

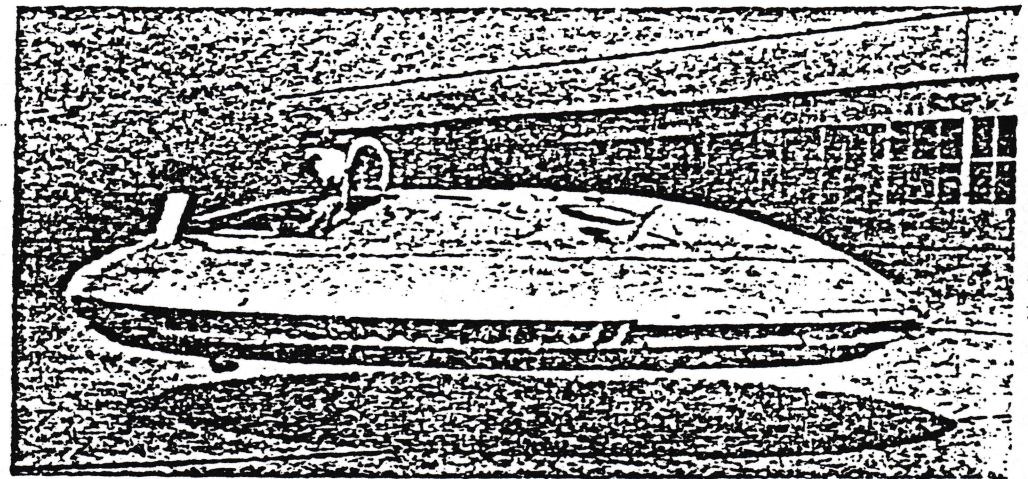
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# This flying saucer's legit

Remember "flying saucers"? There is one - or at least a vehicle which looks like one - on display at the U.S. Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis near Newport News, Virginia. It is an experimental vertical take-off and landing craft which easily could be mistaken for a "flying saucer" from outer space.

Measuring 18 feet in diameter and weighing 3,600 pounds, the "saucer" is known technically as an AVRO-CAR. A joint venture of the U.S. and Canada, it was designed for military observation.

The vertical takeoff was one of its special features. However, when the craft was tested in 1960, it did not achieve sufficient forward velocity, and rose only four



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feet from the ground. As a result, the project was terminated.

Two of these "saucers" were built by AVRO Aircraft of Canada. After tests

proved the craft to be impractical, one of the models was scrapped and the other sent to the museum at Fort Eustis.

The "saucer" is exhibi-

ted at the museum's outdoor park which features displays of aircraft, trucks and marine amphibious vehicles. The museum is open daily free of charge.