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to this **MAD MONSTER OF MOGO**  
By DON WILCOX

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# THE READER'S FORUM



## LETTER OF THE MONTH

Dear Sir:

I have been a reader of AMAZING STORIES since 1938 and have always enjoyed every issue. Occasionally a poor story finds its way into your "mag", but there are usually enough good ones to compensate.

It is amazing the fuss some people make about covers and trimmed edges as if it affects the value of the story.

Personally, I buy your (or should I say "our" mag) strictly for the stories and do not care much if the covers are on or off, whether they feature nudes, BEMs, or anything else, though I think they should illustrate one of the stories.

I have read most of the American and British science-fiction mags and AMAZING tops them all every time.

In your July issue I read Frederic Booth's article "The Last of the Saucers", in which he stated that the Naval Research labs released the information that the saucers were Radiosonde balloons.

Early last year a saucer was sighted over Kenzie City in British Guiana and a little later one was sighted at night by three prominent citizens of our West Coast.

One of these persons I know to be a person who would not tell a lie to deceive anybody. How come saucers over British Guiana? What was a Radiosonde balloon doing over Chile last year masquerading as a saucer? Did the U.S. have any Radiosonde balloons over Norway in 1947? Why is it that none of these Radiosonde balloons or "saucers" has ever been found by civilians anywhere? Is it possible for the same type of Radiosonde balloons mistaken for saucers over Mexico, Norway, Chile, British Guiana and the U.S. to be seen over Russia? I guess the research labs must have released an awful lot of balloons to cover such places as Germany, where a saucer was tracked by radar, and such places as Japan, Holland, Greece and Yugoslavia. Could a Radiosonde balloon pass through a canyon at high-enough speed to whip the tops off trees? Was Captain Mantell killed over Godman Field chasing Radiosonde balloons? What about aerial objects sighted all over the world at various times before the advent of Radiosonde balloons, objects described in vari-

ous books and papers by people of high standing as aerial ships and that even before aircraft were invented on earth. I would advise Mr. Booth to study well the reports accumulated over the centuries before dismissing the saucers lightly as mass hallucinations, hysteria, Radiosonde balloons or human nature.

Why is it so difficult to believe that there could be other beings who might have solved the secret of space travel?

When one thinks about our own planet and how little we still know about it how can we presume to say what is and what is not possible in outer space?

Maybe the reason why the saucer story is not being released to the public is because of fear—fear of what it might do to the well-ordered scheme of things as they are now.

The Orson Welles broadcast was a splendid example of what could happen if the news is sprung too suddenly.

I have never before written to AMAZING STORIES and I trust that this, my first letter, may be published in the Reader's Forum.

I am desirous of taking up the saucer issue with anyone who may care to write me and will answer promptly any fans interested in corresponding with me on science fiction, radio, photography and the Hawaiian guitar.

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## HIS FAVORITE MAG? NATCH!

Dear Howard:

Well, I just got the August issue of my favorite magazine, AMAZING STORIES, and as yet I haven't read any of the stories. I can't read the lead story, anyhow, because I still don't have the March issue (hint, hint), so I can read the first Flannigan story (I have the second). But I have read the Observatory. WOW! I almost dropped dead—"FANTASTIC bi-monthly, color on the inside". Oh, boy! Keep it up, boy—that's all I ask!

Now—my viewpoint on the readers' viewpoint:

James Lyles—what's your phone number?