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1 Poughquag, New York, 6/23/2008 21:00:00

Prepared October 13, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 6/19/2020 9:10:13

Email Address On file

Primary Observer No.

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have physical evidence but I have not sent it.

Duration 3 to 4 seconds

Color and Brightness Blue-white

Size/shape About the size of a grapefruit

Smell, Sound, Heat No sound or smell (witness was in car and object outside car)

Weather Conditions Strong thunderstorm with rain

Environment Semi-rural suburb. Power line situation unknown.

Date/time 6/23/2008 21:00:00

Location Poughquag, New York

Behavior/Narrative

“Object appeared in front of witnesses front door, then moved right about sixty feet in half a second, behind a tree, and vanished behind a neighbor’s house.”.

2 Arrowhead Pass, Wimberley ,Texas ,78676, June 2008

Prepared October 13, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 6/26/2020 16:56:08

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes.

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 5 to 8 seconds

Color and Brightness orange-white

Size/shape soccer ball size

Smell, Sound, Heat crackling, whooshing sound. acrid odor

Weather Conditions Heavy rain occurring from severe thunderstorms in area. Summer , hot weather , early afternoon.

Environment Rural. Lightning hit the pole outside knocking the transformer down to barely hanging on the pole. Very loud bolt in front of the house. after that the ball lightning appeared in the house.

Date/time June 2008 early afternoon

Location Arrowhead Pass, Wimberley ,Texas ,78676

Behavior/Narrative

“White/orange soccer ball-sized lightning ball danced past me in my kitchen on its way to burning out the refrigerator than on to the end of the house where it knocked out the electricity in the wall and the garage door transformer. It burned through the walls. It moved from the sink area where I was standing to an area six feet behind me where the refrigerator sits.”.

3 Rockville, MD, June 2012

Prepared October 13, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 6/27/2020 11:56:43

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes.

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have e-mailed physical evidence

Duration 3 to 4 seconds

Color and Brightness Blue-white

Size/shape ping-pong ball

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions Distant storm, clear overhead. Summer – 98F!

Environment —

Date/time June 2012

Location Rockville, MD

Behavior/Narrative

“—”.

4 Hokkaido, Japan, 1972

Prepared October 8, 2020 - R. Sonnenfeld

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 7/26/2020 21:50:42

Email Address On file

Primary Observer No, I am quoting from a 1972 Japanese sighting, documented in 2007 by Yasushi Fujiyoshi, a professor at Hokkaido University.

Photographic or Physical Evidence I am quoting from a 1972 Japanese sighting, documented in 2007 by Yasushi Fujiyoshi, a professor at Hokkaido University. I have no physical evidence.

Duration 5 to 8 seconds

Color and Brightness The color was described as blue-white, like the color of an electric spark, and it also had some blackish lines in it. The report doesn't mention the brightness.

Size/shape A little bigger than a ping-pong ball and a perfect sphere. The surface of the BL was fuzzy, not smooth.

Smell, Sound, Heat The report doesn't mention smell, but describes a crackling sound like a spark when the BL hit a stainless steel panel over the cooking area in the kitchen. The family did not feel heat nor did they report any other characteristics.

Weather Conditions Thunderstorm outside, immediately after very nearby lightning.

Environment Observation is indoors. Rural setting.

Date/time 1972

Location Hokkaido, Japan

Behavior/Narrative

"The family was sitting at the dinner table. Lightning struck nearby and family members remarked "that was close!". The BL suddenly appeared inside the living room, in front of a closed window and just behind the TV. There was an aluminum storm shutter outside the window which was closed at the time. The BL glided slowly through the air over the dining table, right in front of the family's faces, in a curving path, at the speed of a person on a leisurely stroll, and crashed into a stainless steel sheet metal panel on the kitchen wall behind the cooking area. It made a crackling noise and disappeared. The surface of the BL was fuzzy, not smooth. The family did not feel heat nor did they report any other characteristics. The BL apparently traveled through a closed aluminum storm shutter and a closed glass window. The sighting was in 1972 but no one made a detailed report at the time. The parents have passed away and the two children both remember it and are confident that it's their "real" memory and not a composite memory from having heard the story so many times."

5 Ralston Road, Arvada, Colorado, in the late 1940's or early 1950's

Prepared October 13, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 7/28/2020 11:55:04

Email Address On file

Primary Observer No.

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 5 to 8 seconds

Color and Brightness bright and bluish

Size/shape several inches, spherical and bobbing

Smell, Sound, Heat unknown

Weather Conditions During a thunderstorm.

Environment Indoors, in a single-storied windowed room at one end of a two-story frame house.

Date/time Largely unknown, but in the late 1940's or early 1950's.

Location Ralston Road, Arvada, Colorado

Behavior/Narrative

“This is a second-hand, hearsay report from my mother, who has long since passed. She witnessed, during a thunderstorm, a glowing orb dancing above a portable radio (Zenith, vintage 1940's, beige with a hinged cover) which was sitting on a tall bookcase. She said that during the appearance the radio emitted broadcasting while shut off, sounding as if many stations were on at once. It was probably plugged in at the time. I don't recall much of a description, other than a dancing, bluish, bright orb she termed a 'lightning ball' that only lasted a few seconds.”.

6 Fern Creek Rd., Fern Creek, KY, Spring 1966 or 1967

Prepared October 13, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 7/28/2020 20:24:18

Email Address On file

Primary Observer No.

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration not sure

Color and Brightness "like fire!"

Size/shape "ball of fire"

Smell, Sound, Heat na

Weather Conditions Do not recall, but at my house was typical spring thunder storm. My best friend said next day that a "ball of lightening" came in their "living room and hit the TV," left some other fire damage to drapes and stuff. I was not there, but she had no reason to fabricate. Ball lightening had been reported in our area before this.

Environment indoors

Date/time Spring 1966 or 1967, I think.

Location Fern Creek Rd., Fern Creek, KY

Behavior/Narrative

"It came in the living room, destroyed tv, left some damaged drapes and stuff" then disappeared."

7 Palistine TX, 1961

Prepared October 13, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 7/29/2020 9:08:50

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes.

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 30 seconds to a minute

Color and Brightness multi

Size/shape about 6 inches

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions stormy

Environment through a window

Date/time 1961

Location Palistine TX

Behavior/Narrative

“—”.

8 Valles Caldera National Park, NM, summer

Prepared October 13, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 8/6/2020 18:33:29

Email Address On file

Primary Observer No.

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration Not sure, it was my mother that observed this, before I was born, but the memory was vivid..

Color and Brightness Bright light (blue)

Size/shape Size of a volley ball

Smell, Sound, Heat ozone

Weather Conditions During regular afternoon thunderstorms in the Valle Grande, now called Valles Caldera. (My dad was cattle foreman there until I was 10 years old.)

Environment See above ... inside the Big House, now called the Bond House, Valle Grande ... very rural, no electricity at that time ... pre-1954, when REA came to the mountains.

Date/time Summer, mid afternoon

Location Valles Caldera National Park, NM

Behavior/Narrative

“It came in through an open door, rolled around on the top of a wood cook stove, and rolled back out the same open door.”.

9 Ipswich, some 40 kms west of Brisbane, southeast of Queensland, Australia, Early 1990's

Prepared October 13, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 8/24/2020 12:01:59

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Burger is primary observer ... Sonnenfeld filled out form

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 1 to 2 seconds

Color and Brightness Pale blue ball

Size/shape ball, 10-15 cms diameter

Smell, Sound, Heat No sound.

Weather Conditions During a moderately violent electrical storm with little wind.

Environment Our Queenslander was timber with a steel roof, raised on concrete stumps approximately 1.5 metres above ground level, and near the top of a moderate ridge, or similar to marginally lower elevation than other landscape "highs" hills and ridge in the area.

Date/time Early 1990's, late afternoon.

Location Ipswich, some 40 kms west of Brisbane, southeast of Queensland, Australia.

Behavior/Narrative

"A pale blue ball, approx 10-15 cm diameter, passed about 15 cm above the carpeted floor, between the base of our pot-belly stove and the base of our steel-framed, upright piano. The stove had a steel chimney and was set on a brick slab on the timber floor. Observers included Burger and some of 4 children who were junior and middle-teenagers. All remember and discuss the incident frequently."

10 Baylor Lane, Gilbert Arizona 85296, Early 1990's

Prepared October 13, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 8/24/2020 13:31:43

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 5 to 8 seconds

Color and Brightness The ball was a bright white color.

Size/shape It was about the size of an orange. My sister and I were making Valentines Day cards at the dining room table. There were cereal boxes all over the table. The ball came from the TV room, passed across the table, dodging the cereal boxes and casting a glowing light on them as it went, went over the kitchen counter and disappeared.

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions —

Environment It occurred indoors in my family house.

Date/time It was the evening, after dinner time, parents were already upstairs getting ready for bed so perhaps 8 or 9 pm? Around Valentine's Day in 2006.

Location Baylor Lane, Gilbert Arizona 85296

Behavior/Narrative

“My TV room was open to the kitchen. It came from the window in the TV room, through the kitchen, across the table, not touching any of the cereal boxes but changing path to avoid them, then over the counter and down out of sight where it disappeared. ”.

11 Jordan, N.Y. USA - Monday, September 21, 1998 at 20:05:07 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Monday, September 21, 1998 at 20:05:07 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration 3-4min

Color and Brightness red

Size/shape It was about the size of a super ball

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions we had the worst sheer wind storm ,like a tornado,winds at 115+,lightening 100per min. 2people killed,one after the storm.

Environment Dining room

Date/time 12:30,9/7/98

Location Jordan, N.Y. USA

Behavior/Narrative

“My husband and I had just got done watching a movie and I was rewinding it and we both saw a red ball bouncing and hovering in our dining room. It was about the size of a super ball, it seemed to last 3-4 min. It hovered above my computer stuff (it had Power, but not on) then it zipped into the pantry. We were speechless, my husband got up to see where it went, what it was, etc. Around 12:30,9/7/98, we had the worst sheer wind storm, like a tornado, winds at 115+, lightning 100per min. Two people killed, one after the storm.”.

12 Sioux City, IA USA - Monday, August 17, 1998 at 21:57:13 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Monday, August 17, 1998 at 21:57:13 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration Around 10 seconds

Color and Brightness bluish white to gray to purple

Size/shape —

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions Thunderstorm clouds

Environment Outside

Date/time Early morning, 8-17-98, at about 12:55 A.M

Location Sioux City, IA USA

Behavior/Narrative

“Ball Lightning-Early this morning, 8-17-98, at about 12:55 A.M. There was a thunderstorm tracking about three or four miles north of my home. I stepped out to smoke, and I looked up to the sky to watch the lightning in the storm. From South of where I was standing and from over the roof of my home came a basketball-sized, perfectly shaped glowing globe that was bluish-white and gray, opalescent, with the colors inside churning, like those you see in those nuclear balls or Tesla things. It sailed or floated across the sky for about 10 seconds approaching the thunderstorm clouds. It did not reach the thunderstorm clouds and it turned purple and disappeared. It did not make a noise. It was moving too slow to be a meteorite, it did not have a tail like a meteorite and it was the wrong color. It was floating/ sailing slightly inclined upward. I figured it must be ball lightning but I could only find where ball lightning was supposed to be orange or red. Mine was definitely bluish-white to gray to purple. Thanks, others have seen the bluish too. towards the sky.”.

13 central ny, ny USA - Monday, June 01, 1998 at 19:45:49 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Monday, June 01, 1998 at 19:45:49 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration —

Color and Brightness blue light

Size/shape About the size and shape of a "football"

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions In new york we have just gone through a day of harsh storms and humid weather.

Environment Garage with all doors closed with no light

Date/time 7 pm est

Location central ny, ny USA

Behavior/Narrative

"1st off, in New York, we have just gone through a day of harsh storms and humid weather. It is the day after, June 1st, And I just went into the garage at 7 pm est and all of the doors were closed and there was no light in it. When I saw a blue light about the size and shape of a "football" and it was very stringy. it seemed like the sparks coming off a tesla coil, anyways this floating blue light started at the left side of the garage, went to the right, and back to the left. After that happened it just vanished. I have never seen anything like this before, anyone out there that has?".

