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### 'Flying Saucers' Are Back Again

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He quoted the flier as saying he sighted the "saucer" at an altitude of 3,000 feet. Zerber said Faber described the object as "a big aluminum disc," and remarked that "it couldn't be a weather balloon as it is traveling against the wind."

Terre Haute  
Tribune IAW  
April 29, 1949

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Faber, 49, is president of the James Knights Company, manufacturers of radio crystals. He said he was talking by radio to some radio hams when he spotted the object and described it to them for the five minutes the object remained in his view.

Valparaiso IAW  
Vidette Messenger  
April 29 1949

### Pilot Quoted As Seeing Disc Over State Prison Area

MICHIGAN CITY -- (UP) — A "ham" radio operator reported that the pilot of a private plane said he saw a "flying disc" sailing over this city Thursday.

The radio operator, Floyd Zerber of Michigan City, said he was listening to a radio conversation between a pilot who identified himself as Leon A. Faber, Sandwich, Ill., and amateurs on the ground in this area.

"Hey, there's one of those flying discs," Zerber said Faber exclaimed. He said that Faber reported he was flying 145 miles per hour at an altitude of 3,000 feet over the Indiana state prison on a flight from Peoria, Ill., to Lansing, Mich.

"Wait a minute, what have you been drinking," Faber was asked, according to Zerber.

"I'm serious," he said Faber replied. "It looks like a big aluminum disc and it's spinning very fast. It can't be a weather balloon because it's headed east against the wind and it's moving too fast."

# 'Flying Saucer' Sighted Over Gary By Incredulous Businessman-Flyer

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16,000 feet, and up there the wind probably was from the west, so it doesn't necessarily mean it was traveling against the wind."

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Faber, who is 49 years old, said he has been flying for more than two and one-half years and has 800 hours to his credit. He is president of the James Knights Company of Sandwich, manufacturers of crystals for radios.

*Richmond In  
Palladium Item  
April 29 1949*

*Muncie In  
Star-Press  
April 29, 1949*

### Report Flying Disc Over State Prison

Michigan City, Ind., April 28 (UP)—A flying disc headed east over Indiana was reported today by a "ham" radio operator who said he heard an airplane pilot describe it.

Floyd Zerber, Michigan City, the radio operator, said he was listening to a radio conversation between a pilot and amateurs on the ground in this area.

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himself as Leon A. Faber, Sandwich, Ill., exclaimed.

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When a huge meteor fell in Siberia in 1908, the noise was heard in Irkutsk, 600 miles away.

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Beckwith II  
Daily Chronicle  
April 29, 1949

### Pilot From Sandwich Sees Flying Saucer

Sandwich, April 29. — Leon A. Faber, president of the James Knights Company of Sandwich, said yesterday that he had seen a "flying saucer."

Hardly believing that it happened he reported, "I was flying over the Gary (Ind.)-Michigan City area when I saw this object in the sky far above me. It was amazing, just amazing. What it was, goodness knows, but I've never seen anything like it."

His description of the object was that it was "very bright, like sun shining on steel or aluminum." It was moving parallel to the ground, that is, flat instead of on end, and was travelling east.

"At my altitude, 600 feet, the wind was from the east. I'd say this object was at about 16,000 feet, and up there the wind probably was from the west, so it doesn't necessarily mean it was travelling against the wind."

He said the object appeared to be "about the size of a basketball" from that distance. It was a bright clear day and he was able to watch it for at least five minutes.

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He sighted the object, he said, at about 8 o'clock in the morning, east.

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Muncie In  
Evening Press  
April 29, 1949

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Logansport In  
Press  
April 29, 1949

### Flying Saucer Is Reported By Flyer

Michigan City, Ind., April 28 (AP)—A new "flying saucer" report came today from a private airplane pilot through a radio "ham" operator.

Floyd Zerber of Michigan City said he picked up a radio report from Leon A. Faber, a Sandwich, Ill., flier, who, he said, described the object in the sky as "A Big Aluminum Disc."

Zerber reported Faber told him he saw the "saucer," at 3,000-foot altitude on a flight from Peoria, Ill., to Lansing, Mich.

"It couldn't be a weather balloon, as it is traveling against the wind," Faber was quoted as saying.

Seymour In  
Tribune  
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### Another Flying Saucer Cited Over Indiana

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Rockford Ill  
Register Republic  
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