

FEBRUARY 14, 1981 – GREENSBURG PENNSYLVANIA

From Post Gazette, Pittsburgh, PA, dated Nov. 17, 1981 by Peter Leo:

UFO Devotee is Not Alone

UFOs have been reported in unusual numbers in the Pittsburgh area over the past few weeks. I'm not sure what this means, but if they had any manners at all. these flying objects would identify themselves and explain why intelligent life would be visiting Pittsburgh this time of year instead of Honolulu. Then again. IFOs are no fun compared to UFOs. That's the way Diane Enion sees it. Neither believer nor non-believer, this 34-year-old housewife and free-lance writer is simply someone who thinks UFOs deserve serious consideration on the chance they might establish proof that we're not alone in the universe. This sensible, scientific point of view puts her ahead of closed-minded scientists who dismiss UFOs as demonstrating nothing more significant than the fallibility of human observation. She has never seen a UFO herself. She has seen many an odd-looking thing aloft over the county airport near her home in Brentwood, but. alas, every single one has had an earthly explanation. But she's hooked on the unexplained. Which explains her interest in magic, haunted houses, cemetery sittings. And explains why she will leave baby, husband, and home in the dead of night to investigate a UFO sighting Diane Enion is a member of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, a group of scientists and laymen who believe we'll never get to the bottom of all this if we don't gather

information on unusual airborne sightings. When people call the Buhl Planetarium or the police with UFO reports, they invariably are referred to the center, which sends out investigators like Diane Enion as fast as it can to interview the spotters. Her most recent case came a couple of weeks ago when some people at the U.S. Steel Duquesne Works spotted an unusual object hanging over the Mon River about the time of a 15-minute power failure. It was probably not a Japanese spy satellite trying to steal steelmaking secrets, but beyond that Diane Enion can't say what it was. The call was one of 30 to 35 in the last month or so. Many can be chalked up to the full moon and unusually clear skies. Several people have sworn that what turned out to be Venus was a UFO headed their way. "Ninety percent of anything that comes in can be identified right away," she says, "but the 10 percent — this is what we're fighting for. to find out what they are. That's why we need people to call us." The most dramatic sighting of late came a week ago last Sunday when a family in Regent Square reported a low-flying formation of strange objects heading over Frick Park. Several days later, it came to the center's attention that a 17-year-old youth from Dorseyville had seen a similar formation about a half hour before the Regent Square sighting, crossing the Allegheny, heading in the direction of Regent Square. The youth had had a closer encounter. He saw eight objects in line formation while driving on Route 910 and stopped for a prolonged gaze. After a few minutes, he got back in the car and drove on. A mile up the road, he saw a gigantic triangular object, white lights at each tip, hovering over his car about 500 feet up. Underneath was a spinning red light. In the center of the red light there appeared to be a blue beam light.

He said the object made a low, rumbling noise like the sound of distant thunder. He watched it for a minute, then, becoming edgy because the UFO seemed particularly interested in him. he drove home. Anybody who saw the same thing or, for that matter, anything else interesting, should call the center (863-3874) immediately upon completing this column. Don't a lot of crazies call? Actually, quite the opposite, says Diane Enion, who's been collecting information on UFOs since age 18. People are hesitant to come forth for fear they will be thought nutty. That was the case with the youth from Dorseyville, whose friends greeted his tale with guffaws. "The problem is most people don't believe unless they see one themselves," says Diane Enion. "And even then they don't believe."

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Another source:

From The Tribune-Democrat dated April 17, 1981, by James W. Siehl:

Greensburg UFO Scare Detailed

A bizarre tale of a close encounter Feb. 14 in Greensburg highlights the current issue of "Researcher," a quarterly publication of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research. Diane Enion of Pittsburgh, a volunteer staff member of the Pennsylvania Center and editor of "Researcher," reported that a 17-year-old young woman had been babysitting at a neighbor's house in Greensburg. She had spent the evening watching television and at 1 a.m. had walked into an enclosed front porch to look out a window, hoping to see her husband going to work. After several minutes, she glanced toward the sky and

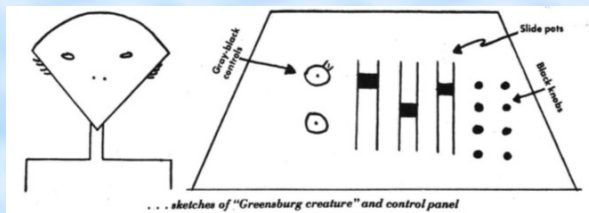
observed an object at housetop level no more than 50 feet away hovering silently with three white lights forming the points of an equilateral triangle. Her impression was that the object was triangular and made from a dart-colored metal. The light closest to the witness was much brighter than the rear ones, and just above it was a transparent window. To the left and right of the front pane, separated by thin metallic-like partitions, were two windows that wrapped around the sides of the craft. A very dull white light, similar to a flashlight beam, extended from the bottom to the ground. The witness, Mrs Enion related, told of seeing the light slowly drop until it reached the street. The woman, according to Mrs. Enion, could look directly into the craft through the front window, where she observed two humanoid creatures. The witness described them as having "very large beads, oriental-like eyes, gill-like ears and two boles instead of a nose." One creature appeared to be sitting and the other standing behind an instrument panel. The panel was white. The entire scene appeared to be illuminated by a white light. Only the head and hands of the sedentary creature were visible as it operated several controls resembling slide potentiometers, an instrument for measuring, comparing or controlling electrical potentials. The panel also contained groups of black and grayish-black circular controls. The other humanoid was visible from the waist up and was not wearing a shirt. It had a long, thin neck, broad shoulders, smooth white skin and normal-looking arms, the report continued. The standing creature was extending its arms back and forth across a section of the instrument panel that had no controls. It stared at the witness with pupilless white eyes. According to Mrs. Enion, the witness was unable to recall the hands or mouth of

either occupant. The young woman at first was spellbound by the strange phenomenon. She felt compelled to stand on the porch and watch for approximately 15 minutes before she reluctantly went back into the living room. At that time, she was extremely nervous and sat there for several minutes. The television set emitted a buzzing noise and went black. Simultaneously, the only light in the living room also went out. Mrs. Enion reported that the witness became increasingly apprehensive. She hurried into the kitchen and telephoned her parents to come for her and the young boy under her care. According to the witness, her father arrived at 2:50 – but not in time to support his daughter's testimony. The mysterious object no longer was there. When the witness' neighbor returned home, she found that the TV set was operating normally, but she had to replace the bulb in the living room light that had gone out. Through the state police, the witness obtained the telephone number for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research. Mrs. Enion and another field investigator interviewed the witness the following day. Mrs. Enion said the young woman appeared to be honest and reliable with no apparent motive for creating a UFO hoax. Mrs. Enion said the witness admittedly received some ridicule over the incident but clings to her story, and still is frightened when she thinks back on the experience. During the interview, Mrs. Enion said she was troubled by the young woman's recall inconsistencies. She was able to remember some details vividly but others not at all. As an example, the investigator said she could not say whether the object approached from a distance or was there when she originally looked out the window.

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"It is difficult to understand how a craft with such a bright light could have hovered at that distance without her seeing it for three minutes," Mrs. Enion said. "She also appears to be confused about the time that elapsed during and after the incident."

There have been no other reports of witnesses to the sighting, Mrs. Enion said. The Pennsylvania Center officially is listing the case as an unknown incident, hoping that other witnesses will emerge.



*Mrs. Diane Enion (left) with two witnesses
as field investigator to another Pennsylvania case*

Reliability evaluation:

low

**one witness only, possible confusion with a helicopter,
no additional witnesses, hoax cannot be excluded**

