

THE FORT ST. JAMES SIGHTINGS

AN INVESTIGATION INTO KIRK ALORE'S ENCOUNTERS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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THE front page of Vol. 25, No. 9 March 1977 issue of the APRO Bulletin features a report by Michael Sinclair, APRO field investigator, of a possible Canadian abduction west of Prince George, British Columbia.

This interesting account induced a resolve to investigate further at the first opportunity. John Magor, editor of *Canadian UFO Report*, received a news item by reporter Shelley Hallock of the *Caledonia Courier* of the same incident which aroused the same desire to learn more details. Accordingly we travelled together with our wives, Lillian and Yvonne, to Fort St. James and on October 19, 1977 taped the following interview:—

"My name is Kirk Alore and the date was January 5, 1977. It all started when I was driving back from my parents' place from Salmon Arm in the Okanagan. It was about four ten in the morning and I was roughly 30 miles out of Prince George north west. I was coming up on to a straight stretch. I never met a car since I left Prince and I came up around the corner and noticed this red light about a mile away to my right. It was above some hydro towers and I just kept looking at it as I drove along. I then saw another, oncoming car. It was about half a mile away. Then I noticed this red light move, and as I watched it just shot right over the top of the car that was coming towards me. I just stared at it in amazement as if I had the urge to look at it. Then it just shot towards me at the time the oncoming car was about 300 yards away, if that. It just shot towards me, it was huge. It took up about two highway widths and it just came right towards me. At that instant a red light lit up the interior of my cab and I got strange sensations such as my arms or legs falling asleep like pins and needles. Then I swerved and missed this thing for it was coming right for me and it all happened so fast I don't remember anything after that, I sort of knocked out.

"I guess, according to our watches, fifteen minutes later or so, this guy was opening my door and he was shaking me and he was asking me if I was all right and I said 'yeah, I'm OK, I guess so.' I was sort of sick at the moment, I felt like I'd been looked over, I was aching all over, my arms, everything were sore. And our cars were about two feet apart. And he said 'The strangest thing happened to me; I came to standing outside my car.' As for me, I was in the passenger seat when he shook me. We could find no skid marks. I was doing at least seventy miles an hour when I swerved into his lane ...and there were no skid marks."

"We went to the hospital, both of us, in Vanderhoof, and they checked us over and apparently it

was just shock, and they sent us on our way. And I never did get the other guy's name and neither did the hospital. We're having a really bad time trying to get hold of him."

Magor (editor *Canadian UFO Report*): "Kirk, could you give us a description of the object as well as you can remember?"

Kirk: "It was sort of oblong. The outer shell looked like alligator skin. It had little protruding triangular wings, except they were more rounded (on the ends—see diagram). Underneath it had a circular thing moving — like an electric razor, a disc turning inside the other. It had a dome on top. It had all different coloured lights inside of it like green, red, yellow, blue — sorts of little dots — and then it had just one straight beam of red light; it shone the red light in my truck."

Allan: "How big were these little lights in the dome? As big as the spotlights in the store, or a car headlight?"

Kirk: "Smaller than a car headlight."

Allan: "They were all different colours, did the colours change?"

Kirk: "Mmm hmm (nodding affirmative), I noticed that they were changing — constantly changing back and forth."

Magor: "These lights were coming from the dome?"

Kirk: "Yes"

Allan: "This thing on the bottom, was it rounded like a Phillips electric razor?"

Kirk: "Mmm hmm."

Allan: "And it was like a single one of those heads rotating?"

Kirk: "Except one was rotating inside the other more or less."

Allan: "Were they rotating opposite ways?"

Kirk: "One would go one way, while inside there would be one going the other way."

Magor: "Kirk, you were travelling at some speed. How would you be able to see this detail?"