14 Tampa, FL USA - Friday, August 25, 2000 at 10:13:24 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Friday, August 25, 2000 at 10:13:24 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration longer than 5 seconds

Color and Brightness A very bright blue/green light, bright enough to light up several square blocks within the city and the clouds and rain above

Size/shape —

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions during a severe thunderstorm

Environment Driving south on I-275 through St. Petersburg

Date/time 8/24/00 at approx. 9:15pm

Location While driving south on I-275 through St. Petersburg, Tampa, FL USA

Behavior/Narrative

“While driving south on I-275 through St. Petersburg, FL during a severe thunderstorm on 8/24/00 at approx. 9:15 pm, I saw a giant lightning strike about 5 miles ahead of me. The strike itself lasted for what seemed about 5 seconds. When the bolt disappeared, a very bright blue/green light was emanating from the ground where the strike occurred, bright enough to light up several square blocks within the city and the clouds and rain above. At first, I thought it must have been an electrical fire of some sort, perhaps an electric co. sub-station. Then the light seemed to move slowly upward toward the sky again and fade out. It was by far the most unusual natural event I’ve ever witnessed in my life. As I started telling people of the event, I heard of the phenomenon called lightning balls, and consequently, found this page when I went to research it on the web. I was on my cellphone with my girlfriend at the time and the cellphone cut out when the lightning struck. All the street lights and the power within the surrounding city section went out at the same time as well. There were several dozen other motorists on the interstate at the same time that would have had nearly the same view as I did and were all traveling very slowly (15mph) due to the torrential downpour. I was hoping maybe someone else would find this page and would let me know that they did witness it as well.”

15 Qyarryville, Pa USA - Sunday, April 02, 2000 at 21:16:23 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Sunday, April 02, 2000 at 21:16:23 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence " I've have been studing, filming, and taping orbs and ectoplasm."

Duration Longer than a few seconds

Color and Brightness brilant red/oragne color, The ball red/orange as stated, seemd to fade to a dark brown spot in it's center.

Size/shape Soccer sized ball

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions A beautiful sunny spring day between 2 and 3pm.

Environment Outdoors by trees around 100ft tall

Date/time On friday March 31, 2000, between 2 and 3pm

Location Looking outside towards trees, Qyarryville, Pa USA

Behavior/Narrative

"Hello All, On Friday, March 31, 2000, I was standing at my kitchen sink looking out the window. A beautiful sunny spring day between 2 and 3 pm. I live in the woods and was looking towards my workshop, 300 ft. away when I noticed a brilliant red/orange color. I looked for the cardinal hopping around a tree but this was what appeared to be a soccer sized ball. Was some kid throwing up a frisbee or letting a balloon go? The ball red/orange as stated, seemed to fade to a dark brown spot in its center. Did some animals have a balloon in their mouth? All these things going through my head in the few seconds it took to ascend up the tall tree. But this ball was perfectly following to contour of the tree. I'd estimate the tree to be approx. 100 feet tall. Once reaching the top the ball floated through the air to another tree and follow its contours as the first. Taking to the air once again its view was blocked by a third tree. At this point, I ran out the door, a few feet away, and the object was gone. I observed for 5 minutes and nothing. I walked to the base of the tree where I first had seen this strange ball of light and there were no physical traces of any kind. So as Steve Martin stated a number of times, " What the hell is that"! I have seen unexplainable things in my days on our Mother Earth. And while some may refer to unexplained things as the paranormal, I refer to them as normal. Because we can't see or explain something does not mean it doesn't exist. If we could see radio and tv waves with the naked eye then we couldn't see each other sitting 3 feet away. There are virtually thousands and perhaps even millions of waves in our space. Coming from stations, the Earth, and space. My tv is working but I don't see the waves. But I know the waves exist. And as a human, I am limited to many things I can't see. Unexplained things or the study of them, does not constitute an occult group or person. We, humans, have an instinct to explore, understand, and gain knowledge. One could have been put to death for stating that the world was round, not flat, and revolved around the sun. Not too many centuries ago. Which finally brings me back to the ball of light I saw. So any ideas fellow humans? I have been studying, filming, and taping orbs and ectoplasm. I seem to have had an open mind on such a subject stated above, for as long as I can remember. I have an open mind. But in this case kind of stumped. Thank You all for my long buttoned story. And I Thank You all for your stories. We are blessed with our existence in this universe and blessed with the yearning to find out why. This is my truthful experience and I wish to gain any knowledge any of you may have. Peace & Safe Journeys, Dave."

16 Pittsburgh, PA USA - Fnday, October 01, 1999 at 19:56:13 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Friday, October 01, 1999 at 19:56:13 (PDT)

Email Address Not on file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration 15 - 20 seconds

Color and Brightness greenish, seemed to glow, making the air around it greenish in color

Size/shape A ball the size of a basketball

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions It was very windy that day and thunderstorm reports had been on the news. It started raining very heavily and thunder and lightning began.

Environment Saw the ball outside from looking out the window, it seemed to be 25 - 30 feet above the street

Date/time On September 29th, 1999 at about 1:00 a.m.

Location Pittsburgh, PA USA

Behavior/Narrative

“On September 29th, 1999 at about 1:00 a.m., I was sitting in my living room trying to study for a psychology exam. It was very windy that day and thunderstorm reports had been on the news. It started raining very heavily and thunder and lightning began. I was watching “Politically Incorrect with Bill Mahr” when I saw the strangest thing out of the corner of my eye. Our window spans the width of the living room, and I looked out the window and saw what looked to be a floating greenish ball. It was floating about 25 - 30 feet above the street. It was about the size of a basketball. It was green and seemed to glow, making the air around it greenish in color. All of a sudden, it grew brighter and larger and then burst in the air. It illuminated the sky. All this happened in a matter of about 15 - 20 seconds. About 2 minutes after the ball exploded, our power went out and stayed out until 10:15 a.m. the next morning. I had no idea what had happened until the next morning when my boyfriend told me of this phenomenon. He told me that it was extremely rare and that I should have felt lucky to have seen it because most people go through their entire lives without ever seeing it. When he explained it to me, I was skeptical at first. Then I got on my computer and began researching it. From what I have read about other people’s accounts, there isn’t any doubt in my mind that what I saw was ball lightning. Carly.”.

17 USA - Monday, September 06, 1999 at 00:46:10 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Monday, September 06, 1999 at 00:46:10 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration Multiple balls all 2 - 3 seconds long

Color and Brightness flourecent white

Size/shape Balls all about 3' in diameter

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions A severe rain storm just started

Environment Inside a car

Date/time On July 16,1999 about 8:30pm

Location hwy 84 near Cannob AFB Clovis NM

Behavior/Narrative

“On July 16, 1999, about 8:30 pm, my husband and I were traveling west on hwy 84 near Cannon AFB Clovis NM when a severe rainstorm started. We saw 4 or 5 large balls of light appear in front of our vehicle. They did not appear at the same time. The balls appeared to be about 3' in diameter and fluorescent white and they exploded. All of this happened in a short period of time with the balls only lasting 2 Or 3 seconds each. We had never heard about ball lightning until 3days later in a discussion of lightning with a meteorologist. He said it had been reported but was a rare form of lightning. We feel privileged to have seen ball lightning.”.

18 Chatham, NJ USA - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 19:02:13 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Friday, August 13, 1999 at 19:02:13 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration —

Color and Brightness greenish light

Size/shape ball shaped

Smell, Sound, Heat I heard a very soft sizzle or buzz.

Weather Conditions It was an exceptionally hot and humid day (102 degrees with the heat index). There seemed to be a cool breeze picking up. I noticed there seemed to be distant lightning in the sky without any accompanying rumbles of a thunder storm so I figured it was quite some distance away or heat lightning.

Environment In the backyard

Date/time It was at around 9 PM at night on Friday, August 13, 1999.

Location Chatham, NJ USA

Behavior/Narrative

“I have heard about ball lightning in the past but never thought I would experience it myself - in fact, I was almost skeptical about the whole thing - until tonight. It was at around 9 PM at night on Friday, August 13, 1999. It was an exceptionally hot and humid day (102 degrees with the heat index). We don't have central air conditioning and there seemed to be a cool breeze picking up at times so I decided to sit in the back yard for a while. Since we had little rain this summer, the presence of irritating biting insects was absent so I was able to sit there and meditate for a while. While sitting there I noticed there seemed to be distant lightning in the sky without any accompanying rumbles of a thunderstorm so I figured it was quite some distance away or heat lightning. I continued to sit there looking up to the sky. I noticed a bat that seemed to be moving quite rapidly and then seemed to boomerang back into the direction it was coming from. This happened twice. I continue to sit there waiting for it to come back again when this ball of light appeared. The area where I was sitting has an inground pool surrounded by high trees with the property backing up to a swamp. I also live about 35 miles from an airport. This “ball of light” seemed to come from one of the trees, pass over me and the pool, and then disappeared over the house into thin air. I sat there, quite stunned at what I had experienced. It happened so quickly I tried to remember what it had looked like. It was the size of a softball and looked like a greenish light ball passing about 20 feet above me. As it passed over me I heard a very soft sizzle or buzz. I sat there for a while and realized I must have experienced “ball lightning”. I guess I am now a believer.”

19 Englewood, CO USA - Monday, July 19, 1999 at 21:38:30 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Monday, July 19, 1999 at 21:38:30 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration A few seconds

Color and Brightness brilliant white flash

Size/shape The size of a basketball

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions violent thunderstorm, accompanied by strong gusts of winds.

Environment Inside of house, occurred in family room

Date/time Afternoon (July 19, 1999), at about 5:15 PM

Location Englewood, CO USA

Behavior/Narrative

“Less than four hours ago, a friend and I had an experience with what could be described as ball lightning. This afternoon (July 19, 1999), at about 5:15 PM the Southeast section of Denver experienced a particularly violent thunderstorm, accompanied by strong gusts of winds. We were in the kitchen of her home in Englewood and opened the mini-blinds to watch the driving rain and lightning. The storm was unusually close, with the time between flashes of light and the accompanying thunder going from several seconds to a single second, and even sooner. The cats were playing in the family room, a high-ceilinged room adjacent to the kitchen. In the matter of a few seconds, our hair stood on end like there was a huge charge of static electricity, there was a brilliant white flash the size of a basketball in the family room about eight feet from the floor and three feet from an interior wall, and a simultaneous explosion (like an M-80 firecracker), which rattled the windows on the first floor of the house. The flash triggered the home security system and several smoke alarms. There was the smell of ozone, similar to that of an electric motor, in the air. I happened to be looking right at the flash as it happened. The flash/bang lasted less than a second. It occurred several feet away from any electrical device, and away from any wall or other surface. There was no sign of scorching anywhere, but the smell of smoke or ozone lasted for several minutes, until after the fire department arrived. There was no sign of fire or smoldering. The TV in the family room entertainment center, two computer monitors at opposite ends of the basement, and three modems (on three separate floors, and up to 35 feet away) were blown. One CPU was ruined (but not its monitor), and one monitor was badly magnetized but degaussing corrected 90% of the problem. The house’s three telephone lines remained in working order. and no electrical circuit breakers were tripped. The fire marshal, while at the house, reported that several homes in the area had been hit.”.

**20 advance, nc USA - Monday, October 07, 2002 at 20:12:00
(PDT)**

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Monday, October 07, 2002 at 20:12:00 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration Around 3 min

Color and Brightness A bright blue light

Size/shape Size of a basketball

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions hurricane Hugo passed within about 50 miles of us , the wind was blowing pretty hard

Environment Inside of mobile home

Date/time Early in the morning at round 3:00am in 1989

Location WInston-Salem, N.C. - advance, nc USA

Behavior/Narrative

“I saw ball lightning during hurricane Hugo back in 1989. I live in Winston-Salem, N.C. and hurricane Hugo passed within about 50 miles of us. But early that morning, about 3:00 am, my wife and I were up because the wind was blowing pretty hard and we were trying to decide whether we needed to go to my mother’s house since we lived in a mobile home. About this time, I saw a blue light coming from our daughter’s bedroom. I went back there and saw a bright blue light coming from outside their window. At the time I just thought that a cop was outside our front door for some reason with his light on. I looked out the front door and to my surprise, there was a very bright blue light floating at the end of our mobile home. I thought maybe a power line had fallen and was dangling from our roof, so I went to our daughter’s bedroom to get them away from the danger. As I was waking them up, the blue object moved right in front of their window, and it was at this time that I got a good look at it and it wasn’t a power line. I was probably about 2 feet from this object at the time, and I saw a very bright blue round ball(the color of cop lights)about the size of a baseball, moving around in about a 3-foot area for about 3 minutes. I had never even heard of ball lightning at the time, so I went outside to see what this thing was. By the time I got to the end of our mobile home, it was gone. Years later I read an article about ball lightning and thought to myself that this is what it had to be. I also noticed afterward that for about a couple of months after this incident, I heard crackling noises in my ears whenever it was quiet or whenever I went to bed. Whether this had anything to do with it, I don’t know.”.

