



Coming up in the next issue: Video and audio analysis of material submitted from Honobia, Oklahoma

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## "Monkey Business" In Sonoma

Well something happened allegedly on November 13, 2005 in Sonoma, Ca.

What it was, some call is another piece of evidence in the Bigfoot mystery. What some are calling it, is a piece of something else.

According to the videographer, Mark Nelson, he and his girlfriend were out having a jaunt trying to capture video, not of the elusive Bigfoot, but rather some elk. He heard some noise and saw the creature, grabbed his video camera and gave the world another ten seconds look at a purported Bigfoot.

But not is all as it seems. According to Nelson's website, <http://angelfire.com/realms/marknelson.html>, he not only video taped the big guy, but also heard a vocalization, smelled the creature and collected a hair sample on the

bottom of his boot after, hiking two hours, driving home to his mother's house.

Professional Investigator John Freitas was the first to speak with Nelson, and was the first to raise the red flag. He refused to meet with the Investigator, refused to send a duplicate taped copy of the video, or the entire video for verification.

Nelson has made a claim to the Bigfoot Field Research Organization, who is touting the film as authentic, that he will send them the entire film.

As of this writing, to our knowledge he has yet to do so.

Squatchdetective.com did it's own preliminary investigation into



Still frame from the Sonoma Video.

Nelson's claims and found his story to defy some common sense rules.

"The forensics on the computer pictures on Nelson's website don't jive with his story", Squatchdetective Founder/Director Steve Kulls says, "The shot of the boots was taken supposedly after he sent them off to the lab, true it was taken with a different camera, but the picture wasn't taken in a lab setting like the hair was." (con't on page 3)

## Malaysia Melee

Seems like scientists are on the move at the Jonor Preserve. Recent sightings of a Bigfoot like creature their have prompted scientists and tourist alike, to the area.

In China one preserve had to be shut down because of the vast numbers of sightseers and Bigfooters alike, overwhelmed the park.

Last word from Malaysia was the government wanted to put a hold on the expedition for unknown reasons.

The local Bigfoot group there has announced they now have definitive scientific evidence that they will bring forth in the near future.

They state that they are concerned with

foreigners taking credit if they release the information too soon.

The situation there is tenuous as numerous sightings and footprint evidence has come to light in the last several weeks. International pride is running high.

Stay tuned for more information on Malaysia.

## Native American Names for Bigfoot

- ♦ **Iroquois** -  
*Ot ne yar heh*  
(Stonish Giants)
- ♦ **Seminole** -  
*esti capcaki* (Tall Man)
- ♦ **Seneca** -  
*Ge no'squa*  
(Stone Giant)
- ♦ **Ojibwa** -  
*Windigo* (Wicked Cannibal Giant)
- ♦ **Chinook** -  
*Scookum* (Evil God of the Woods)
- ♦ **Yurok** -  
*Oh - Mah* (Man of the mountains)
- ♦ **Yakama** - *Ste Ya Hah*  
[Mah] (Spirit Hidden Under Cover of the Woods)

# Profiles

This issue's profile is on "Big Foot Notes" editor and Squatchdetective.com Founder Steve Kulls. Steve was born native to New Jersey and moved to upstate New York as a small child. He first was introduced to the Bigfoot phenomena by his father who had an interest in the subject.

What did it was the cult classic, "The Legend of Boggy Creek," with its flash across the opening credits, "This is a True Story." Later Steve became infatuated with the "In Search of..." episodes featuring Bigfoot, such as the Patterson/Gimlin Film and the Alan Berry Recordings, (Later known to most as the Sierra Sounds recordings).

In 1998, Steve read a book entitled "Monster of the Northwoods", written by Paul & Rob Bartholemew, Bruce Hallenbeck and Bill Brann. This was the

first time that Steve was introduced to reports locally.

That being said with the advancement of the internet, Steve started an online organization called the Adirondack Research Organization in 1999, under the domain name of Squatchdetective.com. In 2003 however, his free web hosting went premium and booted Steve's 4 years of work off the web without prior notification. In 2002 Steve did a two and a half year stint with the BFRO. In 2006 Steve officially resigned from the BFRO for personal reasons.

Shortly there after Steve revived his old domain, Squatchdetective.com, and now emphasizes on Bigfoot nationwide, while still remaining active in upstate New York.

Steve began aggressively rees-

tablishing old contacts and making new ones the loss as a result of his association with the BFRO.

