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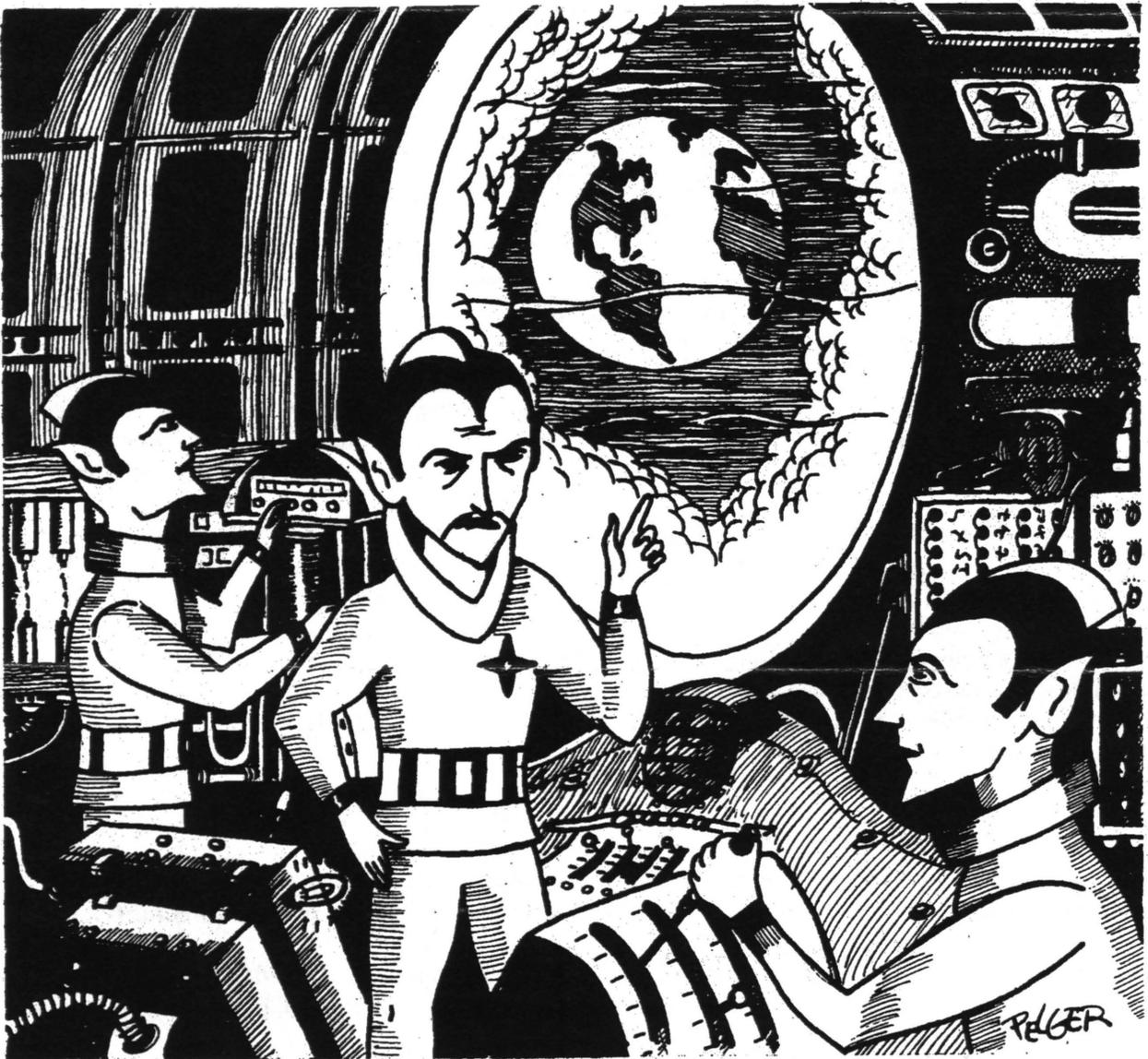
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## "BIRDMEN" INVADE WASHINGTON STATE IN 1948



During the past twenty years or so, reports and smart phone videos of "flying humanoids" have popped up on various Internet sites. Speculation as to whether these bizarre "beings" are associated with the UFO phenomenon has led in many instances to hearty and heated debate within the UFO community. Some even associate their frequent appearance with being the advent of some new and strange phase of the UFO enigma.

