

Watch that space for Dave's flying saucer

QUESTION: When does an Unidentified Flying Object become an Identified Flying Object?
Answer: When somebody builds one.

A man who is attempting to do just that is Dave Fisher of Leigham, Plymouth. For the past five years he has been steadily working away planning a flying saucer that will turn fiction into fact.

It all began for 41-year-old Dave back in 1975 when he awoke to see a strange translucent light hovering at the end of his bed. He recalls being mesmerised by the phenomenon — a large sphere with radiating streamers of light reminiscent of a miniature solar system.

As he stared in disbelief the glowing orb moved steadily across the room and disappeared through the wall.

The experience — which Dave tried to dismiss as a mental aberration but finally was forced to accept as irrefutable fact — made a marked impression.

Hobbies

"Then my hobbies were simply weight training and gardening. But after that I took an interest in physics, chemistry, alchemy and things of a higher reality. Although I had never had any scientific training I began to grasp concepts that I could not have understood before," said Dave, an unemployed commercial designer.

He joined the Plymouth Unidentified Flying Object Research Group — but later left to form Research Nine, a small group of ufologists attracted to the seemingly impossible challenge of building rather than sighting a UFO.

Why Research Nine when there are only six members? Nine, he informs you is a "very profound" number. There are nine planets in the solar system, human conception to birth is nine months, and nine is the only number that will multiply and digit back on itself.

"Nine plus nine is eighteen, and if you add the figures one and eight you get nine," said Dave who can bestow a lot more mathematical virtues on the number nine if asked.

He is a well-built, easygoing man who although deadly earnest about his apparently improbable project does not take himself too seriously. Dave expects to be and has already been ridiculed for what most take to be just a crackpot idea.

He is a down-to-earth family man, with three children, who has just made a coffee table for the lounge and is busy decorating the kitchen. He is not totally obsessed with the mind-bending world of UFO and the infinite world beyond our own galaxy. While his critics may claim the contrary, Dave says his UFO scheme has kept him sane and mentally alert during two years of unemployment.

Listening to him outline the facts is something of a cross between The Sky At Night and Tomorrow's World. He has a natural comprehension of a sub-

ject that is light years ahead of the average person's rudimentary scientific knowledge.

Dave Fisher's wife, Dawn, supports her husband's consuming interest but admits to being totally grounded during his verbal flights of technical facts.

Library

In his thirst for a new knowledge he made frequent sorties to the scientific shelves of the city library, visited the Polytechnic, and even practised his own chemistry experiments in the garden shed. He developed an interest and admiration for alchemy — the ancient art of changing one metal into another.

While modern science has left the idea of alchemy in the dark ages, Dave points out that a nuclear reactor is in essence a modern alchemist.

The intention of Research Nine is to build a 36 ft diameter saucer-shaped prototype capable of flying at 13 miles a second. Dave believes that power can be achieved by harnessing the natural forces.

