

They Did See A Flying Saucer

A flying saucer has been seen by a number of people at Wingfield lately and the watchers have not been 'seeing things.'

The secretary of the Constellation Model Flying Club (Mr. Brian Horrocks) has successfully demonstrated a model flying saucer there.

He said that a control-line model, 20 in. in diameter, powered by a small Diesel engine, was extremely manoeuvrable and has proved that its lay-out is highly satisfactory.

"The saucer was built to find out how much extra wing area a small Diesel can pull when there is no fuselage attached.

"It has the same speed as more normal models with about half the wing area.

"Greater manoeuvrability is gained with the saucer because there is less drag and because of the greater area of the 'plate' which can be used," he added.

Mr. Horrocks is now working on a "free flight" saucer and has built a small unpowered model which has proved successful in "dining room gliding tests."

The club encourages experimental work.

Mr. Bob Howie has had success with a flying wing which has a 5 ft. 8 in. wing span and

has a 5 ft. 8 in. wing span and looks "something like a boomerang."

"The Americans have realised the value of models in research work," Mr. Horrocks added, "and large models, flown on control lines and by radio control, are tested at an experimental base at Dayton, Ohio."