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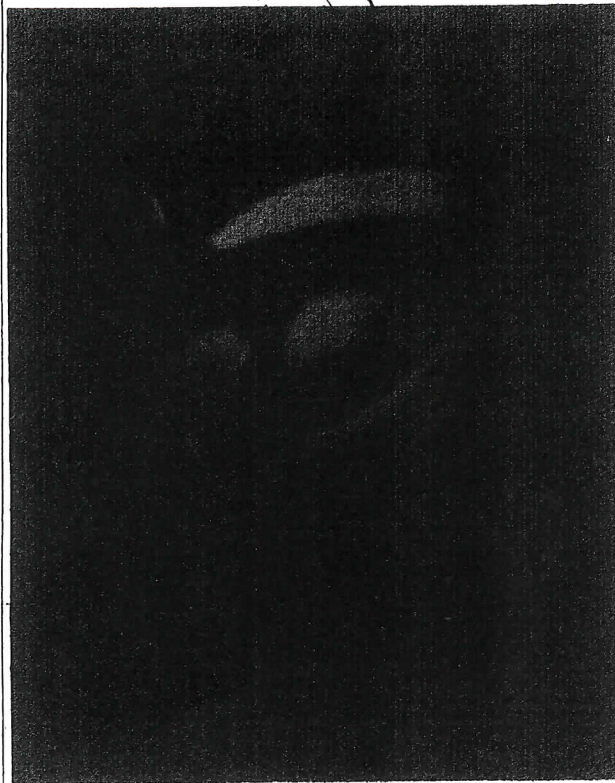
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Rare Saucer Photograph

The picture above is believed to be the first night color photograph of an unidentified flying object, commonly called a flying saucer. The picture, showing a clearly-defined yellow, blue and whitish egg-shaped object in the sky, was shot by Alan Smith, 14-year-old Tulsa boy, Aug. 2 when a rash of flying objects were reported over Oklahoma skies. Alan, his father, sister and neighbor pal were watching the object when Alan shot the one exposure on an official Boy Scout camera (620) with Kodacolor X high speed film. (Copyright 1965 by The Oklahoma Journal Publishing Co.)

'Saucer' You Can Help Sighted

TEXARKANA, Ark. (Staff)

—A red, yellow and blue object which "seemed to alternate colors" has been spotted here by two local women.

A sighting Friday that lasted nearly one minute was reported by Mrs. J. E. Magee and her sister, Mrs. Lucille Paul. "It was about one-third as large as the sun," Mrs. Magee said.

The single report was the first since an epidemic of sightings plagued the area in August, according to the editor of the Texarkana Gazette.

Here's how you can help solve the flying saucer riddle in the United States:

1. If you have a camera, keep it loaded with color film. If you see an unidentified flying object in the sky, shoot a picture and you may have the second known color photo of a flying saucer.
2. If you don't have a camera and see a UFO, call the Journal immediately and give our professional photographers an opportunity to make the picture.
3. If you have already seen UFO, please send us complete details in a letter, giving time of sighting, description and all details. The information, with your permission, will be sent to proper authorities for evaluation. Send to The Oklahoma Journal, UFO Research, 7430 SE 15, Oklahoma City, Okla.

First Night Color Shot Of Flying Saucer Bared

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At approximately 1:45 a.m. on August 2, Alan Smith, 14, standing in the back yard of his Tulsa home, pointed his small camera toward the darkened sky and clicked the shutter.

The image he recorded on the color negative may become the most famous photograph of our age.

Young Smith was sighting his camera at an unidentified flying object in the sky. He and his father had observed the UFOs August 1 and this night were prepared.

The image he got is believed to be the first night color picture of what is commonly called a flying saucer. The picture is eerie. The consequences of the one-in-a-million shot are far-reaching.

The negative shows a yellow, blue and whitish egg-shaped object, clearly defined in the sky. Protruding from the object are three tiny fingers which many have speculated may be the propulsion system. They could have been something else.

The picture was taken on a night when a rash of UFO's were sighted in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Norman and other points throughout the southwest.

These were explained away by the Air Force as reflections and even airplanes moving in the sky.

Smith's picture resembles none of these. This is how he describes the events leading up to the picture:

"The first night it came over fairly low, but so fast that it just looked like a bright light—about 25 times the size of a star—moving from north to south.

"There had been a rash of sightings of unexplained objects for a week in Oklahoma—particularly in Tulsa—but this was the closest UFO that my family had ever seen."

Alan said the second night he and his family were ready. He had loaded his official Boy Scout camera (620) with Kodacolor X high speed film. "This time it moved from

west to east. From my back yard, it looked to be the size of a basketball or soccer ball.

"It again appeared as a ball of light, but moved slower than it did the first night. It was changing color from white, to red to blue-green. It's light pulsed with a high whining sound emitting from it. As the sound grew louder, the light was brighter. It gave us the creeps."

Five persons in the immediate vicinity saw the object that second night.

They included Alan; his father, A. L. Smith, 43, a turbine engine inspector for American Airlines in Tulsa;

his sister, Sheryl Holt, 18; Sheryl's husband, Ron Holt, 18, and a neighbor boy, Daryl Swimmer, 15. Alan's family lives at 4719 S. 29 W, Tulsa. The Swimmer family lives at 4721 S. 29 W.

