

Ashville - South Bloomfield, Ohio UFO Sighting

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16725 Hiawatha Ave

Ashville, Ohio 43103

6:00am Dark sky

Duration of sighting: Approx. 15 minutes

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As I began my trip to Columbus, Ohio to work, I was leaving from my subdivision (Walnut Heights), and had to come to a complete stop at a stop sign before pulling left out onto Cromley Road off of Cornstalk Ave. I noticed a light that I thought appeared to be an airplane very low in the sky heading in a southerly direction. It was low enough to be at or a bit lower than the darker tree line visible straight ahead of me across the farm field. Something that weirded me out was when it turned toward me; I hadn't gotten much sleep and was in a slap-happy condition so as I looked at it I said, "If you are a UFO, show me!" I can't remember if I flashed my headlights, but right at that moment, the object turned and started coming toward me. Since I was running late, I couldn't wait for it and had to proceed on northward on Cromley Road. As soon as I turned north, I lost vision of it. All along as I traveled, I kept looking out the windows to see if I could see it and I couldn't. After turning left onto on Rt 316 to go toward US23, I continued to search for it, but still didn't see it as I traveled west. By the time I was approaching US23 and South Bloomfield, I noticed the light directly ahead appearing to be on the west side of US23 at a height of about 100 to 150 ft. moving slowly in a northerly direction.

I noticed it slowly maneuver (too slow for ordinary craft except perhaps for helicopters) over to the gas station which is now a Speedway (can't remember when it went from Super America to being renamed Speedway) and appear to circle over it as though to check it out.

I pulled into the gas station since I needed gas and when I got out of my car, I saw it hovering almost directly overhead. As I looked, I could see a portion of the bottom of the craft between the two lights that were lit. It seemed funny that this one area was faintly lit. I can't remember if the colors of the two lights were white and green or white and red, but one was definitely white. As I think now of the distance between the lights, I estimate it as approximately 30 – 40 ft. The lights were so bright that the glare prevented me from seeing an actual shape of the object. To describe what I saw on the bottom of the craft between the lights, I want to compare to gray dull metallic looking plates similar to skid plates. There was a two-level appearance of the metal sheathing in the small area visible. I thought of it looking like a hatch of sorts where the two levels slid open, but know that could very well be my imagination.

I noticed the only sound that I could hear reminded me of a turbine engine whining. It wasn't a loud sound, but I heard no other sounds like that of the thumping of helicopter blades.

As I looked up and then down and around at the other people to see if they had noticed the object, I saw that all were oblivious to its presence. I found that extremely unusual, as in my mind, it should have had everyone's attention since it was still hovering at about 100 to 150 feet and producing the sound. I suppose in their scurrying around getting ready for the road to work, it could have been simply ignored. After about 3 or 4 minutes, the object once again started heading north. I decided to try to follow it and left out behind it and watched it for about a mile or so up the road. It then turned to a north-easterly direction and maintained that direction until I lost sight of it. It still appeared only as a couple of lights as it went.

The direction the object was appearing to be heading in the direction of Rickenbacker International Airport / Ohio Air National Guard/ Naval Reserve base. This is why I thought it might be an aircraft from there. In this case, it seems pretty strange that a planned flight would include where and how this craft flew.

The next morning, after seeing lights travel in a similar flight pattern (but not hovering) it reinforced my thinking it could be originating out of that base.

I wanted to report it due to the unusual "lack of normal sound" it was producing in order to hover as it did so close.

Someone mentioned Harrier jets as a possibility, but at the level if it was, I'd think it would have produced a much louder sound and I didn't feel any air movement that a jet or a helicopter would have produced at that level.

If there would be a way to check on flight records back then, it would be interesting to see what this craft might have been.

Another reason I'm reporting it is because of a couple of other sightings that had happened in the area of where I live with the Hagerty Road / US23 sighting in May 2014. I am wondering if someone else might have records of seeing something. Another sighting I heard of was also I believe along Hagerty Road as well, and not too long before the May sighting.

For what it's worth, I'm also going to mention something my wife had seen in a farm field next to our house a few years back. We didn't make out a report at the time. It was a very large round craft and she said that if it had landed it would have taken up quite a bit of the farm field with the field being estimated over 1000' long. It was round with lights under it. It was misty that morning as she took the dog out about 2:00am and saw the object. She said the lights around it would alternate between dim and the slowly brighten and then dim and brighten again over and over.

Another unusual sighting someone talked about to me was on January 9th 2005 at 6:45 p.m. when strange lights were seen over Ashville, Ohio. Near the community park a resident was out walking his dog when he saw

6 white/blue tinted lights appearing in the sky in a V formation. One light shot out of formation and then back in

at an angle very quickly. He estimated the sighting lasted about 5 seconds and the lights were about 2 to 3,000

foot altitude. He noticed the dogs in the neighborhood were barking very loudly at the time of this incident. The

sky was very clear at the time. There were no blinking lights connected to these lights. He considered this a

very extraordinary sighting. He has never had a UFO sighting before this night.

In my mind, the number of these sightings add up to something strange happening in this small 15 square mile

area so I want to see if it could be on record somewhere.