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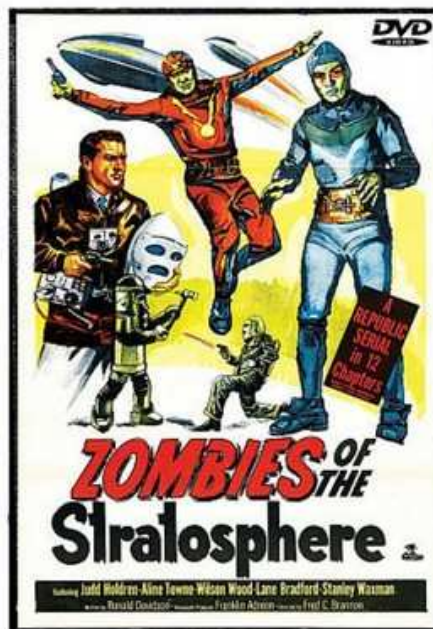
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Zombies Of The Stratosphere (1952/Cheezy Flicks/MVD DVD)

Picture: C Sound: C Extras: C
Chapters: C+

Serials may survive in style in Lucas/Spielberg films, but their ability to keep them alive has faded in recent years while more of the originals than ever are on DVD. Revival of older characters (The Green Hornet) help and in an interesting late case, Republic produced a trilogy of sorts starting with **King Of The Rocket Men** in 1949 and continuing with **Radar Men From The Moon** in 1951. These both featured Commander Cody before he moved to TV. You can see our coverage of the latter serial at this link:

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Still making serials, they continued without the hero lead and made **Zombies Of The Stratosphere** in 1952, released here on DVD for the first time in eons and as hilarious as ever. No, the third time is not the charm as we get a would be hero duo Larry Martin and Bob Wilson who have to use everything they know about a rocket and jet packs (Bulletman and Rocketeer style) to stop killer Martians from using advanced nuclear capacities to change the earth's rotation and spin it into a deadly death. Leonard Nimoy even shows up!

It is among the last of the major serials and is not seen much, but many seem to know the name more than the actual 12-chapters produced. Corny as you can imagine, the wacky sets, dated effects and talk-at-each-other dialogue (especially the emotionless Martians) are a hoot and even if you have not seen the previous serials, who cares!?! This is B-movie genre madness at its 1950s best. TV soon killed these, but they were fun while they lasted.

The 1.33 X 1 image black and white image is soft throughout, though the prints have some good moments just the same and we're lucky this survived at all. The Dolby Digital 2.0 Mono is also aged and dated with distortion throughout, but we have heard worse. At least it is not warped. Extras include a trailer, trailers for other Cheezy releases (they promise or have issued **King Of The Rocket Men** (we look forward to that), **G-Men vs. The Black Dragon** (looks real classic), **The Mask** (1961 Canadian film with 3-D color sequences), the actual British classic **Day Of The Triffids**, the cult classic **X – The Man With X-Ray Eyes**, the live action/animation mix **Dunderklumpen!**, **The Firing Line**, **Hercules & The Masked Ride** and even **Dead End**) and a shorts compilation dubbed Intermission Time including generic pieces, a few surprises, great animated ads for Sprite & Buttercup Popcorn and one for Tony's Pizza exclusively for theaters.

Hope their next DVDs are this interesting.

- Nicholas Sheffo

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