

Keeping tabs on all those UFOs

EVERYBODY loves a mystery and the greatest mystery of all surrounds the unidentified flying objects.

They appear across the world in every size, shape and colour imaginable.

Sightings have in-

creased heavily since the 1930s but UFOs have been reported back as far as man has been able to record events.

Scientific studies by world governments have if anything, merely increased the mys-

tery with reports explaining up to 90 per cent of the sightings but being unable to give any explanation for the remaining 10 per cent.

So, interested people who were intrigued by the scientific razzle-

dazzle handed out by the governments formed their own investigation units.

They visited nests, places where landings were sighted, checked eyewitness accounts, ran soil samples and covered every aspect in an ordered, scientific way.

Patterns started to emerge and sightings were being predicted months, even years ahead with amazing accuracy.

Even the places UFOs were expected to be seen were predicted with accuracy and suddenly the crackpot image of flying saucers was dispelled.

Space shots and moon landings then moved them even further into the realms of possibility.

UFO groups sprang up everywhere, fanning out across the world. Books on the subject found their way into suburban bookcases and newspapers treated the sightings seriously.

With WA having the highest number of sightings per head of population in the world, it was natural that such a group would be formed in Perth.

Now, if you are in-

trigued by UFOs and want to be in on the action, it is a simple matter to join the Perth UFO Research Group.

The kind of activities that the group offers cover everything from investigating landing sites, interviewing witnesses and general fact finding to making models of reported craft, working on scientific data, typing information, building displays or even producing artists' impressions of sightings.

For \$5 a year you can become a member, get regular newsletters with all the latest information about sightings and investigations, the chance to hear a guest speaker every month and the opportunity of mixing with about 100 other people with the same curiosity about the unknown.

You could be disappointed by the fact that researchers lean heavily toward the man-made theory rather than the visitors - from-outer-space one.

But it is an excellent way to spend some spare moments when you want something to take you away from it all. In fact you could find yourself becoming heavily involved if you are not too careful.

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What sauce! Kevin snaps a UFO over his house



By Robert McGowan

THE flying saucer now peering down on the people of Birmingham has seen enough. In a second or so it will take off again for outer space.

But . . . down there in his back garden in Glendon Road, Erdington, Mr Kevin Dudley has brought out his camera to use up a film.

One of his children points to the sky. Mr Dudley's camera gets on target and, *CLICK . . .*!

Another UFO is in the bag. This picture was produced yesterday by Contact U.K., the ever-resourceful group of enthusiasts who study Unidentified Flying Objects.

Mr Derek Mansell, a technician at Oxford

University and an executive member of Contact U.K., says of the flying saucer picture: "After considerable investigation we believe this to be genuine."

Mr Dudley had managed to take several pictures of the object. His negatives had been checked, and, said Mr Mansell, "They are not faked."

He said Mr Dudley told them: "I didn't know just what it was I was looking at. I just pointed the camera and took the pictures."

"Then it moved off at a very fast speed and was out of my sight in second."

Mr Mansell added: "We have studied many pictures which turned out to be elaborate fakes. We are confident this is genuine."

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