



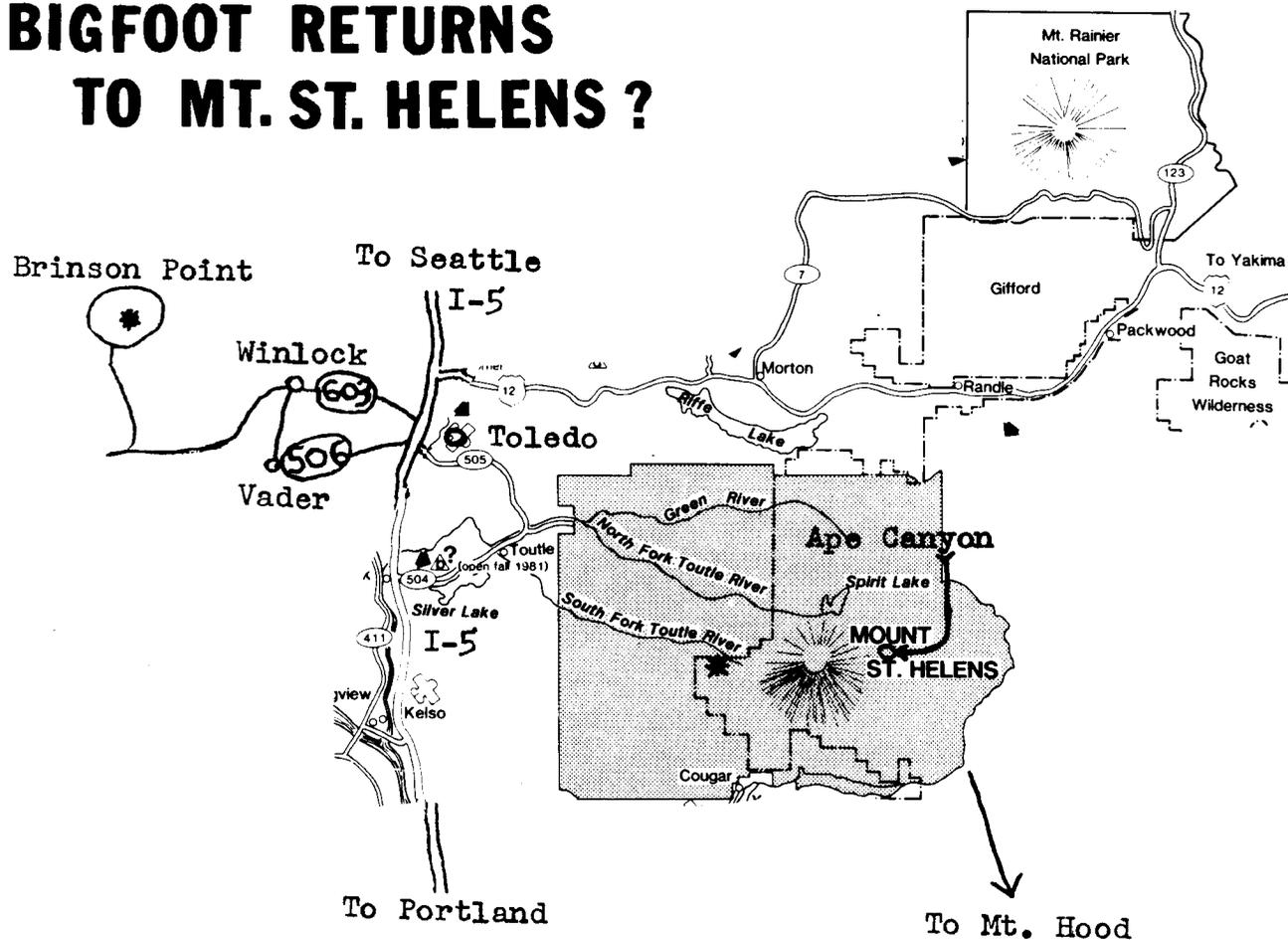
# Creature Chronicles



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### BIGFOOT RETURNS TO MT. ST. HELENS ?



