

Pilot Witnesses Golden Spheres in Formation over Adelaide, Sth Australia.

This incident occurred on June 6th 1997, over the beaches of Adelaide Sth Australia. A contact of mine had a close encounter with six pale gold objects when he was taking a friend on a 1 hour flight over Adelaide, Sth Australia. It was about 9 pm when pilot MM decided to show a friend Adelaide by night.

MM was at a height of 2000 ft and in controlled air space, when he saw the objects in front of him. "At first I thought they might be the lights of fishing boats in the Gulf, but one of them moved very quickly and I realized they were in the air with me", he said.

After initially interviewing MM, I took the same flight with the pilot two weeks after the encounter, to try and re - create his experience....I asked MM what happened next:

"I called Air Traffic Control to see if they had anything on their screens. I was told that my plane was the only image they had. The six lights were directly in front of me and moving towards the plane. At first they appeared to move to the side of the craft, as if they were going to let me through, but they held their position.

As I got closer I could not hear any noise from the objects, they also seemed to be at various heights but relatively close together".

During our flight I asked MM how long he had been a pilot. MM told me that he had been a private pilot for over twelve years. MM also mentioned when we were flying over Semaphore, an Adelaide beach, that a witness was also observing the event from the ground. MM told of reports made to the police by witnesses, that they observed the same pale gold lights which appeared to wait for each other to catch up, then move to the Piper Arrow.

I asked MM what speed he thought the objects were traveling at:

"Well, my plane was traveling at 200 mph and the lights seemed to be following me at the same speed."

Omega: "Could you estimate how large the objects were and did they move independently?"

MM: "The objects were about the size of a large car. I made a slight turn as the objects passed by, the Piper Arrow went right through the formation of objects."

Omega: "How close do you think the objects were from the plane?"

MM: "The spheres passed about twenty meters either side of my aircraft. They were silent and there wasn't any static from the radio."

Omega: "Was there any air displacement felt at that time?"

MM: "Normally when you pass an aircraft, you get wake turbulence but there was nothing, no hissing on the radio, nothing."

The pilot mentioned that, at the time he thought he would switch on his landing light to see if the craft was one large object or if they were indeed six separate objects. In his haste MM switched off all lights and was in total darkness. It was at that time the lights moved. MM said that one pale gold sphere was observed close to his right wing tip and the others moved below and behind the plane. I noticed that the plane did not have a back window, MM mentioned that because of this, he could not see the objects depart.

In his own words, "I was very concerned at the time because I was up here alone and I didn't want to hit any of the objects. I wasn't spooked at the time but after the incident I began to hear other related reports, it was then I was spooked."

Because no investigations were carried out by the ground control, no official explanation was made concerning the incident.

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