

A SAUCER CHRONOLOGY

THIS includes some of the best-known, not necessarily the best, of thousands of sightings. Similar objects were reported in earlier centuries, but not with the frequency of the last two decades—since the “foo-fighters” of World War II. A few of the best-known contact claims are also included, without implying endorsement. The references in brackets are to back numbers of the *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW*.

June 21, 1947—Harold Dahl, steering patrol boat near Maury Island, Washington State, saw five objects at estimated 2,000 ft. circling another which appeared to be in difficulties. The latter discharged white metallic-looking material and dark fragments, with a loud explosion, whereupon the group departed out to sea. (Vol. 1, No. 1.)

June 24, 1947—Kenneth Arnold, businessman, flying private aircraft over Washington State, saw nine huge flat objects flying at estimated 1,200 m.p.h. near Mount Rainier. His description to reporters as “saucerlike” popularised the expression “flying saucer.” (Vol. 1, No. 1.)

July 4, 1947—Captain E. Smith, of Eastern Airlines, and his first officer reported nine saucers joined by four, silhouetted against evening sky near Boise, Idaho. (Vol. 1, No. 1.)

January 7, 1948—Captain Thomas Mantell, Air National Guard pilot of F.51 Mustang fighter, killed in pursuit of huge red glowing saucer at about 20,000 ft. over Godman Air Force Base. Object seen by thousands in Kentucky. Aircraft disintegrated. (Vol. 1, No. 1 and No. 5.)

July 23, 1948—Captain C. S. Chiles and First Officer John B. Whitted, near Montgomery, Alabama, had near-collision with glowing cigar-shaped craft, with two rows of windows, which accelerated, shooting out red-orange flame and rocking their DC-3. (Vol. 1, No. 1.)

October 1, 1948—Air National Guard Lieutenant George Gorman chased a moving light (a “foo-fighter”) which dodged his F.51 as he came in to land at Fargo, N.D. (Donald E. Keyhoe, *Flying Saucers from Outer Space*.)

April 24, 1949, Arrey, New Mexico—J. Gordon Vaeth, aeronautical engineer in employ of U.S. Naval Research Office, and Charles B. Moore, observing launched skyhook balloon, tracked with theodolite whitish ellipsoid higher up, of diameter about 100 ft., altitude about 56 miles and speed about 25,000 m.p.h. (Vol. 1, No. 1.)

April 27, 1950—Captain Robert Adickes and Captain Robert F. Manning, of a T.W.A. DC-3, westbound over Indiana at 2,000 ft., were overtaken and accompanied by red glowing object, seen also by air hostess and passengers including Boeing engineers C. H. Jenkins and D. C. Bourland. Object departed at high speed. (Vol. 1, No. 1.)

May 29, 1950—American Airlines flight 49 (DC-6) near Washington, D.C., circled by cigar-shaped unknown at night. Captain Willis Sperry convincingly interviewed in film “UFO.”

July 2, 1950—Employee of Steep Rock Iron Company, Ontario, and his wife picnicking at Sawbill Bay watched, unobserved, large saucer on water and activities of diminutive occupants. (*Steep Rock Echo*, Sept.-Oct., 1950, quoted in H. T. Wilkins' *Flying Saucers on the Moon*.)

Summer, 1951—Three saucers seen in daylight at an estimated 5,000 ft. by hundreds of people at Mexico City airport and photographed by news photographers and movie-camera men awaiting an incoming plane. (Vol. 2, No. 1.)

August 25/30, 1951—Successive formations of about thirty lights each raced silently across the sky at estimated 1,800 m.p.h. if at 50,000 ft., over Lubbock, Texas. Seen by hundreds of people and photographed by Carl Hart, Jr. (Vol. 1, No. 1.)

April 4, 1952—Herr Oskar Linke, ex-mayor of Gleimerhausen, near Meiningen, while escaping from the Russian zone of Germany with his daughter Gabriele, saw a circular craft (like a warming pan) on the ground near Hasselbach. Near it were two human figures, clothed in a kind of shimmering substance. One of the men appeared to carry a lamp on his chest which flashed at regular intervals. When disturbed they hurriedly entered the saucer which then ascended rapidly and disappeared. (*Illustrated*, February 19, 1955.)

July 2, 1952—U.S. Navy Chief Photographer, Warrant Officer Delbert C. Newhouse, took colour film of fleet of saucers near Tremonton, Utah (included in United Artists' film “UFO”). (Vol. 4, No. 5.)

July 14, 1952—Pan American Airlines Captain William B. Nash and co-pilot Captain Fortenberry, flying at about 8,000 ft. near Newport News, Virginia, at 8.15 p.m., sighted six large discs flying in echelon below their DC-4 at esti-

mated 8,000 m.p.h. but suddenly reversing direction on being joined by two others. Many reliable sightings were reported over America during the remainder of July. (Vol. 3, No. 3.)

