

Vancouver "Flying Saucer"

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Royal Canadian Air Force,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,

This letter is to inform you of a happening last Sunday, February 26th, which I witnessed along with two other people. Recent reports in the press about these so-called "flying saucers" have in the main left me very skeptical of some people's judgement. I have hitherto sided with the belief that it was a case of mass hysteria or some such thing. I strongly believe that for every effect there is a cause, and that nothing is "supernatural" or occult. There is a reason for everything even though the explanation may not be presently discoverable. I trust you gather from the above remarks that what I shall say following is not a wild flight of fancy but is submitted after deliberate consideration.

I was in the back yard of the house at the above address on Sunday afternoon at about 1445 hrs., when out of the eastern sky there appeared a whitish object with a burnished bronze tint to it. It came quite quickly, then over time slowed down. I ran in to get my glasses (only 3.5 power binoculars) and held them pointed at the object for what I believe to be close to two minutes. I then went into the lane to get a better view as some trees next door were interfering. I picked it up again and noticed it to gain speed as it went west toward Vancouver Island. I should judge that it went in the direction to cross the Island south of Parksville. So much for the route and initial appearance.

In the glasses I saw that the thing was oscillating on a central axis. It was in the shape of what one might describe as two wide-edged cigarette ash trays placed face to face. The bowl parts forming the body and the edges forming an equatorial ring. A point placed on the ring would by the oscillations have described a slightly flattened Sine curve. You see the axis went through the very centre, perpendicular to the equator.

As to the altitude, I cannot say much. I am used to seeing aircraft flying at various heights, but the two private craft in the sky at the time were comparatively low at the time and did not form a good frame of reference. Judging by these planes and from what I know of high-flying craft, I should say that the object was of enormous proportion and flying very high, perhaps

The speed is as hard to judge, also having no adequate comparison. It must have been great as it crossed the sky (clear at the time by the way) from an angle (about 40 degrees) in the east to the west (at last sight angle 30 degree) in a matter of about three minutes and a half altogether.

During a couple of the oscillations I noticed a light ridge in the middle of the thing indicating something in the nature of a cupola or dome. This may have been illusory because of the flashing in the sunlight as the oscillations occurred.

The above is about all that I can give you on it. It was also witnessed by two of the people who live here, though there was not enough time for them to take the glasses as well as well as myself.

Should you find any interest or value in this description I should be interested to know, always of course, subject to the rules, and conditions of security. Should I be able to give you any further information you might desire I will be very happy to do so.

Yours very truly and to Command,
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