During July, Bill McIntyre, Earl Jones, and I embarked on a three week field trip into the Cascade Mountains of south-west Washington. Our objectives were to personally observe the devastation of Mount St. Helens and partially investigate Bigfoot reports in Lewis and Skamania Counties.

However, with the abundance of auto troubles and personal injuries, we were unable to complete much work. It would be impossible to effect a proper investigation unless one had many months to spend in the

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# Mt. St. Helens' Apes

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region. Washington has vast amounts of forest coverage and mountain terrain. (Ohio has dense forests too and will be discussed in a later issue.)

The vicinity of Mt. St. Helens has had a history of Bigfoot encounters. In 1924, one of the most famous cases occurred east of the 'mountain' and is presently known as Ape Canyon. Since this incident has been described in all Bigfoot books, we will not go into detail. One of the participants in this episode, Fred Beck, wrote a book entitled, "I Fought the Apemen of Mt. St. Helens", which he tells of this violent contact with the creatures.

Another aspect of Mt. St. Helens occurred near Ape Canyon in 1950. This story is told in the book, "Sasquatch", by Don Hunter and Rene Dahinden.

Basically, the incident involved a mountaineer, Jim Carter, who vanished under unusual circumstances. Carter skied down the slope ahead of a twenty member climbing party in hopes of photographing the group. Unfortunately, that was the last time anyone saw him.

Bob Lee, experienced in the U.S. expeditions to the Himalays, commented that Carter's ski tracks indicated he raced down the mountain as if he had been pursued.

Several persons in the party said that they felt an uncomfortable feeling, as if being watched. They described the sensation of their hair on their necks standing straight up. Lee and others came to the same conclusion: The apes got him!

While no creatures were seen, the uncanny feelings are similar to other face to face encounters all over the globe.

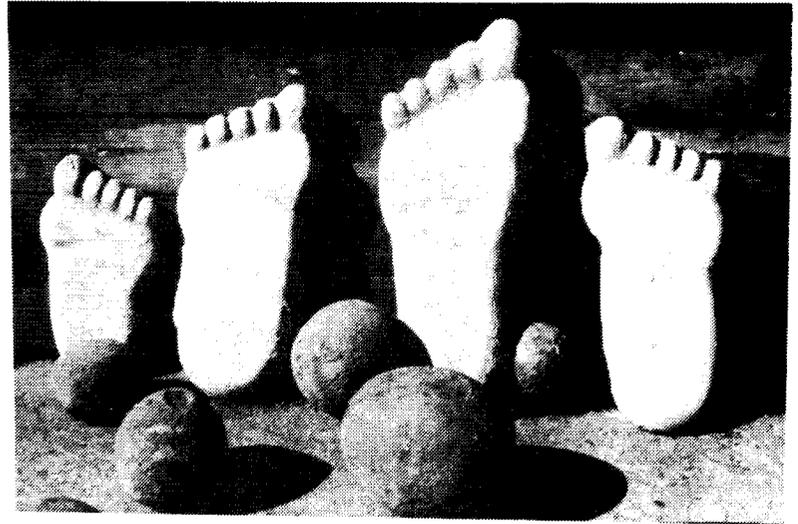
Presently, there has been much debating on where the alledged hairy ones moved after the 'mountain' blew in May of 1980. An increase of activity occurred in the east that summer, which caused some monster hunters to speculate the Bigfeet were on a massive migration to Ohio and surrounding states. However, we find it unlikely that these manimals would travel hundreds of miles without

a high percentage of sightings in the plains states. Our research shows that Ohio has always had reports of hairy hominids. 1977 was a year of high activity and we also have reports as early as 1919.

Reports from Wallace and Peterson Associates show that there were sightings south-east of Mt. St. Helens about a week prior to the eruption. Many of the sightings may indicate that Mt. Hood, in Oregon, may have been the sanctuary.

