

“Long John Nebel Show” which featured flying saucers and was often quoted in early issues of FSR. Flammonde, in *The Age of Flying Saucers* (Hawthorne Books Inc., 1971) defined the term flying saucers as referring to space ships under apparent intelligent control and probably of extraterrestrial origin; unidentified flying objects being any celestial phenomena of nature unknown and unresolved.

He credited Captain Edward Ruppelt with originating the phrase Unidentified Flying Objects.

Mr. Willcox hopes that the “invisible college” will make its presence known; he recommends a course of reading and Dr. Hynek’s Center for UFO Studies as “an association of scientists and professionals involved in the study of the UFO problem”.

CLOUD-LIKE OBJECT WITH ANGEL HAIR EFFECT

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A UFOIN report from the Secretary of the network

LARRY HALL is 17, and lives with his parents in the rural area of Apperley Dene, Northumbria. Surrounding the house are some very tall pine trees and these were destined to play a part in a most unusual affair on the afternoon of July 3, 1977.

At around 3.00 p.m. Barry was in the garden with his mother and father, Mr. John Hall, who suddenly pointed to a disturbance above some low trees at the back end of the garden. It was a few seconds before the other two were able to see what he was pointing at, and consequently they missed the initial stages of the event. Mr. Hall says that this involved a black oval shape rising from behind the trees (a few feet in diameter and no more) and bringing the disturbance up with it in a vortex it seemed to be creating.

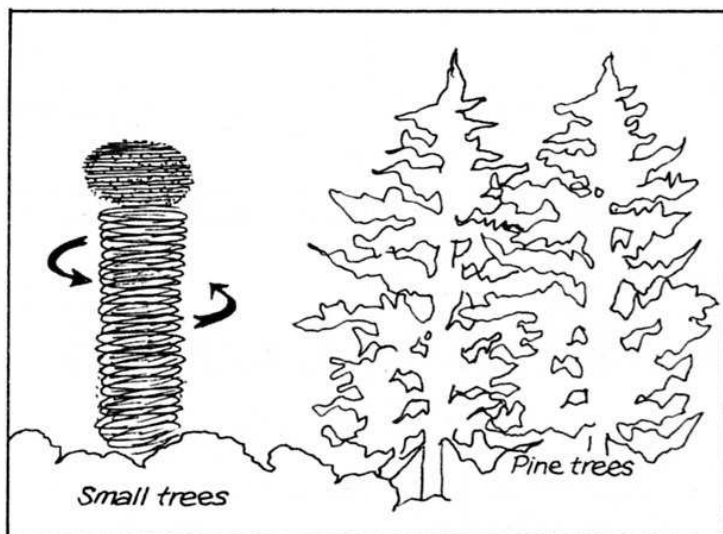
Very quickly the oval shape was lost in the overall confusion of the disturbance. This consisted of a mass of material swirling around inside the vortex and the whole thing rising slowly *en masse*. It rose to about the height of the pine trees (some 40 to 50 feet) and then stopped for a few seconds.

During this period of hovering Barry Hall was able to walk about halfway along the garden towards the object before it started to move slowly towards him and the house.

The most peculiar thing noticed was that none of the material picked up was falling to the ground as one would expect were it grass or something similar. It seemed to be dissolving or continuously kept in motion.

The vortex now floated directly over Barry’s head and he was able to get a good look at it. As it passed by overhead he observed the black hairlike substance within. It was unlike anything he had ever seen before, and was completely different from grass or straw. It covered an area of about twenty square feet and as it passed into the distance over some trees it appeared almost like a swarm of insects (though it was not this, for when it was overhead it had appeared very different). As it moved away it seemed to be thinning out, but still none of the material was falling to the ground. It was later found that nothing at all was to be seen on the ground in the area over which this mysterious disturbance had passed.

There was only a small breeze, and the weather conditions do not seem to have been conducive to the formation of whirlwinds. It is also of interest



that the material did not move about with the breeze it simply floated as if in a controlled manner, and gave every indication of being magnetically attracted to the black oval which Mr. Hall had witnessed and which was presumably hidden somewhere in the swirling winds.

During the experience the witnesses noted a gust of wind of very strong proportions but are unable to recall how long this lasted owing to the obvious visual distraction at the time. However, the neighbours of the witnesses recall a hurricane-like blast which appeared suddenly that afternoon for no apparent reason, but although they did not see anything it seems reasonable to conclude that it was connected.

The area behind the house consists of a field of barley or green corn. There were no signs of disturbance immediately after the event and no piles of straw or grass lying around which could have been icked up by a freak whirlwind.

It seems probable that the vortex was due to winds (i.e. a whirlwind) but the cause of it remains in doubt. If it was connected with the oval-shaped object seen rising upwards, then this case falls into the “angel hair” category since the material was apparently disappearing, without trace, in the manner so often reported in angel hair cases in the past.