

time line per Rawley:

- Rawley drove out to Aldridge Mtn. pass
stopped approx 1/2 mi south of cattle guard on east Walker rd
- had approx 23 min call to Carrie beginning at 8:11 am he saw the plane
fly over 1st time
Rawley made comment to Carrie about plane joking how he thought it was
his boss and he couldn't go anywhere without being watched
- during the 8:11am call Rawley's friend Chris Pahl called (call
waiting), Rawley ended the call to Carrie and talked to Chris briefly
before call dropped
Rawley called Chris back (8:33am call) and talked for approx 13 min.
call dropped 2nd time. Rawley called Chris back again (8:46am) and
talked for approx 35 min
during this time Rawley's boss' son, Doug Paine, drove up. Rawley told
Doug he just saw his dad fly over (Ernie); Doug said it wasn't his dad
- Rawley called Carrie back again (9:20am) from same spot on Aldridge
Mtn and talked for approx 17 min (ended at 9:37)
- following last call to Carrie, Rawley drove back to his house located
at 9 mile (approx 10-15 min drive) (arrived at approx 9:52)
- while at his house, waiting for his brother to arrive Rawley was busy
packing for an upcoming trip to Texas

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- approx 1- 1 1/2 later (around 11:00 - 11:30am) Rawley was in his front
yard when the same plane flew over his house from the back (west)
heading east

1st sighting

plane flying from north approx 150 - 200' off deck at a slow speed and
circled Rawley's truck from right to left, made complete circle then
continued
flying south west in the direction of Bowdie Hills. Rawley described the
plane as a blue and white Decathalon (white bottom, blue on wings) the
wings folded down at the tips.

2nd sighting

Rawley stated the plane was flying very low (approx 60-80' off deck) as
if he was looking for a place to land and flying at a slow speed. Rawley
said it looked like the pilot was playing around, because the plane was
rocking slightly from side to side and the tail was pitching up and
down. Rawley's 1st thought was Ernie was out practicing. Rawley watched
as the plane continued east at same speed and altitude and appeared to
be following the road (NFD 026 road) and lost sight of the plane as it
flew over the Mud Springs area

** Rawley did mention at some times along the California / Nevada border
his cell phone switches back and forth from pacific to mountain time
which could explain the cell phone records. Hope this information helps

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Mrs. Peggy Fossett
Wife of Steve Fossett

Peggy said that Steve went flying for the enjoyment of it, "a Sunday drive." He did not have a GPS with him, "only his watch and wallet." She said it was a beautiful day with excellent visibility. She said that Steve told Mike (one of Mr. Hilton's pilots) that he was going to fly down the 359 highway corridor. She also said that Steve was very familiar with the area having flown all around the area on previous occasions, and having climbed Mt. Grant and numerous other peaks in the area.

She said Steve was planning to attend lunch at the Flying M ranch, which was scheduled to start promptly at 1200. She thought that he would land between 1100 and 1130. She also mentioned that the airplane had just come out of repair from a ground loop event that occurred in May 27, 2007.

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