Logging companies have made mention of Bigfoot in their publications. In 1975, the Weyerhaeuser company told its employees to report sightings to the now defunct Bigfoot Information Center. In the Oct.-Dec. issue of "LOG", the editors speculated that the Sasquatch left Mt. St. Helens and headed towards the Yukon.

If the creatures have returned to the area, it is unlikely that they would remain for a time, as government geologists are predicting that another eruption may occur. There have been small earthquakes and more ash has shot up as high as 14,000 feet.



Casts of prints that were found on south fork of the Toutle River. Are they authentic? The spherical rocks are possible weapons that the creatures use to hunt game. They were discovered in a nearby cave.

Skamania County has an unusual law. Ordinance 69-01 prohibits the slaying of the Sasquatch. It was initiated in 1969 and invokes a heavy fine and jail sentence. Perhaps it was just a political move to ensure the next election.

In Toledo (Wa.), we had the pleasure of meeting with Ray Wallace. He is a seemingly sincere man, who was kind enough to share his information with us. He also allowed us to view his collection of casts and artifacts. (see photo on page 3.)

Ray introduced us to Don Peterson. Don was originally from Minnesota, but has since moved to Washington to continue his research.

Currently, Don is investigating a series of events in a tree veil area, known as Brinson. This section of Lewis county is situated just west of Winlock. It has been a hot spot for young lovers for many years.

The area was first inhabited by the Snow family in the 1800's. They must have been aware of the strange happenings, as their house was reported to have burned down several times. The Brinson family occupied a cabin there and the youngest daughter disappeared and was never found. (origin of name)

In a recent interview, Mike Machleid told Don Peterson of two encounters that he had while living in cabin below Brinson's peak. Mike was living off the land between the years of 1971-1974. It was his custom to walk alone at nights to meditate. His first observation was in the daytime. He watched a large form walking along the tree line. At night, he could hear something heavy lurking about. There were strange noises that sounded like a bear and wolf together. Whatever it was, it always stayed its distance.

Mike believed that there was something, but he wanted to prove it to others. He convinced a friend, who we shall call "Russ", to accompany him to sit and wait for the unknown animal to return. That is when they both saw it: The creature began to walk across the logging road and did so in one or

two steps. Mike described the creature as being taller than him and walking as if "humped-over". It had light colored hair with a red tint in its eyes. He said it had very long arms.

Mike and his buddy were so scared that they forgot to load their guns and fire. They just got the hell out of there.

Mike also explained to Don that others have seen it. Unfortunately, these people will not allow us to use their name in print, so we cannot except it as real hard evidence. (we do have their names on record.)

A Deputy Sheriff saw the creature one night and it frightened him so bad that he refuses to go there anymore. Another solid citizen of Winlock saw a large creature with "hairy legs", while on a campout.

It has been difficult to separate fact from local legends, as there has been few newsclippings and records on file. It seems that many of the older area newspapers have ceased printing.

We can substantiate that something is in Brinsons. During a nights stay there, we felt something watching us. We heard something moving between the trees. I felt the hair on my body; it was standing up! (Carter incident of 1950.) There was this awful stench that was smelled by all. It was not of a skunk. On our way out, we found a fur tree that had been scattered all over the road. The tree had a rank musty smell and had some unusual clawing marks that was about 7-8 feet up on the trunk.

Objectively speaking, we speculated that a bear may have been playing games with us, as there are plenty of bear in the area. I have never in my live had a sensation like the one at Brinson's peak.

Ed. Note: We wish to thank Wallace and Peterson for their hospitality and help. Portions of map are from State of Washington, Mt. St. Helens Hazard Information. I also enjoyed my brief meeting with Jon Beckjord on my train out of Seattle.

