

MAY 15, 1971 – PASSAPATANZY WEST VIRGINIA

On May 15, 1971, at 10:00 pm, Michael Darr, aged 15, was on his way home after camping out with two other boys. His friends had left him for many minutes. While alone, crossing a grassy field which was wet from the rain that had fallen, he saw a bright circular craft slowly approaching at low altitude, passing over some high-tension wires that crossed the field. Michael crouched down in some tall grass as the object landed, with a bounce, 100 feet away. The object was of silver color and "higher than it was wide", it had a "walkway" that ran around its circumference, and red and white revolving lights on the top. It emitted a humming noise.

A door "came down", out of which emerged a "creature, powerful huge", who was hunched over, had long arms, and wore shiny, light reflecting clothing. The figure was holding a glowing box or sphere in one hand. It walked in a "stiff legged, bouncing" motion, and approached the grass where Michael was hiding; the frightened boy sent his dog on the figure. At some point the boy blacked out. One version indicates that the figure went back in the object; which took off few minutes later. Michael's companions returned a short time later and found him still in the grass, moaning and very frightened, acting confused, and his friends helped him get home. The dog was gone, but returned a day or so later. At the site the next day, there were seven holes in the ground, 2.5 inches wide at the top and a foot deep.

Two days later, Michael, his brother and his sister saw a bright disc-shaped object, which had chased his sisters in a car as they drove up the long driveway of their house. That incident provoked car stopping, permanent damage to a radio and effects on a TV, and the police got involved.



Sketch of the incident



The site of the incident today

**Reliability evaluation:
medium**

**one witness only, some reserves on children's statement,
possible experimental craft with occupant**

