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Re: Kenneth Arnold Sighting

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Date: Thu, 17 Jun 1999 19:58:04 -0300
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>Date: Thu, 17 Jun 1999 00:28:38 -0400
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold Sighting
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>>Date: Wed, 16 Jun 1999 10:03:35 -0300
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>>>Date: Mon, 14 Jun 1999 21:44:13 -0400
>>>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
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>>At 60 MPH The Callair would have been about ready to fall out of
>>the sky. Certainly if he had turned, upping his wing-stall speed
>>he would have entered an incipient spin, then a full spin. The
>>Call air cruised at about 100-120 MPH and with its short wing
>>span had a higher stall speed than say a J-3 Cub, Aeronca or
>>Taylorcraft [the latter, a high wing was the plane they used to
>>represent Arnold's plane in the movie UFO. Real attention to
>>detail there]. As search planes go, the Callair was a poor
>>choice. His wings would have covered hundreds of square miles
>>below him.

>Well, I guess this shoots down James "ideal scenario" of
>pelicans at 50 mph and Arnold at 60 mph. Back to the 2:1 ratio
>with Arnold at 100 mph (or more).

Hi Bruce,

That would be my guess from personal experience, though not with
a Callair.

If he was going to be searching down low about 500 to 800 feet
over the terrain, I could see him pulling back the power on that
airplane to about 80 MPH but at 7,8 or 9,000 feet there would be
no point because his apparent speed over the ground would slow
appreciably.

Also, he's not going to be crazy enough to hug the terrain in
the mountains because the winds and down drafts can ruin your
whole day in a matter of seconds. He could have ended up being
the hunted rather than the hunted. It is awesome how little your
little plane feels when confronted by them.

To paraphrase an old lament of the fisherman, "Lord your

mountains are so big and my airplane is so little."

Don Ledger

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