"It's all about sharing information now," Steve notes, "secrecy, profit motives and egos have no room in this field any longer."

Steve has been a retail investigator for 17 years and is currently a Private Investigator.

Steve is currently a member of the Alliance of Independent Bigfoot Researchers, The Sasquatch Research Initiative, The American Bigfoot Society and the North East Sasquatch Research Association.

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## Best Evidence

One the most interesting questions one can ask of a Bigfoot Researcher, is "Where's the proof?"

So striving to answer that question this is what Squatchdetective.com came up with:

### 1. Dermal Ridge authentications.

On November 1st, 1999, Latent Finger Print Examiner, Jimmy Chilcutt, examined a plaster casting taken by Sheriff's Deputy James Akin of Pike's County, Georgia, taken in 1997 at Elkins Creek Ga. After examining the casts, Chilcutt concluded that there were dermal ridges present in the cast and that they belong to a previously unclassified primate. He went on to conclude that the flow pattern of the dermal ridges was consistent with plaster casts taken from Blue Creek Mountain Road in 1967 and the 1984 Walla Walla, Table Spring cast. The dermal ridges flow lengthwise along the side of the foot, not know to occur in any primate.

### 2. Credibility of witnesses.

There

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have been numerous sightings by law enforcement officers. These are trained observers who have to remain and act calm throughout their career duties. The other fact is they are trained observers. The thought that all law enforcement officer sightings, are either hoaxed or misidentifications is ludicrous. These are people with much to lose by reporting a sighting, but yet each year they come forward and do exactly that.

**3. The sheer number of reports world wide.** Thousands of reports each year, even with a 5% accuracy rate, leaves a good number of credible sightings per year.

### 4. Historical accounts.

Sightings have been reported

through American History, dating back to "Rogers Rangers" and Samuel DeChamplain. Accounts of "Stone Giants" or "Man of the Mountains" have been consistent in Native American folklore nationwide.

### 5. The Patterson-Gimlin Film.

Filmed on October 20th, 1967 at Bluff Creek, California, by Roger Patterson and Robert Gimlin. According to the NASI report the subject of the film was 7'3" tall, and only 1 in 52 Million people would have the arm length the subject in the film had. The North American Science Institute report went on to stay that the use of prosthesis to elongate the arms and legs was unlikely due to the extension and flexion of the hands and feet noted in the film. Recent analysis shows a herniation in one of the creatures legs.

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# Evidence Collection Tips

These are just some pointers about incident scenes and things to consider while collecting evidence.

1. Always have a camera. Snapshot all evidence prior to disturbance. Include a small ruler or tape measure in the picture for size reference.



Photograph, before, during & after plaster casting.

- 2. Carry a note pad and document every picture you take. Assign the evidence a number or designation.
- 3. Sketch the area, and denote what evidence you found where using the numbers you assign to the evidence.
- 4. Place the evidence in a paper bag. Not plastic. Plastic can taint or degrade

evidence. The if you wish place the paper bag in a plastic bag to maintain dryness. Seal the paper bag with duct tape.

- 5. Always put your thoughts on paper, even the most random thought may come in handy later.
- 6. Use a photo shop program to de-mark where you found your evidence, and if you have it available a sketching program.

*These are just a few good tips. Not a complete list...if you have some mail then in to*

## Monkey Business (continued from page 1)

“Three days later and the mud was still there? There were other anomalies, the software used to process all the pictures was MacIntosh Software. Even the video, indicating they all came from.” the same type of computer.

“We didn’t quite buy the story of that much mud as pictured, staying on his boots for the duration,” Kulls continued, “He refuses to bring forth the other witnesses, or name the lab.

He reluctance to meet with

anyone face to face that we know of, even puts his identity in question.”

Motivations for hoaxing are numerous but it very well would be speculation at this point what could be the motive the Sonoma video.

Mark Nelson has not responded to inquiries by Squatchdetective.com.

Only time will tell as the mystery behind this video unravels.

**“The shot, of the boots, was taken after he supposedly sent them off to the lab “**

## Gear Corner (Building an evidence collection kit)

Yes you can buy kits on the internet for hundreds of dollars but we aim to save you some bucks!

A cheap tackle box will work. Supply it with

- 1. Latex gloves,
- 2. Paper bags
- 3. Zip-lock bags
- 4. Tweezers

- 5.Duct tape
- 6. Scotch tape
- 7. Permanent Markers
- 8. Measuring tape
- 9. Small flash light
- 10. Evidence Markers
- 11. Check List for



*Building a kit doesn't mean spending hundreds of dollars.*

evidence collection.

