

More on Pterosaurs in Cuba

The sketch of the “Gitmo Pterosaur” has been updated, for it seems that the eyewitness Patty Carson was not satisfied with the eye on the earlier sketch.



She is still not satisfied with the sketch, in particular with the mouth and where it connects with the skull, but she likes the eye on the above sketch.

But what may be equally important, Patty’s brother Tom has

come forward with his own sighting, a sighting in 1966, one year after his younger sister's. The creature flew overhead at about a hundred feet high, appearing for only about three seconds before becoming hidden by the trees. It was larger than a pelican and seemed to have no feathers, although Tom was not 100% certain about the absence of feathers. The creature he saw was a greyish tan color.

In one sense, Tom's credibility seems pretty high. He was not trying to convince the interviewer, Jonathan Whitcomb, that he saw the same kind of creature that his sister had seen. He was satisfied to leave it at that, without any attempt to prove that he had seen a modern pterosaur.

Gitmo Pterosaur of Eastern Cuba

A new web site has come up, made for news media professionals. I'll quote from the Gitmo Pterosaur page:

"We were engaged during the day in physical training, close order drill, gun drill, cleaning and maintenance, classes and other sundry routine common to service life, including a break for lunch with its attending rest period or free time.

"It was during such a free time period, in the middle of the day, that I was outside and witnessed the pterosaurs. "Most of the platoon was in the new barracks hanging out. I was looking in the direction of the ocean when I saw an incredible sight . . . "I saw two pterosaurs (or pterodactyls, what's in a name?) flying together at low altitude, perhaps 100 feet, very close in range from where I was standing, so that I had a perfectly clear view of them.

"The rhythm of their large wings was very graceful, slow, and yet they were flying and not merely gliding . . . "The pterosaurs I saw had the short hind legs attached to the rearward-most part of the wing, and they had a long tail trailing behind with a tuft of hair at the end."