



UFORCOP CASE REVIEW

1973 BIGFOOT / UFO Flap in Pennsylvania

Definition: **Bigfoot**, also known as **Sasquatch**, is an ape-like cryptid that purportedly inhabits forests, mainly in the Pacific Northwest region of North America. Bigfoot is usually described as a large, hairy, bipedal humanoid. The term "sasquatch" is an anglicized derivative of the word "sésquac" which means "wild man" in a Salish a Native American language.

Scientists discount the existence of bigfoot and consider it to be a combination of folklore, misidentification, and hoax, rather than a living animal, in part because of the large numbers thought necessary to maintain a breeding population. A few scientists, such as Jane Goodall and Jeffrey Meldrum, have expressed interest and belief in the creature, with Meldrum expressing the opinion that evidence collected of alleged Bigfoot encounters warrants further evaluation and testing.

Bigfoot remains one of the more famous examples of a cryptid within cryptozoology, and an enduring legend. (Wikipedia)

Definition: An **unidentified flying object** (usually abbreviated to **UFO** or **U.F.O.**) is any unusual apparent object or phenomenon in the sky whose cause cannot be identified by the observer, or (in a narrower definition) by investigators; though in popular usage it more loosely means alien spacecraft, being one explanation (among several) offered for such sightings though UFO sightings have occurred throughout history, modern interest in them dates from World War II, since then governments have investigated UFO reports, often from a military perspective, and UFO researchers have investigated, written about and created organizations devoted to the subject.

Studies have established that the majority of UFOs are observations of some real but conventional object—most commonly aircraft, balloons, or astronomical objects such as meteors or bright planets—that have been misidentified by the observer as anomalies, while a small percentage of reported UFOs are hoaxes. However, after excluding these incorrect reports, **between 5% and 20% of the total remain unexplained**, and so can be classified as unidentified in the strictest sense. Trained observers, such as pilots, police and the military, have made many reports. Some involve radar traces, so not all reports are visual. Proponents of the so-called extraterrestrial hypothesis believe that these unidentified reports are of alien spacecraft, though various other hypotheses have been proposed.

While UFOs have been the subjects of extensive investigation by various governments, and some scientists support the extra-terrestrial hypothesis, few scientific papers about UFOs have been published in peer-reviewed journals. There has been some debate in the scientific community about whether any scientific investigation into UFO sightings is warranted. UFOs have become a prominent theme in modern culture' and this cultural phenomenon has been the subject of academic research.

The 1973 Worldwide UFO Wave

The 1973 UFO sighting wave was concentrated in the last half of the year, and featured the largest number of UFO and humanoid occupant sightings in many years. Several abductions were reported during this period. The sightings peaked in mid to late October, with October 17 representing perhaps one of the most extraordinary single days for "high-strangeness" cases in UFO history.

Note: In regard to Humanoid Reports, there doesn't appear to be any cases as solid as a military radar-visual triangulation cases, nor any military or multiple-witness incidents.

There were hundreds of sighting reports around the globe and NICAP, The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena updated their 35 page 1973 UFO Chronology in September 2011. It is an excellent documentation of the incidents that occurred in 1973. Their website is www.nicap.org

There were eight (8) UFO sighting reports listed for Pennsylvania. NICAP Chronology 1973.

There were three (3) Bigfoot class (a) reports for the year 1973 as reported by BFRO, the Bigfoot Researchers Organization. Their website is www.bfro.net

There were eleven (11) UFO sightings reported in Pennsylvania in 1973 as listed by NUFORC, the National UFO Reporting Center. Their website is www.nuforc.org

There were thirty-one (31) class (b-c) Bigfoot reports recorded by the Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society in 1973. Their website is www.pabigfootsociety.com

Those sightings took place in 4 counties in Pennsylvania. Westmoreland 20, Beaver 4, Fayette 3 and Indiana 4.

No other **documented** reports can be found for Pennsylvania.

The total UFO sightings for 1973 in Pennsylvania total 19 and total Bigfoot reports stand at 34. For a one-year period that hardly constitutes a flap. The reports of Bigfoot could have been generated by media coverage or cross over reports of a previous sighting, by different researchers.

Sighting reports of Bigfoot in the area of alleged UFO landings let alone piloting a craft and having **Cow** like ears remains unsubstantiated.

MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network has no records for 1973 in their CMS database, as it did not start in earnest until 1995. As we have said in the past there is no clear definition of a "UFO Flap"

Reporting organizations listed above have posted the reports from 1973 and a 6-month search by UFORCOP of reports could turn up no more than those listed in Pennsylvania.

The BIGFOOT / UFO 1973 FLAP in PENNSYLVANIA

In our opinion it never happened!

Anyone wishing to present further evidence of the alleged flap can do so by submitting his or her reports to www.paufosearch.com and they will be posted in this report.



