

TIME TABLE - Kenneth Arnold and Related Events - June-August 1947

1952, by Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer

- (4) Sources: The Coming of the Saucers (major source unless otherwise indicated)
 (2) The Flying Saucer as I saw It, by Kenneth Arnold (1950)
 (1) Fate Magazine, Spring 1948, "The Mystery of the Flying Disks" (no author)
 (3) Other Worlds Science Stories, January 1952, "The REAL Flying ~~Saucer~~ Saucer: Kenneth Arnold's PROOF!" by Kenneth Arnold. (Other Worlds editor, Raymond A. Palmer)

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| June 14 (or June 23) | | Dick Rankin sees 2 flights at Bakersfield, California #1381 |
| June 21 | 2 p.m. | Dahl's Maury Island experience |
| June 22 | 7 a.m. early a.m. | Dahl's mysterious visitor Crisman goes to Maury Is., sees disk like what Dahl's (Fate gives this date as June 23), ret's aft.; Dahl tells "many" others on the dock about Maury Island C-46 lost with 32 marines \$5,000 reward offered |
| June 24 | | Arnold's sighting off Mount Rainier |
| July 4 | 9:12 p.m. | Smith-Stevens sighting over Emmett, Idaho |
| July 5 | | Arnold hears Smith's story (in Seattle) |
| (about) July 5-12 | | Arnold reading volume of mail |
| July 12 | | Lava ash particles fall near Mountain Home, Idaho, after a formation of saucers had passed over the area |
| (about) July 15 | | Arnold reads Palmer's first letter |
| " July 22 | | Palmer's second letter; Arnold sends him copy of his report to Wright-Patterson |
| July 24 | | Salmon River Bridge burns |
| July 25 (2) |) | |
| July 26 (1) |) | C-46 found |
| July 26 (?) | | Palmer's third letter, asking Arnold to investigate Tacoma |
| July 27 | | Arnold wires Palmer for \$200 |
| July 28 morning | | Arnold receives money |
| July 29 5:30 a.m. | | Arnold leaves Boise for Tacoma (Source (1) gives this date as July 30) |

*2 unpublished (Aug 47)
 (SF?) newspaper
 (R-2 photographs)
 give date of crash
 as December
 1946 &
 says 25 hours
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 zone brought down
 because of
 light C-46
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| July 29 | 5:30 a.m. | Arnold leaves Boise for Tacoma La Grande Valley sighting en route |
| | "dusk" (7 p.m.?) | Arrives Tacoma, calls hotels Mysterious reservation at the Winthrop |
| | (7:15?) | Arrives at Winthrop; unable to check on reservation; calls Dahl, persuades him to come; "in half an hour" |
| | (7:45? 8:00?) | Dahl arrives |
| | "for nearly 2 hrs" | Dahl tells about his misfortunes since June 21 |
| | (9:45?) | Dahl relates Maury Island experience & mysterious man |
| | (10:20?) | Arnold & Dahl start for Dahl's secretary's house (10-minute drive) |
| | (10:30?) | Arrive Dahl's secretary's house Dahl shows black metal to Arnold, offers to take him to Crisman's house to see white metal also; "tomorrow "The rest of the eve. we talked about hunting & fishing" |
| | "a little after midnight" (12:15 a.m.?) | Dahl drives Arnold back to hotel |

