

WHAT MADE THIS MARK?

Flying Saucer at Tooligie Hill?

Strange markings found in the middle of a paddock of wheat he was reaping after Christmas, have led Tooligie Hill farmer Robert Habner to believe his property was visited by a flying saucer.

The markings, which the U.F.O. Research and Investigation has verified as a "saucer nest", were found while he was reaping a 33-acre paddock of wheat towards evening.

Although the crop is waist high, no tracks led in or out of the "nest".

Mr Habner, 29, married, with two children, Lynne 4½ and Vaughan 19 months, said that after his strange find he decided to "call it a day" and went home to tell his wife Rhonda.

In the morning they went together to inspect it, and after finding no tracks at all leading to or from it, decided to contact the local police and advise Mr Peter Powell of

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First Report

This was the first reported case of a "landing" on Eyre Peninsula, said Mr Powell, who asked for photos and all data on the markings.

The saucer nest looks as though a huge tractor tyre had been dropped from above, as 18 inches wide gouging, seven feet across, has been dug 3-4 inches deep, in a spinning motion, into the hard clay soil.

Two feet around this the crop had been laid flat in an anti-clockwise motion, and in the centre, which measures 45 ins across, the crop was cut to about 9 ins high.

The crop was also laid flat (an anti-clockwise again) in a small crescent, on one side, and Mr and Mrs Hafner are pointing this out in our picture.

About 18 feet away from this are similar markings where apparently the saucer first tried to land, said Mr

tried to land, said Mr Habner, indicating the spot.

Crop Flat

Again the crop was laid flat in the same pattern, complete with the small crescent, but a tree stump had prevented the ground being gouged out.

Mr Habner presumed that after the saucer had been foiled from landing because of the stump, it had hovered above the crop and landed a few feet away, as there were no tracks leading from one to the other.

The paddock where the saucer nest was found is in a hollow and could not be seen from the house, said Mr Habner, who has lived on the property all his life.

He and his family did not see or hear anything unusual. Mrs Habner said they were accustomed to noise as they heard the traffic passing on the Tooligie Hill road, and they also had television.

A bright orange glow which they had noticed in the west sky had been identified as the planet Venus.

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Plot Thickens

However, the plot began to thicken when Mr Habner said the 33 acre paddock had been planted with 10 acres of brown Stockade wheat, surrounded by 23 acres of white Glaive wheat, giving it an airfield appearance from the sky.

He said the U.F.O. could have landed any time as far back as December 8, as the grain from part of the crop which had been flattened, had dropped out and reseeded.

In an interview with the "Times", Mr Powell of the U.F.O. Research

and Investigation said the markings were similar to about 30 which had been reported since 1966 in Queensland; usually found in tall grass and bamboo country.

His organisation would be interested to hear from any persons who had, in recent months, seen any strange lights or objects in the area, or from any people knowing

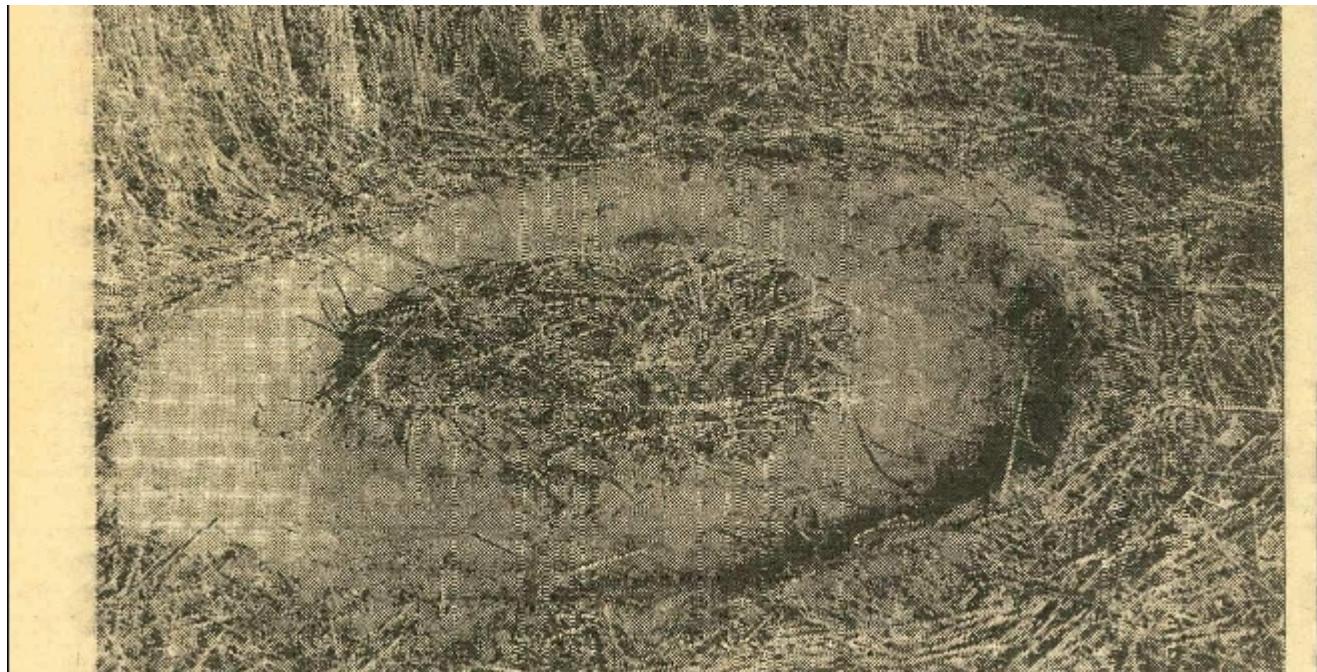
from any people knowing of any similar markings found.

Soil samples from the site of the saucer nest at Tooligie Hill would be taken to Mr Powell for analysis.

Mr Powell added that the U.F.O. Research and Investigation had traced reports of activity of unidentified flying objects back as far as 1890.

Editor's Footnote: Since Mr Habner discovered his find, wind and rain have blunted the sharp edges of the saucer nest, and he has finished reaping his crop which went about 7 bags to the acre.





• MR. Robert Habner and his wife Rhonda point out the "landing site."