However, as the two following cases will prove, these reports are nothing new indeed. And as a matter of fact, similar reports can be found in the fortean literature going as far back as the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, long before the dawning of the modern UFO age.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 20 – A birdman who went "sizzing and whizzing" above her barn on January 6 was reported Tuesday by Mrs. Bernice Zaikowski, 61, a long-time Chehalis resident.

Her report was received with a certain amount of skepticism. Police Chief Tom Murray declined to investigate. An army official at McChord field commented that it "sounds like one of those saucer deals – I just can't put any stock in it at all."

Fliers at the Chehalis county-city airport said they could find no record of a transient birdman making a refueling stop, although they conceded January 6 was a good day for flying and ordinary, old-fashioned pilots piled up a lot of flying time.

Undaunted by doubters, Mrs. Zaikowski, whose veracity is not questioned by acquaintances, said she "heard a sizzing and whizzing and there he was, just about 200 feet above my barn."

She insisted she could see him clearly, that he was equipped with big, silver wings and appeared to be manipulating controls strapped to his chest. The wings appeared to be fastened over his shoulders by a strap arrangement and he flew in an upright position, she said.

Polish-born Mrs. Zaikowski, whose descriptive powers occasionally failed as she attempted to explain the birdman's maneuvers, said the wings appeared to retract close to his body as he ascended "very rapidly," then were extended to hover, bank and proceed in level flight. She could not tell what motive power was used, but saw no propeller. The wings did not flap, she added.

She was certain it was not a one-man open helicopter, such as the army has at McChord field, because the "wings did not rotate."

"I know most people don't believe me," said Mrs. Zaikowski, "but I have talked to some people in Chehalis that tell me they saw the man, too, and that he flew south from Chehalis and apparently came in from the north or west.

"It was about 3 p.m. on the Tuesday after New Year's Day (January 6) and there were a lot of small children coming home from school at the time. They saw the man, too, and asked me if they could go into my back yard so that they could watch him longer as he flew toward the south end of the city."

Mrs. Zaikowski asserted at least five other Chehalis residents, none of whom she knew by name, told her they also had seen the birdman. One, a soldier she met at church, told her the army had been experimenting with birdmen for some time, she said.

McChord officials said that if it had, it was news to them.

One other explanation remained. Mrs. Zaikowski said one man she talked with suggested it must have been an angel predicting the coming of a third world war. Source: *The Oregonian*, Portland, OR Jan 21, 1948.

LONGVIEW, April 9 – Residents of this Columbia River city were agog Friday at the report of Mrs. Viola Johnson, a laundry worker, and James Pittman, janitor, that they had seen three men hovering about 250 feet in the air over Longview.

“They looked like three men in flying suits flying through the air,” Mrs. Johnson recalled. “They wore dark drab flying suits and as far as I can judge – I’m not very good at judging distance – they were about 250 feet high, circling the city.”

Mrs. Johnson said: “They were going at about the same speed as a freight train and had some kind of apparatus on their sides which looked like guns, but I know it couldn’t have been guns.

“I couldn’t see and propellers or any motors tied on them, but I could hear motors which sounded about like airplane motors, only not so loud.

“When they first came into sight, I thought they looked like gulls, but as they got closer I could make out that they were not gulls and I knew they were men. I could see it plain that they were men.

“I couldn’t make out their arms, but I could see their feet dangling down and they kept moving their heads like they were looking around. I couldn’t tell if they had goggles on, but their heads looked like they had helmets on. I couldn’t see their faces.” Source: *The Oregonian*, Portland OR April 10, 1948.

### **STRANGE CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN VERMONT**

A Vermont witness at St. Albans reported watching an object hover alongside her second-floor balcony that could not be identified, according to testimony from the MUFON witness reporting database. The events occurred beginning about 7:15 p.m. on September 15, 2016.

