

CASE 36293

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LONGITUDE/LATITUDE: 36.781148, -78.549505, height approx: 7000 Ft.

SYNOPSIS: Father and son, while flying on 2/18/2012 at 02:00 PM ET, witnessed a bright orb-like UFO hovering next to their plane. The UFO affected the plane's electronic systems for a few seconds - 15 minutes prior to landing in Richmond.

OBJECT DESCRIPTION: Bright, circular sphere about 30 feet in diameter.

WEATHER INFORMATION: Temp: 62.6°F, humidity 26%, winds speed 9.2 mph from the south, visibility 10.0 miles-clear.

LOCATION: Chase City is a town in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, was incorporated in 1873 and named after Salmon P. Chase. The population was 2,457 at the 2000 census. Tobacco and other crops are grown nearby. It is located 65 miles SW of Richmond.

EVIDENCE/INVESTIGATION: A father and his son, both pilots, were in their Mooney Ovation II, a propeller-driven aircraft flying via IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) at a speed of 188 knots and at an altitude of 7480 feet. The father has a masters in economics and is a successful banker while the son is a manager that served in the military. Shortly after they crossed over the border of Virginia from Charlotte, NC, they were preparing to land in Richmond and while his son was scanning the skies for air traffic, he unexpectedly saw a bright, glowing sphere flying alongside their aircraft. As the UFO begins to soar dangerously close to their right wing, about 50 feet away, the plane lost power; all of the electrical equipment including their computers suddenly turned off. A few seconds later, the plane regained all systems as the UFO swiftly shot away at an incredible speed.

The son: "I've never in my life had seen anything like this happen, it was very unexpected because we did not see the vehicle [UFO] approach...the vehicle was about 30 feet in diameter which glowed and may actually had some solid shape beneath the energy. What I could observe on the surface which seemed to have some circular swirling energy force which surrounded something I believe operated it from within."

The son added that the plane's engine did not fully shut down; it sputtered a little but as the UFO disappeared from view, all equipment became operational again.

The son: "As far as instruments affected the altimeter, attitude indicator, magnetic compass, course deviation indicators and the electrical functioning of the craft were affected. This was all over a few moments as soon as we recognized we were being paralleled by the object. UFO accelerated to a speed I can't even calculate out of sight to our 12 o'clock."

No formal report was filed but the aircraft was inspected to ensure everything operated properly before they flew back home in North Carolina. His father basically refused to talk about the incident to anyone except immediate family members.

WITNESS CREDIBILITY: The son is a military veteran, served in the Coast Guard and his father is a banker in his mid 50s.

CONCLUSION: I believe these two professional men and pilots did in fact witness a formidable sighting involving an aerial phenomenon. This UFO appears to have affected the plane's electronic system.



