

## Historical Sightings 1948 - 1949

### 1948

- Canada, Swastika: Mr. Galbraith twice saw an object land. The first time, it was a disk-shaped craft with a humanoid figure; the second time, cigar-shaped with three figures.
- Peru, Pucusana: C. A. V. an oil company employee was driving to Lima when he saw a shiny disk at ground level. He walked toward it for 10 min. Three figures came out as he was 20 m away. They looked like mummies, had joined legs and one large foot. They "slid" along the ground. They were covered with a strange "towely" skin, asked the witness where they were, had a lengthy discussion with him, and took him for a trip in their craft.
- USA, Alabama, Montgomery: An Eastern Airlines DC-3 piloted by Captain Clarence S. Chiles was narrowly missed by a UFO while flying over Montgomery on July 24.
- USA, Indiana, Indianapolis: An object swept over a road at 10 m altitude.
- USA, Kentucky, Louisville: Capt. Thomas Mantell lost his life on 7 January while attempting to chase a UFO. This is the first fatality on record directly connected with an UFO chase. Reports from private citizens were made to the Kentucky State Highway Patrol describing a strange, saucer-shaped flying object, 200 - 300 ft. diameter. It was also seen by several other witnesses, including the base commander, at the control tower of Godman AFB, outside Louisville. Official explanations concluded that he was chasing the planet Venus in the bright afternoon sky or a secret Navy balloon.
- USA, Minnesota, Hamel: Two boys were playing outside when a round dull gray object 70 cm in diameter, 30 cm thick, landed near them like a balloon with a metallic noise. It spun, went up, hovered, maneuvered to avoid Phone lines and trees, and flew away to the northeast. An FBI man from St. Paul found an area 70 cm in diameter where the ground showed signs of extreme pressure.
- USA, Ohio, Maplewood: A farmer observed a silvery sphere of large dimension rise from a wooded area and hover above his farm, dropping a silvery substance that disintegrated before touching the ground.
- Carl Mitchell, a physicist, saw three luminescent greenish discs one second apart, pass across sky from north to south on March 20.
- Seymour L. Hess, a meteorologist and astronomer, saw a disc or sphere in apparent "powered" flight.

### 1949

- France: Alain Berard saw a large, bright object land near his farm with a green lightning flash. It became dark. As he approached the craft, the witness saw three figures with

stocky short legs, apparently without heads. Frightened, he fired at them three times. A moment later the object took off vertically.

- USA, California, Death Valley: Two prospectors are said to have observed a disk-shaped object land. Two dwarfs emerged but were lost in the sand dunes when pursued. The object disappeared.
- USA, Oklahoma, Tulsa: Don Bushnell, plant superintendent with Southwestern Porcelain Steel Corp., saw an object fall in front of his car as his radio was blocked. He applied the brakes; object vanished.
- Clyde W. Tombaugh, astronomer saw a circular pattern of rectangular lights, keeping fixed interval in August.

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