# River Phenomena

## Retrospective: The "Loveland Frog"

Once in a lifetime, the fortune buff may investigate that particular situation that would make a believer out of anyone. The phenomena usually manifests itself in a ludicrous fashion. That is, the witness may observe anything from hairy giants to river trolls. The witnesses are credible persons with high respect in their communities, yet they explain their encounters with the most incomprehensible of apparitions.

One of the strangest cases we have on file is that of an amphibian known to the locals as the Loveland Frog; a strange beastie that was observed by two local policemen, whom we shall call Officers Williams and Johnson.\*

The first account was during the cold night of March 3, 1972 at 1:00 A.M. Officer Williams was driving towards Loveland (Ohio) on Riverside Road. He saw what looked like a dog by the side of the road. He stopped the patrol car and this animal stood up immediately when the headlights fell on its body. Williams realized that it was no dog! This creature looked at him for a few seconds, then turned and leaped over the guardrail and went over the embankment into the Little Miami River. The Officer described the oddity as 3-5 feet tall, about 50-75 pounds with a body of leathery textured skin. It had a face resembling a frog or lizzard and it had illuminating eyes.

Williams called his dispatcher and notified him of what happened and proceeded to the station. Later that night, he and Johnson returned to the area and investigated for clues. They did find evidence of something that had scraped the embankment into the river.

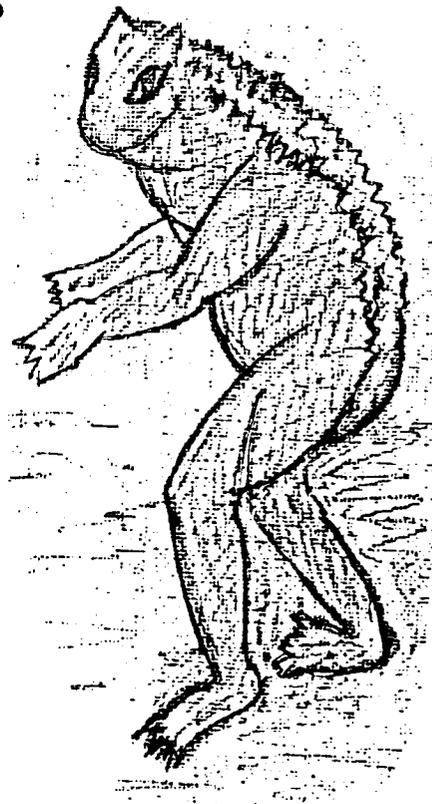
Two weeks later, Officer Johnson had a similar experience. While driving on the same road, he saw something lying in the middle of the road. As he opened the car door, it made a noise which caused this thing to raise-up in a crouch position, like a defensive lineman. The creature began to half-walk and half-hobble over to the guardrail. However, this time the creature lifted its leg over the railing. It kept its eyes on Johnson with a funny smirk on its face.

Since they are alert individuals, their background on the force gives them the credibility needed to back up their statements. William's statement was, "I wish this had never happened".

One aspect that was discussed at great length was the skin of the "lizzard". The possibility was brought out by myself that the textured appearance could have been wet, matted hair. Johnson wasn't sure, but thought that he saw a tail on the entity.

The two policemen received much ridicule from the locals. In fact, their job was on the line for a while, but most of the police force believed their story. My attempt to prove hoax was fruitless. Even if a hoaxter was to purchase a huge frog costume, how could this person know exactly when the patrolmen were on the course on Riverside Road? The temperature was about twenty degrees and the ground was frozen....and what about those glowing eyes? R.S.

\* Names changed at Officer's request, but we do have their names on record for any serious researcher.



Composite drawn by William's sister after eyewitness description.

# Recent Ohio Activity

Rome, Ohio July, 1981

Area residents have seen a large mysterious animal roaming around the swamp near the Grand River. It has been described at 7-9 feet tall. Various livestock have been found physically mutilated. The Sheriff's department have found large footprints.