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| July 30 (Wed.) | 12:15 a.m. | Dahl drives Arnold back to hotel (Brown and Davidson in Portland, Ore., questioning Dick Rankin about his experience "June 14") |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Dahl & Crisman arrive; Crisman tells his story of June 22 |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Arnold orders breakfast for 3 sent up Arnold reads newspaper item about Mountain Home lava ash, gets excited, decides to get hold of Capt. Smith |
| | (11:15?) | Arnold telephones Smith (through U Airlines, Seattle), says he will fly over right away for him Dahl goes to the dock Crisman drives Arnold to his plane at Barry's Airport Arnold flies to Seattle, meets Smith, they have coffee, return to Tacoma |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Crisman meets Arnold and Dahl at Barry's Airport Drives them to hotel, leaves them there, goes to get Dahl |
| | (3:15?) | Arnold & Smith go to 508, order coffee, Arnold tells him the story so far |
| | (4:30? 4:45?) | Crisman & Dahl return to hotel "We were engrossed with our coffee & rolls for about 15 min." |
| | (4:30-6:00?) (4:45-6:15?) | Smith cross-examines them; "covered every possible phase of everybody's relationship and experiences up to the present date. It It took an hour and a half and I don't think J. Edgar-Hower could have done a better job." Smith cancels next day's flights Smith & Crisman leave, Crisman to drive S. to Seattle for his automobile & a toothbrush Dahl home for supper; "wife not feeling well" |
| | (6:30?) | Arnold goes out for coffee, gone about an hour |
| | 7:30 or 8:00 | Smith returns; S & A have dinner |
| | (900?) | S & A return to hotel, C & D arrive Smith asks to see both kinds of fragments & go to Maury Is.; also to see pictures. C & D agree |
| | 10:00 | Crisman & Dahl leave, A & S get ready for bed, joking |
| | (10:30? 11:00?) | Telephone call from Ted Morello, UP, reporting what "some crackpot has been phoning in to us, telling us verbatim what has been going on in your hotel room for the last day" Morello tells Smith the same as Arnold; S & A deny everything |
| | 11:00 - 12:00 | Fruitless search of room for hidden microphones "For the half-hour before we went to sleep we talked in whispers." |

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| July 31 | a.m. | Dahl and Crisman bring fragments, both kinds. A & S lock fragments in room, go out to have breakfast with C, D, and crew members. A takes movies of S, C, D & their cars (bkfst. with crews would be early - 7 or 8 a.m.) |
| | (9:00?) | All 4 return to hotel room, inspect fragments, ask for the pictures Dahl took. Crisman: "Couldn't find them this morning, but they're at my office". Line up fragments & get part of power tube. |
| | (10:00? 11:00?) | Arnold suggests calling in Military Intelligence. Smith agrees, Crisman agrees, Dahl "just as soon go to a show and forget all about it." |
| | | Arnold calls Brown, who calls him back from off-base pay tel. "If we don't call you back in an hour, we'll be there." |
| | | A, S, D, C, talk about airplanes & fishing "for a little over an hour" |
| | | Call from Morello: "count noses - the crackpot's on another line" |
| | | Paul Lance calls for interview, Smith turns him down, Lance comes up to room, Smith frisks him, pushes him out |
| | | Dahl leaves ("Crisman can take care of everything"), giving phone number where he can be reached |
| | | Smith asks Crisman to go downstairs with him. |
| | | Arnold alone in room. |

Contradictions so far: ^{A.} Source (1) says Arnold went to Tacoma because he resented the adverse publicity his sighting had reported *with*
Source (4) and (3) say he went at Palmer's request

B. Lance (throughout Source (2), name is Lants, which is correct): Source (4), compare page 45 and page 50

C. Source (1) - Fate

7/29 - A. leaves Boise
7/30 - calls in Smith
7/31 - A & S call in Mil. Int.

Source (4) - Book

7/30 - A. leaves Boise
7/31 - calls in Smith AND Mil. Intelligence

(Others on later page)

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| July 31 CONT. | | |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Brown & Davidson arrive Smith & Crisman return |
| | 5:00 - 7:30 | Crisman tells Dahl's story |
| | 7:30 - 12:00 | Dinner & discussion - Brown, Davidson, Crisman, Arnold, Smith |
| | 12:00 | Crisman offers to bring box of fragments for B-D to take back to Hamilton Field B-D lose interest Crisman leaves to get box B-D insist on returning to Hamilton Field B-D, A, & S wait outside hotel for car from McChord field to pick up B-D; A suggests to Brown that a trip to Maury Is. would prove or disprove the Dahl story Army car & Crisman ret; Crisman & Davidson load box into back of army car; A sees & handles them (See Source (4), page 56) B-D leave; A, S, C go for coffee. trip. C leaves for home; to meet A & S 10 a.m. next day for Maury Is. A & S return to 502 Phone rings; Morello says crackpot informant has told him what went on in the room, M. wants confirmation or denial. M. talks to A & S. A & S. go to bed, closing transom & locking doors. |
| Aug. 1 | 1:30 a.m. | B-25, with Brown, Davidson, & box of fragments aboard, takes off from McChord Field |
| | 1:50 a.m. | B-25 crashes. |