If you choose to carry plaster obviously you will need a bigger carrier. See the above article on evidence collections tips.

## Editorials

We'd like to hear your opinions ..carte blanche!!!

Have a gripe?

**"This is where we'd like to hear your !!"**

How about an idea, a hypothesis, or question ?

This is your area to speak out !!!

Please mail your editorial submissions to:

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With the subject title "Editorial"

Deadline for submissions for Volume 1 Issue 2 is 06/05/06.

## Last Minute Newsflash.....



Two pictures have recently surfaced. It's too close to press time to do a proper review, but we want to give you a sneak preview.

Issue two will have more info as we will be working these stories as they come in.



## Trust - A Pondering Rant

You know this is the hardest issue that one can talk about. I've come to know and trust many in this field. Sincerity is key to everything.

One must wonder at times though when sincerity can be taken advantage of.

Not so much from other researchers....but from witnesses. Playing the nice guy can go along way with building rapport, but at which point does it skew objectivity?

These are questions that have no finite answer. The answer for each person is different. There are times

when it hurts to review evidence in a case and say, it is just not so. Or when you realize that you were being fooled. The question de-jour is how to tell someone? How to deal with it?

Hit 'em between the eyes? Beat around the bush?

It is something not easily pondered. It is something that brings out the hard-ass in us. It may not be necessarily the easiest thing to do sometimes....but it **does** come with the playing field.

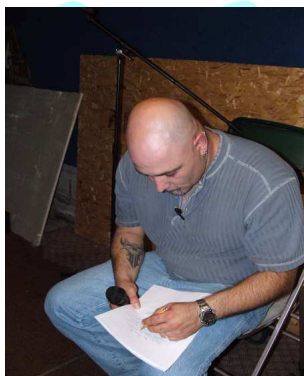


## Thoughts...

I've always been asked, "Why can't we just get along?" Well for the most part, we do, with the exception of a few. But why is that? Is it jealousy that someone builds an empire based on the creature's existence. Or perhaps it's because they are the closest to finally discovering the "Holy Grail" in our field?

Perhaps it is because that get more press than the rest? But could it actually be that a person get's so ahead of themselves, acts so unscrupulously, leaving ethics and "doing the right thing" behind? Is it possible that the person's legions abandoned him for those very reasons?

Bottom line is when an Organization gets involved in the money game, integrity, foresight and skepticism all disappear. The willingness to believe one thing, becomes another. Think of all the researchers that began to turn to hoaxing, or in some cases turn a blind



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Steve Kulls**

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Sometimes, as in my case we are drawn to the mystery as a result of a childhood fascination. Others because they have witnessed the creature. Others, the "loons" jump in because of sociopathic reasons and they're easy to spot by the real people in the field. Unfortunately these people are the ones most often interviewed by the main stream media. Why? Because they are the ones jumping up and down saying "Look at me !" They due us much harm.

But the ones that do us the *most* harm are the ones who've opted for the greed factor. Especially if they attained a level of respect prior to their loss of skepticism.

Now we must spend time agreeing with the mainstream media, who are not just laughing at them, but all of us.

eye to them instead and value them as actualities. Those who try to cash in without attaining the "Holy Grail" or something pretty damn close to it, in this field have all become pariahs. We know the names of the past, and of the now, and most likely the future as well.

I don't think anyone ever said its not okay to make a few bucks. Just remember the cause is not the bucks, it's the Bigfoot.

But how much is too much?

When it becomes your preoccupation before the quest. Do we doubt that we are in such? We shouldn't. Our quest though is found not in exotic locations but rather in our parks and forests and in some cases our own backyards.

## Looking for Article Submissions

"Big Foot Notes" is looking for contributors to submit articles.

Each Contributor will receive credit for his or her article.

We look forward to hearing voices from around the

country and beyond.

Articles can be submitted by writing:

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With the title of "Article Submission".

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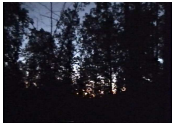
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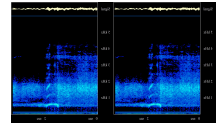
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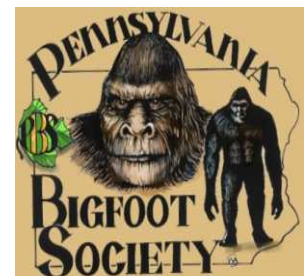
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