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# UFO Events of 1947

UFO flap of 1947, including Kenneth Arnold sighting.

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## People & Organizations

Selected in People File

[Kenneth Arnold](#), [Thomas Bullard](#), [Greg Long](#), [Thierry Wathelet](#), [Ted Bloecher](#)·(1), [Project 1947](#)·(Primary·research·topic), [Barry Greenwood](#)·(2), [James McDonald](#)·(3), [Jan Aldrich](#)·(4), [Stanton Friedman](#)·(5), [Loren E. Gross](#)·(6)

**Footnotes for Above:** (1) Pioneered systematic research of the 1947 UFO Wave. (2) Greenwood suggested idea for Project 1947. (3) Investigated cases for Bloecher/wrote forward for his book. (4) Main research topic of Project 1947. (5) Researcher into events of this era. (6) Major findings in "UFOs:A History:1947"

## Topics

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1. [Roswell Incident](#)@ (147 links) - See here for all links regarding July 1947 crash at Roswell. <#1>
2. [Foo Fighters & Ghost Rockets of WWII](#)@ (46 links) - Mystery lights prior to Kenneth Arnold sighting. <#2>
3. [Kenneth Arnold](#)@ - ("The Original UFO Witness") Arnold's 1947 sighting was not the first, but was the most talked and written about in 1947. <#16>
4. [Dr. James E. McDonald](#)@ (12 links) - Dr. James McDonald wrote the introduction to Ted Bloecher's The Report on the UFO Wave of 1947. He also re-investigated 1947 cases. <#24>
5. [Project Sign/Project Grudge](#)@ (14 links) - The UFO events of 1947 lead to the establishment of this first official UFO investigation. <#25>
6. [Ted Bloecher](#)@ - Author of "The Report on the UFO Wave of 1947". Compiled the HUMCAT of UFO "occupants". Researcher into events of 1947 and 1950s. <#30>
7. [Dr. Thomas E. Bullard](#)@ (1 links) - Bullard screened over 350 newspapers for 1947 in Indiana and North Carolina. <#31>
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11. [Project 1947@](#) <#43>**Past Events**