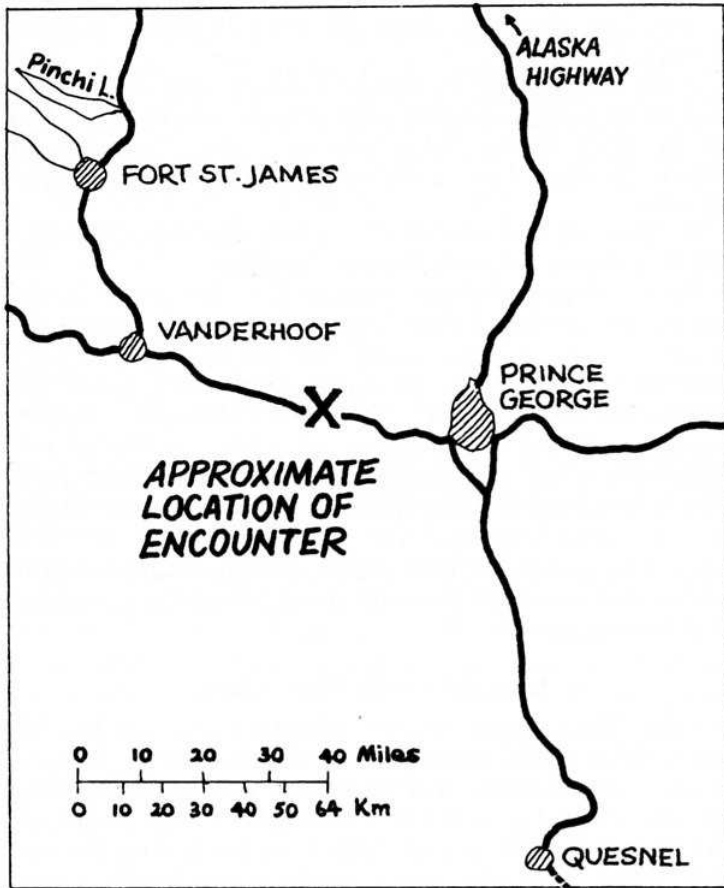
Kirk: "I just stared at that thing for the longest time when it was overtop of the oncoming car and I noticed everything in great detail. This was strictly rotary action there was no reciprocating action."

Allan: "Have you any idea what diameter those rotating parts would be?"

Kirk: "Approximately the width of the highway. I'm not really too sure about that."

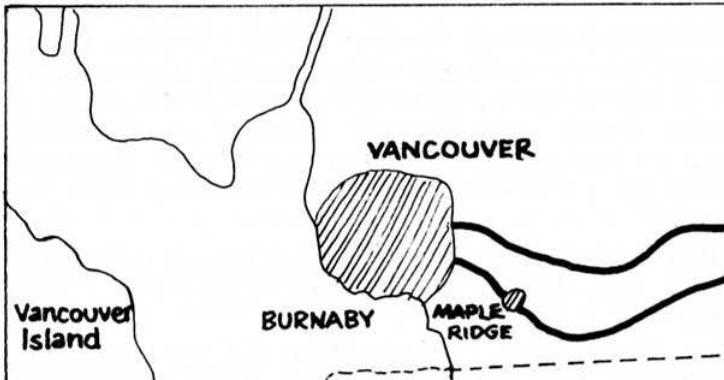
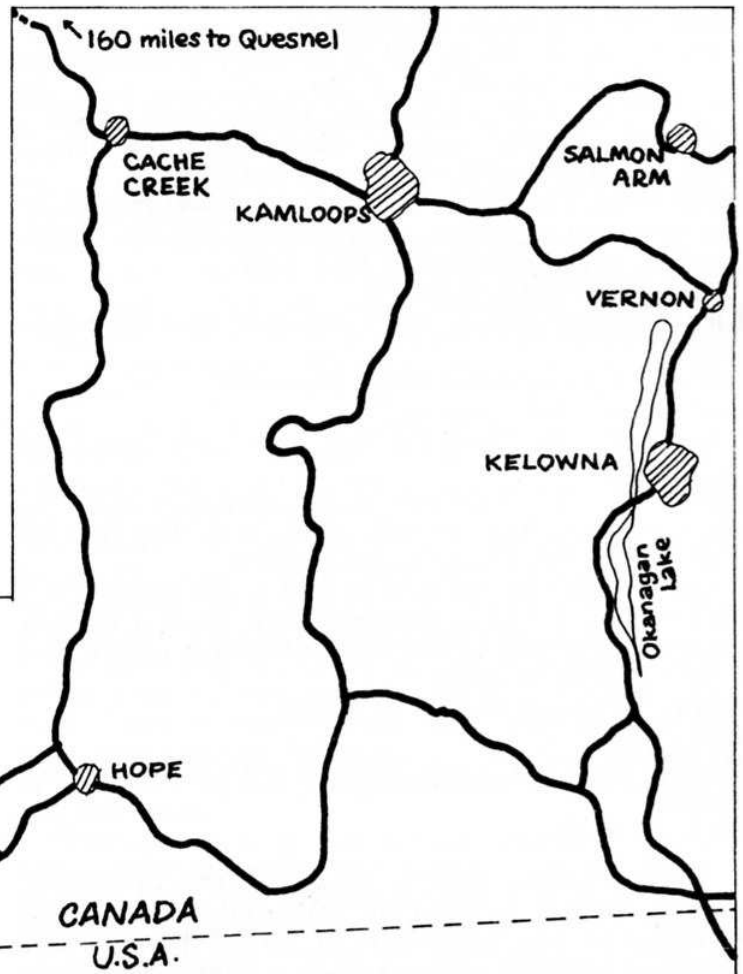
Allan: "There are two rings. Did they go right to the centre or were there two rings of a certain width?"

