

Unusual Sasquatch

An article by Sean Viala on the Lake Minnewanka wild man sparked a response from Curt Nelson who did extensive follow up on a sighting involving two probable sasquatch in that general area in 1979. The entire report is on the BFRO website and is indeed very interesting.

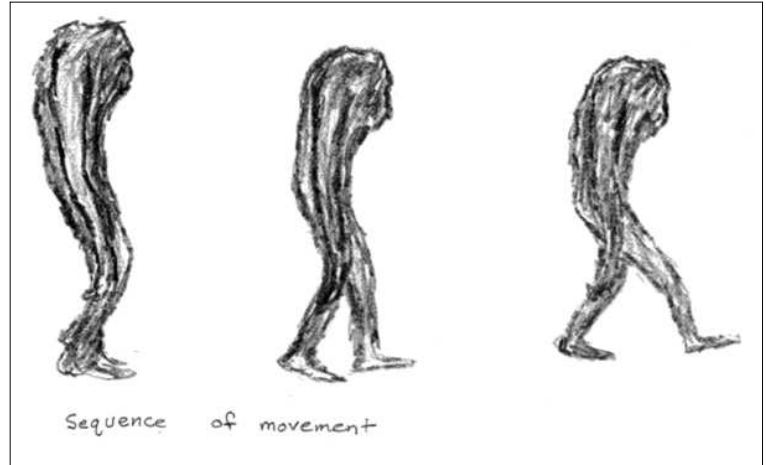
The sighting involved two young people, Raymond Lee 14 and Dave (last name not recalled) 25. They were hiking in the Banff area during August 1979. Here is the story Raymond provided to Curt Nelson:

Just before 10 p.m., we came upon a meadow lit up by the after glow sunset, when we heard a strange whistle sound come from my left ahead. A stream was parallel on the left, but a bunch of bushes blocked the view where the whistle came from. We stopped. Now came the sound of something walking through and out of the stream in a left-right direction.

I expected to see an elk emerge from the bushes and the tree that was to the right of them. Instead, what walked out was a dark creature walking on two legs. It was 6-7 feet tall and 40 feet away. The head came for its chest, no neck, with the top of the head barely any higher than the top of the shoulders. It kept its right profile to me as it walked across the meadow; arms kept at its side hanging past the knees. It seemed a slender creature with long legs. There was a lighter patch on one ankle. No bad smell.

Unknown to me at the time, Dave was all the while watching a second creature off to the right. This one was dirty white colored, quite hefty. In Dave's opinion exceeding 7 feet. He saw mostly its backside as it walked out from a tree that was behind me to the right. It apparently headed for the same grove of trees to the far right as the dark one did. The dark one walked with purpose, like it wanted out of there. Even Dave said the dirty one walked, "like he knew where he was going, man." We had all we could stand of this, so we continued out of the meadow with great haste.

The drawings shown here are by Raymond of the creature he saw, and are very intriguing. It takes the statement "no neck" (often stated by sasquatch witnesses) to the limit. It also provides an appreciation of the frightening appearance of the creature he saw—something



Drawings by Raymond Lee of the creature he saw.

like this would be very frightening; however, certainly not all sightings imply this extreme. Many simply state that the head sat directly on the shoulders, "like a football player," (i.e., head and shoulders incorporated).

Footprint evidence from other incidents suggests that there are 3, 4, and 5-toed sasquatch-like creatures. I really don't know what to make of this, other than to say that it appears there are different types of sasquatch. I would imagine that if this is so, then Raymond and Dave saw a couple of the "different" ones.

Remarkably, this "type" (head level below shoulders) was the subject of much debate in 1995 when Cliff Crook provided alleged sasquatch photos taken at Wild Creek (vicinity of Mr. Rainier, Washington, July 11, 1995) by a forest patrol officer. Cliff has kindly allowed me to use one of the images here along with an image of him and Dr. Grover Krantz examining the prints.



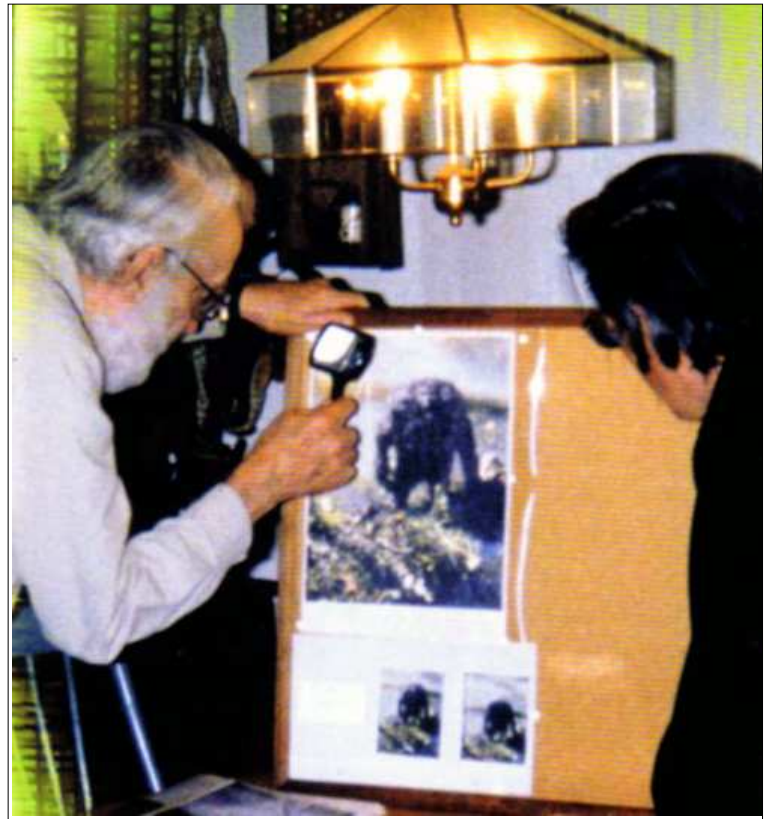
Photo taken at Wild Creek, Washington.

While the photos have never been positively authenticated, I have to wonder where the idea came from

to depict a creature of this particular nature if a fabrication was involved. The drawings for the 1979 sighting were done later than 1995, so they did not provide the “inspiration,” if such were the case; however the reverse could apply. Of course, making eyes level with, or below, shoulders, always provides the “hulk” look as with the famous cartoon character seen here.



We can also reason that sasquatch might suffer the same problems as humans, and what Raymond saw was a very old sasquatch with a spinal condition (in humans an abnormal curving of the spine caused by osteoporosis results in a hump on the back). Whether other primates suffer from this condition, I don't know (totally out of my league here).



Dr. Grover Krantz (left) examining a Wild Creek photo (there were several) with Cliff Crook (right).