“I was at home with my 9-year-old daughter and my husband,” the witness stated. “My husband was in the shower and did not witness any of this event. I was in the kitchen getting dinner ready, and my daughter was in the living room watching TV. The living room has a sliding glass door that opens to our second floor balcony.”

“It sounded like there were a couple of motorcycles, maybe across the road in the sports complex’s parking lot, that were revving their engines or something. It was kind of loud, and a little disruptive, but I didn’t pay too much attention to it, since there is a fair amount of traffic where we live. After a couple of minutes, my daughter said to me, ‘Hey, Mom, it’s a helicopter.’ I said ‘Oh yeah?’ I really wasn’t interested in stopping what I was doing to look at a helicopter, but I did to make her happy.

“You can imagine my surprise when I went into the living room to look out the sliding glass door to see a helicopter in the sky, but instead saw an object hovering literally right next to the left corner post of our balcony. The object could not have been any more than 10 feet away from us, maximum.

“I became quite alarmed and gruffly told my daughter to get inside and away from the glass. I looked back over at the object, which continued to hover momentarily. It was solid black in the front. It could not have had any propellers on it because the object was so close that the propellers would have been striking the building. Also, I did not feel any wind or breeze coming from the direction of the object. The glass door was open to my balcony, so I would have felt something coming through the screen. My hair did not even move.

“After telling my daughter to move away, and then turning to look back at the object, it went from a hovering position, to a straight up vertical ascent, extremely fast. In this position the object had an egg-shaped front, with a long thin part extending toward the back, connected at the back, top part, maybe eight feet long? Not sure. The extension part looked like it had some red color on it. The object ascended straight up, and then started to turn like it was going to go upside down. I became concerned that it was going to crash on the ground. Then a light army green-colored helicopter (a real one) was traveling over our building coming from the south and headed north. As the green helicopter went over-head, the black and

red object vanished. Literally. My daughter also saw the object ascend, since she had only moved away from the window, and did not go where I had wanted her to.

"Later, my daughter shared with me that she had seen the object arrive, starting at the east end of our balcony and stopping at the west end of it. Initially, I was pretty confused by what I had seen, and thought the object was a helicopter, as my daughter had thought. It all happened so unexpectedly and quickly. Also, I felt like my brain wasn't really processing my observations like it normally would. Almost felt like I was a little bit 'trance-like,' which is why it took me a few days to sort out what I actually saw, backed up by my daughter's observations, and come to terms with what happened. However, looking at all the facts, there is no way the object could have been a helicopter.

"The next morning after the sighting of the object, my daughter woke in her bed with a bleeding nose. Also, she was very distressed, angry, agitated, and physically aggressive. She was one and-a-half hours late for school because I could not get her to calm down. My reactions and feeling were: Initially fear and concern. Why was someone in a helicopter hovering next to our balcony? Were we in danger? Then somewhat of a feeling of awe watching it ascend so quickly, and also from what it looked like. Then concern again that it was making unsafe maneuvers and might crash. Then extreme confusion. Initially, it seemed like the object had turned into the green helicopter heading north. But, really it just vanished, as the helicopter was going over. I have to say, this has been an unsettling experience.

"The event happened after a series of sightings of strange lights, farther away, one of which had been on the ground across the road from us a few weeks prior. I am concerned that we could be confronted again. I just don't know what to expect at this point. Trying not to dwell on it and focus on the blessings of each day. But, experiencing a lot of anxiety and stress, to be quite honest. Also, maybe a little curious, too." Source: Roger Marsh, "Open Minds" September 30, 2016.

## **TIME TO GO AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD**

In celebration of FSD's upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we've reprinted one of our most popular booklets from the past that's been out of print for many years. *Around And About The Saucer World* contains some of our most favorite columns of the same name that ran for 30 years in both our "original" *UFO Magazine* and in FSD. Published in 1998, it contains scores of important UFO reports as well as many strange happenings associated with the UFO enigma.

