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### Re: Aircraft/UFO Encounters Prior to 1942

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Hi Mike and all:

Title should read....Encounters....sorry.

> I have a video interview with a gentleman in Colorado by the name  
> of Lloyd Arnold (now deceased) which was made back in the late 80's  
> in which he describes a sighting of a derigible shaped object during  
> the day, at a park. He said that there were many people who saw  
> it, but they thought it was an early air ship. The date of the  
> sighting was 1915.  
> When the thing left, it moved out very quickly, thus he said he  
> knew that it was not an airship of German or American manufacture.

> Could this have been the same type of airship which was seen over  
> the South East part of the US in the late 1890's? It is something  
> to give thought to.

Memory does not serve too well here. When I was in Colorado, Barry Greenwood told me I should check a Colorado newspaper for a 1917 item. (He too had got the date from a video-- "Sightings" in this case.)

I checked and found an article about lights being sighted outside of town at night. Greenwood told me that was very interesting, but not the correct story. I will try to dig it out and post it. Never did find the other article.

As to the 1915 article, perhaps, we are thinking about two different things. I think "my" finding is different from your account.

>From the 1880's on there are reports of strange airships.

Dr. Thomas Bullard deals with these UFO waves in Jerry Clark's third volume of his encyclopedia. There were airship sightings in Russia and Poland in 1892-4, of course, the 1896-7 wave, and scattered sightings after until the next big world-wide wave in 1908-10. (BTW late 1909-10 were big in Kentucky and Tennessee.) Then, there were unusual sightings in 1912-15, especially the

"Scareship" wave, (but there are indications that these were reported over a much wider area.) During the World War I era there were again reports from various locations.

After that, everything seems to die down. There is not much activity reported through the 1920s and 1930s except the "ghost aeroplanes" in Scandinavia.

Interestingly enough, there seems to be sightings of "ghost Zeppelins" or dirigibles in the 20s and 30s. Here is a summary of one:

Feb (or early March) 1938; South of Arbuckle Texas; --- ;  
Hugh gray airship with girdle of windows and no under carriage.  
The windows reflected the setting sun. Without changing altitude or attitude it shot away sideways and disappeared.  
Letter to USAF 1952-06-18 in "LIFE magazine file." (Max File)

After that the "foo-fighters" in World War II. Various sightings worldwide in 1946, especially the "ghost rockets."

The Psycho-sociological theorists should have a field day with these reports.

Best regards,

Jan Aldrich  
Project 1947

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