July 19/20 and 26/27, 1952—Numerous objects gathered over Washington, D.C., at night and radar showed them moving off at high speed when jet interceptors approached, but not before they were seen. Later, they returned. Incident reconstructed in United Artists' film "UFO."

July 31, 1952—Engineer Giampiero Monguzzi, of Monza, Milan, Italy, climbing with his wife in the Bernina mountains, saw and photographed several times a saucer landed on a glacier, also the pilot as he walked round it, and as it flew off. (Vol. 4, No. 5.)

October 17, 1952—Cigar-shaped object dropping a great quantity of wool- or nylon-like fibres in its wake, over Oloron, France. One of many examples of dissolving "angel hair." (Vol. 2, No. 6.)

November 20, 1952—Amateur astronomer George Adamski claimed, with affidavits from witnesses, to have met a man from Venus near Desert Center, California, landed from a saucer released from a cigar-shaped carrier seen overhead. Adamski claims subsequent contacts and his photographs of both types of craft are the most well known. (Vol. 1, No. 1.)

February 15, 1953—Stephen Darbishire (aged 13), accompanied by Adrian Myers (aged 8), photographed a saucer resembling Adamski's as it approached as if to land on the fells near Coniston, Lancs. (Vol. 1, No. 1.)

February 18, 1953—Cedric Allingham photographed and claimed to have conversed with a man from Mars, emerged from a flying saucer landed near Lossiemouth. (Vol. 1, No. 1.)

August 17, 1953—Salvador Villanueva, Mexico City taxi-driver employed to drive tourists to Texas border, was left alone with his broken-down car on Highway 85 near Valles. Two men, one Spanish-speaking, from a landed saucer spent the night with him and at dawn invited him on board, but he fled. (Vol. 2, No. 2.)

September 3, 1953—Al Bender, head of International Flying Saucer Bureau, Bridgeport, Conn., claimed to have been silenced by three men, apparently representing some Government agency, as he was about to publish a correct explanation of flying saucers. (Vol. 3, No. 3.)

October 6, 1953—Mr. F. W. Potter, of Norwich Astronomical Society, and other residents of Norwich saw a flying saucer, with lighted portholes, resembling Adamski's photographs. (Vol. 1, No. 1.)

June 29, 1954—Captain James Howard, of B.O.A.C. Stratocruiser "Centaurus," sketched a large parent spacecraft ("about the size of an ocean liner") and accompanying saucers seen also by his eleven crew and twelve passengers in clear weather before sunset for 18 minutes over Labrador. (Vol. 1, No. 1.)

June 30, 1954—At 15,000 ft. above Litjell, Telemark, Norway, in early afternoon, three Scandinavian airliners carried 50 observers of an eclipse of the sun. The party saw and filmed two revolving discs. (Vol. 2, No. 1.)

July 30, 1954—Buck Nelson, farmer living alone in the Ozark Mountains, Missouri, claimed to have been visited by people landed from disc-like craft. He later claimed to have been taken on interplanetary voyages to the moon, Mars and Venus. (Vol. 1, No. 2.)

August 20, 1954—Two Norwegian girls, Edith Jacobsen (aged 24) and Asta Solvang (aged 32) saw a landed saucer and conversed by signs with the pilot, while berry-picking near their home at Mosjoen. (Vol. 1, No. 4.)

October 4, 1954—Flight Lieutenant J. R. Salandin, Royal Auxiliary Air Force, reported close encounter with three discs, one of golden colour and two silvery (one of the latter observed in detail) in good daytime visibility, when flying a Meteor mark 8 jet fighter at 16,000 ft. over Southend, Essex. (Vol. 1, No. 1.)

November 6, 1954—Around midday about 100 saucers formed and re-formed over Rome in echelons and a Greek cross for some hours, reported by Dr. C. Alberto Perego, Via Ruggero Fauro 43, Rome, Italy. (Vol. 3, No. 3.)

November 7, 1954—*Sunday Dispatch* reported six repetitions in previous few weeks, each time around midday, of unidentified radar echoes, passing east to west at about 12,000 ft., from 40 to 50 invisible objects, over Britain and always in the same pattern: first in U formation, changing to parallel lines, then to a Z or N. (Vol. 2, No. 5.)

December 13, 1954—One of three saucers over Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil, dropped incandescent molten metal drops, of which over thirty were collected from thirty people by Danton Gomes, of the *Correio Popular*. Analysis showed chemically pure tin, of density 10.3. (Vol. 3, No. 5.)