In it you'll read about early reports of strange artifacts possibly associated with the "flying saucers," as well as the possibility of a late 1940s governmental project to duplicate their flight; a story about a "saucer" crash that sounds like it came right out of a "Twilight Zone" episode; a UFO "window area" in a large American city; and aliens sighted on a suburban street by a man while he was waiting for a bus.

The above is just a brief sample of what you will read about in *Around And About The Saucer World*, which is now in stock and ready to ship. This quality edition is just \$10.00 postpaid. Make checks payable to Rick Hilberg and send to: Around and About, 377 Race St. Berea, OH 44017.

## **LONG ISLAND, NY: UFO HOTSPOT – by R. Siva Kumar**

For years UFOs have been fond of Long Island. Seekers have reported many unusual sightings to the National UFO Reporting Center. This year, two dozen sightings have been reported.

As the Long Island beaches have been frequented by many UFOs, right from West Hempstead to Hampton Bays, there have been hundreds noticed and recorded across New York state.

How many New York UFOs have been reported to the NUFORC right from the 1960s? Look at the long list:

The most recent recording was reported at Cicero. A bright, white pulse of light that quickly dimmed to "star intensity" was said to be moving for 15 minutes on September 21. Another bluish, cross-shaped UFO that was followed by a huge conventional aircraft was seen for two to three minutes. Thirdly, there were three reddish lights. Two of them bobbed around in front of the third. All of them were reported on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

West Hempstead: About five solid amber/orange lights were spotted traveling "in an open formation," from the northwest to the southeast.

St. James: Cone-shaped light surrounded by a cluster of lights. All the lights were orange.

Ronkonkoma: In a V formation, the reporter saw flickering lights, even as one was left far behind the group and disappeared in the sky.

Since 1974, the Seattle-based NUFORC has been recording a number of UFO sightings. If you spot any, you can give a report through a 24-hour hotline at (206) 722-3000, according to its website. Source: "Headlines & Global News" September 24, 2016.

### **RELIVE THE SAUCER SAGA**

In celebration of our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we've reissued another of our early booklets covering the UFO scene. *The Saucer Saga* was first published in 1992 and was the third in a series looking at the history of the UFO phenomenon from ancient times up to the modern era of organized UFO research. *Saga* covers the years from 1953 to 1960 and features many of the classic cases and encounters from those seminal years of the "Saucer Saga." There are also dozens of other outstanding and equally unexplained cases that have been virtually lost to history, as well as illustrative art by Ron Pelger and the late Bunny Owens.

*The Saucer Saga* is now in stock and ready for shipment. You can add this handsome publication to your collection by sending a check for \$12.00 made payable to Rick Hilberg at 377 Race St. Berea, Ohio 44017

### **GEORGIA DISK HOVERS**

A Georgia witness at Woodbine reported watching a silver disk UFO hovering under 30 feet off the ground along the Satilla River near I-95, according to testimony from the MUFON witness reporting database.

The witness was driving northbound along I-95 just past the Woodbine exit near the Satilla River at 4:30 p.m. on August 20, 2016, when the incident occurred. "I saw a huge silver, highly polished disk hovering over the marsh next to the treeline about 20 - 30 feet off the ground," the witness stated. "The object seemed to be as big as a minivan."

"I wanted to turn around, but the next exit was 10 minutes down and would be too long to get back. It might be gone. I didn't turn around.

"I was freaked out wondering what the heck I saw and why was it in the marsh. I just so happened to look that way and saw it before I drove past. It was tucked back, almost hiding behind the treeline on the highway." Source: Alejandro Rojas, "Open Minds" August 29, 2016.

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## **FORTEAN FLASHES**

### **A TIME LINE OF CURRENT PHANTOM CLOWN REPORTS - by Martin Piechota**

August 29: Residents at the Fleetwood Manor Apartments in Greenville, South Carolina, reported that a person wearing a clown costume had been spotted lurking around the complex to convince children to come into the woods.

September 14: The Troup County Sheriff's Office in LaGrange, Georgia investigated a report of people dressed as clowns standing near a white van. It was a hoax and arrests were made.

September 15: Authorities locked down Escambia County and Flomaton High Schools in Alabama after clowns threatened students.