21 Wauwatosa, WI USA - Wednesday, September 04, 2002 at 20:39:49 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Wednesday, September 04, 2002 at 20:39:49 (PDT)
Email Address On file
Primary Observer Yes
Photographic or Physical Evidence No
Duration —
Color and Brightness grevish/blushish/black
Size/shape ball the size of a soccer ball, It look similar to an electrical sphere(a small ball in the middle with spikes coming out of it)
Smell, Sound, Heat Loud bang with power outage around 30min later
Weather Conditions —
Environment Indoors
Date/time Morning 5:30am
Location Wauwatosa, WI USA

Behavior/Narrative

“This morning I woke up around 5:30 am, where I was sleeping on the floor in my living room, when I saw a greyish/bluish/black ball the size of a soccer ball. It looks similar to an electrical sphere(a small ball in the middle with spikes coming out of it). It was hovering above my head bouncing off the ceiling right above an electrical socket. It was gracefully turning in all directions, slowing moving towards up our stairs to go to the second floor. It started to dim, and then it just disappeared(or possibly went up stairs). About a half an hour later, I heard a loud BANG, our electricity went out and then came right back on. It was the scariest thing I’ve ever seen!!”.

22 Lorida, FL USA - Sunday, August 04, 2002 at 00:52:52 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Sunday, August 04, 2002 at 00:52:52 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration Around 15 seconds

Color and Brightness changed colors from white to orange, red, green, blue, and back to white leaving a trail similar to a meteor

Size/shape Perfect sphere , a pea at arms length

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions the usual cumulo nimbus thunderheads, two very large storm clouds

Environment Outdoors about 10 - 15 miles away from observers

Date/time Mid summer, about 8 pm about mid July of 1988

Location southern Florida

Behavior/Narrative

“This was mid-summer in southern Florida which has the usual cumulonimbus thunderheads working at any given time. In this case, it was about 8 pm about mid-July of 1988, and I and a buddy were watching two very large storm clouds in the west putting on a display of cloud to cloud lightning in a back and forth repetition so to speak. We watched this go on for no less than a half-hour and then saw a ball come out from between the two storm clouds that were pure white and perfectly round. Now comes the hard part of guessing ball size because the thunderheads were probably 10 to 15 miles away from us, but if you held a pea up at arm’s length this would be about the size of the ball we saw. As the ball left the clouds it picked up speed and changed colors from white to orange, red, green, blue, and back to white leaving a trail similar to a meteor, but kept the same flight path as far as altitude and with no sound. As we were watching the ball, the direction of travel changed from moving east to almost 180 degrees at that time taking it towards the west coast of Florida. We saw this display take place for about 15 seconds or maybe less and it was gone only to be reported by many people from the west coast of Florida (Tampa and Sarasota area) shortly thereafter as they witnessed the ball going across the Gulf of Mexico towards Texas. My buddy and I thought we were the only eye witnesses to this but were wrong as we later heard on various radio stations. This testimonial is somewhat old in coming because we have just now located this superb website and wanted to be able to give our input. I have no idea what this ball was that we observed other than comparisons I have read on this site that would confirm ”ball lightning.” Keep watching the clouds!!”.

23 Cedar Rapids , IA USA - Wednesday, July 24, 2002 at 11:45:33 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Wednesday, July 24, 2002 at 11:45:33 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration About 3 seconds

Color and Brightness mostly white with a kind of burnt Smokey yellow around the edges

Size/shape Ball, The diameter is difficult for me to estimate as I am not certain of its distances, but at arms length I could have framed the bright part of it with my fingers 1/2 inch apart. It had a tail 4 or 5 times the diameter. It may have had its own corona

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions The weather in Cedar Rapids the two previous days had been in the upper 90's with 90% humidity. On this morning it was in the middle 80's and raining with a lot of lightning.

Environment Outdoors

Date/time Monday July 22nd 2002

Location Low in the sky but well over the trees and houses on the horizon, Cedar Rapids , IA USA

Behavior/Narrative

“On Monday, July 22nd, 2002 I was delivering the newspaper when I saw a fireball of lightning. It happened at 4:45 am I was walking south in the street looking to the horizon when it appeared. It was low in the sky, but well over the trees and houses, and appeared to me at first to be practically in the clouds, but after reading some of the other descriptions I think it may have had its own corona about it. The weather in Cedar Rapids the two previous days had been in the upper 90's with 90% humidity. This morning it was in the middle '80s and raining with a lot of lightning. At the time I saw the ball it had been raining with a lot of thunder and lightning for about an hour and a half. The ball was mostly white with a kind of burnt Smokey yellow around the edges. It traveled mostly horizontal but with a jagged path like you see in the path of bolt lightning. Its speed was slow like a car passing by not like lightning. It had a tail 4 or 5 times the diameter. The diameter is difficult for me to estimate as I am not certain of its distances, but at arm's length, I could have framed the bright part of it with my fingers inch apart. My entire event lasted just 3 seconds and left me wondering if I had really seen it. I had heard of fireballs years ago now I am a lucky witness to this rare natural phenomenon.”.

24 GREENVILLE, NC USA - Sunday, October 07, 2001 at 13:52:20 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Sunday, October 07, 2001 at 13:52:20 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration 5 - 6 seconds

Color and Brightness Blue

Size/shape A small bubble

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions It was raining on and off during the evening

Environment Front door area

Date/time Around 1 A.M.

Location GREENVILLE, NC USA

Behavior/Narrative

“It was just last evening around 1 a.m. when I was sitting on my couch watching t.v. with one of my cats sitting beside me when we heard a faint scratching sound by our front door. as I looked towards the door, I saw a small bubble blue in color come through the door float in the air for about 5 or 6 seconds, and then loudly popped with a flash. this startled us both and I ran and told y husband who immediately checked out the area. no burns on the door where it had appeared from. it was raining on and off that evening but no thunderstorms. I have read reports and seen TV programs where sometimes ball lightning will appear before a catastrophe such as tornadoes and earthquakes but today it makes me wonder. we just bombed Afghanistan and...this afternoon my house shook for a few seconds without reason. I thought maybe it was a tremor. I have to check the news to find out but now everything seems to add up a little.”.

25 Chelsea, MA USA - Saturday, August 04, 2001 at 16:58:04 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Saturday, August 04, 2001 at 16:58:04 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration —

Color and Brightness brilliantly bright ball

Size/shape Ball the size of a basketball

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions It was pouring rain accompanied by thunder and lightning.

Environment Directly outside of window

Date/time 03 August, 2001 at approximately 7:20PM

Location Chelsea, Massachusetts, USA.

Behavior/Narrative

“Ball Lightning Sighting: 03 August 2001 at approximately 7:20 PM in Chelsea, Massachusetts, USA. it was pouring rain accompanied by thunder and lightning. I was doing my exercises in the front room. I heard an unusually loud clap of thunder, causing me to look up and out the window. I saw a brilliantly bright ball of light about eyeball level with me. It was about the size of a basketball. I was on the bottom floor of my house, and I stand 5’8”, so I would venture to say the lightning ball was 12-13 feet above the ground. I am so glad I looked when I did; though I admit it was a little scary.”.

26 Topeka, KS USA - Friday, March 16, 2001 at 20:01:31 (PST)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Friday, March 16, 2001 at 20:01:31 (PST)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration —

Color and Brightness Bright light

Size/shape 3 feet in diameter ball

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions A storm that was calming down

Environment Outside after a storm

Date/time march 14 about 8pm

Location Topeka, KS USA

Behavior/Narrative

“On March 14 about 8 pm, I decided to take my dog outside, it seemed as the storm was calming down. My dog is afraid of thunder and being she is just over a year old, I was going to show her everything was okay. It was still sprinkling outside but we went out anyway. As I stood in the middle of my backyard on the sidewalk, a ball of light exploded over my head. It seemed like it was just 4 feet above me. There were no loud explosions no cracks of lightning or thunder. It simulated a flash on a camera. The diameter was about 3 feet. As I realized what had just happened. My yard light had slowly gone out. It seemed so quiet in a calm sort of way. I decided to return to the porch. My dog had already returned there. My fuse box was on the porch so I decided to go on in. When I did I reported to my husband what had happened. He told me that I saw a ball of lightning, I had never heard of such a thing. then went to report to the electric co. that my light was blown out so they would come in the next day or two to fix it. Just then I noticed the yard light was on. I realized then that the light was sun-sensitive and the bright ball of light had made it shut off. Also, it was raining very hard out. In fact, the storm had hung around for 2 more hours with a lightning storm and thunder. Needless to say, Lolitamy my dog sat in my lap through it all.”.

27 San Diego, CA USA - Sunday, February 11, 2001 at 09:19:27 (PST)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Sunday, February 11, 2001 at 09:19:27 (PST)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration —

Color and Brightness Red, glowing

Size/shape Ball softball sized

Smell, Sound, Heat No sound

Weather Conditions It had been raining on and off all evening

Environment floated down from the sky to a neighbors house

Date/time It was 2/10/01, a Saturday evening about 9:30 PM PT

Location San Diego, CA USA

Behavior/Narrative

“It was 2/10/01, a Saturday evening about 9:30 PM PT, and it had been raining on and off all evening. I was lying in my bed on the phone when suddenly I witnessed a red spherical shaped orb floating down from the sky. It floated down from above the treetops, over my neighbor’s house, and hovered in their driveway outside my bedroom window. It was no bigger than a softball and was glowing red. It made no sound and moved very slowly. What an experience! Immediately afterward, it down poured for about 30 seconds and then stopped. Amazing!”.

28 Fort Worth , TX USA - Monday, November 06, 2006 at 11:54:32 (PST)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Monday, November 06, 2006 at 11:54:32 (PST)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration —

Color and Brightness very bright, spherical, and nearly white in apparent color

Size/shape spherical

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions In a thunderstorm

Environment driving through a thunderstorm, the area was flat and we could see numerous bolts hit, the temperature was about 65 degrees and there was very little rain.

Date/time 11/5/2006 at about 7 PM CST

Location Fort Worth , TX USA

Behavior/Narrative

“On 11/5/2006 at about 7 PM CST, my brother and I were driving through a thunderstorm after completion of the Dickies 500 NASCAR race in Fort Worth. The area was flat and we could see numerous bolts hit. The temperature was about 65 degrees and there was very little rain. Off to the left of our vehicle, a bright glow appeared for close to one second. It was very bright, spherical, and nearly white in apparent color. Both of us saw it even though my brother was driving and it was more than 90 degrees to his left. It was about 15 degrees above the horizontal. I could not tell the size and distance but I am sure that it was between 1/4 and 1/2 mile away. There was no thunder or report associated with the event. There were numerous thunderclaps associated with bolts before and after the event. I told my brother that I thought that the event was ball lightning.”

29 Olathe, KS USA - Sunday, October 15, 2006 at 20:54:04 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Sunday, October 15, 2006 at 20:54:04 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration —

Color and Brightness Ball of light with red veins though it

Size/shape Ball the size of a basketball

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions —

Environment Bedroom

Date/time August 7th 2006 at 9:03am

Location Olathe, KS USA

Behavior/Narrative

“On August 7th, 2006 at 9:03 am, I was laying in my bed on my back. I had just opened my eyes to a ball of light with red veins flowing through it about the size of a basketball, which was over my head by the ceiling. Then alive. My stereo, speakers and cordless telephone were blow out.”.

30 oak law, il USA - Monday, October 09, 2006 at 16:42:42 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Monday, October 09, 2006 at 16:42:42 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration Around 2 min

Color and Brightness Red and green

Size/shape Golfball sized

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions A severe thunderstorm (which was later classified a microburst), there was severe thunderstorms all day, due to high humid air from the gulf colliding with the cool Canadian air mass.

