

The Bossburg Report

Bossburg, Dec. 13, 1969. Saturday.
Track sighting.
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Lengths of Track Left Foot; 17½ inches by 6½ ball .5½ heel.
Lengths of Track Right Foot; 16½ inches by 7 ball .5½ heel.
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We found tracks about 11:00 a.m., slight rain, in about 3-4 inches of snow. They came up a 150 to 200 foot bank, 30 to 40 degree angle, a few trees, up to a bench over the railroad tracks, along tracks and where the tracks crossed the road, the tracks went over the road and toward the mountains, and bush. The tracks crossed a 43-inch high barbed wire fence into a clump of trees, where we found a pressed down area about the size 4 feet by 5 feet, the ground was pine needles (long) and a few small sticks of brush, something along like alpine heather, from there the tracks went up a slight grade among some bare bushes, then back again, in that area were one hell of a lot of tracks, and we were not quite sure what went on. In this place we found were something urinated, found two tracks close together right there. If the tracks are real, this thing did it, snow discolored around, hole of urine did not go all the way through snow. From here the tracks went down to the fence again, about 50 feet from first place crossing, crossed over and went about 30 feet away from fence, turned around and crossed fence again, and went back to the area where all the other tracks were, anyway, we followed the tracks along a deer or cattle trail along inside the fenced off area for a while, than the tracks crossed over the fence again, about 300 feet from the last crossing, they went along the fence for a while and then some dick brush and angled toward the road, and crossed over, and down the other side, through some brush and open spots and over the railroad tracks toward the river, the came out by the river there was a very steep bank, you could see where it was standing the tracks then went along the river, about 20 feet away from the bank, then toward the bank, there was a tree, the tracks went to where they down, the slope was bare and ice and had snow on it, a small limb branch was broke off, down the bank was a curved trail, like somebody would make skiing down, this trail was hard pressed and iced up, we did not think whatever made the trail was sliding down and sitting down, but used the feet like skis. Along the River bank was some loose gravel and it made a 3 to 4 inch groove in it but about three feet away from it, I mean the groove about that far away from the water, there was a rocky bank along the shore, loose, the rocks are about 6 inches through and slippery, hard to get footing. We think it dove into the water from there. This was about a 100 feet down river from where the tracks came up.
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found 8 hairs, which were thick and heavy and black, 2 were about 3 inches long and the rest shorter, and broken off.
The are now seen in Edmonton, three of them and are examined there.
For other details see the News paper, I think you can get a good report from this letter and the paper for the Bulletin.
I made a damn bad mistake in not collecting the urine, but we were so busy filming, and looking at the tracks, and we did not have anything to put it in, so I lost it, I sure regret it.
This is the first time I have seen tracks in snow, and I must say this were the most impressive set of tracks I have ever seen in snow. Up some of them and the are still all iced up even today a week after, which makes me think there was a lot of weight involved when this tracks were made.
The Border Patrol, Highway Patrol and the Sheriff from Northport was there, and were very impressed.
The length of stride was from 43 to 57 inches but many were shorter, shorter, we also found lots of piles of snow with toe impression in it, it seems the damp snow piled up on its foot and it kicked this off, there were pine needles in the snow, the tracks were so hard in the snow we made plaster cast of the tracks in snow. We were patrolling the same area the day before and there were no tracks there, so we feel they were made from Friday to Saturday.
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We were hoping this tracks to head into the hills, and this would have made it possible to follow same over a longer distance, the more tracks one sees the better, I think this tracks to have been made by a Sasquatch, but you know how I feel about Sasquatch, one just never know. I look at this line of tracks 7 times and did not find any indication of fake, also I have seen toe movements, or what I think were toe movements.
The Tracks or Sasquatch went over the same fence four(4) times and it is not lower than 43 inches on any place, and very tight. This tracks indicated the thing did not just step over, but we found were both feet were close to the fence and on the other side one footprints and from there the trail went on, so I think it just pushed the fence down a little and lifted on foot over sideways, like we did.
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All the best to you for the New Year, and hope we going to catch this hairy bastard.

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Shortly after René Dahinden returned from Bossburg in December 1969, he wrote a letter/report on the cripple-foot tracks (document shown above). It was probably sent to George Haas for his newsletter, with a copy to John Fuhrmann (I found the report in the Fuhrmann files). The following is what he said (edited for clarity).

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