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| Aug. 1 (Fri.) | 9:00 a.m. | A & S get up, feeling cheerful; planning to go to Maury Is. w/ Crisman 10 a.m.; A takes movie of S. examining fragments |
| | 9:20 a.m. | S starting bath, phone rings; Crisman says B-25 has crashed (Source (1) says they are awakened by this call) S calls McChord Field and verifies report |
| | 9:30 - 10:30 | Call to UP, talk to Morello Crisman arrives A calls Palmer, who warns them against transporting any fragments C insists on talking to Palmer, who "recognizes the voice" as same one that has called him long dist. on other occasions from various parts of the country C goes to dock to help put boat in running order for trip to Maury Is. A & S to UP to hear recorded interview with crash survivors; they do not tell him names of B-D; he seems concerned about their safety, does not try to get information A & S drive to dock. Crisman still does not have films - "can't find them; must be at mountain cabin." A takes movies of boat & Smith; inspect it; both men v. suspicious of its condition; engine still not working; C says he will call them when it is ready. But they had given up idea of going to Maury, at least in C's boat. "That was the last time I saw Crisman." (In Source (1) they still expected to go - about 11 a.m. - and wait till 2:30 or 3:00, when they call Dahl to find out what had happened to C. While waiting for D. to report, Morello calls with tip that 1 of the 4 men men who "had been in the room that morning" (not Fri. morning, as only A, S, and C had been there then) would be on an Army bomber for Alaska that aft. A & S then finally got hold of Dahl, who locates C's Note about 2-3 day business trip trip. Then M's next call, below) (Dahl goes to the movies) A & S not have lunch, return to 502, sit around disgusted. aft. Morello calls, reports 1 prediction by mysterious caller, several statements about the past. (None of these were confirmed by later inquiries or events) (Source (1) also says myst. caller predicts that C-46, when found, would reveal, etc. ... NOTE: It had been found <u>July 25 or 26</u>) |

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| Aug. 2 (Sat.) | | "All we did Saturday was hang around the room, going out only to eat, anticipating a call every minute from either McChord or Hamilton Field." |
| | | S calls McChord, tells them where to get in touch with A & S if wanted |
| | | "We were utterly confused and frustrated" |
| | aft. | Dahl stops by briefly, invites us to breakfast the next morning |
| | | A calls Barry's Airport, his plane all right |

"At this point I would like to impress upon the reader that these events, people, and places are not fictional nor ghost stories nor figments of my imagination. Not only can every person involved verify this to be the truth but I have hotel receipts, newspapers, and photographs to substantiate ~~this~~ this that I have written as being true."

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| AUG. 2 Sun. | 9:00 a.m. | A & S meet Dahl & his secretary for breakfast. During bkfst, S. makes telephone call; then says he is going to be gone for an hour or so. A returns to hotel ("I don't even recall whether Dahl & his secretary dropped me off or whether S did en route to wherever he was going") Locks doors, waits for Smith |
| | 2 p.m. | Smith returns with Major Sanders of S-2 Military Intelligence of McChord Field A tells Sanders complete story. Sanders says: You are victims of a hoax In about 2 weeks each of you will get a private explanation B-25 crash just an accident; too bad a "misleading" story was published Sanders assembles fragments in a towel - ALL fragments; insists on taking every piece; insists on carrying towel downstairs himself; puts bundle in civilian car (but Sanders in uniform - see p. 65) into smelting company grounds, Sanders drives A & S/ past smelting company stops car, they get out & examine slag pile, but Sanders does not offer any of the towel fragments for comparison. Sanders drives A & S back to hotel, repeats promise of an explanation, leaves A checks out of hotel. A & S drive out to say goodbye to Dahl at his secretary's house; house is vacant and dirty. At Barry's Airport A & S inspect plane carefully. A takes off, S watching him. After take-off at Pendleton, engine stopped cold. A lands safely, but plane is somewhat damaged. |