

# Out to snap up those saucers

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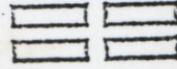
If there is someone out there watching us, then Frank Thomas and Chris Jones are determined to spot him/her/it . . . and, what's more, capture a photograph of their Unidentified Flying Object, or Flying Saucer, if you prefer the pop description.

Though they have both seen unexplained lights moving in the sky they have so far had no luck in photographing them. But they remain optimistic.

Mr. Thomas, of Manor Way, Risca, and Mr. Jones, of Margam Road, Mynachdy, are founder members of Aerial Phenomena Research, a group that draws its members mainly from Cardiff, Barry and Newport.

When weather conditions are favourable they drive 90 miles to Warminster, Wiltshire, to spend the night on Cradle Hill, well-known to enthusiasts for its UFO sightings.

Mr. Thomas saw one late last year. "It was a light in the sky moving erratically up and down, then disappearing into the distance."



Mr. Jones, describing the same occasions: "We were walking along the road to the top of the hill, when a third member spotted a bright light like a star though smaller.

"While the three of us watched, it started to move and gradually became smaller. Other people on the hill saw it, too."

Their only other sighting was three months ago. Mr. Jones said: "I was on top of the hill and this light came from behind me, travelled around me, stopped for 10 minutes, then started moving away and finally disappeared."

Mr. Thoraas: "Everyone else saw it, but when they all started shouting I was so busy assembling my camera that I missed it altogether. Now I carry the camera with its telescopic lens mounted on a hand-steadying device of my own design, all the time I am there.

"I don't know why so many sightings have been made near Warminster, perhaps because so many people watch. Perhaps if everyone concentrated on Caerphilly Mountain we would get some results there too.

"I'd like to think that these things come from outer space. They have been reported far too often throughout history, and behave too erratically, to be anything to do with the American or Russian space programmes."