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The water tank near Flowerdale said to have been sucked almost dry by a UFO.



UFO Research Society members inspect burn rings thought to be a UFO landing site.



Mr. Giddens of the Victorian UFO Research Society examines a photograph of a "burn ring" site.

UFO buffs probe the outer limits

By Tony Wells

A FUNNY thing happened on a farm in Gippsland six years ago.

It was evening time and the silence was broken by what sounded like the roar of an engine.

The manager of White Acres, a property near Rowville, looked out the door of his farmhouse and saw some lights for away in a paddock.

He got on a motorbike and rode out to investigate, thinking a plane may have made a landing.

The lights were near a concrete water tank but when the farmer got nearer he did not find an aeroplane.

Instead, he says, there was a bell-shaped object which took off and flew away as he approached. The 45,000 litre water tank, which had been full when impacted two days earlier, was nearly empty.

This is one of hundreds of cases investigated by Pat Giddens of the Victorian UFO Research Society.

Mr Giddens says he does not know exactly what happened in that paddock at Swanborough in 1980. But it is convenient the farmer was visiting the tank.

"He was that close he felt the blast of heat as it took off," Mr Giddens said last week.

"He got a big fright. This is how you can tell whether people are faking or not. When you go to interview them you can tell by the way they act and talk that they still haven't come down to earth."

Mr Giddens produced pictures which show a "burn ring" on the ground near the concrete water tank. He says this is where the UFO landed.

Then there are the houses where people try to take pictures of flying saucers with garages for the kids and Frissons.

Many of the cases are referred to the society by the RCMP which no longer officially investigates UFO activity.

Mr Giddens says he is convinced that some of the objects sighted are not made by man.

"They seem to have overcome the law of aerodynamics as we haven't," he says. "They've been locked on to the ground at the same time as a jet engine and all of a sudden they do a right angle turn."

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Who or what pilots these speed machines is not known.

But Mr Giddens referred to documents about UFO sightings released in the United States under freedom of information legislation.

One, dated March 22, 1950, is a memo to the director of the FBI.

The memo says in part: "An investigation for the Air Force was conducted in New Mexico. The saucers had been recorded in New Mexico. They were described as being circular in shape with round corners, approximately 50 feet in diameter."

"Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture. Each body was packaged in a manner similar to the black-out suits used by special forces."

According to UFO believers, the "saucers" are alien spacecraft. The U.S. Government has always denied such a story.