Environment Outdoors, circulated around a steeple and out in the southern sky

Date/time On the night of Monday October 2, 2006, about 9:40pm

Location oak law, il USA

Behavior/Narrative

“On the night of Monday, October 2, 2006, we experienced a severe thunderstorm (which was later classified as a microburst) in the south suburbs of Chicago. There were severe thunderstorms all day, due to high humid air from the gulf colliding with the cool Canadian air mass. At about 9:00 pm., my two boys told me to look out the second-floor window to the west in their bedroom. We observed flashes of green lights, and red lights, up in the western sky. Then we also observed these colors in the eastern sky. I have never seen anything like this! At about 9:40 pm. we lost power and as I was looking out the southern sky to see if the power was out elsewhere, I witnessed a yellowish flash of light in at my eye level, about the size of a golfball. It scared me, and I ran for cover but when it was done we looked out the window at the church steeple, about four stories off the ground, next door to us on the south side of the building, and there were lights flashing around about one foot off the top of the steeple, in a circular motion, like a siren with lights, of red and green. It circulated the steeple for about 2 minutes. It was very strange, and something I had never seen before. The damage to our area was drastic and many trees were knocked out by this storm.”.

31 Fishers, IN USA - Saturday, August 26, 2006 at 01:27:10 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Saturday, August 26, 2006 at 01:27:10 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration Roughly observed for 3 seconds

Color and Brightness Bright white

Size/shape A ball with trailing sparks, much like an icecream cone

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions There was a storm about 25 miles to the North and a little West of the observed location

Environment Outdoors

Date/time Wednesday August 24th 2006 approx. 1:30am

Location Fishers, IN USA

Behavior/Narrative

“On Wednesday, August 24th, 2006 approx. 1:30 am I was getting ready to leave a friend’s home in Sheridan Indiana on my Motorcycle. It is about a 20-mile ride from his house to mine. At any rate, my friend came outside and we talked to each other as I was getting on my cycle and we noticed Summer Heat lightning Northwest of his home. He went back in to check the weather to see if I was going to hit any rain on my ride home and he came back outside and said the storm was about 25 miles to the North and a little West of us and I would be traveling southeast so it was fine. So I started the bike and was getting ready to take off and looked up to the direction of the storm and saw a bright white ball trailing sparks and looking much like an ice cream cone with the tail tapering, it was approx. 50-75 feet up and almost directly over us. I saw it for about 3-seconds then it just went out, as it ran out of steam. In the 3-seconds I saw the Ball lightning it only traveled about 100 feet so it wasn’t a comet nor did it make a sound. As I saw it I instantly said ”Hey look” and I never stopped looking at it, thinking back that my friend would have looked at me and then looked where I was looking but to no avail, he didn’t even look. The ball didn’t seem to light up the ground it was going over probably given it was about the size of a basketball. I know of nothing else around that could explain the white ball and tail. That’s it and Thank You for the site as I was researching what I saw.”.

32 Liverpool, NY USA - Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at 09:58:56 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at 09:58:56 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration Around 25 seconds

Color and Brightness VERY bright white

Size/shape Size of beach balls, they seemed to change in size; seem to wax and wane (beachball - to-basketball-to- beachball)

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions Thunderstorm

Environment Outdoors

Date/time Monday, July 10, 2006, around 11PM

Location Liverpool, NY USA

Behavior/Narrative

“On Monday, July 10, 2006, I was out for a late evening walk. At just about 11 PM, distant cloud lightning began. The storm approached from the West. I took cover under the awning at a nearby convenience store/gas station that was closed for the evening as it began to sprinkle, then rain. The storm approached rapidly, with both Horizontal (cloud-to-cloud) and vertical (Cloud to the ground) lightning. Streaks of horizontal lightning up to perhaps ten streaks, wide and far apart, seemingly emanating from a common location occurred several times, lighting up the sky just across the street. It began to rain harder. I resigned myself that this would not be a 5-minute storm pass. After waiting a while in hopes of the rain to stop and the lightning to subside, all the while enjoying the light show, I saw in the distance two balls of light the size of beach balls. Thinking it was not an airplane for it appeared suddenly and was VERY bright white, such as a flash of lightning would be, I watched it and watched it. The ball(s) of lightning never moved direction but did seem to wax and wane (beachball - to-basketball-to- beachball). After about 25 seconds they were gone, and less than 5 seconds later the entire sky was lighted again with more cloud to cloud lightning, revealing that there was no airplane or other airborne object where the lights had been. The rain and lightning continued for another 40 minutes or so with nothing additionally remarkable. This location is 35 miles south of the Great Lake Ontario, where the evening news had shown satellite images of thunderstorms covering the entire lake (North to South - Canada to Upstate NY). However, this set of storms came from the west, from the Finger Lakes Region. This is the first experience of such widespread and well defined (streaks) of horizontal lightning that I have ever seen, even in experiencing some of the majestic North Carolinian storms. This is also my first sighting of ‘ball lightning’. I thought it may have been my imagination, but upon researching the existence of such phenomena, found that under the conditions such as described above that it is not altogether uncommon.”

33 Mukilteo, WA USA - Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 15:39:45 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 15:39:45 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration Over 3 - 4 seconds

Color and Brightness Blue, very bright

Size/shape Ovoid, unknown size; but around the size of his thumb at arms length

Smell, Sound, Heat No audible noise above the wind and rain

Weather Conditions Ceilings overcast and low, just obscuring some nearby tall treetops, raining heavily.

Environment In clouds/sky

Date/time Aprox 1-2am Mid December 2004

Location 2 miles WNW of KPAE airport.

Behavior/Narrative

“Blue ovoid ball lightning. It was very bright. Size unknown - no frame of reference. Was about the size of my thumb viewed at arm’s length. Wider horizontally than it was tall. Moving horizontally through an observable 30deg arc over 3-4 seconds, in a westerly direction, then faded out. Associated high winds in the same direction. Clouds were moving faster, also appeared to be lit from the light below. Approx 1-2 am Mid December 2004? I do not recall the exact date but recall the observation and conditions quite clearly. It would be quite difficult to forget it if you saw it! Ceilings overcast and low, just obscuring some nearby tall treetops, raining heavily. No audible noise above the wind and rain. Did not have the appearance of aviation navigation or landing lights - was much too blue. Location 2 miles WNW of KPAE airport.”.

34 roscoe, IL USA - Monday, April 17, 2006 at 17:17:28 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Monday, April 17, 2006 at 17:17:28 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration Around 5 - 6 seconds

Color and Brightness Glowing with a bright flash like a flash grenade

Size/shape Orb with the size of two fists

Smell, Sound, Heat Very loud boom

Weather Conditions A storm was just finishing passing through and the lightning had subsided.

Environment Outside on a dog walk

Date/time 5:15 in the afternoon on easter sunday.

Location roscoe, IL USA

Behavior/Narrative

“This report of ball lightning happened at 5:15 in the afternoon on Easter Sunday. A storm was just finishing passing through and the lightning had subsided. my mom and I thought it would be safe to take our dog out on a walk. the dog ran about 10 feet in front of us and my mom and I were looking around and suddenly we saw a glowing orb about three feet in front of us. It was the size of two of my fists together and it was about four feet from the ground. At first, my mom looked at me thinking I had thrown a firework at the dog. Meanwhile, I was staring at the ball lightning, jaw dropped knowing what it was, due to a physics class I had in high school. We heard a crackling sound, and it dissipated as if it were a flash grenade. The ball lasted in the air just a few seconds 5-6 if I had to guess. After that, it was a bright flash, almost a sudden thud against my chest, and the loudest boom of lightning I have ever heard. I’ve been telling everyone i know that I have seen ball lighting and have described these incidents many a time. Our dog was afraid to go outside the next day and still is afraid to go out of the front door.”.

35 Kingwood, TX USA - Monday, July 18, 2005 at 08:14:42 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Monday, July 18, 2005 at 08:14:42 (PDT)

Email Address Not on file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration Seconds long

Color and Brightness Blue, burst of light

Size/shape Ball

Smell, Sound, Heat Huge burst of sound

Weather Conditions A thunderstorm was heading towards town

Environment On a driveway

Date/time About 11:30AM on Thursday July 14, 2005

Location Kingwood, TX USA

Behavior/Narrative

“At about 11:30 AM on Thursday, July 14, 2005, I was standing in front of a window on the second story of my house and saw a blue ball of light 1 to 2 ft. wide hovering over my driveway. In seconds it exploded in a huge burst of light and sound. I assume it was a ball of lightning. The explosion somehow knocked out my two neighbors’ home intercom systems, blew out our security system, froze our garage door, blew down many tree branches, and knocked over some items on the walls. Some friends of mine miles away heard the explosion also. At this time, a thunderstorm was heading towards town, but the sky was still pretty clear when the ball lightning went off.”.

36 Cartersville, GA USA - Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 16:11:59 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 16:11:59 (PDT)

Email Address Not on file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No, but did have burn marks

Duration —

Color and Brightness Like a blue ball with flashing lights inside, it was bright blue almost neon with the glowing lights. Bright lights

Size/shape Giant blue ball, seemed to expand and then suddenly it shrunk inside its self. Like an imploding water balloon.

Smell, Sound, Heat A crackling noise like static, it exploded with heat.

Weather Conditions There was a thunderstorm; "We had been out there for 10 or 15 minutes when it suddenly got very quiet and the biggest bolt of lightning I've ever seen struck. It went straight down but it was very far away over a horizon of trees and we were on no danger."

Environment Outside by a grill

Date/time April 12, 2005

Location Cartersville, GA USA

Behavior/Narrative

"April 12, 2005, about half an hour ago I was sitting on my back deck with my 2-year-old niece in my lap, my 7 yr old nephew next to me, and my older sister cooking on the grill. There was a thunderstorm and we were outside listening to the thunder but there was no lightning. We had been out there for 10 or 15 minutes when it suddenly got very quiet and the biggest bolt of lightning I've ever seen struck. It went straight down but it was very far away over a horizon of trees and we were in no danger. Still, there was no noise and just as it was going down I heard a crackling noise like static and looked over to the grill. Directly in front of my sister was this giant blue ball. It looked like a blue water balloon with lights flashing inside. We were all frozen in shock. It was bright blue almost neon with the glowing lights. It rose to the level of my sister's face and seemed to expand and then suddenly it shrunk inside its self. Like an imploding water balloon. It exploded with heat. The lights inside it went all over us. Scared, we all screamed and the kids burst into tears and we ran inside. I have never heard anything so loud. Or seen anything so frightening. Once we got inside, we realized that from my shoulder to my elbow was bright red like a sunburn. And my sister's face was burnt and all she can see are spots and she has a ringing in her ears. I cannot get over how loud that was, that it seemed to IMplode right next to us sucking in on itself and exploding like a giant firework next to our heads. My sister and I are the only ones that it hit. My mom was inside setting the table inside and saw it next to us. We can't stop shaking."

37 Memphis, tn USA - Tuesday, November 04, 2003 at 09:25:56 (PST)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Tuesday, November 04, 2003 at 09:25:56 (PST)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration A couple of seconds

Color and Brightness A brilliant light of faint blue, then became blue/green opalescent, then a paler green and then disintegrated into a even lighter shade of green and then became yellow.

Size/shape Large sphere

Smell, Sound, Heat No noise

Weather Conditions The humidity was high that night and the air fairly chilly.

Environment In a park close to a tree

Date/time About 10:00pm on November 3rd,2003

Location Memphis, tn USA

Behavior/Narrative

“My husband and I were sitting in a park at about 10:00 pm on November 3rd,2003. We were talking and sitting close to a tree, suddenly there was a brilliant light that was a faint blue. At first, my thought was that lighting had just flashed lighting up the park, but then I realized that the sky was cloudless and I looked up to see a large blue/green opalescent sphere that appeared to be about twenty feet in the air. The ball became a paler green and then disintegrated into an even lighter shade of green and then became yellow. It appeared to be a firework or a flare, but as we discussed this we realized that we had heard no noise at all before or after the event. The park is large and spread out and there was really no way for someone to have launched such a thing from the vicinity without us hearing it. I then realized that earlier during our walk to the park that I had seen a brief flashing in the distance on the horizon, this made me think that it was possibly ball lightning but I am still not sure. Logically, it was most likely a flare, but the bright flash that accompanied the event lit things up immensely, it was actually frightening, and the utter silence of the event I believe rules out the possibility of it being a firework. It had to have been only twenty feet away, when it disintegrated I actually saw some of the object streams over some trees that were about a hundred feet from us. The humidity was high that night and the air fairly chilly. The whole event only lasted a couple of seconds.”

