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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'Flying Discs'

From: **Asgeir W. Skavhaug** <asge-s@online.no>
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 1999 20:33:57 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 1999 15:37:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'Flying Discs'

>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <asge-s@online.no>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 20:06:24 +0200
>Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 1999 22:56:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'Flying Discs'

>>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 12:07:00 -0400
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 16:53:08 -0400

>>Subject: Kenneth Arnold's 'Flying Discs'

>>In response to various comments concerning the recently
>>published proposal that Kenneth Arnold's celebrated, inaugural
>>'UFO' (not 'flying saucer') sighting of 24 June, 1947, was resolved.
>>The two main accounts which Arnold gave of the entire incident
>>were in a letter he subsequently sent to the US Air Force and in
>>his much later book, 'The Coming of the Saucers'. It doesn't
>>help matters that both accounts seem to be significantly different.

><snip>

>>Alternatively, having looked at the full picture of Arnold's
>>various reports, inconsistencies and proclivity to make some
>>claims which at times bordered on the absurd, I'm satisfied that
>>overall there's sufficient evidence why a formation of White
>>Pelicans is demonstrably the 'best fit' by a long way for
>>Arnold's nine, perplexing, 'flying discs'.

>>(C) James Easton
>>22 July, 1999.

>James & List,

>Is it possible to show any real in-flight photos of these White
>Pelicans, included in a mail on this List? Or, maybe some videofilm?

Hi List,

(Warning! This mail contains some pelican info, and is primarily
intended for birders/"pelicanists".)

Here are a couple of URLs regarding in flight photos of the AW

pelicans:

A:

<http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/id/framlst/i1250id.html>

(This URL also includes a summer map. This map are based on Breeding Bird Survey, BBS, data. The index to abundance is the count on survey routes, sum of 50, 3-min point counts. This index is about what you would expect to see in 2.5 hours of roadside birding, if you are a very good birder. Remember, the BBS is conducted in June.)

Notice that specifically one of the birds in the in-flight photo (click on the photo to enlarge) closely resembles a disc (!!) (or disk), when watched at the bird's in-flight level.

B:

<http://mamba.bio.uci.edu/~pjbyrant/biodiv/birds/pelecaniformes/070147.htm>

Notice that "when flying, they (i.e., the AW pelicans) seem to 'sparkle' as the light plays off of their white and black feathers.", i.e.,

<http://sazoo-aq.org/pelicans.htm>

Also notice that "during the spring breeding season, both sexes sprout a temporary disk-like (!!) horn on the center of the top of the bill. The horn drops off when incubation begins", i.e.,

<http://www.webh.com/grandlake/pelicans/white.htm>

About movies of them in flight, this might be provided "perhaps not immediately, but soon", i.e.,

<http://ecocanada.com/seepel/messages/264.html>

Regards,
Asgeir

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