

More Vancouver Island Sightings

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A fiery object that "dripped sparks and took off straight up" was watched for two minutes by a Duncan woman as it appeared over the Strait of Georgia Tuesday night. (6 January 1970).

Mrs. G. C. Drinnen said she was looking out her large plate glass window in her home at 11:15 p m. when the red object appeared at a high distance from the direction of the B.C. mainland.

She said it was not a lane but speculated it might have been part of a meteorite or satellite re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

"The only thing was it hovered for a while and then went straight up instead of down which is what I would have expected it to do. It revolved towards the island in a counter-clockwise direction and dripped sparks."

It had no definable shape and seemed darker on one side than another, she said. (23:)

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Another UFO reportedly visited Duncan and the eight-minute sighting Tuesday night (6 January 1970) was made by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Stanley-Jones of Richards

Trail, Duncan.

It was a crisp clear night when Mr. and Mrs. Stanley-Jones left their business in downtown shortly before 11 p.m. to go home.

We got out of the car and we saw this bright yellow-orange object at between 500 and 1,000 feet above the ground. It looked like a disc and was about two inches in diameter.

"I looked at my watch. It was three minutes after 11 p.m. Without emitting any sound it moved over Lakes Road hill. It did not move very fast, almost like a car driven down Lakes Road. When it reached the bridge at the bottom of the hill it stopped briefly, turned at right angle and flew right over the town. When it was about above the centre of town it stopped again and we watched it just hanging there for a while.

"Then it moved off due west more rapidly." Mr. Stanley-Jones and.

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"Fire-balls" ejected from an unidentified flying object, which hovered over the Maple Bay and Crofton area last week, could mark the return of the "beepers", Vern Stanley-Jones, president of the Cowichan-Chemainus UFO Club advocated Monday.

He, his wife and several other people in the area witnessed a large bright yellow-orange craft cruising over the area Tuesday night, Jan. 6, 1970.

Many of the individual reports made to Stanley-Jones substantiated his theory - that the vehicle appeared to drop off a number of "fire balls or sparks" as it continued on a northerly course from Genoa Bay towards Crofton.

About 8:30 p.m. that same night, another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur "Buzz" LeQuesne, Arbutus Avenue, Maple Bay, were travelling south past the Maple Bay Yacht Club, when they spotted a similar type of craft over Birds Eye Cove.

"We stopped the car and got out."

Mrs. LeQuesne, who claimed she didn't believe in UFOs, said the bright orange ball was about 2,000 feet high, and was maneuvering in a counter clockwise direction. They heard no sound.

"It dropped three fireballs and at first we thought it was a plane exploding. It remained stationary for about five minutes and then disappeared.

"I think it was someone trying to be funny and I won't believe in UFOs until they land in front of me," Mrs. LeQuesne added.

About the same time, Mrs. Kay Clinchens, Maple Bay, reported witnessing the bright orange object after she went outside to move her car.

"I thought it was too large to be a star and it was stationary."

She said she watched a large red or blue light which hovered over Maple Mountain.

"I watched the light on and off through binoculars until 10 p.m." Mrs. Merrill said when she first sighted the light she told her son, Leslie, 11, that she was star gazing and handed him the glasses.

"Leslie looked and then told me it couldn't be a star because they don't move and hop around like that."

She said the round object could have had a silver surface. Mrs. Merrill said the object maneuvered back and forth and it appeared that flames or sparks were shooting out. (30:)

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