Smith, his son and daughter and her husband and the neighbor youngster all gave the same basic description of the light in the sky but pointed out that it did not appear the same as it does in Alan's color picture.

"It was just a blob of light," his sister says. When it was almost directly overhead—about 11

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He said he looked up to the northeast (his convertible top was down) and described what he saw this way:

"The craft was in the area northeast of Norman. There was a quarter-plus moon and the comparative size of the craft was almost as big as the moon would have been were it full.

"I saw four or six lights that were blinking regularly in rhythm. . . . half of them were red and half were steady blue, green or blue

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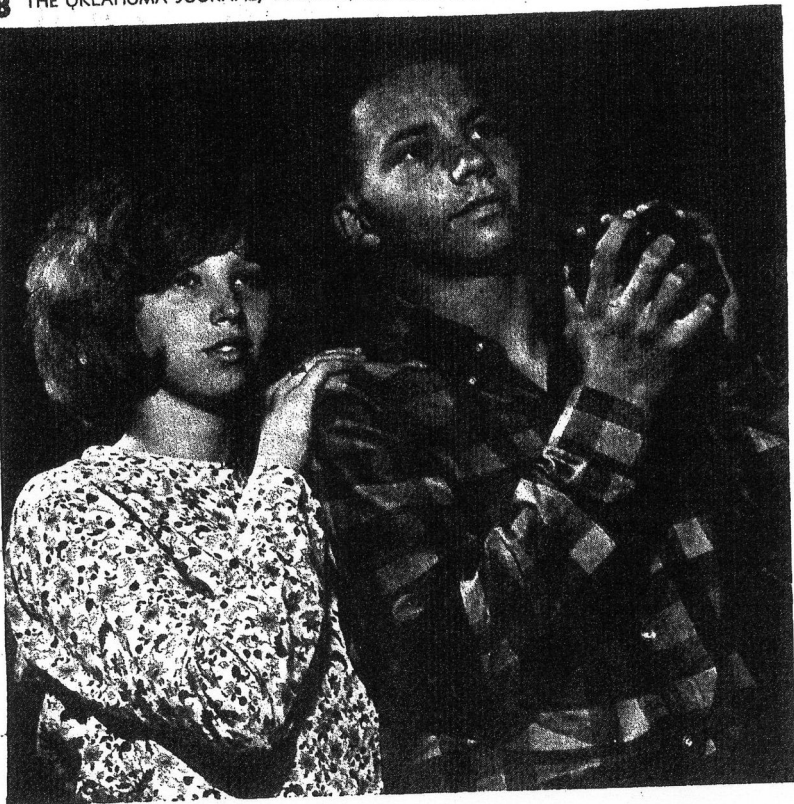
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"In the future, we ask anyone who sees a 'flying saucer' or object in the sky to call the Journal," they said. "We have trained photographers on duty around the clock and if you call, we may be able to shoot a picture of these reported objects."

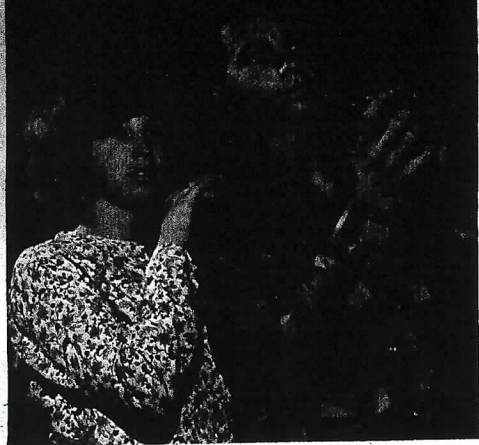
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Hayden Howe, director of Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The letter is from Ray C. Hall, public information officer, Oklahoma Civil Defense Agency, and describes what he saw the night of Aug. 2, 1965, the same night that a 14-year-old Tulsa boy shot a color picture of what is believed to be a flying saucer.

This is the letter:
OKLAHOMA CIVIL DEFENSE
Sequoyia-Will Rogers Building
Post Office Box 53665
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105
405 Jackson 8-4421
August 4, 1965

Life Beat

MARRIAGE LICENSES
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DIVORCES GRANTED
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Guest speaker...
Arts and Crafts...
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also studied at the...
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color.

Regular month...
First Unitarian...
Daniel Hall at the...
Guest speaker...
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Hostesses for...
Mrs. Martin Fulton...
Mrs. O. W. W...
Mrs. Udell Vi...

Double Talk...
home of Mrs. J...

I was traveling alone in my car with no one to verify this, but there were two cars ahead of me who were watching the same thing as I saw. The people at the hotel told me that the car windows in order to get a better view. I know that KNOX radio can verify this. The airplane they had broadcasted from the announcer who was watching from a telescope on the dome shape of the craft and estimated the size as 40 to 50 feet in diameter. This I cannot attest to.

However, above is what I saw without exaggeration or comment and interpretation.

I would be happy to discuss this with you or anyone else at my convenience should you so desire. I will further say that this object was too clear, too rhythmic and too complex to be an illusion or a scintillation.

My home mailing address is:
Ray C. Hall
Sequoyia-Will Rogers Building
Norman, Okla. 73