

THIS startling photograph is the best evidence yet that aliens have really landed, claims one of America's top UFO investigators.

And it has been cleared as authentic by a leading Star Wars scientist.

UFO researchers say they have interviewed 140 people who have seen UFOs in the up-market 8,000-strong town of Gulf Breeze in one of Florida's most sought after areas.

They have 39 polaroid photographs of UFOs and a video film taken over seven months by wealthy builder and respected charity fund-raiser Edward Walters.

The pictures were taken by Walter H Andrus from Texas, director of the world's largest UFO study group. He will be guest speaker at an International UFO Seminar to be held at Centenary House, North Street, Leeds, tomorrow.

"For us it is a major coup," said Batley-based organiser Phillip Mantle who runs the Independent UFO Network.

"We expect a full house of people from all over the North."

Mr Andrus described the evidence as impressive, adding: "Never before have we had a running case of sightings like this. Mr Walters came through two lip-deck tests and his photographs have been thoroughly examined.

"I am 96 per cent sure it really happened as Mr Walters says. This is more proof than we have had before anywhere in the world in over 40 years of research."

Photographic expert Dr Bruce Maccabee who is a United Navy physicist working on the Star Wars project,



SKY-WATCHERS . . . Phillip Mantle and Walter Andrus

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has analysed them closely and ruled out a hoax. He believes they are genuine, said Mr Andrus.

"We gave Mr Walters a stereoscopic camera set it up under controlled conditions and he continued to take pictures of UFOs," he said.

Ed Walters, who at first remained anonymous, took his first UFO pictures at dusk outside his home on November 11, 1987.

His story is that he saw lights in the sky and grabbed the polaroid camera he used for taking pictures of houses.

As he took his fifth photograph, the humming-top like object came overhead and he was caught in a white beam. It lifted him three feet off the ground and dropped him. He said he couldn't breathe and was panting.

After that they wouldn't leave him alone. He was awakened at night by a buzzing in his head and took photographs of UFOs outside his house.

His wife Frances saw them too, and once they were confronted at the french windows by a three-to-four-foot tall man in what looked like a box-like suit and a helmet and carrying a silver rod.

Ed drew his .38 pistol and began to chase him off but was nailed to the floor by a blue beam.

On another occasion he said a similar object with portholes and a brightly glowing underbelly landed on the road ahead of his pick-up truck.

He was again frozen by a white beam but scrambled underneath the vehicle. There he saw a line of men walking towards him. He threw off his paralysis and drove off.

In the final incident he followed a UFO and fell unconscious for 75 minutes.

Under hypnosis he related that he had been taken into a kind of hospital and undergone experiments by aliens.

Investigators were highly sceptical at first but were convinced by the evidence of stereoscopic photographs and a 16-ft circle of burned grass in a field near his home.

Companions, including a local editor, missed seeing the UFOs but watched him take the pictures and saw the instant print emerge, revealing the UFO photograph.

And a friend saw what appeared to be the same UFO from a different angle.

Since then many other residents of the town have reported similar objects.

"My feeling is that the aliens are attempting communication by abducting someone who is reputable and will be believed," said Mr Andrus.

"They are getting braver and braver all the time. I expect similar incidents to this perhaps in different parts of the world."