38 Conroy, IA USA - Monday, November 03, 2003 at 22:22:21 (PST)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Monday, November 03, 2003 at 22:22:21 (PST)

Email Address Not on file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration A few seconds

Color and Brightness Bright orange, then the outer edge became a bright hazey orange and disappeared

Size/shape Size of a tennis ball then expanded to the size of a dinner plate

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions It had been raining

Environment About 6 feet from a window

Date/time About 4:00am Sunday November 2nd, 2003

Location Conroy, IA USA

Behavior/Narrative

“At about 4:00 am Sunday, November 2nd, 2003 I awoke for no reason. Our bed faces the North and there are no window coverings on the North window...so my view is completely unobstructed. It was still very dark and it had been raining. When I opened my eyes I was looking directly at a bright orange ball about the size of a tennis ball. It looked like it was about 6 feet from the window, but I can't say for sure. It just kind of hovered there for a few seconds, then it expanded to the size of a large dinner plate. The outer edge became a bright Hazey orange. Then it just disappeared. It didn't slowly "evaporate" or "explode", it just "disappeared". Our dog jumped up...I don't know if she saw it, sensed it, or sensed my fear. I never experienced anything like it. I was afraid to say anything. I mentioned it to an older gentleman I work with that has a lot of "knowledge" in strange phenomena, and he told me to look up ball lightning on the internet...and here I am. Nice to know I'm not alone, and that I wasn't "seeing" things.”

39 Louisville, KY USA - Thursday, October 02, 2003 at 14:35:38 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Thursday, October 02, 2003 at 14:35:38 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration —

Color and Brightness White and bright

Size/shape Size of a small grapefruit

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions Between two weather fronts

Environment Outside of car, never entering the car

Date/time on a night (10-02-03, 2:00am)

Location Louisville, KY USA - in a parking lot next to the Ohio River in Louisville, Kentucky.

Behavior/Narrative

“Ball lightning sighted while on security watch in a parking lot next to the Ohio River in Louisville, Kentucky. It followed the curve of my automobile, swiped the driver side window in front of my face, and traveled back to the rear of the car, and disappeared. It never entered my car. There was no storm at the moment but was on a night (10-02-03, 2:00 am) between two recent weather fronts. It was white, bright and the size of a small grapefruit.”.

40 Erie, PA USA - Friday, June 20, 2003 at 07:01:57 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Friday, June 20, 2003 at 07:01:57 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration —

Color and Brightness Some what like small meteors

Size/shape Maybe around basketball size

Smell, Sound, Heat Similar to a meteor shower

Weather Conditions Going right into a thunderstorm

Environment Scenic route through the Shenandoa Mountains

Date/time PA- 6/15/03 , it was getting late (10:00pm)

Location I-95 & take the Scenic route through the Shenandoa Mountains, we took a smaller state route toward Waynesboro, VA, Erie, PA USA

Behavior/Narrative

“We recently were coming back from a vacation at Myrtle Beach toward Erie, PA- 6/15/03. We decided to get off I-95 & take the Scenic route through the Shenandoah Mountains. We took a smaller state route toward Waynesboro, VA. It was getting late (10:00 pm), and in the distance, we could see we were heading right into a Thunderstorm. As we got closer, the storm seemed to intensify and lit the surrounding countryside. At first, I thought I was seeing things or there was some sort of meteor shower. I kept seeing what looked like meteors coming through the clouds- streaking toward the earth and then burning out very quickly. I told my wife & kids to look out the window. They some them as well. I can only describe them as looking very similar to a meteor shower except the cloud cover was too low and too full to expose the upper atmosphere, so I don't think they could have been meteors. They were small (maybe like basketballs) bright, but not as bright as regular lightning, fast, & appeared to burn out very quickly - much before they hit the ground. My guess is that they were "Ball Lightning", however, I had never seen ball lightning nor a picture, thus this is how I found this page - when I was looking for a picture of "ball lightning" on the web. I had no idea it was that mysterious & evasive.”.

41 Fairfax, VA USA - Saturday, August 28, 2010 at 07:38:13 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Saturday, August 28, 2010 at 07:38:13 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration Apprx 3 seconds

Color and Brightness Yellowish color

Size/shape Size of balloon

Smell, Sound, Heat Second witness smelled burning and smoke

Weather Conditions —

Environment Indoors by stairs in a corner

Date/time 2010 ,August 27th , Apprx. 8 PM

Location Fairfax, VA USA

Behavior/Narrative

“Ball Lightning Seen: 2010 August 27th Apprx. 8 PM Walking upstairs to 2nd floor, Ball lightning, size of the balloon, yellowish in color, seen in the upper corner of the landing. Bare walls, no lights in the area. Lasted approx. 3 seconds. I screamed; my 17-year-old son came up 30 seconds later and witnessed a burning smell and smoke. At first, we thought it was an electric fire or something of that nature. Checked all wires, etc. No problems. Husband, Ph.D. physicist, came home later that evening- asked him, he directed us to Ball Lightning... Wikipedia article matches the description.”.

42 Woodbridge, NJ USA - Monday, April 20, 2009 at 18:48:45 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Monday, April 20, 2009 at 18:48:45 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration approximately 3 or 4 seconds

Color and Brightness Bright yellow

Size/shape Ball

Smell, Sound, Heat Felt like it radiated heat , it is 51 degrees outside and it felt as if it had warmed up to about 70 or so in those few seconds , after the ball vanished, a huge clap of thunder, louder than I've ever heard any before, hit and sent a vibration so strong I could feel it.

Weather Conditions A tremendous thunder storm

Environment Outside

Date/time 9:45 PM on April 20, 2009

Location Woodbridge, NJ USA

Behavior/Narrative

"It is 9:45 PM on April 20, 2009. About 15 minutes ago I think I definitely saw "Ball Lightning". I was standing on my back porch watching a tremendous thunderstorm (I'm weird like that) and all of a sudden I was looking up and saw a bright yellow ball of light that lasted approximately 3 or 4 seconds. I felt as if it had radiated heat. It is 51 degrees outside and it felt as if it had warmed up to about 70 or so in those few seconds. Almost instantly after the ball vanished, a huge clap of thunder, louder than I've ever heard any before, hit and sent a vibration so strong I could feel it. I'm not sure if this was ball lightning, but it sure does seem like it."

43 Asheville, NC USA - Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 18:43:56 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 18:43:56 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration —

Color and Brightness Yellow-orange light

Size/shape It grew in size for a few seconds, turned orange, then disappeared, it looked like the movies, when they show a meteorite heading right for someone.

Smell, Sound, Heat The moment it disappeared, I felt like I had been hit with a sonic boom, the power surged— hard— and then there were several loud snapping/popping noises, like muffled fireworks. The boom feeling and the noises were loud (and impact full) enough to wake my husband. Strange popping noise and a few minutes later I heard something which sounded like a sizzling sound coming from my neighbor's yard. The air did feel and smell electrically charged when observer went outside to investigate.

Weather Conditions Area had been washed over with some thunderstorms

Environment Outdoors above tree tops

Date/time Two nights ago around midnight - Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 18:43:56 (PDT)

Location Asheville, NC USA

Behavior/Narrative

“Two nights ago around midnight, after our area had been washed over with some thunderstorms that day, I was lying in bed watching tv when I saw a yellow-orange light in the sky just above the treetops. It looked like the movies when they show a meteorite heading right for someone. It grew in size for a few seconds, turned orange, then disappeared. The moment it disappeared, I felt like I had been hit with a sonic boom, the power surged— hard— and then there were several loud snapping/popping noises, like muffled fireworks. The boom feeling and the noises were loud (and impactful) enough to wake my husband. Immediately after this, I saw a bright blue flash of what appeared to be cloud-to-cloud lightning, and again the power surged (but only a little), and once more I heard the strange popping noise. A few minutes later I heard something which sounded like a sizzling sound coming from my neighbor's yard. When I went out to investigate I saw nothing out of the ordinary, but the air did feel and smell electrically charged. I went back inside, and nothing else unusual happened for the remainder of the night. I don't know if this was ball lightning or not, but that's the closest explanation I can find!” .

44 los angeles, ca USA - Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 01:48:54 (PDT)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 01:48:54 (PDT)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer No

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration Around 15 seconds

Color and Brightness object of light

Size/shape Looked like a UFO , object of light , round , moving the same speed of the plane

Smell, Sound, Heat —

Weather Conditions Around dusk, behind a plane

Environment Behind a plane

Date/time 7:42 pm, on tuesday august 14, 2007 - Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 01:48:54 (PDT)

Location los angeles, ca USA

Behavior/Narrative

“Hello, I would like to file this report that was seen today. UFO report. My dad called me out into the backyard saying he had seen something. By the time I got out there, he said I was too late, he explained to me later what he had seen and why he was so excited. the time was just before darkness, about 15 minutes before dark, called ”dusk” time. The sky was still blue-grey like in the daytime, it was not a dark sky yet, for 15 minutes. I wrote down exactly what he said, and I am typing it in here now. ”The sun was low on the horizon, not visible. There was an airplane going toward the west” But it was not dark” The passenger plane did not have the lights on” Behind the plane was a light in the sky, following the plane. 500 feet behind plane was a round light shape following plane, moving” ”It continue moving forward with the plane” It had no tail, just round light” It disappeared after maybe 15 seconds’ It did not move away, just disappear” He speaks Spanish. English not very well, I can understand pretty good what he says and I also speak Spanish and German. My mom speaks German, and we use German around the house a lot. I just wrote down exactly what he said. He said he saw this object of light, round, moving the same speed as the plane, but behind it, evenly flying, he was very excited and said that he saw a UFO. He said it followed for a while and then it just kind of faded out and disappeared. He said it seemed that it was looking at the plane, in a curious way, and then was done, and it left. His name is Jose, my name is Michael We live in Los Angeles, California, USA, and the exact time he called me to go look was 7:42 pm, on Tuesday, August 14, 2007. we live in West Hollywood, and we are right under a flight path, where planes always go by to land at the Santa Monica airport in Santa Monica. Thanks, Michael.”.

45 Urbana, Oh USA - Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 16:08:16 (PST)

Prepared November 1, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 16:08:16 (PST)

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence No

Duration (> 1 sec.)

Color and Brightness Bright orange (sunset color) , redish flash

Size/shape Orb , cue ball size

Smell, Sound, Heat heard a crackle or snap sound associated with the flash.

Weather Conditions Cold weather (30 deg) and dry

Environment Close to family , split level ranch

Date/time 1/10/07 at 8:27 PM

Location Urbana, Oh USA

Behavior/Narrative

“My family hopes that what we encountered was in fact ”ball lightning”. At the time we had not heard of this phenomenon so naturally we were freaked out. My wife, my daughter & I were sitting in our split level ranch on 1/10/07 at 8:27 PM. The weather was cold (at 30 deg.) & dry. We were watching TV while my wife (between us, ”L” shaped seating)talked on the cordless phone to her friend. I was looking toward my daughter when all of the sudden, a bright orange (sunset color) orb appeared in the direction of my wife. It created enough of a flash of light to get all of our attention but not like a spot light being turned on. Immediately I turned to see what it was, but it was gone that quick (< 1 sec.). As I looked at my wife & daughter I could tell by their expressions that they had seen this also. We all sat for a brief second in silence then collectively asked ”what the heck was that?” My daughter stated that she had seen a reddish ball” flash. I too had seen the shape but thought it to be more of an orange color. Since I was viewing this from my peripheral I thought it was on my wife’s opposite side away from me. My daughter (who was at a 90 deg angle from my wife & I)stated that she was basically looking right at it and that it was over my wife’s head (at 2.5’) toward me. We determined between us that it was at cue ball size. My daughter also had heard a crackle or snap sound associated with the flash. Naturally, we were amazed at first, brainstorming potential causes and discounting others. I started to wonder if it was in fact an omen of a fire in our home or something like that. I roamed around for several minutes looking in rooms, feeling walls, ceilings, etc. Obviously, I found nothing. We eventually retired to bed bewildered by the event. I went to work the next day recounting the event to people I knew would not think I was crazy (as did my wife & daughter). Basically, I was looking for the one thing I had not yet found, a reasonable explanation. Upon sharing my experience with a coworker, I was given just that. He told me about watching a program about ”ball lightning”. I went to my computer and pulled up a site that reasonably confirmed our event. To give a little more background (that supports the ball lightning theory). We had an air purifier with an ionizer running continuously in that room. We also had a ceiling fan in the foyer /stairway leading up from the front door directly behind my wife. She was on the cordless phone (I theorize that someone beeped in on call waiting) (I am not certain this would impact the situation)when the incident occurred. Upon reading the web info it described saturation of ionized plasma (which could be form negative & positive ions)along with a magnetic source which I assume the cordless phone presented, could possibly have set up the conditions for this amazing event.”