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- **1947: [Project 1947 -- 1947 Japanese Sighting](#)**+ - Sighting of a strange orange object in Japan. - By Jun-Ichi Takanashi - Event: 47 - Published: 1/4/97 - Source: Project 1947 E-mail Research List (Mailing List) - Ino-mura, Kumamoto Perf., JP <3/25/97 #7>
- **1947.06.24: [The Pacific NW: Trigger Point for the Great 1947 UFO Wave](#)** - Kenneth Arnold sighting and the start of the 1947 UFO Wave are concisely summarized. - By Greg Long - Event: 6/24/47 - Published: 12/1/95 - Source: [Secret Study/Pacific Harbor](#) (Web Site) - Mt Rainier, WA, US <6/1/97 #20>
- **1947.07: [1947 UFO Sightings Near Hanford, Washington](#)**+ - July 1947 UFO sightings in Richland, WA. - Message - By Jan Aldrich - Event: 7/47 - Published: 10/31/47 - Source: Project 1947 Research List - Richland (Hanford), WA, US <3/10/97 #5>
- **1947.07: [RE: Roswell Historical Facts](#)**+ - Discusses: terms and meanings of "discs," and "saucers" in 1947, the Roswell press release, and the recovery and disposition of the Roswell "disc." (229 lines) - Message - By John Stepkowski - Event: 7/47 - Published: 5/12/97 - Source: UFO Updates (Mailing List) - Roswell, NM, US <5/12/97 #15>
- **1947.07.04: [Project 1947 in the West](#)**+ - Project 1947 research in the West and a 1947 pilot sighting. (116 lines) - Message - By [Jan Aldrich](#) - Event: 7/4/47 - Published: 5/19/97 - Source: Area 51 (Mailing List) - Btn Tonopah & Austin, NV, US <5/20/97 #17>
- **1947.07.04: [Project 1947 -- Project Sign Check-list --UFO](#)**+ - Sighting by Portland, Oregon policeman with animal reaction in 1947. - Message - By Jan Aldrich - Event: 7/4/47 - Published: 12/27/96 - Source: (Mailing List) - Portland, OR, US <3/26/97 #9>
- **1947.07.04: [Mystery Disc Appear in Sky at Port Huron](#)** - July 1947 UFO sighting over Sarnia (CA) / Port Huron (USA) (1k) - Article - Supportive - By UFO Joe - Event: 7/4/47 - Published: 7/5/47 - Source: [London Free Press](#) (Newspaper) [http://cron-2.mco.net/web/ufojoe] - Sarnia, ON, CA <4/9/97 #11>
- **1947.07.04: [The Pacific NW's Own Independence Day, 4 July 1947](#)** - CPT Smith/FO Stephens UFO/Aircraft Encounter that started over Emmett, Idaho on 4 Jul 1947. - By Greg Long - Event: 7/4/47 - Published: 7/1/96 - Source: [Secret Study/Pacific Harbor](#) (Web Site) - Emmett, ID, US <6/1/97 #21>
- **1947.07.06: [Captured Flying Saucer](#)** - July 1947 UFO sighting over Turnbull's Grove (Sarnia, Ontario) (2k) - Article - By UFO Joe - Event: 7/6/47 - Published: 7/9/47 - Source: [London Free Press](#) (Newspaper) [http://cron-2.mco.net/web/ufojoe] - Sarnia, ON, CA <4/9/97 #12>
- **1947.07.06: [Wallaceburg Sights Discs](#)** - July 1947 UFO Sighting in Wallaceburg, Ontario (2k) - Article - By UFO Joe - Event: 7/6/47 - Published: 7/7/47 - Source: [London Free Press](#) (Newspaper) [http://cron-2.mco.net/web/ufojoe] - Wallaceburg, ON, CA <4/9/97 #13>
- **1947.07.07: [1890 Report & 1947 Report, Austin, Texas](#)**+ - Two UFO reports separated by 57 years reported by Austin, Texas, resident. - By Jan Aldrich - Event: 7/7/47 - Published: 6/1/97 - Source: Austin STATESMAN (Newspaper), Page Page 1 [8 July 1947] - Austin, TX, US <6/2/97 #22>
- **1947.07.08: [London Family Sees "Saucer"](#)** - July 1947 Daylight Disc Sighting in London, Ontario (3k) - Article - By UFO Joe - Event: 7/8/47 - Published: 7/9/47 - Source: [London Free Press](#) (Newspaper) [http://cron-2.mco.net/web/ufojoe] - London, ON, CA <4/9/97 #14>
- **1947.07.08: [Muroc Air Base \(Edwards Air Force Base\) sightings.](#)** - Early UFO sightings by Army Air Force personnel from the ground and the air. Sources are The UFO Evidence and the uncensored documents from the 4th Air Force UFO files. - Event: 7/8/47 - Source: Interlink UFO Website - Muroc Air Base, CA, US <2/13/98 #42>
- **1947.07.08: [Muroc Air Base Sightings](#)** - A series of sightings by military personnel on the ground and in air during daylight at Edwards Air Force Base. - Print reference - By Jerome Clark - Event: 7/8/47 - Source: [The UFO Encyclopedia: From the Beginning through 1959](#) (Book), Page 256-257 [Volume 2] - Muroc (Edwards) Air Base, CA, US <7/4/97 #33>
- **1947.07.09: [Project 1947 -- West Virginia Gun Shot Case](#)**+ - Bluefields, WV, resident fires unsuccessfully on UFO in 1947. - Message - By Jan Aldrich - Event: 7/9/47 - Published: 12/13/96 - Source: Project 1947 E-mail Research List (Mailing List) - Bluefields, WV, US <3/26/97 #8>
- **1947.07.10: [Sighting by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, U of New Mexico Astronomer](#)** - The sighting in the April 1952 Life magazine article was later found to be Dr. LaPaz and his family. - Post - By Bob Gina - Event: 7/10/47 - Published: 4/14/52 - Source: Life (Magazine) - Near Clovis, NM, US <7/3/97 #32>

- **1947.07.11: '[Southern Wings' Magazine](#)**+ - July 1947 UFO sighting by two pilots/staff members of "Southern Wings" magazine over North Carolina. - Message - Supportive - Event: 7/11/47 - Published: 12/12/96 - Source: Wilmington, NC Morning Star, Page 1 [13 July 1947] - High Point, NC, US, 10 miles south <3/10/97 [#4](#)>
- **1947.09.03: [Project 1947 -- Disc among the Pigeons](#)**+ - An animal reactions UFO case in British Columbia after the main 1947 wave had passed. - Message - Event: 9/3/47 - Published: 12/28/96 - Source: Project 1947 E-mail Research List (Mailing List) - Nanaimo, BC, CA <3/26/97 [#10](#)>