September 15: Authorities in Flomaton, Alabama, arrest 22-year-old Makayla Smith and two underage clown accomplices in connection with threats to school students.

September 19: Several children report a series of clown sightings in different neighborhoods in Annapolis, Maryland. Police confirm the reports to be a hoax.

September 21: A middle school girl in Athens, Georgia, is arrested after carrying a knife to school. She claimed it was for protection against clown attacks.

September 21: A 12-year-old in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, is chased by a clown through a park.

September 22: a clown holding an axe and staring at bystanders was seen in Portsmouth, Ohio. Police vowed to arrest the clown if caught.

September 23: Police arrested a man wearing a clown suit in Middlesboro, Kentucky.

September 23: State Police in Pennsylvania received reports of clown sightings in several counties.

September 24: A Palm Bay, Florida, resident reports spotting two "killer clowns" while walking her dog. She says the clowns were staring at her and frightened her to a point that she notified police.

September 25: Three people dressed as clowns were sighted in Salisbury, Maryland. The Shriners opted out of a parade in Hagerstown scheduled for October 29.

September 25: A child in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, is chased by three people who emerged from the woods dressed as clowns. Nobody is hurt in the town but it is the fourth such sighting reported in the area.

September 25: In Henrico County, Virginia, a mother and daughter captured a "Creepy Clown" on video leering at them. Clowns were also reported seen in Augusta County and Waynesboro.

September 25: Sophomore Christian Torres was stabbed to death by Avery Valentin-Bair while wearing a clown's mask in Reading, Pennsylvania.

September 26: Clowns were seen riding in a truck, another holding a sword ran after a child in Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

September 27: A "Killer Clown" was spotted in a Herkimer, New York, parking lot. Sightings were also reported in the Capitol Region and Buffalo areas.

September 27: Tennessee officials put out warnings telling residents to be vigilant as Halloween approaches. One teenager reports being attacked by a clown.

September 27: Police in Phoenix, Arizona, say five different fast food restaurants were robbed by suspects wearing clown masks.

September 27: York College in Pennsylvania reported clowns being spotted both on and off campus.

September 28: Erie, Pennsylvania, fell victim to sightings reported from "all over the town."

September 28: Crystal Foster of Portland, Oregon, was driving near O'Bryant Square when a man dressed in black with a silver clown suit approached her car. Oregon City parents reported calls from clowns saying clowns were going to show up at schools.

September 29: Multiple sightings of clowns in Donegal, Pennsylvania. Schools were put on high alert.

September 30: Two people were arrested and some Ohio schools were closed amid a rush of reported threats involving clowns against students in Cincinnati districts.

September 30: The New York Times reports that false arrests or threats in connection to sightings of "creepy clowns" have led to the arrest of 12 people in 10 states.

September 30: Five schools in three separated states were placed on high alert due to threatening Facebook posts from the account "Aint Clownin Around." The post sent to Westside High School in Houston reads, "We will be at all High Schools this Friday to kidnap students or kill teachers going to their cars."

October 1: Alexandra Conley of Reading, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio, said someone dressed like a clown jumped a fence, waved a knife at her and cut her thumb. Another woman said she was grabbed by the throat. Schools reported threats and canceled classes. Another woman reported she was late for work after being attacked by a knife-wielding clown.

October 3: Police in Nampa, Idaho, confirm they have received reports of clown sightings in the area.

October 3: Authorities in New Haven, Connecticut, urge principals and building leaders to ban clown costumes through Halloween this year.

October 3: Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts, was placed on lock down after reports of an armed clown Twitter hoax.

### **CANADIAN MANGO MYSTERY**

On 7 June, a mango weighing one pound fell into a backyard in McKenzie Towne, Alberta narrowly missing Lisa Egan, who was rolling up the cover on the family's pool. She noticed a gaping hole in the plastic cover before spotting the mango floating in the pool, under the cover. As the house is under a flight path for Calgary International Airport, Lisa and husband Duane speculate that the flying fruit came from an aircraft; but how it could fall out of a plane is unknown. Source: "globalnews.ca/news" June 6, 2016.