



Creatures from another planet land on Sauvie Island and make contact

Should we worry or rejoice?



Thousands camping on Sauvie Island Monday evening, just before beings made contact with the crowd.

Breakthrough Listen didn't hear this coming

Physicist Stephen Hawking's \$100 Million Breakthrough Listen project failed to detect the beings that have descended upon Portland. In 2016, Hawking, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, and Russian investor Yuri Milner debuted Breakthrough Listen to search for evidence of extraterrestrial life in the Milky Way. For three years the receiver has been analyzing data for "signals that have indications of artificial origin."

The leader of Breakthrough Listen at UC Berkeley was asked about the failure of the system to detect the spacecraft. "It's possible that the aliens can mask their communications so that we can't detect them. It's also possible that their technology is so advanced that our satellites can't compute the data created by their transmissions. Or, maybe we were just asleep at the wheel."

Around 4:00am on January 29th, visitors from another planet made contact with the rest of the weirdos in Portland. A large disc-shaped vessel first appeared in the night sky on January 28th. Mayor Wheeler and Governor Brown both declared states of emergency within an hour of the first sighting of the vessel. The ship came to rest directly over Sauvie Island. Since the sighting, thousands of Portlanders and people from around the world have prepared a makeshift camp on the island. Some are awaiting our demise and some are welcoming the ship as a kind of savior. Many of the residents of the island have fled their homes, leaving their properties to be inhabited by gawkers. "We wanted to get the heck out of there," said Marvin Praxon, an island resident who is staying with his sister in Medford, "There is no way those aliens are here to do any good!" One of the impromptu campers on Sauvie Island was overjoyed at the arrival. Marcy Franks stated, "This is what I've been waiting for all of my life! I always knew that there was other life out there and that they would certainly choose Portland if they were to land!"

The extraterrestrials exited their craft on Wednesday morning via a smaller craft that landed in a field. Four beings emerged, with one as an obvious leader of the group. The leader approached the crowd and stated, in English, "Take us to your leader." The crowd seemed confused by this request, as President Trump had been tweeting disdain for the otherworldly beings since the ship



A cell phone image of the "leader" of the beings that landed Tuesday morning around 4:00 am.

appeared. "These aliens are very low IQ beings. Went to Portland when they could have met the most POPULAR President in the history of the world. SAD!" Trump tweeted Monday.

While the crowd tried to determine which "leader" they should contact, Governor Brown landed in a helicopter and approached the beings. The aliens and the Governor were still sequestered in an abandoned Sauvie Island home at the time of publication. An aide to the Governor assured the crowd that, "Governor Brown is interested in determining the reason for the extraterrestrial landing and will do everything she can to make them feel welcome in the beautiful State of Oregon."

The public awaits news from the meeting. Meanwhile, the offices of the Mayor and the Governor ask that no new visitors travel to Sauvie Island until the purpose of the beings' visit can be determined.