## SIGR, BL, OTBOMRAICP The Mysterious Changing Shape of the First "Flying Saucers" The Kenneth Arnold sighting in 1947 is often considered the birth of the **flying saucer phenomenon**. Though we will never know exactly what Arnold saw in the Cascade Mountains, research reveals his story went through many changes that stem from simple missunderstandings to blatant sensationalism. The purpose of this graphic is not to prove or disprove what Kenneth Arnold saw but rather to explore how an unexplainable curiosity transformed into UFO lore.

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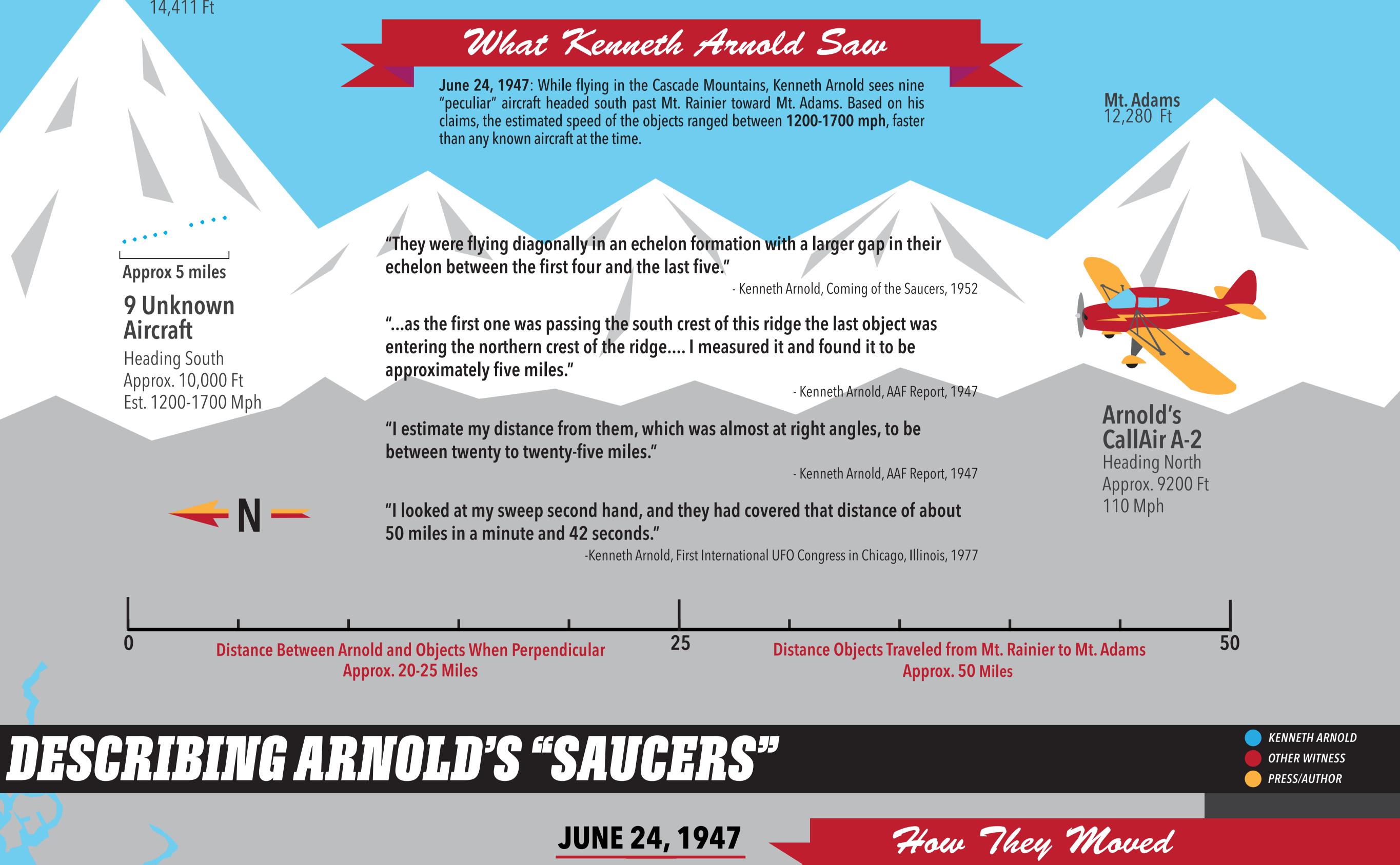
Other Witnesses

**George Clover** described three

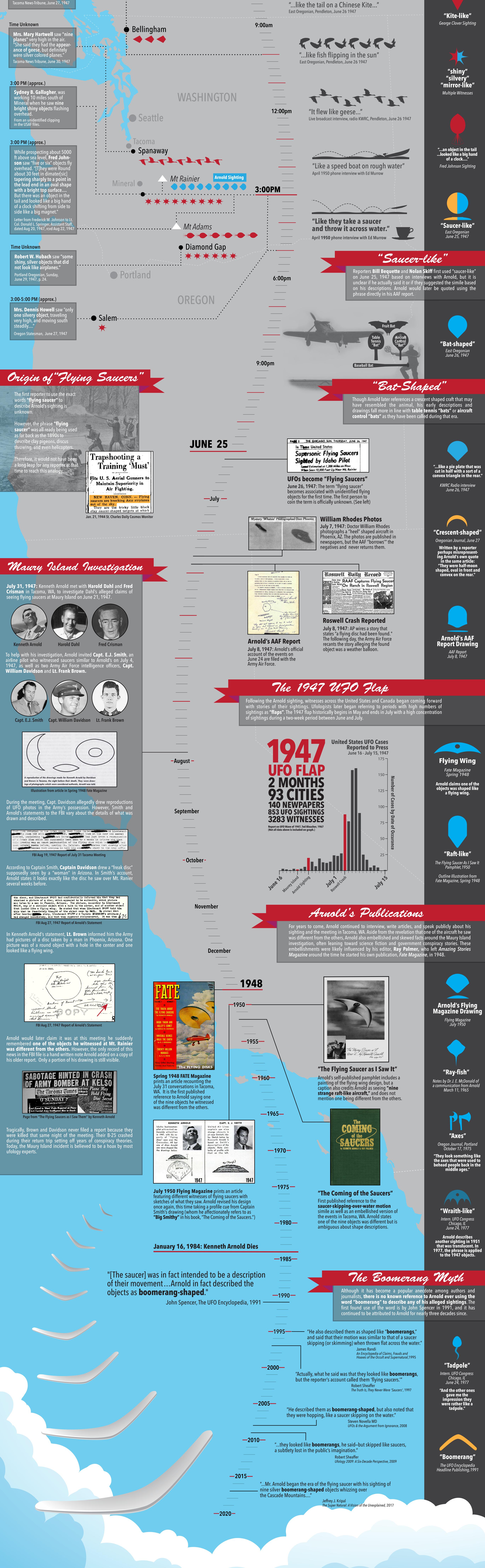
"kite-like" objects flying south

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"real fast".



Arnold used several similes over the years to describe how the aircraft moved. The most famous simile was the saucer skipping over water. Though the quote is often cited as giving birth to the term "flying saucer," Arnold was not directly quoted using this simile until **three years** after his sighting. The actual story of how "flying saucers" became a household name is a bit more complicated.



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