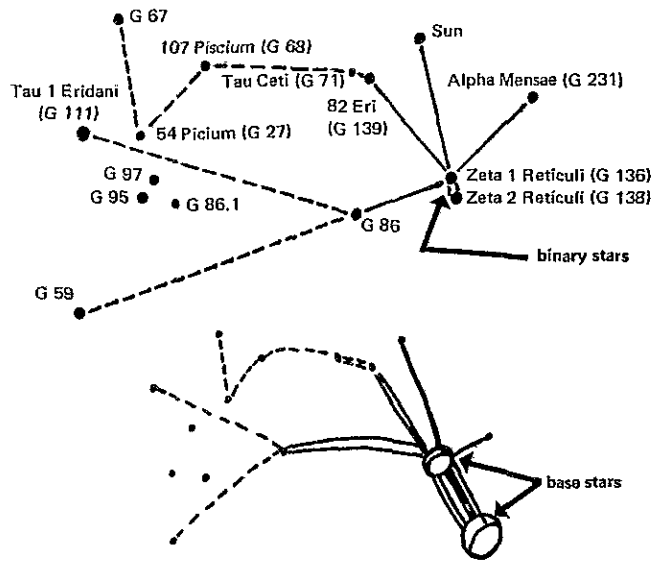
Ms. Marjorie K. Fish, a 40-year-old elementary teacher from Oak Harbor, Ohio, has constructed an astronomical chart that appears to match the star map shown to Betty Hill by one of her alleged abductors. The chart is based on 15 stars, all located within approximately 10 parsecs (33 light years) of Earth, including 12 major stars that seemingly form the same basic pattern in three-dimensional space as the 12 primary stars on the Hill map. Since there is no apparent way Betty Hill could have constructed her map to show known star distributions, the question arises whether coincidence alone is adequate to explain the map's similarity to the Fish chart.

Added support for Ms. Fish's claim comes from Dr. David Saunders, former member of the Colorado Project, who has used a computer to refine her data and develop a precise reproduction of the chart. Saunders's computations, though subject to further analysis, appear to confirm a correlation between the map and chart.

According to her account, Betty Hill saw the map when she asked one of her captors where he was from. Displaying the map, which rolled down like a window shade, he asked her if she understood enough astronomy to locate her sun on the map. When she said she did not, he declined to discuss the map further except to say it showed interstellar trade and exploration routes.

Using this slim information as her basis, Ms. Fish reasoned that an advanced civilization would most likely travel between stars similar to our own, i.e. those capable of supporting planets with some form of life. She further reasoned that stars close together would be visited first, to reduce the risks of long-distance travel. With these criteria, she selected certain types of stars (main sequence, K5 or brighter) and consulted standard astronomical catalogues for data on their positions in space. Using wire and small beads, she then devised three-dimensional models to show the actual spatial relationships of the stars she had selected.

Since the Hill map was supposed to show a portion of the galaxy as seen from a point deep in space, it was necessary for Ms. Fish to view her models from various perspectives on the chance a pattern would show up that conformed to the pattern in the Hill map. By build-
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Fish chart (top), based on recent astronomical data, shows same approximate arrangement of stars as Hill map (bottom). Two stars in lower right corner of chart are binary stars. They correspond with two prominent stars in Hill map called "base stars." If Hill story is true, humanoid pilots began their journey from planet orbiting one of binary stars, which are roughly 37 light years from Earth. G numbers assigned to stars in chart are taken from Gliese astronomical catalogue.

SIGHTING ADVISORY

Preliminary information on new reports. Details and evaluations will be published when available.

March 12, 1973 — Russelville, Ala. Three men camping out at Frog Pond in the western section of Franklin County claim a round white object traveling at an altitude of less than 500 feet moved slowly above their campsite. "I could have thrown a rock at it, I believe it was that close," said one of the men. The object was spotted at about 12:30 a.m. and was visible in the sky for two or three minutes before it disappeared, said the witnesses.

February 27, 1973 — Westwood, Mass. Two women and five children reported observing a "strange object" that moved slowly and silently in a wide circle over their town. The witnesses said they observed four white lights arranged in a kite-shaped pattern with a fainter, smaller red light located near the center. According to one of the adults, the forward light appeared brighter than the others. One of the youngsters said the UFO circled the town at least eight times very slowly at a height of "about five stories."

February 18, 1973 — Brunswick, Ga. A 13-year-old boy and his grandmother report they observed a slowly-moving circular object outlined by "bright white lights" pass over various homes in the neighborhood at an altitude varying from 10 to 60 feet before disappearing. The object, in view for approximately one minute, was described by the youth as approximately 25 feet in diameter. The UFO was spotted between 8:45 and 9:00 p.m., according to the witnesses.

January 25, 1973 — Jeannette-Norwin, Pa. Dozens of residents of central Westmoreland County reported observing formations of "very bright" round objects, orange in color, hovering over the area between 9 and 11 p.m. Some of the UFOs, according to early reports, were observed for more than ten minutes before disappearing. Other sightings of UFOs occurred in Greensburg, West Point, Carbon and Latrobe, Pa.

