

Invited to Go Aboard?

Shawnigan Lake, YT - December 1970

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Car-tracking UFOs are by no means new in the record book but, curiously, a few weeks after we returned home to Duncan on Vancouver Island, we received a phone call reporting a sighting similar to the Banff incident in several notable details. There was no chance that the second report was copied from the first because our Banff material was still on tape and had been discussed with no one.

The person involved in the second case was William Bishop, a salesman living at Shawnigan Lake, a few miles south of Duncan. He explained that the day before his call he had started out early to work - 5:30 a.m. – because he had a long drive up-island ahead of him. The first brief part of his trip took him along a side-road connecting Shawnigan Lake with the main highway.

"I hadn't gone far when a brilliant white light came down over the trees and moved slowly along the road about 50 feet in front of me as if it wanted me to stop or was trying to get me to do something. I slowed right down so I was barely rolling. We went along like that for a while. Then suddenly it shot away over the trees to the right and I thought it had gone - at least I hoped it had - but it came back again and stayed along beside me, just above the trees, for a couple of miles or so. I tried shaking it by changing speed but it stayed right with me. Finally, when I was close to Mill Bay (connecting point on the highway), it took off and disappeared. By that time I was in a real sweat."

Already we were struck by the similarity of this UFO's behavior to that of the self-appointed escort two years before at Banff but unwittingly Bishop provided another matching detail when asked what the object looked like.

"It had a diamond shape," he said.

While Bishop's reported object sounded smaller than the Banff visitor, he admitted the same difficulty in estimating size because of its brightness.

There is another piece in the matching pattern of the two cases which may be merely coincidental but at least deserves a mention. Bishop's sighting (which he reported to police) was also in December - about a week short of two years after the action at Banff.

That did not quite end the December story. Within two or three nights of Bishop's experience, Art Gillam of Duncan was awakened by a brilliant light shining through his bedroom window. Peering out, he saw a glowing object "about four feet in diameter" 200 feet or so from his house. Having witnessed another UFO on an eventful occasion New Year's day, 1970, that started when Duncan nurses had a spectacular sighting outside the local hospital (vol. 1, no. 7), Gillam had vowed he would have a camera ready next time. Now the camera was in his room and he had a couple of seconds to take careful aim before the light flashed from sight.

"I'm sure I got a good shot of it," he said.

But in this case the UFO had the last word. The print returned to him was blank.

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