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Family car is plucked into the air by aliens

By CHRIS ANDERSON

■ A SOBBING family told last night how they were kidnapped by a UFO as they drove down a deserted Australian highway.

■ Faye Knowles and her three sons sat terrified in their car as it was plucked into the air by a glowing, egg-cup shaped spaceship which had pursued them.

■ They tried to scream but their voices were slow and slurred. Then the UFO dumped the blackened, dented car back on the road. The family were found by truck driver Graham Hewley who said: "They were in a state of shock."



Truck driver Graham Hewley relives the scene on the isolated plain the day the aliens came

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THE Knowles family had a close encounter of the FOURTH kind, excited UFO experts said last night. That involves actual abduction of a human being by aliens.

An encounter of the first kind is when a UFO is spotted. The second results in a physical effect, such as the scorching of grass by a UFO. And in the third encounter aliens are seen or contacted.

Author Jenny Randles said: "If this story checks out it's the ultimate encounter, the fourth."

"In this kind, people lose periods of time and have some memory loss, either self-imposed or induced from outside."

"This is probably because they underwent such horrors that the memory is blurred to hide them."

"In America, there are claims that abducted young people have been subjected to some kinds of physical and genetic experiments."

Reports

"This car would have been lifted up for a reason. If would not surprise me if the family underwent some kind of investigation they do not remember. It seems par for the course."

Mrs. Randles, director of investigations for the British UFO Research Association, said the Nullabor area had been the site for early nuclear tests and there had been frequent reports of UFOs there.

There was a major sighting in 1957 when a disc-shaped flying saucer

was spotted hovering above the detonation site.

Mrs. Randles said the encounter mirrored at least two similar incidents in England.

In June 1978 a Gloucester family's car was lifted and dumped onto a strange road, and in 1981 three women had a similar experience as they drove in Shropshire.

Another expert, Dr. Richard Laurence, agreed that aliens were attracted by nuclear testing.

"We believe extra terrestrials are very worried about the terrible effects atomic power could have on our world and through the solar system," he said.

"These incidents are increasing greatly and we believe that a definite reason for this is the development of nuclear power and weapons."

But he added: "We believe they are quite friendly."

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"We don't stop unless we can help it," he said.

A truck driver and car driver, travelling in the opposite direction on the same highway, also reported seeing the UFO.

And the crew of a tuna boat 50 miles away said they were buzzed by a strange object and their voices also became blurred.

There were further sightings over Tasmania.

Police said the sightings were all independent and there was no way the witnesses could have known of each other's encounters.

"We were a little bit

sceptical at first," said Sergeant Jim Furnell. "But after investigating, we are treating the reports very seriously."

Hurt

"It apparently picked the car up off the road, shook it quite violently and forced the car back with such pressure that one of the tyres was blown."

Forensic scientists will today examine the black ash left inside and outside the family's car.

The Royal Australian Air Force has been warned and is launching its own investigation.

In her television interview Mrs. Knowles make an emotional appeal for the authorities to beware the alien menace.

"There is something out there we can not explain," she said. "Something has to be done or someone is going to get really hurt."

Her husband John, who had stayed at home while his family went on a holiday and job-hunting expedition to Adelaide, said last night: "They are still in a state of shock."

"They are too frightened to travel home by car. There is no reason why they should make up a story like this."

AUSTRALIA was gripped by UFO fever last night as a family told how their car was plucked from the road by aliens.

Still visibly frightened, Mrs. Faye Knowles appeared on television to describe her ordeal on a remote highway.

She said a huge, egg cup-shaped object loomed into her rear-view mirror as she and her three sons drove across the Nullabor Plains from Perth early on Wednesday.

She accelerated at top speed but failed to lose the UFO.

Then the terrified family stopped, got out and hid in bushes—but the mystery craft still wouldn't go away.

"It was there, waiting for us, looking for us," she said. "It was up the road a bit further from us."

"When we hopped into the car to take off again it came after us. It wouldn't leave us alone."

Then the UFO pounced on the Ford Telstar saloon, clinging to the roof.

"I wound down the window ... it came in the car like smoke. I thought we were going to die."

"We were going silly—something was going into our heads. We did not know what it was."

"It felt like we were dying. I was screaming. I was hysterical."

The car was picked up from the road and shaken violently.