According to Dennis Pilichis, most of the activity begins around 9 PM. Footprints are three-toed, measuring 14 inches long, 6 inches wide, with a depth of 1½ inches. Dennis describes the creature as about 9 feet tall, red glowing eyes, no hair on face and fang-like teeth.

The investigation began with Dennis and Bill McIntyre who saw a newsclipping in the Valley News. They went to talk with the witnesses and according to their testimony, saw the creatures in the swamp. Several shots were fired, but seemed to have no effect. The witnesses wish to remain anonymous. There is also an unusual odor associated with the creature.

Dennis has actual photos of tracks, casts, location photos, mappings of tracks and taped interviews. The reason for not publishing the witnesses names is to keep their land clean of hunters and sightseers. (We have their names, but will keep them confidential.)

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Darke County, Ohio August 1, 1981

Researcher, Tom Archer and Sarah Knight were walking along the tree line by the woods about 8:50 PM. They had a family reunion earlier and Tom was showing his tracking techniques. He decided to play one of his alledged Bigfoot sounds that he had on tape.

Tom states, "I played it and a few seconds later, I could hear this weird scream in the distance."

Later, Sarah grabbed Tom and told him to look over at the cornfield. When he did, he saw a figure with wide, monstrous shoulders. He described the head as round and slightly flat on top. There was no neck. It was about 9-10 feet tall with a strong odor. Tom and Sarah watched as it squatted in the cornfield. They observed the creature until it moved out of sight.

In a recent letter, Tom has told us that he is afraid to tell of his strange sighting. He is reluctant to report because he feels no one will believe him due to him being an investigator. The incident is under investigation by us in order to establish any credibility or misinterpetation.

## Investigator's Tip

Charles J. Wilhelm

Maps are important tools for investigations and research projects. Quadrangles, Aeronautic charts, magnetic and various other geological maps are essential. If you are walking the woods in search of evidence, the Topography is vital to know. For information, write: U.S. Geological Survey, 507 National Center, Reston, Virginia 22090 or visit your county Engineer's office.

# Notes & Comments

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equals more money for their publication.

This may work for these type of formats and we see nothing wrong with this philosophy. However, we can only write about what we see and hear, or correspondence from reliable sources.

Creature Chronicles is a research tool. It is meant for the serious researcher who is not afraid to hear the truth. We have many hoaxes and misinterpretations on file, but for every explanation, we have an abundance of unknowns.

Longtime Bigfoot hunter, Rene Dahinden says, "I just want to find out who is leaving those footprints."

We couldn't agree more, but if all the Bigfoot sightings are hoaxes and fakes, than we have a psychological problem that needs more investigation. After all, if all the witnesses to Big Hairy Monsters are pathological liars, this planet is in more serious trouble than ever imagined.

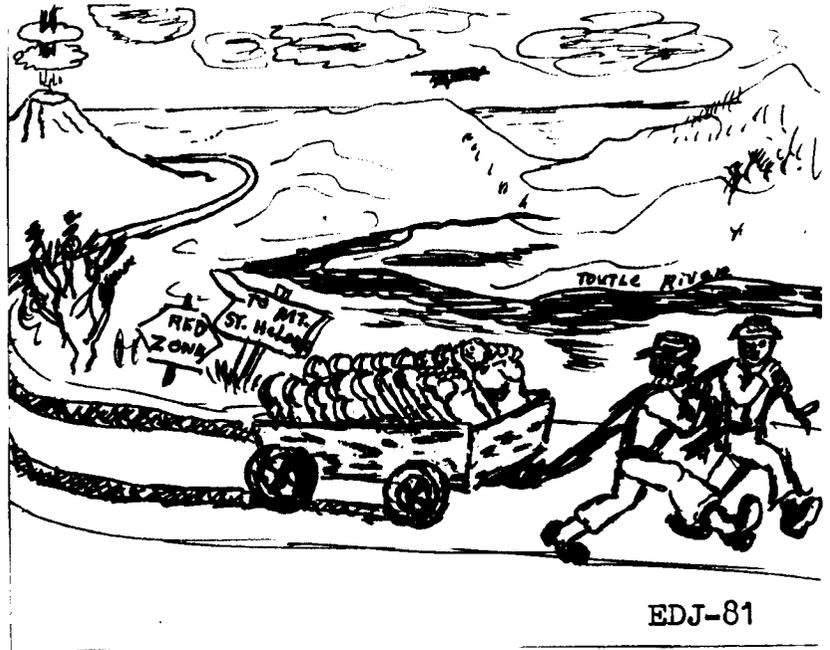
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Apathy