46 Windsor Cottages, Ynysybwl, UK

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/23/2020 2:30:27

Email Address On file

Primary Observer No

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 30 seconds to a minute

Color and Brightness Relative reported bright white light about 60 watt bulb.

Size/shape Basketball sized.

Smell, Sound, Heat Seen at a distance of 60m. Unable to smell or feel heat. Silent.

Weather Conditions Overcast dry early Spring UK day c 12c

Environment See 8. In deep rural valley near large busy coal mine. Large tall winding gear 250m away.
Stream in tunnel nearby. Some buildings Inc telephone exchange nearby.

Date/time April 1984

Location Windsor Cottages, Ynysybwl, UK

Behavior/Narrative

“Witnessed by an elderly relative in a valley base in a tree line opposite the house. Trees on the vertical rock face above a tunnel and close to a coal mine and rail track. Near the coal washing reservoir. Watched from house moving v slowly but gently 'dancing' at the edge of rock face and soil. A relative had seen this as a child in the long main street too and called it ball lightning. Many local morbid superstitions held by her and older miners about this which may mean it's an area known for this?”.

47 Park ave Kingswood NSW Australia, in a rural area of town

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/23/2020 7:26:30

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 5 to 8 seconds

Color and Brightness Bright Yellowish ORB, looked the intensity of a Stadium light ..

Size/shape It was in sky so large

Smell, Sound, Heat There was a lightning bolt, large & Noisy, it seemed to leave a trail of smoke behind, the "Ball" rose from area the Lightning hit and followed the trail of smoke precisely back up into clouds

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Weather Conditions Thunderstorm & Lightning, rain, but Humid

Environment OUTSIDE, Kingswood, a Outer suburb of Sydney NSW Australia

Date/time 2002 September, I think

Location Park ave Kingswood NSW Australia, in a rural area of town

Behavior/Narrative

"There was a lightning bolt, large & Noisy, it seemed to leave a trail of smoke behind, the "Ball" rose from the area the Lightning hit and followed the trail of smoke precisely back up into clouds ...".

48 34 2'44.79" S, 14116'18.96" E

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/23/2020 21:55:03

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Observed by my mother in the 1930's in outback Australia, she died in 2012

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration Un-timed

Color and Brightness I understand it was white

Size/shape Four inches in diameter

Smell, Sound, Heat unknown

Weather Conditions Unknown

Environment Indoors, The weatherboard (clapboard) house was in outback N.S.W., Australia in the 1930's, no power lines nearby, all lighting was by paraffin lamps. Sandy loam soil near a large inland freshwater lake with salt flats nearby.

Date/time unknown

Location 34 2'44.79" S, 14116'18.96" E

Behavior/Narrative

"It appeared in a doorway, followed the profile of the door frame, and then passed down a hallway for approximately ten feet before dissipating."

49 Axminster, East Devon, UK.

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/24/2020 8:39:06

Report details confidential

50 Early 1980s, in winter, Bathurst, New South Wales, Evening, about 8pm

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/26/2020 3:22:37

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 15 to 30 seconds

Color and Brightness Brighter than the living room illumination.

Size/shape Spherical, approximately 15 cm diameter.

Smell, Sound, Heat Seemed cool, odourless (definitely no ozone), silent

Weather Conditions Outside was cold, about 5degrees C, dry evening. Winter.

Environment Indoors, regional large town. There were no power lines nearby; highest voltage nearby was household 240V. Highest house or structure in vicinity.

Date/time Early 1980s, in winter, Bathurst, New South Wales,,.Evening, about 8pm

Location Early 1980s, in winter, Bathurst, New South Wales, Evening, about 8pm

Behavior/Narrative

“Edges - not noticed. Nil sparks. Stationary, near plastic raincoats in the corner of the room. About 2.5 meters from me. Gas fire in the wall behind me. Dry air convection over plastic?”.

51 52.672509N 1.401096E

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/24/2020 23:25:52

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 8 to 15 seconds

Color and Brightness Almost white, with a hint of yellow. As bright as a 100-200w bulb

Size/shape About 0.5m diameter, spherical

Smell, Sound, Heat No sound, heat nor odour

Weather Conditions Summertime, dry not raining.

Environment Rural garden, orchard. As I remember there was a telephone or electricity cable about 30m away. The direction of travel was generally towards it, perpendicular. This did not seem relevant at the time.

Date/time It was a very long time ago, about 1966, but I remember more vividly than almost anything else from that era.

Location 52.672509N 1.401096E

Behavior/Narrative

“It moved horizontally, at about 1.5m above the ground, through an orchard and may have swerved slightly around the trunks of a few trees (I got the impression that it had) It was outside we, my friend and I, we’re in the bedroom and viewed through a closed window. It was in the early hours of the morning. The light through the curtains caught our attention. The weather was calm and dry. It winked out of existence after about 15 seconds. There was no evidence of its path in the morning.”.

52 1 Mayfield Road Sutton Surrey.Sutton is now thought of as Greater London

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/25/2020 6:31:41

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 5 to 8 seconds

Color and Brightness It was pale yellow and did not shine but glowed like a frosted bulb.

Size/shape It was a large ball, but bigger than a football and remained this size throughout the event.

Smell, Sound, Heat No smell sound or heat.

Weather Conditions It was during a thunderstorm in the dark in mid summer, so quite late.

Environment It was the suburbs in Surrey, in a town called Sutton and at that time fairly small. It was a former town to London. It occurred inside a third floor bedroom. No power lines nearby as far as I know.

Date/time About 1955/56 mid-summer school holidays. So late July or August and very late evening.

Location 1 Mayfield Road Sutton Surrey.Sutton is now thought of as Greater London

Behavior/Narrative

“I was about 10/11 yrs old at the time. It was uneven in color, some parts being a little darker. But the main color was pale yellow. It did not shine, rather it glowed a pale yellow, and its outline was somewhat fuzzy. I was on the third floor of a large Edwardian house. I had just come into the room which was about 16' x 16' and was about to enter further. Ahead of me was a closed set-back window, and to my left two other latched windows, the furthest of which was 3/4 open. As I stood wondering where the young lads were who had been watching the storm, a yellow ball came towards me and seemed to have come through the closed window ahead. As it traveled through the room, it remained at the window level. I watched as it took a large curved trajectory as it passed me, towards and through the open window on the left. It floated off into the night and left no trace. I was not frightened by this as it was so benign but very excited to have seen it.”.

53 Pembroke Ontario Canada

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/25/2020 7:40:21

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration Less than a second

Color and Brightness Bright white

Size/shape It was a bright pulsating ball

Smell, Sound, Heat No sound from teh ball but there was thunder from the bolt.

Weather Conditions It was a very unsettled day with intermittent thunderstorms and a tornado. There was a mixture of large dark clouds and blue skies.

Environment I saw this in a town of about 15 thousand people.

Date/time August 2020 about 3pm

Location Pembroke Ontario Canada

Behavior/Narrative

“I don’t know if this is pertinent to you. However, it was a day with very unstable weather. There was a mixture of clear skies and very large clouds with thunderstorms in the area. There was also a tornado in the area that day. There had been a sudden downpour from a large black cloud. That had just passed and as I was driving down the street a very bright pulsating white ball appeared in the blue sky in my line of sight directly in front of the car. The ball lasted or less than a second and then a lightning strike went from it to the ground. It really was a bolt from the blue. I looked up ‘bolts from the blue’ on the Internet and it was stated that this occurs because lighting travels long distances horizontally from a cloud before striking the ground making it appear that it came from a blue sky. There was no horizontal lightning with this. it was just the bright white pulsating ball and then a lightning strike to the ground. I don’t know if this is the ball lighting phenomenon that you are interested in but it did happen this way.”

54 fillans cottage, Lunga estate, ardfarn, argyll

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/25/2020 10:01:59

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration one to two minutes

Color and Brightness like a white 100 watt lightbulb

Size/shape football size approx

Smell, Sound, Heat Definite hoarse buzzing, like an electricity sub-station

Weather Conditions very severe thunder and lightning, force 9 storm

Environment It stayed outside as far as I know. A slight blackening of the stonework seen but no marks on the grass

Date/time [Scotland] – last week of November 1973

Location fillans cottage, Lunga estate, ardfarn, argyll

Behavior/Narrative

“I was watching sheet lightning from a severe thunderstorm and wondering whether it might strike a domestic electricity transformer at the top of a slope outside my garden; I suddenly saw a white ball with fuzzy edges, almost as if there was liquid contained in it and slopping about slightly, emerge from or very near the transformer, rise up to about 2 to 3 feet above the ground and then very slowly move without effort it seemed down the slope to the window through which I was watching; it kept about 2-3 feet above the grass; no sound other than buzzing; no fire or other disturbance at the transformer which seemed almost independent of the ball; took about two minutes max to descend the +/- 45* slope to my house, and it contacted the stone house wall and simultaneously I heard a loud bang and MAYBE felt a thump on the wall, though lightning and thunder happened at much the same time.”.

55 England, Malvern, Worcestershire

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/25/2020 16:46:48

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 5 to 8 seconds

Color and Brightness bright yellowish white

Size/shape ball, size difficult to gauge due to distance away but I would say at least football size

Smell, Sound, Heat none as I seen through window in loud lightening storm

Weather Conditions in heavy lighening storm

Environment Outside, rural, no structures

Date/time in 1960's after midnight

Location England, Malvern, Worcestershire

Behavior/Narrative

“Slowly fell directly down into the field and disappeared. My father and I were watching the storm as we couldn't sleep. We had a clear view of the sky and field from a high large window. The ball slowly fell straight down into the field and went out. I searched the next day but found nothing. It was hard to gauge exactly where it fell as it was dark hence my difficulty in telling the exact size.”.

56 Baxter St. Bendigo, Australia

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/25/2020 20:22:24

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 30 seconds to a minute

Color and Brightness Bright red with brown and black around edges

Size/shape Size of a basketball

Smell, Sound, Heat Heard loud explosion

Weather Conditions Thunderstorms

Environment Outdoor in rural city

Date/time September about noon

Location Baxter St. Bendigo, Australia

Behavior/Narrative

“The ball seemed to fall from the sky, landed on the road, and then rolled for at least 100 meters, showering sparks until it disappeared.”.

57 Heath Road, Downend, Bristol, UK

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/26/2020 4:09:43

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 3 to 4 seconds

Color and Brightness It was very bright, like a sparkler.

Size/shape It was spherical, about 8-10cm in diameter.

Smell, Sound, Heat I recall a slight fizzing noise. No smell or heat.

Weather Conditions One of the most violent thunderstorms I have ever experienced was taking place at the time, more or less directly overhead. There was heavy rain, frequent lightning strikes and very loud thunder cracks almost simultaneous with the lightning. This was in early June in Bristol UK after several days of very hot and increasingly humid weather.

Environment I saw the ball lightning indoors in our living room, about 1- 1.5 metres from the nearest window.

Date/time Mid afternoon, most likely 7 June (or possibly 8 or 9 June) 1996.

Location Heath Road, Downend, Bristol, UK

Behavior/Narrative

“The ball was sparkly with fuzzy edges. It appeared suddenly about 30-50cm above the floor and about 10-20cm in front of one of the cones of a floor-standing stereo loudspeaker (which was in operation at the time). My memory of how it disappeared is uncertain but I think it just vanished inside.”.

