

PanAm DC-8 [X] Waynesville Anomaly

Good afternoon! At 5:23 Eastern time an unknown aircraft appeared over the airspace of Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport in Missouri, then made an emergency landing. Air traffic reported that the aircraft ‘just [expletive deleted] appeared out of nowhere’ and ‘went for the runway like a bat out of Hell.’ The airport had enough time to clear the runway and assemble a fire crew, which was fortunately not required: the aircraft came close to crashing, but managed to stop safely. No radio messages were received or acknowledged during the crash landing.

Upon closer examination, the aircraft appears to be a modified version of a McDonnell Douglas DC-8 narrow-body airliner, with PanAm markings and paint job. Preliminary observations from the site indicate that there is something ‘weird’ about the engines, although the observer answered in the negative when asked if the weirdness was mystical, esoteric, psionic, or hyper-technological in origin. Other oddities of the exterior are a lack of windows outside the cockpit, and triple the usual number of emergency exits for an airplane of this (defunct) type.

Medical and law enforcement personnel entered the aircraft at 6:31 AM, to discover twenty three passengers

and eight crew members, all of whom were dead of radiation poisoning (presumably gamma rays, because the aircraft itself is only slightly more radioactive than normal). Preliminary examination of the deceased's effects are underway; we should have a report ready by the time your team makes it to the site. It is definitely known that printed records in the aircraft list it as Pan American Flight 666, Maxwell to Waynesville. And that the (mechanical) clocks in the cockpit list the current date and time.

But *most* importantly, fully one-third of the aircraft is hermetically sealed off from the rest, complete with lead shielding -- and a multiply-secured heavy steel door. There are no breaches in the compartment, and no indication of other exits. Given the shielding, there's a finite chance for survivors on the other side of that door; presumably, they could give us a better idea of who they are, and just what happened.

Unfortunately, we cannot take the time for a full preliminary investigation. Hermetic sealing means no oxygen replenishment, and while the compartment presumably has its own air system we have no idea how long it will hold up. Once you arrive at the airport and are checked in, a team will act with all due speed to open the door and assess conditions on the other side. Your team will be there to provide security, and containment if necessary.

One last note: it is *possible* that members of the investigation team might object to you carrying weapons. Ignore them. And keep an eye on them, too.

Yes, sorry: it's probably going to be one of *those* missions.

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