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**UFO Sightings Increase Across the State of Missouri**

The Missouri chapter of the Mutual UFO Network has received 54 UFO sighting reports over the past three months across the state.

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Multiple witnesses describe orbs or balls of light, and different shaped objects in the skies over the Lake of the Ozarks, St. Louis, and many other locations across the state of Missouri from west to east. The shapes of the objects vary from blimps, spheres, discs, oval, triangular and rectangular. The balls of light are described as bright white or orange or yellow fireballs.

On August 2, 2016 a witness captured cell phone video of a strange large pulsating light above the St. Louis Arch. The light was also captured by a surveillance video camera as reported on Fox 2 Now in St. Louis and the Huffington Post. This case is being covered heavily in the media due to the photographic evidence. This case is being investigated by Chief Investigator Joe Palermo.

A witness in Belle, Missouri reported that he, his family and neighbors have observed multiple unidentified objects in the skies directly over their house during the past several months. The witnesses have observed white balls of light, a large disk shaped dark object at tree-top level with beams of light coming from it that did not appear to hit the ground. On February 2, 2016 the witness was able to capture several images of a cigar shaped object in the sky above his house while he and a neighbor worked on a vehicle. The object traveled west to east and produced no sound. He has had trouble with the electrical system and car battery since these events. The witnesses continue to see UFOs almost nightly, depending on the weather. The primary witness said that many more people in the area have also seen unidentified objects but have not filed reports.

Several witnesses near Laurie, Missouri report seeing unidentified aerial objects over the past 16 weeks as well as an entity, which climbed a tree and entered a hovering craft. The first object one witness noticed was a bright ball of light in the trees. The ball of light moved out of the trees and stopped just 20' from the witness. Curious, one witness attempted to take picture with his cell phone, but when the flash went off, the object shot straight up in the air and stopped, then started flashing blue and red, then moved quickly further away and stopped again. It disappeared shortly after. Since that incident, the man and his wife and neighbors have seen many different types and shapes of objects in the skies. Most are a dark grey color, some are white, and others are a round disk shape with square block shapes on the bottom. Some have a jet like sound, others produce no sound at all and seem to have no propulsion system. In one case the UFO looked like lightening. The witness called Whiteman Air Force Base to report his sightings because it seemed that the objects were starting to get hostile. One chased him as he drove down the road and he became very afraid that something would happen. Whiteman AFB referred the witness to MUFON. These cases are being investigated by Assistant State Director Margie Kay.

Low-flying white balls of light a large triangular shaped craft, and a round craft with a row of lights around the center were reported in Sunrise Beach, Missouri in June. None of the objects created a sound or emissions. Kansas City Section Director Jean Walker is working on this case.

On May 3, 2016 a witness captured photos of a large UFO hovering over a Cardinals game, as reported in UFO Sightings Daily.

During the month of July, 2016 Missouri MUFON received 29 case file reports with multiple witnesses seeing strange unexplained objects. Missouri has been a hot bed of UFO activity for many years, but since October of 2011 more reports have been filed than in previous years. Missouri MUFON encourages witnesses to file their UFO report and any photos obtained at www.missourimufon.org. An investigator will contact witnesses.

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