## General Links

- [Project 1947](#) - Project 1947's attempt to document UFO activity in 1947. - Supportive - Published: 3/7/97 <9/2/99 [#3](#)>
- [Project 1947: An inquiry into the beginning of the UFO era.](#) - A progress report on Project 1947's inquiry into the UFO Wave of 1947 with a number of sightings. - Supportive - By Jan Aldrich - Published: 6/96 - Source: International UFO Reporter <10/27/99 [#6](#)>
- [1947 Newspaper Clippings](#)+ - Some news and comment from the Irish and UK press in 1947. (53 lines) - By Graham William Birdsall - Published: 5/23/97 - Source: [UFO Updates](#) (Mailing List) <5/28/97 [#18](#)>
- [Just Before Roswell](#)+ - A short review of a few sightings before the Roswell incident. - Document - By Joseph Trainor, editor - Published: 5/25/97 - Source: UFO Round Up (Newsletter) [Vol. 2, #21] <5/30/97 [#19](#)>
- [1947, Era of Confusion](#)+ - Very brief summary of the first six weeks after Arnold's sighting. (180k) - Message - By Jan Aldrich - Published: 6/3/97 - Source: [UFO Updates](#) <6/7/97 [#23](#)>
- [\\*UFOs invade San Antonio newspapers](#) - Article & reproductions of 1947 headlines in San Antonio. <6/25/97 [#26](#)>
- [Filling in the Gaps](#) - A brief discussion about Project 1947 and the progress made. - By Jan Aldrich - Published: 4/96 - Source: MUFON Journal (Magazine) <10/27/99 [#27](#)>
- [Project 1947: A Progress Report](#) - An updated version of an article on Project 1947 that previously appeared in UFO Magazine. - By Jan Aldrich - Published: 4/96 - Source: UFO Magazine (Magazine) <10/27/99 [#28](#)>
- [That Wonderful Year 1947](#) - 1947 UFO incidents in British Columbia. <6/27/97 [#29](#)>
- [\\*Project 1947](#) - Updated documents, accounts and news reports from 1947 and the early UFO era. <9/2/99 [#34](#)>
- [Project 1947: A Preliminary Report on UFOs in 1947](#) - The first Project 1947 report is published by the UFO Research Coalition. - Product description <8/10/97 [#37](#)>
- ["Silver Balls" over Budapest, Hungary, 10 July 1947](#)+ (127 lines) - Government document <9/4/97 [#40](#)>
- [1947 Reports in Eastern Europe](#) - Excerpt from Jorgen Westman's "Nothing New on the Eastern Front" - By [Jorgen Westman](#) - Source: [Nar Kontakt](#) [Volume 7, 1996] <10/6/97 [#41](#)>
- [Dossier X National Dutch UFO Database: sightings 1947 - 1951](#) - The only Dutch National UFO sightings database ranging from the 4th century AD to 1998. This part features sightings between 1947 and 1951 - Language: Dutch - Data - By Theo Paijmans and Ivo Westerlaken - Source: [Dossier X](#) <2/28/99 [#44](#)>  
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- [The Roswell Incident and the Arnold Sightings](#) - Follow the links on this page to find MUCH information on Roswell, and UFO sightings in general... - By DJBeirne@home.com - Source: The Ultimate Page To The Unexplained <8/9/99 [#45](#)>

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...explain this.....

...back when i was still a kid in middle school ...i was walking my dog in a big field across from where i lived at the time ....i was watching planes in the sky ....they all moved really slow ...except one ....it was different from the others ...it looked like a triangle with lights on each point...and a brighter red one in the middle ...within seconds it did a zig-zag motion then was gone ....

-- samoth\_1 12/5/99 (#5)

### **There's more than the eye can see**

Just because all people haven't seen aliens don't mean that exist.

-- Alexia ([Flash 13 @excite.com](#)) 10/18/99 (#4)

### **my ubduction**

I was in my bed when I saw a strong light. I went outside and they took me in the ship. i saw two faces over me. i woke on a sofa and had a mark on my stomach. from: trillianated

-- trillianated 9/22/99 (#3)

### **Watchers**

When I was in the beach I saw a kind of space craft. They where two lights at the top of the ocean, suddenly the started going in circles and then they put together and suddenly dissapeared. That was the most awesome time in my life. I want to get abducted sooooooooooooo bad.

-- Java the alien 9/21/99 (#2)

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