August 15-16, 1955—Sightings (golden ball, white streak, cigar-shaped object of various colours) over Yorkshire during the night. About 4 a.m. lorry-driver Ernest Suddard and son (13), in Roundhill Street, Bradford, saw in his head-

lights a human shape about 4 ft. tall in tight black clothes, wearing a circular silvery disc, perforated with holes, on the chest just below the throat. The figure hopped towards them, then turned down a passage. At 11 30 p.m. on August 19, Bradford warehouseman Mr. Wood saw in a street lamp's light about half a mile from Roundhill Street a "bright silver bullet shape" standing about 12 ft. high, 4 to 5 ft. in diameter, and emitting a high-pitched buzzing. (*The Inexplicable Sky*, by Arthur Constance.)

April 7, 1956—Mrs. Elizabeth Klarer, of Mooi River, Natal, South Africa, claimed to have entered and flown a short distance in and photographed a saucer manned by Venusians, who first attempted to contact her on December 27, 1954. (Vol. 2, No. 6.)

May 9, 1956—First public showing of United Artists' "Unidentified Flying Objects," a Greene-Rouse production, world's first feature-length documentary motion picture on the flying saucer phenomena. Contains Montana and Utah colour films; covers period from Arnold sighting, 1947, to "Washington Crisis" of July, 1952, and includes reconstruction of Mantell incident. A film in which former Air Force personnel actually concerned in incidents participate in uniform. It asks the question: "If they are not of this planet—where are they from?"

May 11, 1957—Major Wayne S. Aho and others saw a spaceship land on the Mohave Desert, California. (Vol. 4, No. 3.)

May 19, 1957—Large object, sometimes round, of differently reported colours seen by thousands of people manoeuvring over State of Victoria, Australia. Speed nearly 2,000 m.p.h. Reported by local radio and B.B.C. (Vol. 3, No. 4.)

July, 1957—Dr. Joao de Freitas Guimaraes, professor of law in Santos, Sao Paulo, Brazil, claimed to have been invited aboard a saucer, landed on the beach at Sao Sebastiao at 7.30 p.m., by two tall men and taken for a flight of about 40 minutes. (Vol. 3, No. 6.)

September 4, 1957—Captain Lemos Ferreira and three sergeant pilots of the Portuguese Air Force, exercising their flight of four F-84 jet bombers at 25,000 ft., watched for 40 minutes the manoeuvres of a saucer which released four small lights. (Vol. 4, No. 3.)

November 2, 1957—Several people including sheriffs and policemen, at different places near Levelland, Texas, saw a large luminous egg-shaped object at least 200 ft. long, over highways, which interfered with car engines and lights. (Vol. 4, No. 3.)

November 4, 1957—James Stokes, research engineer of U.S.A.F. Missile Development Centre, near Alamogordo, New Mexico, encountered huge elliptic object which cut his car radio on Highway 24, also his engine and those of ten other cars, and emitted heat. (Vol. 4, No. 3.)

November 5, 1957—At 2 a.m., large flying saucer hovered over Brazilian Army fortress of Itaipu at Sao Vicente, near Santos. Forcefield caused burns. (Vol. 6, No. 1.)

Early December, 1957—Saucer with tripod undercarriage seen off San Pedro by crew of British steamer *Ramsay* and photographed by Radio Officer T. Fogl. (Vol. 5, No. 1.)

January 16, 1958—Captain Jose Teobaldo Viejas (Brazilian Air Force, Ret.) and crew of Brazilian Navy Survey Ship *Almirante Saldanha*, cruising near Trinidad Island, saw and photographer Barauna took pictures of saucer nearby. (Vol. 4, No. 3 and No. 5; Vol. 5, No. 1.)

February 24, 1959—Captain Peter Killian, co-pilot First Officer John Dee, crew and thirty-five passengers of American Airlines DC-6 watched three illuminated flying saucers manoeuvre for 45 minutes, while flying at about 8,500 ft. between Phillipsburg and Bradford, Pa. (Vol. 5, No. 3.)

March 13, 1959—Large grounded saucer seen in detail, before taking off, by Mr. Percy Briggs, driving with a load of vegetables, accompanied by postmaster Mr. C. Towill, of Claypans, at 2 a.m. near Cournamont Hill on the way to Mannum, on Murray River, South Australia. (Vol. 5, No. 5.)

June 27, 1959—The Reverend William B. Gill, in charge of Boianai Anglican Mission Station, South East Papua, New Guinea, and several witnesses observed large saucer, with four human occupants, hovering for about half an hour from 6 p.m. The occupants, who appeared to be working, waved in return. (Vol. 5, No. 6.)

July 11, 1959—Five commercial airline pilots reported five UFOs about 1,000 miles east of Honolulu. Manoeuvres described by Captain George Wilson, Pan-Am., en route San Francisco to Honolulu. (Vol. 5, No. 5.)

May 4 and 13, 1960—Many sightings over Brazil, revealing straight-line patterns when plotted. (Vol. 7, No. 2.)

October 4, 1960—The Rev. Lionel Browning and his wife, of Cressy, Tasmania, saw cigar-shaped carrier and accompanying saucers emerge from raincloud. (Vol. 7, No. 2.)

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