Force

Faye and her sons Patrick, 24, Sean, 21, and Wayne, 18, tried to shout but their voices became slurred as if they were talking in slow motion.

Then the car was returned to the ground with such force that one of the tyres burst.

Patrick said: "Something seemed to be on top of us. It seemed to get a grip on the car."

"The car began to smoke. The dogs in the car started going crazy. We wound up the windows and the car began to smoke up inside."

"It smelled like it was dead bodies or something. It smelled really foul—like gas or something."

Truck driver Graham

Hewley told how he found the bewildered and frightened family in a road-house after the encounter.

"They were still in a state of shock," he said. "Even the dogs were cowering in the front of the car."

Damaged

"There was soot all over the car and four dents as if the car had been picked up by a magnet."

"I can't explain it but I know I saw four very terrified people."

Mr. Hewley said truck drivers had seen mysterious lights over the stretch of road for the last 30 years.



Attacked by aliens . . . brothers Sean (left) and Wayne Knowles

**BRITAIN'S
LIVELIEST
TV GUIDE**



BBC 1

6.00 CEEFAX AM. 6.35 Edgar Kennedy in Two For The Money. 6.55 Weather. 7.00 Breakfast Time. 8.30 Laverne And Shirley. 8.55 Regional News, Weather. 9.00 Open Air. 9.20 Kilroy. 10.00 Going For Gold. 10.25 Play School. 10.50 The Wombles. 10.55 Five To Eleven. 11.0 Open Air. 12.00 Daytime Live. 12.55 Regional News, Weather.

1.00 NEWS. 1.30 Neighbours. 1.50 Film: Hello, Frisco, Hello (See guide). 3.30 Ask Margo. 3.40 Lifeline. 3.50 Corners. 4.10 Superted. 4.15 The Enchanted Toad.

4.30 SURVIVAL CHALLENGE. 4.55 News-round Extra: Two young reporters visit the Sudan to see a project to provide fresh, clean water to hundreds of remote villages. 5.10 Grange Hill (S): Gonch's strip hire scheme runs into difficulties. 5.35 Neighbours: Repeat. 6.00 News. 6.35 Regional Magazines.

7.00 WOGAN. With guests Jean Alexander (alias Hilda Ogden), actress Mary Martin and Tracey Ullman.

7.40 BLANKETY BLANK.(S): Les Dawson hosts the popular quiz with guests Norman Collier, Vince Hill, Joe Longthorne, Wendy Richard, Anne Robinson and Tessa Sanderson.

8.15 DYNASTY: With Blake (John Forsythe) and his family held captive, Alexis (Joan Collins) on the brink of a watery grave and Fallon (Emma Samms) facing oblivion in the desert, it's back to Denver, to pick up where we left off on this new series.

9.00 NEWS; Weather.

9.30 ROCKCLIFFE'S BABIES. (S): When Rockcliffe takes part in a radio phone-in about community care, he finds himself in trouble.

10.20 LIFE STORY: An Horizon Special (S): A dramatised account of the race to discover DNA, the secret of life.

12.10 THE CULT IN CONCERT: Recorded at London's Brixton Academy.

12.40 - 12.45 WEATHER.

WALES: As above except: 5.35-6.00 p.m. Wales Today. 6.35-6.37 News of Wales. 6.37-7.00 Neighbours. 10.20 Sportfolio. 10.45 Life Story. 12.30 The Cult In Concert. 1.00-1.05 News, Weather.

SCOTLAND: As above except: 10.50-11.00 a.m. Dotaman. 10.20 p.m. Left, Right and Centre. 10.50 Life Story. 12.35 The Cult In Concert. 1.05-1.10 Weather, Close.

NORTHERN IRELAND: As above except: 5.35 p.m. Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Neighbours.

**Emma
blasts
back**

★ SOAP star Emma Samms was last seen on TV disappearing into a UFO led by a uniformed alien in the last of The Colbys.

★ BUT the British beauty is back down to earth tonight as fabulous Fallon in a new series of DYNASTY (BBC1, 8.15 p.m.).

★ FALLON'S hunky husband Jeff, played by John James, also stars in the show where everything is possible . . . and most of it happens!



THE SAME NIGHT THAT THE
STORY BROKE,
COINCIDENCE?