Kirk: "Say you had a circle like this, just say 20 or 15 feet wide and then you had another one about the same width, and this one inside was turning this way



Kirk: "The red light was protruding from the dome."
 Major: "Did it light up the road, or was it shining upwards?"
 Kirk: "It had no glow to it, actually the light never seemed to light up anything else, it just seemed to light up the dome itself."
 Major: "At the last minute it just seemef to come right towards you. Is that right?"
 Kirk: "Yes."
 Major: "And you had lost sight of the other fellow by this time?"
 Kirk: "Yes."
 Major: "This guy came right in between you?"
 Kirk: "Pretty well, yeah."
 Allan: "How far apart were the two cars when you were finished?"
 Kirk: "About two feet apart, if that."
 Allan: ("Would they have collided if they had kept going" (that is were they in the same traffic lane).
 Kirk: "Yes."
 Allan: "Do you know what model car his was?"
 Kirk: "His was a Ford Galaxy 68."
 Major: "And yours was?"
 Kirk: "A 77 GMC pickup."
 Major: "When the other fellow leaned in the window or whatever he did. . ."
 Kirk: "Opened the door"
 Major: "Did he say what he had seen?"
 Kirk: "Yes, he said in his rear view mirror he saw the red light coming upon him and then as it moved in front of him he says he got the same feelings I did,

and this one was turning the other way."
 Allan: "About the same centre."
 Kirk: "Mmm hmm."
 Major: "Could we pause a minute while I get a drawing maybe?"
 Major: "What reminded you of an alligator?"
 Kirk: "The outer surface of the object because of the texture, the ripples in it, and the colour was dull somewhat like alligator skin. There was no definite glow or anything like that."
 Major: "One more question on the appearance. Now you couldn't see the length of it - you couldn't see the tail very well."
 Kirk: "No."
 Major: "But was it longer this way than it was wide?"
 Kirk: "Yes, most definitely."
 Major: "And it was about 120 feet wide so it might be up to a couple of hundred feet long."
 Kirk: "Mmm Hmm, could be."
 Major: "Pretty hard to say. I realize. And did it light up the road - where did the red light come from?"



that prickly feeling. And he says after that he doesn't remember a thing. He says all he remembers are my car lights and that's it. But he did definitely see it though because when it moved out in front towards me he saw it — but all he got a glimpse of was the underneath part of it, of that circular thing, that's why I'm so definite about it."

Major: (Referring to diagram) "Now this whole thing (wing span) would be about 120 feet and this (the circle underneath) would be about half of that?"

Kirk: "They were silver coloured and one was darker than the other, that's why I noticed they were turning."

Major: (Pointing to circle detail drawing) "And what are these things in here — these lines, a sort of fan?"

Kirk: "Yes, a turbine or fan. One of the circles was darker than the other, the inside one was darker and the outside one was lighter."

Allan: "Have you any idea about how fast they would be going around — about like a 33 1/3 RPM record player?"

Kirk: "Approximately."

Major: "This thing, when it came at you Kirk, you can't certainly estimate its speed, but was it going fast?"

Kirk: "It wasn't going that fast, but it just seemed like at the spur of the moment the last moment it just shot towards me and that's when I panicked."

Allan: "There was no radio in your truck?"

