

UFO tale is out of this world

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THE extraordinary hype, which may soon grow to cosmic proportions, about Eduard Meier, the one-armed Swiss farmer and ex-Legionnaire who allegedly took a stunning series of flying saucer photos and recorded conversations with a 33-year-old female alien, is so much eyewash.

So, at least, groans author Jenny Randles, of Stockport, director of investigations for the British UFO Research Association, which she calls the oldest serious UFO group in Europe.

For the past decade it has been known as the Billy Liar case, a rhyming condemnation of Meier, whose "saucers," says Randles, turned out to be models suspended from strings when Nasa scientist William Spalding studied the snaps with computer enhancement techniques developed for long-range probes to Jupiter and Saturn.

Randles also claims that field investigators found small "saucer" models in the garage at Meier's home.

"This was a hoax beyond any question at all. There is no room for doubt," she says. "In view of the difficult task we face attempting to persuade science that UFO researchers do not believe in little green men or alien spaceships, we wish to put the truth on record so that nobody need be fooled."

Let any Sunday newspaper or other publication which may again be misled by wild intergalactic claptrap take note of what she says.