Over the past several months, there has been an increase of fueding between some researchers. Perhaps it is intended to alter other's egos, policies, and pet theories. Science calls for debating of an issue or principals, but direct insults and name calling has no value in the scientific community.

Recently, a few persons have attacked others and using the name of Hominid Research to back their comments. Although we have not portrayed ourselves in this heated exchange, we have become a pawn in such activities.

So, once again, we must stress that we are totally apathetic to any political feuds. If you believe that our group is involved in such hearsay, contact us to find out, before passing it on. It may save you some



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embarrassment in the future.

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The Hominid Research Group is pleased to announce a new consultant. Anthony J. Perzigian is a professor of Anthropology at the University of Cincinnati. His speciality is Forensic Anthropology and he has assisted the Coroner's Office in solving certain cases.

Since Forensic Science is so exact, Dr. Perzigian can tell sex, race and age of murder victims. It is a technique used to identify human bodies by the structure of bones, teeth, etc. Sometimes the body is altered and decomposed beyond recognition that normal identification is almost impossible.

Dr. Perzigian is interested in aerial phenomena and in Bigfoot. We are sure that he will be of great asset to our organization.

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We would like to thank Fortean Times for the mentions of Creature Chronicles in their latest issues. Fortean Times has a new address: BM-Fortean Times  
London WC1N 3XX, England

# Late News

## NOTICE

The Hominid Research Group and the Ohio UFO Investigators League have their meetings on the third Saturday of the month at the Norwood United Methodist Church. For more information, please contact Earl Jones at: 513-631-6288.

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## Hoax ?

Covington Police have informed us that they have a suspect under surveillance for allegedly dressing up in a costume and scaring residents of a housing project in Covington.

Several residents say that this "form" has been seen on a couple of occasions. Officer Torres, who has been investigating, says he is convinced it is not Bigfoot. Witnesses believe they saw what looked like a zipper, as it reflected the street lights.

For the record, we would like to say that this area of town is not in the woods, but is surrounded by sub-divisions. It is unlikely that a large primate would make an urban area his lair.

This case is still under investigation.

## Hoax of the Year ?

Covington, Ky.

The Kentucky Post, Thursday, September 17, 1981

## Is there a Big Foot loose and fancy free?

The warm, sunny days of summer fade, and the cool, gloomy days of autumn approach. Out of the gloom, a large hairy creature emerges, walking upright down a wooded hill toward the city street below.

Is it Big Foot?

"If everyone remembers, five weeks from now is Halloween," said Covington officer Robert Fletcher.

"As an outside hunch, we think it's some guy playing around in a monkey suit," said Capt. William Dometrich, head of Covington's patrol bureau.

The creature, beast or man, was first seen about 9 p.m. Tuesday night in the 2300 block of Alden Court near the Ida Spence housing project in Covington. Nearby residents reported seeing it again

Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Officer Daniel Torres responded Tuesday night to the first calls from area residents on the creature. Wednesday night, Officer Tom Epperson and his canine unit, Keeno, searched vainly for the creature.

A man who identified himself as representing "a group that monitors Big Foot movements from this area" called Covington police late Wednesday night seeking more information.

Reports of a similar creature roaming around the Covington area were made several years ago, according to Dometrich.

"We think the guy got his suit out and dusted it off," Dometrich said.

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