Kirk: "Yes there was."

Allan: "Was it on?"

Kirk: "Yes, it was on and there was distortions, lots of it."

Allan: "What kind of distortion?"

Kirk: "Just crackling, and it sounded like my radio was going to blow up."

Allan: "Did it drown out the station pretty well?"

Kirk: "Yeah, the station was gone completely."

Allan: "Did the motor misbehave at all?"

Kirk: "Yes, I noticed that I had no power left, there was just nothing there, everything locked up, power steering, so the motor must have died."

Allan: "How did you feel?"

Kirk: "Really aching, and I ached all over for a few days."

Major: "But you drove home yourself?"

Kirk: "Yes I did — barely."

Allan: "At the hospital did they give you any diagnosis?"

Kirk: "No, they said just shock, and they asked us what we saw, and we told them, and they sort of said: 'Yeah? OK just go home and rest.'"

Major: "Kirk has just said he had a polygraph test."

Kirk: "Yes, I had a polygraph test from a man in Prince George and he was from another magazine and I can't divulge his name."

Allan: "It wasn't Sinclair of APRO?"

Kirk: "No."

Major: "And you came through with a pretty clear record?"

Kirk: "Yes I did."

The following day, a check of the outpatient records at the hospital in Vanderhoof showed no mention of any such visit in all of January and February, and the administration solemnly assured us

it was the doctor's duty to record every patient presented.

And the RCMP in Prince George said they only used their polygraph for criminal investigation and as far as they knew there was no other operator in Prince George, but a reporter might have brought his own.

In the APRO report the other car was a *Pontiac* and the object's dimensions are smaller.

These contradictions caused the interview to be put in storage until some confirmation was obtained. Finally contact was made by phone with Kirk's parents who live in Salmon Arm, and later by interviews in Salmon Arm and Kelowna, which provided strong verification of Kirk's account and information on additional sightings. They told how Kirk had phoned them from the hospital early in the morning and had said the doctor laughed at their story and didn't believe them, which could account for his not entering the case on the hospital record as he was supposed to do.

Interview with Mrs. Alore

"I'm Mrs. Alore, Kirk's mother, and on Jan. 6, 1977, about ten after six in the morning, I got a phone call from my son saying he had been knocked off the road by a UFO. Naturally I was sceptical, but then by listening to him I realized that he was very upset and not really making too much sense, because he was very excited about what he had seen. He said 'I was brought to the hospital with this other fellow.' He said both of them were driving along and he explained what had happened; and I still didn't get too much from him because he was too excited at the time. And I said well 'Did a doctor give you anything?' and he says 'Yes, and I'm going to go to bed to sleep for a while, I don't have to go to work 'till noon'.

"So later on that night we phoned him about 9 o'clock to see how he was because I was quite concerned about him, and he said he had slept and he was settled down a little bit by that time, and was able to tell us, in more detail, what he had seen.

(Mrs. Alore was shown the APRO report)

"That's pretty well the story he had told us, except that he did say that before he had noticed the light, his car was missing (misfiring) and his radio was being staticky (sic), and he was a little concerned because he had just bought his truck, and had had it in the garage that day for a checkup, and he thought that something was wrong with the truck and he was kind of worried. Then he told me that's when he noticed the light and he just thought it was a plane. Then he went on to tell me just exactly his version of it. It looked like an octopus was coming at him and it really scared him. Then his dad got on the phone and he explained the same thing to him. So that's about all I can add to it that's different from his story."

Allan: "You mentioned to me that he said the doctor didn't take kindly to his story. Could you repeat that?"

Mrs. Alore: "Yes, I asked: 'What did the doctor say when you told him?' He replied: 'They just kind of

laughed ... and didn't pay too much attention.' At which I said: 'Well maybe he thought you were on drugs or something.' He kind of laughed, and says: 'Oh most likely, maybe he thought there was something funny because they didn't take me seriously.' "

Mr. Alore confirmed Mrs. Alore's account saying "We have two phones at home so I listened on one and we (my wife & I) carried on a two way conversation with Kirk, and I can confirm that he was very upset (I was a little sceptical, I guess everyone is) but he seemed so sincere."

Allan: "When he was home this last Christmas holiday did he mention the things to you that were in the paper?"