58 Cory Drive, UK

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/26/2020 4:11:24

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration Please see Q8

Color and Brightness Yellow/Orange - maybe like a 100-200w incandescent bulb

Size/shape 30-40cm

Smell, Sound, Heat none of the above that I can recall

Weather Conditions I can't remember, but likely a cloudy summer's day

Environment Outdoors in neighbours garden (semi-rural)

Date/time I can't remember other than around 1965

Location Cory Drive, UK

Behavior/Narrative

"Circa 1965 on a summer's day my brother and I were kicking a ball around the garden when it went over the hedge (approx 2.5m high) into our neighbor's garden. Knowing they would be at work, we ran to the end of our garden and climbed over the low fence to retrieve our ball. Running down their garden toward their house we both stopped dead and looked in terror at what we saw and quickly ran back to the safety of our garden ASAP to tell our parents. I don't recall, but likely our parents humored us and that was it. I would have been 8yrs and my brother 6yrs in 1965. What we saw from a distance of about 15-20m was a yellow/orange brightly glowing disc (around 30-40cm dia.) that seemed to be fizzing with light though there was no sound that I recall. It looked very similar to some photos of the sun. It was about 45-60cm off the ground and within 5m of their house just floating above the lawn We weren't around long enough to ascertain if there was any movement."

59 Heath Road, Downend, Bristol, UK

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/26/2020 7:01:02

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 5 to 8 seconds

Color and Brightness Very bright white light, glittering like the core of a sparkler.

Size/shape Spherical, about 8-10cm in diameter.

Smell, Sound, Heat A faint fizzing noise and possibly a very faint 'pop' when it disappeared. No smell or temperature change noticed.

Weather Conditions One of the most violent thunderstorms I have ever witnessed was in progress and appeared to be more or less directly overhead. There was heavy rain, frequent lightning flashes accompanied by very loud thunderclaps.

Environment The ball lightning appeared inside our ground floor sitting room, about 1-1.5m from the bay window. I was sitting on the sofa about 1m away. Our house is two storey detached and in a suburban area of Bristol. The sitting room is roughly 4x4m in area with a ceiling height of about 2.4m. It has a fireplace with a chimney. There are no overhead power lines or towers nearby.

Date/time Mid afternoon on 7 June 1996.

Location Heath Road, Downend, Bristol, UK

Behavior/Narrative

"The ball appeared suddenly at a height about 50cm above the carpeted floor and about 10-20cm in front of the cone of a floor-standing stereo loudspeaker which was playing music at the time. It disappeared as suddenly as it had appeared."

60 Northern Jutland, Denmark

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/26/2020 14:11:10

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have e-mailed physical evidence

Duration 1 to 2 seconds

Color and Brightness Greyish

Size/shape Size of an orange

Smell, Sound, Heat As elsewhere described. See my other report describing a similar incident.

Weather Conditions Thunderstorm

Environment Indoors in a rural farmhouse. The house and other buildings were severely damaged by lightning over time, and the electric installations had to be replaced. I have a picture of the exact location, but I'm not sure how to upload it.

Date/time 1960

Location Northern Jutland, Denmark

Behavior/Narrative

“A greyish, softball with a little sputter. Started with a sharp click sound from an old wall-mounted telephone and went about 1 to 2 meters into the room and then vanished without a sound. No other phenomena observed.”.

61 Northern Jutland, denmark

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/26/2020 14:19:19

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have physical evidence but I have not sent it.

Duration 1 to 2 seconds

Color and Brightness Only sound heard. Otherwise as my other report states.

Size/shape Did not see

Smell, Sound, Heat Heard a sharp click from the same location as in my other report: an old wall mounted telephone, but this time i was in an adjacent room, with the door to the telephone open.

Weather Conditions Thunderstorm.

Environment Indoors

Date/time 1960, some time later than in my other report.

Location Northern Jutland, denmark.

Behavior/Narrative

“Could not see it, but it sounded like in my other report.”.

62 Idabel, OK. Central Avenue, in the midst of the downtown area

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/27/2020 12:51:32

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 8 to 15 seconds

Color and Brightness Yellow-green with shimmering color of both and hints of blue

Size/shape It was a relatively constant sized sphere

Smell, Sound, Heat I saw the ball lightening from inside a car and we were inside a "cyclone" tornado with extremely loud wind noise and sounds of breaking material, so i noticed no sound from the ball lightening.

Weather Conditions After a wide based tornado

Environment Outdoors in the downtown area of a small town. Yes, we were under power lines.

Date/time About 5 PM, in late spring of 1962, 4/30/1962 17:00:00

Location Idabel, OK. Central Avenue, in the midst of the downtown area

Behavior/Narrative

"The ball lightning I saw was not a sharply outlined sphere but rather presented a slightly rough exterior like it was vibrating. A wide-based tornado hit Idabel Oklahoma about 1962. After the first wall passed by my cousin arrived in a car and picked me up to take me home. On the street, as we drove slowly, seeing debris flying by, a bolt of lightning struck very near. Once our eyes had cleared, we saw a glowing sphere drifting across the road, ignoring the wind. It crossed the road slowly from right to left in front of us and, as it reached the line of parking meters on the left side of the road, disappeared."

63 Within 15K of Christchurch NZ.

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/28/2020 0:02:01

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 15 to 30 seconds

Color and Brightness yellow bolts

Size/shape Not a sphere

Smell, Sound, Heat Crackling - Ozone

Weather Conditions One dry lightning strike. Clear sky, hot and very dry

Environment Outdoors

Date/time Say Mid January 1956 about 11 am.

Location Within 15K of Christchurch NZ.

Behavior/Narrative

“Greetings, After reading a fine article in The New Scientist page 46 - 24 October. Great Balls of Fire. I remember well an experience I had at 10 years of age in January about 1956. I was on holiday in a beach house just out of Christchurch New Zealand. The day was very hot and very low humidity, the house was on a dusty shingle road that curved around past the house, We were outside at the gate when there was a dry lightning strike to the ground that occurred about 500 meters to 1 km up the road. We did not see the impact point. Scared the bejesus out of us. What seemed sometime later but probably less than a minute this amazing apparition traveled at probably about 10 k along the road from the area of the lightning strike past us and continued around the curve in the center of the dry shingle road and disappeared from view. It was like an animated cartoon of many lightning bolts all forming triangles as a mass and traveling (crackling) just above the road, probably about 1 meter in diameter. Once past we smelt what I now know to be ozone. Not what I would suggest Ball Lightning. But amazing. I later worked as a (CRT) TV serviceman and played with high voltages and the smell of ozone.”.

64 About 1 mile north of Millbrook, NC. Where the main road crosses the railroad tracks.

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/28/2020 13:13:36

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 3 to 4 seconds

Color and Brightness golden yellow light in a moving approx 12 inch ball shapeball shape

Size/shape ball had an indistinct surface, appeared (blinked in) next to north wall of room and traveled slowly across room to south wall and disappeared. Did not appear to penetrate wall, just blinked out.

Smell, Sound, Heat Happened during a severe thunder storm. No sound, no odor, during a lull in storm.

Weather Conditions It was in the middle of a summer thunderstorm that had been striking all around us. But it was quiet during this observation.

Environment This occurred in a rural area, in a smaller older house in the living room, in the middle of the afternoon, I think.

Date/time I think it was in the summer of 1955 or 1956.

Location About 1 mile north of Millbrook, NC. Where the main road crosses the railroad tracks.

Behavior/Narrative

“The ball was opaque, did not seem to emit light, traveled in a straight line about 5 feet off the floor at a constant speed. I could not see into it or even see a surface texture, no rays, or fuzz.”

65 South of Jersey, Channel Isles, approx 46.965513, -2.022759 heading towards St Malo.

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/28/2020 14:04:39

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 1 to 2 seconds

Color and Brightness It was night. It looked like a flash of white or slightly yellow lightning.

Size/shape A ball about 2 feet across, possibly flattened a bit by hitting the water.

Smell, Sound, Heat A crash of thunder.

Weather Conditions It was during a thunderstorm. It was raining lightly and it was misty. Wind approx force 4 from the south or southeast (blowing towards us from the French coast).

Environment Outdoors at sea at night - I think between about 2am and 4am.

Date/time Mid summer July?? 1989

Location South of Jersey, Channel Isles, approx 46.965513, -2.022759 heading towards St Malo.

Behavior/Narrative

“A streak of lightning hit the water close to the yacht I was crewing on. I was sitting on the portside rail with my feet hanging out, facing it. The lightning appeared to bounce like a ball with fuzzy edges, then disappeared.”.

66 128th St North, Seminole, FL, backyard

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/28/2020 23:26:02

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence. This is by far the most common case.
(Your observations even w/o other evidence are EXTREMELY USEFUL!)

Duration 8 to 15 seconds

Color and Brightness Blue/white with a trail, lightening was all around, so difficult to gauge brightness.

Size/shape It was tens of metres away from where I stood and looked larger than a baseball.

Smell, Sound, Heat It was too far away to smell. There was no sound, but there was a bizarre storm, the March 1993 storm in Florida, so there were so many sounds that they could have obscured the floating orb's noise.

Weather Conditions It was not raining at the time, there was electrical activity all over the sky and the wind was blowing. Strangely, the wind did not seem to affect the orb's motion. If you want the exact weather conditions, please look for the weather at 8132 128th St North, Seminole, FL on 12 March 1993.

Environment Outdoors. Suburban (8132 128th St North, Seminole, FL). Standing on the patio opening to the pool in the backyard...you should be able to see it with Google Maps if still there. The orb was floating about 2 metres above the ground on the other side of the pool. It was headed for a tree, but disappeared before getting there.

Date/time 12 March 1993 around midnight (or 13Mar1993 about 00:01)00:01), 3/13/1993 0:00:00

Location 128th St North, Seminole, FL, backyard

Behavior/Narrative

"It was outside during the March 1993 storm in Florida. I was just a few blocks from the Gulf of Mexico. The storm hit unexpectedly. I put my kids in the center of the concrete house for protection. Suddenly, the house began shaking like something was pounding the side facing the Gulf, which is the backyard where the swimming pool was located. I told the kids to stay in the enclosed area and I went outside. The orb floated from right to left leaving a trail on the other side of the pool but inside our property line. I thought that it was possible that it was so bright that I was perhaps seeing the types of streaks of light like those seen following an extremely bright object. It seemed to be a blue/white sphere, blue in the middle, and slightly white on the outside. It moved very slowly from north to south about 2 meters above the ground and covered about no more than 5 meters before "winking out" (disappearing-no sound or anything). When it disappeared, I ran back inside waiting for the storm to pass with my kids."

67 Gerrards Lane St Helens Merseyside UK

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/29/2020 8:13:21

Email Address On file

Primary Observer No

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 1 to 2 seconds

Color and Brightness Blue ball not solid like a mesh

Size/shape Size of a football

Smell, Sound, Heat No noise but then a loud explosion

Weather Conditions Large thunderstorm with heavy rain during summertime

Environment Outdoor suburb

Date/time 1960 Summer Afternoon But exact time and date not known

Location Gerrards Lane St Helens Merseyside UK

Behavior/Narrative

“House was elevated from the road by 4 meters. Looking through a metal frame window it passed about 10 to 20 feet away about 30mph in a horizontal direction at head height.”.

68 Birmingham, England

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/29/2020 10:18:55

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration one to two minutes

Color and Brightness Black

Size/shape Size and shape of a large salami

Smell, Sound, Heat Oderless and silent

Weather Conditions Can't remember the weather exactly, but I think it was dry and sunny

Environment Indoors, in my city home. No nearby power lines.

Date/time About 30 years ago

Location Birmingham, England

Behavior/Narrative

“Many years ago, but indelible in my memory. This was a perfectly black, non-reflective object moving slowly across the floor of the first-floor landing nylon carpet. Perhaps lozenge-shaped with rounded ends is a better description as there was no reflection off the surface to show that it was anything but a moving cut-out. It was traveling at a slow walking pace. I only saw one end, which was level with my eyes as I stood transfixed half-way up the stairs. I watched it move out of sight then raced to the top of the stairs, but it had gone. I was a science teacher at the time, trained in observation.”.