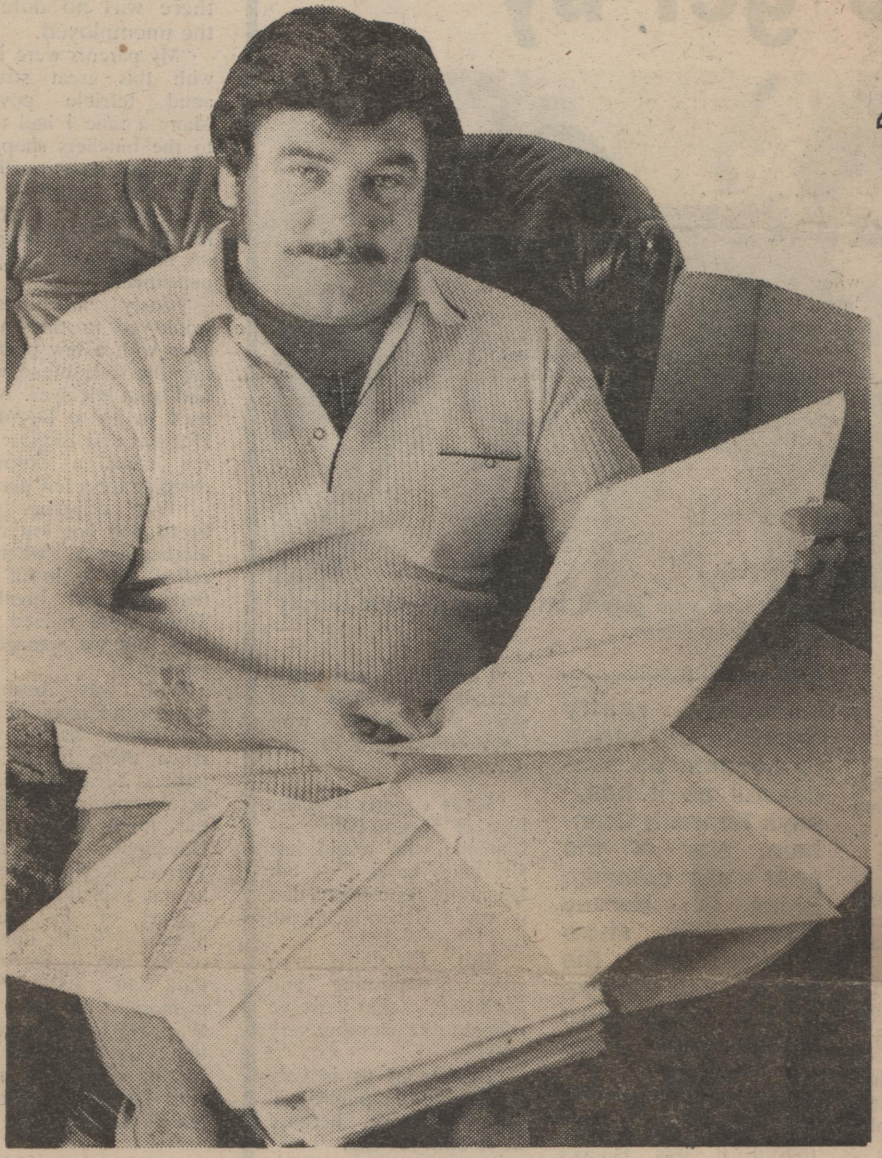
"I look for a simple key. If everything around us is made of atoms the force that keeps them apart is the same throughout the universe. You have attraction and repulsion — and that is what gave me the UFO idea."

He has amassed a lot of facts from various sources and used that for the foundation for his own inspired theories for interplanetary flight.

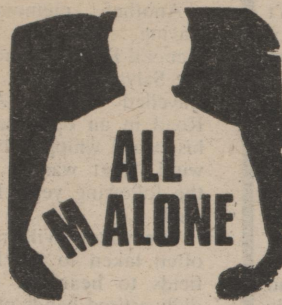
"There are magnetic forces and electrical forces within the earth's crust. There is grid and in between the electric and magnetic field there is hypothetically supposed to exist the mezzo-field — the in-between field. If that could be realised you would have a 100 per cent flying saucer!"

Told MP

Dave has already contacted Plymouth MP, Alan Clark, about his project and the Sutton representative — having recovered from the surprise of such an unusual notion — asked for a complete dossier on the group's intentions. One over-zealous individual in Research Nine was so keen he even wrote to the Ministry asking for a Government



Dave Fisher with the plans for his UFO



grant — to build a flying saucer!

In theory the group believe they could see how a UFO might work — and that their assimilated knowledge is enough to attempt to build what would be the first Identified Flying Object.

But while Dave is quietly confident about his theorising he is desperate to gain the attention of top scientists whose specialist knowledge could perhaps turn an enthusiast's daydream into technical reality.

"I have found a way of tapping most of the electro-magnetic spectrum. If I thought petrol was logical I'd use that — but for deep space travel you would not be able to stop at a petrol station as you travelled towards infinity."

"This thing will acquire its energy from natural resources like light, heat. It will even charge up in the dark."

Dave admits there might be a few snags to iron out. But he has thought out the fundamentals and says he now needs the top scientists to put the theory into practice.

"It has been rather a lonely project," said Dave. He has learned to shup up about space ships when he is not in the company of fellow enthusiasts.

"If you go to the pub you can talk about football, darts, or who won the raffle, but if you say you are interested in UFOs everybody disappears. I know I'm open to ridicule — but there must be people out there just as keen about UFOs and who feel just as isolated."

Will Dave Fisher and the members of Research Nine build and pilot the first man-made flying saucer? Remember when you next crane your neck skyward — watch that space.

**IF YOU TALK ABOUT
UFOs AT THE PUB
EVERYONE DISAPPEARS**