Mr. Alore: "Yes, he did. We were naturally questioning him about it and he repeated it just about as it was in the paper."

Mrs. Alore said that her son Kirk and his girlfriend had another encounter in November. Kirk had asked her not to say much about his experience and subsequent upsetting feelings and dreams he'd had, so she wouldn't repeat the many details Kirk told her, restricting herself mostly to what was published in the *Caledonia Courier* by reporter Shelley Hallock, since this was already public knowledge.

Repeater experience

Combing the telephone conversation, interview and Hallock report in the *Caledonia Courier*, the following information was obtained:

The supermarket where Kirk works is open late Thursdays and Fridays. At 11.25 p.m. Thursday, November 3, 1977, 18-year-old Kirk Alore and his 17-year-old girl friend, Mary Ann Sampson, drove out to Colony Point on the old Paaren's Beach road on the south shore of Stuart Lake, parked their truck and went for a stroll down the road. They noticed what appeared to be a sphere of glowing light hovering behind some trees on the shore, and thinking it was the moon, started to walk towards it. Then they observed that the sphere was more like a half-sphere, rounded on the bottom and relatively flat on the top.

Kirk, because of his past experiences, was very nervous (Mary Ann said "freaked out") but she wanted to go right up to it so they walked closer. A force or something stopped them, and blue sparks the size of baseballs shot off from the object which was the size of a *Volkswagen* and not more than 100 yards away. So they hastily retreated to the truck, and turned around and headed back to town, but the object followed them. It played games with them for one hour or an hour and a half. They kept playing more like games with him. He'd be driving down the road; they'd be around the corner, in the middle of the road, and he'd turn around and make a Uey (sic) and they would be there again - only these were small ones about the size of a *Volkswagen* upside down.

So they drove to the Illerbrun farmhouse half a mile from the Parren's Beach road, but the half

sphere, then hovering just above treetop level, followed and just before reaching the home it crossed the road in front of their truck and continued to follow them at treetop level. They phoned the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from the farmhouse and when the police arrived the object had gone but a peculiar odour like burnt electrical insulation remained which became stronger as they approached the exact spot of the first sighting. The police took pictures of the area which would go to Ottawa.

Kirk has been having dreams since his first sighting but hadn't had any for a month since this sighting and then Kirk and Mary Ann both dreamt the same dream on the same night. He won't tell what he dreamt, but they were identical dreams.

More repeaters

Mrs. Alore: "Last May, up in Prince George, it was about a quarter after nine at night, it wasn't dark yet, the sun had gone down but it was still twilight, and Kirk was putting a motor for our boat in the truck of the car. He said to me: 'Look at that mom, coming over the mountain, that's what I saw the night I saw that other UFO:' So we were watching it and it kept moving. It wasn't like an ordinary plane, it didn't flash back and forth, it was an ordinary red light coming at us. Finally I said: 'You'd better get your sister' (she was in the house). She came out and was excited, and we called her neighbours Mr. and Mrs. Mork, and they came out and were watching it, and finally it came up to (a position) about across the road above the trees. It looked about the size of the moon, quite bright red and it stopped as if it were watching us, and all of a sudden, in the wink of an eye, it was gone. It turned on its side and was gone: just like that, it was gone."

Allan: "You mean it turned on its edge?"

Mrs. Alore: "It just more or less like flipped and it was gone." "We all were wondering if we had imagined it or seen it, it happened so quickly. Kirk said it was exactly what he'd seen, but this was at a distance."

Allan: "And he hasn't had any further sightings?"

Mr. Alore: "Yes, I guess he has. We were talking to him the other night on the phone and he said he saw two more at a distance."

Mrs. Alore: "I was talking to Kirk either January 19 or 20, and I asked him, what has become the family joke: 'Have you seen any more UFOs lately?' and he said 'Oh yes, I was taking Mary Ann home the other night and we saw one, and a couple of nights before that we saw another one too.' I asked: 'very close?' and he said 'No not that close enough that they were kind of following us.' and that was all he said. I didn't question him any more because it upsets him too much."

That means Kirk had a close encounter Jan. 5, 1977, after midnight, the multiple witness sighting in May, 1977, the encounter when with Mary Ann in November, and two separate, more distant sightings so far in January, 1978, or five sightings within a little over a year.