69 On a mountain top in Cyprus

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/29/2020 11:07:57

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration one to two minutes

Color and Brightness —

Size/shape —

Smell, Sound, Heat I did not notice any smell or heat

Weather Conditions Thnunderstorm ended about an hour previously

Environment Indoors

Date/time Late one autumn afternoon in 1971

Location On a mountain top in Cyprus, Indoors, by electrical equipment

Behavior/Narrative

“Late one autumn afternoon in 1971, I was a sergeant technician in the Royal Corps of Signals and part of a team installing a new PABX (Private Automatic Branch telephone Exchange) in a small room inside one of the ‘golf balls’ (radomes) at RAF Troodos on a mountain top in Cyprus. The PABX room had breeze-block walls (without any windows), painted and sealed to minimize dust and dampness. The cement floor was covered by thermoplastic antistatic tiles. No noticeable draughts were coming through the closed and drought-proofed door, or from the water-proofed, 1.5m deep, cable pit (even though its covers were off at the time). The PABX was only partly installed, so it was not powered up. The only ‘live’ power in the room was for lighting and mains outlets. Several armored, metal-sheathed, ducted, underground external cables entered via the cable pit and were terminated on blocks on the line side of the earthed MDF (Main cable Distribution Frame). Plastic-sheathed internal cables, many already terminated, ran from blocks on the exchange side of the MDF, via overhead ladder-racking, to the PABX racks on which switching equipment would be hung later. As yet, there were no jumper wires on the MDF connecting its line side to the exchange side, so the external cables were isolated from the equipment racks. Every circuit on the MDF had a fuse and a lightning protector fitted. I was alone in the PABX, between two racks with the MDF on my left, terminating cables. A thunderstorm had ended an hour or so earlier and the room was quiet. I suddenly heard hissing, humming, buzzing and crackling noises on my left, which sounded like the noises often heard around H.T. electricity grid pylons and overhead cables during rain. I looked left and saw a spherical, very bright, bluish-white light with fuzzy edges, roughly 30cm in diameter, rising slowly from the nearest corner of the cable pit. It looked like a ball of intense pure energy, rather than a solid object, that seemed to be ‘climbing’ up the left-hand side of the first MDF vertical. By the time it had reached roughly 2m above floor level, it had come into contact with each of the four termination blocks on that vertical in turn and loudly blew every fuse and lightning protector on them. It had also shrunk to roughly half its original size, stopped making noises, reduced its brightness, and turned a more orange color (as if it had dissipated some of its energy blowing the fuses and lightning protectors). Then it slowly floated downwards and slightly towards me to hover silently for a few seconds, roughly 10cm above the floor tiles next to the nearest corner of the cable pit. It then floated horizontally for roughly 20 seconds, at a constant speed, still silently and maintaining this height above the floor, in a smooth curve between the MDF and the equipment racks. It passed only about 2.5m from me. I then moved out from my position between the racks to watch it as it floated towards the north wall of the room. When it reached that wall, it vanished without a sound, leaving no marks on the wall. It was as if it had either passed through the wall or dissipated the rest of its energy into it. The whole event only lasted for about a minute.”

70 Princes Highway/Main North Road, Prospect, Adelaide, South Australia

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/29/2020 11:26:29

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 3 to 4 seconds

Color and Brightness It appeared like a yellow ball full of sparks

Size/shape 20 to 30cm

Smell, Sound, Heat I saw it from outside a car window. It was silent, as far as I could tell.

Weather Conditions It was a long time ago, so I can't remember well, but at the time it was warm and dry.

Environment It was outdoors above a large road in the suburbs of Adelaide, South Australia

Date/time it would have been around 1980

Location Princes Highway/Main North Road, Prospect, Adelaide, South Australia

Behavior/Narrative

"I first saw it moving to my left, it arced over the road about 3m in the air, then descended to the road and the sparks scattered over the road surface and the whole thing disappeared in a moment."

71 Bluff rd Hampton Vic Australia

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/30/2020 1:59:07

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 3 to 4 seconds

Color and Brightness Yellowish glowing

Size/shape —

Smell, Sound, Heat No sound or smell

Weather Conditions Tnunder and lightning quite wild

Environment Indoors, suburb. There are power lines in the street. There are no towers

Date/time About 40 years ago in the summer and in the evening.

Location Bluff rd Hampton Vic Australia

Behavior/Narrative

“It came out from under the fridge and moved horizontally 10cm above the floor and at a steady speed. The ball was about 10 cm in diameter. It moved over my toes of the right foot and I did not feel it. It moved over the floor and disappeared into a cupboard.”

72 Burnsall, North Yorkshire

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/30/2020 5:15:51

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 5 to 8 seconds

Color and Brightness Blue matrix with yellow/gold sparks flying from it.

Size/shape Larger than a basketball

Smell, Sound, Heat Initially, silent then an explosion.

Weather Conditions Intense thunderstorm, hot weather, midsummer. Burnsall N Yorkshire in the late 1950's.

Environment Outdoors.

Date/time July, late 1950s, mid afternoon.

Location Burnsall, North Yorkshire

Behavior/Narrative

“Directly above a stream, appeared 100+ feet away, moved towards us wandering from side to side just a few feet above water emitting sparks until it collided with a bush, exploded, and set the bush alight. All this in the pouring rain in one of the most intense thunderstorms I have ever encountered.”.

73 Cragganmore House, Ballindalloch, Scotland

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/30/2020 10:18:43

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 5 to 8 seconds

Color and Brightness White light, bright in daylight

Size/shape 6 inches diameter approx

Smell, Sound, Heat cool, odorless and silent

Weather Conditions Active thunderstorm. Summer.

Environment Indoors. Rural location. Not near power lines or other significant structures.

Date/time Daytime. Summer of 1989.

Location Cragganmore House, Ballindalloch, Scotland.

Behavior/Narrative

“Sphere, fuzzy edges. Came in through a single thickness brick wall just above desktop height. Hovered less than a meter away. Then exit through the same wall.”.

74 Queens Road, Broadstairs, Kent, UK

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/30/2020 12:57:36

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 15 to 30 seconds

Color and Brightness Bluish white ball, probably not quite as bright as a 40W bulb

Size/shape I'd say a bit bigger than a tennis ball, perhaps 10 - 15 cm. The edges weren't sharply defined but rather fuzzy.

Smell, Sound, Heat No sound, smell or heat, completely silent

Weather Conditions Yes there was a violent thunderstorm with torrential rain. Didn't seem to be associated with any simultaneous nearby lightning strike.

Environment Indoors in house in town (Broadstairs, Kent, UK). There was a wired (cable) radio system which ran from house to house.

Date/time It was a long time ago. In the summer, probably August. I think probably between 1959 and 1961. Can't remember what time of day.

Location Queens Road, Broadstairs, Kent, UK

Behavior/Narrative

"It appeared suddenly inside the room in a corner near the ceiling where a cable for a wired radio system entered the room (Rediffusion system in Kent in the late 1950s/ early 60s). It traveled slowly along the wire until it reached a switch box for the radio on the wall. Then it just suddenly disappeared. In my mind I want to say it just went "poof" but there was no actual sound."

75 Oldbury Close, Hopwood, Heywood, England

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 10/31/2020 9:39:31

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 15 to 30 seconds

Color and Brightness intensely bright white

Size/shape a small sphere about the size of a table tennis ball

Smell, Sound, Heat no smell or heat. it vanished accompanied by an extremely sharp, focussed and very loud noise - a crack, as I imagine a rifle shot might sound.

Weather Conditions Mid afternoon on a bright, dry day - no rain/thunder. I must have been late Spring, Summer or early Autumn, so mild and fairly warm.

Environment Indoors - in a suburban setting. No power lines or tall structures in proximity

Date/time Mid afternoon - May - September, 1978-79

Location Oldbury Close, Hopwood, Heywood, England

Behavior/Narrative

"It appeared in front of a North facing window, about 5feet high. It remained still for 1-2 seconds then moved steadily down the room, maintaining height, for a distance of about 18 feet, passing within 2 feet of where I was sitting. At its closest it appeared to be slightly "fizzing" - I cannot remember hearing any sound. It stopped moving about 2-3 feet past me, hung in the air for about another second, and then vanished, followed immediately by the incredibly loud noise."

76 Fulwood Road, Sheffield S10

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 11/2/2020 4:27:02

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 15 to 30 seconds

Color and Brightness Writhing orange filaments - dim but easily visible in daylight

Size/shape 7cm diameter ball of constant size

Smell, Sound, Heat faint fizzing sound - no odour

Weather Conditions There was thundery weather - there had recently been thunder and lightning.

Environment Leafy suburb - no power lines. Ball lightning seen indoors - see above.

Date/time Sheffield, summer 1966 or 1967 - mid afternoon

Location Sheffield

Behavior/Narrative

“Traveled ”purposely” across the first-floor room from the window at about 1ft per second, through an open door, went downstairs, and traveled through another room back out through a closed glass window (seen by the second observer).”.

77 Keratsini Bay, Piraeus, Greece

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 11/2/2020 4:34:17

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration Time stood still I was so amazed, it seemed to be several minutes but may have been less

Color and Brightness White, and brilliantly bright, pulsating gently

Size/shape At least 12 inches diameter, ball shaped

Smell, Sound, Heat It hummed similar to sound by powerful transformer

Weather Conditions Violent thunderstorm had been raging for a while, because we were waiting for lightning to strike tall chimneys of power station half a mile to East of us. Winter.

Environment Outdoors. Dockland. We were on board ship, M.V. Cedric, Shaw Savill Line (British reg) standing by the rails of main deck starboard accommodation alleyway. I had a camera with me but was too gob- smacked to take any pictures.

Date/time January 1971 Late afternoon

Location Keratsini Bay, Piraeus, Greece.

Behavior/Narrative

“The ship was struck aft by lightning, immediately afterward we observed something flash past us, downward direction angled to hit the quay 30 feet away. There was a shower of sparks on impact and there hovering 2 feet above the ground was a pulsating humming ball of very bright light. I cannot remember a clap of thunder! The ball hovered motionless for what seemed several minutes but may have been a minute or so before it shot along the quay (100 yards) across the dock heading for the entrance. It went through between the breakwaters turning left and out of sight. While hovering it was almost as if it was taking in the surroundings because it took the only open avenue of escape, and heading across the dock did not alter course until out of the dock. Afterward, there was no evidence that it had ever happened.”.

78 Vineyard Point Road, Guilford, 06347 CT, USA

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 11/2/2020 13:04:31

Email Address On file

Primary Observer Yes

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration 5 to 8 seconds

Color and Brightness Yellow, bright, but not illuminating the surrounding

Size/shape round, size of the sun, but close to the ground

Smell, Sound, Heat It was outside and I could hear/smell/feel anything

Weather Conditions Dark sky, no obvious storm anywhere close by

Environment outdoors in our backyard

Date/time Late September 2020, on a Saturday, between 8.30PM and 9PM

Location 271 Vineyard Point Road, Guilford, 06347 CT, USA

Behavior/Narrative

“Sharp edges, just floated a few inches over the ground (hard to judge since it was dark outside)”.

79 50.0546 N 4.5473 W

Prepared November 8, 2020 - I. Edelman

Details/Parameters

Timestamp 11/3/2020 10:43:26

Email Address On file

Primary Observer No

Photographic or Physical Evidence I have no physical evidence.

Duration From information received I would say 8 to 15 seconds.

Color and Brightness Glowing

Size/shape The size of a basketball.

Smell, Sound, Heat Popped out of existence

Weather Conditions There was a thunderstorm. I believe it was the summer.

Environment Indoors in a rural situation. No power lines. Trees.

Date/time Around 1946

Location Gatehouse to Ross Priory Lodge, situated in a rural location on the southern shore of Loch Lomond, Scotland.

Behavior/Narrative

“The event happened around 1946 and was related to me by my mother and sister who were present. It took place at the Gatehouse to Ross Priory Lodge, situated in a rural location on the southern shore of Loch Lomond, Scotland. It was witnessed by my mother, her parents (all since deceased), and my elder sister. A thunderstorm was in progress. The witnesses were sitting in a front room with the window open. My mother saw a glowing orb enter via the open window and move slowly towards her at head height over a table. She froze, but before it reached her it veered suddenly to a large copper water heater mounted on the side of the wall where it ”popped” out of existence. My mother believed that it was attracted to the house by a large tree growing outside. The room also had an old-fashioned cast-iron range which may or may not have played a part. A radio in the room was burned out.”.