

Sceptic gives theory on UFO sighting

The Canberra Skeptics group believes that there is a perfectly ordinary terrestrial explanation for the alleged sightings and contact with UFOs on the Nullarbor Plain earlier this week.

The president of the group, Dr William Grey, said yesterday that a tyre blow-out and the prevailing atmospheric conditions could have led Mrs Faye Knowles and her family to think they were experiencing something out of this world.

Mrs Knowles said they saw a strange light following their car. Something then picked the car up, shook it and dropped it back on to the road blowing out one of the tyres. The car was

In Adelaide, the former head of the South Australian Bureau of Meteorology, Mr Allan Brunt, said that the Knowles family possibly saw an extremely distorted view of the rising sun on the Nullarbor and had then panicked.

damaged and apparently covered in an ash-like substance.

Mr Grey said that "dry electrical storms could have created a highly-charged atmosphere which could have created the unusual lights, could have charged the car so that dust particles were attracted to it and could have resulted in the passengers feeling unusual physical sensations".

In Adelaide, the former head