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Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'Flying Discs'

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 1999 05:07:15 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 1999 22:56:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'Flying Discs'

>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 00:30:16 -0400
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'Flying Discs'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 12:07:00 -0400
>>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Kenneth Arnold's 'Flying Discs'
>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>

>>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>

>.....Dear Jim,

>We've heard all this before. Nice that you are now very
>confident that the Pelican Theory is not for the birds.

>Do us a favor, Jim.

>Draw a map showing how pelicans can explain the sighting so we,
>too, can be confident that the sighting is explained.

>Shouldn't be too hard.... pick starting locations for Arnold and
>the pelicans. We don't know exactly where they were so you have
>lots of freedom. Allow Arnold to be flying a slowly as 100 mph
>if you like, although 110, 120 mph would be more likely. Allow
>pelicans to be flying as fast as 50 mph. Demonstrate that they
>could appear to come from a location north of Rainier and last
>be seen appearing to pass by Mt. Adams (be in the same
>direction as Mt. Adams) while not getting so close to Arnold's
>plane that he would recognize them. Explain wat he meant by
>turning and opening the window to get an unobstructed view.
>Specify which window he opened and which way he turned the
>plane.

<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.

>Well, it's nice to be satisfied.

>I won't be satisfied (and perhaps a chorus in the wings could
>speak up at this point) until you prove pelicans could at least
>marginally explain the sighting by Drawing A Map.

Dear sirs:

Draw a map! Don't just go take a nap, go ahead and take
a ____ if need be, but please, please draw a nice map!

- (signed) The Chorus.

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