January 21, 1973 — Muhlenburg, Pa. "A huge light that circled the area, then remained motionless for an estimated three minutes" before disappearing was reportedly seen by numerous Muhlenburg residents. A similar object was reported in the same area approximately two months prior.



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CORRECTION

In Dr. Maruyama's recent review of *Chariots of the Gods?* (*UFO Investigator*, March 1973), an error occurred in the paragraph that discusses the relation of von Daniken's ethnocentrism to Greek logic. The section in question should have read: "In many nonhierarchical cultures, the basic form is a circle or group of circles. This stems from the nonhierarchical structure of their logic and may have nothing to do with astronomy."

NEW QUARTERLY IS PUBLISHED

The first issue of NICAP's new publication, *UFO Quarterly Review*, has been published and mailed to all subscribers whose orders were received by April 1. Members who subscribed in April will receive their first issue this month. The second issue is currently being prepared and will be published in July. Members who have not subscribed may still do so by sending \$5 with their name, address, and NICAP Registration Number to NICAP.

Teenagers

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out of the shadow of the mountains and turned right, heading directly for their vantage point. "As it turned, the shape changed to only a half-sphere and we could see a red light glowing in the rear of the thing," he said. "It came right out over the ocean toward Paradise Cove — sort of parallel to us — then it turned to face us and started coming down."

The glowing sphere dropped down until it was about 1,000 feet off the ground and turned toward them and stopped. "That's when the light flashed on and off twice," Cavaretta said. "It turned sideways again and just flashed across the bay at an incredible speed. You just wouldn't believe how fast it moved... in ten seconds it disappeared into the fog."

UFO Wave

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about the area. A similar report came the same night from residents of Riegelsville.

Two nights later, March 23, the UFOs — or at least reports of them — switched their focus to the Easton area where residents reported sighting a pair of objects with lights moving across the sky.

The most spectacular report in the current wave of sightings came on March 28

FEEDBACK/Readers write

Dear Editor:

A great many reports of UFOs include effects on electrical systems, particularly those of automobiles.

If we assume that the UFO can, in some way, influence magnetic permeability, then these reports become less implausible. Possibly their propulsion or power generation methods involve control or manipulation of the permeability of magnetic materials.

If the permeability were decreased or eliminated in a magnetic material, then relays and solenoids would no longer work and no longer hold in their magnetic engaged position. Likewise, transformers would become less efficient or fail to transmit energy to their secondary circuits.

An automotive spark coil is a transformer; light circuits are often held in by relays; and electric starters contain a solenoid. However, if the permeability of a transformer were to be eliminated, the input would see only the coil primary resistance and would likely result in a burnout, unless a relay had dropped open somewhere in the system. A detailed analysis of the theory involved in the instance of a specific car might be enlightening.

We know considerable about the mathematics involved in permeable circuits, but very little about the actual physical mechanism of the process. Possibly an advanced technology might have a somewhat better understanding.

Sincerely,

George F. Forbes
Mission Hills, Ca.

when a husband and wife living in a rural area of Berks County claimed they were awakened around 1:30 a.m. by a "rumbling noise followed by a screeching sound."

According to the couple, they went to the window of their home and observed an object which appeared to be hovering or sitting on a hill near the house. The couple and their eight-year-old son watched the object for about 20 minutes. At one point, they said, they could see what appeared to be a figure moving about inside.

"It was a black figure...like a stick figure, only thicker,...it was bending over and moving about...we were frightened and fascinated at the same time," the wife said. The husband called the local police to report the incident, but by the time the officers arrived the object had vanished.

Investigators

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5. You cannot be engaged as a representative or investigator for another UFO group. (You may be a member of another group.)

Members interested in applying for Investigator status may obtain the necessary forms by writing or calling NICAP headquarters. When requesting forms, please do not send resumes or background information. All Investigators are required to sign a formal agreement certifying they will follow NICAP guidelines and exercise good judgment in the use of NICAP's name.

Members who meet the requirements for Regional Investigator but do not wish to become one may request that their names be referred to the Investigator in their area as potential assistants. Assistants will not be authorized as official investigators but will be provided letters of introduction for specific assignments.

In certain areas where former NICAP Subcommittees were active, Regional Investigators have already been assigned.

Star Map

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ing more sophisticated models and using constantly updated information on star locations, she finally came upon the arrangement of stars shown in her chart.

The project took six years to complete, beginning in November 1966 and continuing until late last year.

Ms. Fish has submitted her chart to the *National Enquirer's* UFO Panel, which is offering a \$50,000 award for proof of UFO reality and a \$5,000 award for evidence judged most scientifically valuable to the study of UFOs. The Panel is expected to announce its decision this month. The Fish chart and the Delphos, Kansas, landing report (*UFO Investigator*, September 1972) are considered strong contenders for the \$5,000 prize.

NICAP plans to publish an analysis of the chart, possibly in *UFO Quarterly Review*. Since many assumptions were made in constructing the chart, each premise must be examined before Ms. Fish's claims can be evaluated. Psychologists, for example, are likely to question the reliability of Betty Hill's map, which she drew in 1964 (two and a half years after the reported encounter) under posthypnotic suggestion. Even if her memory is accurate, it is not certain that the map she supposedly saw was scaled to show actual relative distances between stars. Ms. Fish's chart assumes these distances were shown.