



# Bigfoot Field Guide

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- About the Honobia Bigfoot Conference 2009 plans.
- Some notes about the MABRC Honobia 2008 Expedition.
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## Honobia Bigfoot Conference 2009

After an exciting 2008 Bigfoot Conference, how do you top the next one?

Dr. Meldrum gave presentations on Friday and Saturday, Randy "Driveroperator" Harrington once again talked about his encounter at Chickasaw National Park at Sulphur, Oklahoma, David Paulides and Harvey Pratt discussed the research happening on the Hoopa Reservation in California, and Mike Hall delivered a fantastic presentation about the research his group is doing in Texas.

Currently the listing of speakers are being put together and some of those who have expressed a willingness to participate are

Kathy Strain, Chairman of the Alliance of Independent Bigfoot Researchers, Dr. Jeff Meldrum, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Thom Powell, Noted



**Dr. Meldrum joins the MABRC crew for a picture.**

Bigfoot researcher from Oregon, Mike Hall, Texas Researcher, and Cullen Hudson, author of Strange State, a book on paranormal and Bigfoot in Oklahoma.

And once again, the MABRC researchers will be in attendance to talk to the audience and those folks who just want to interact with those folks who go into the field looking for Bigfoot.

The format for the Conference is being changed a little bit, with Friday being devoted to workshops hosted by the MABRC researchers, from track casting, using bionic ears, night vision and more.

Saturday will be presentations by the speakers and in the afternoon, a roundtable question and answer session will be held with many of the researchers in attendance.

Make plans now to attend what promises to be an outstanding conference.

## MABRC Honobia Expedition 2008

The MABRC spent time in the hills surrounding Honobia during the Conference, having a major base camp set up where Randy Harrington and Keith Perry recorded the Honobia Ridge Walker video at. Lots of activity occurred, from rocks being thrown at the camp, vocalizations, and eyeshine being seen. Mike Hall from Texas actually recorded vocalizations at the

same time the MABRC crew did from a position several miles away.

To listen to the audio recorded and to see a lot of the pictures associated with the Honobia Expedition, go to <http://www.mid-americanbigfoot.com/phpbb3> and check out the MABRC Expeditions area.



# Oklahoma Sightings Map



Track being cast in Oklahoma by the MABRC during their Memorial Day 2008 Expedition.

*“The following states are available at the MABRC Forums, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Louisiana and Texas, as well as Oklahoma.*

The Mid-America Bigfoot Research Center has put together a map of sighting reports that have been reported to the major Bigfoot research groups, and gives the public along with the researcher, a better idea of where trends of sightings occur in the state of Oklahoma.

As you can see below, those counties that have only had 1 reported sighting is in yellow, while as the number of sightings increase, so does the color towards red.

The MABRC also has an online store where you can purchase copies of the sighting map on all sorts of items, from yard signs, banners, t-shirts, posters and even greeting cards.

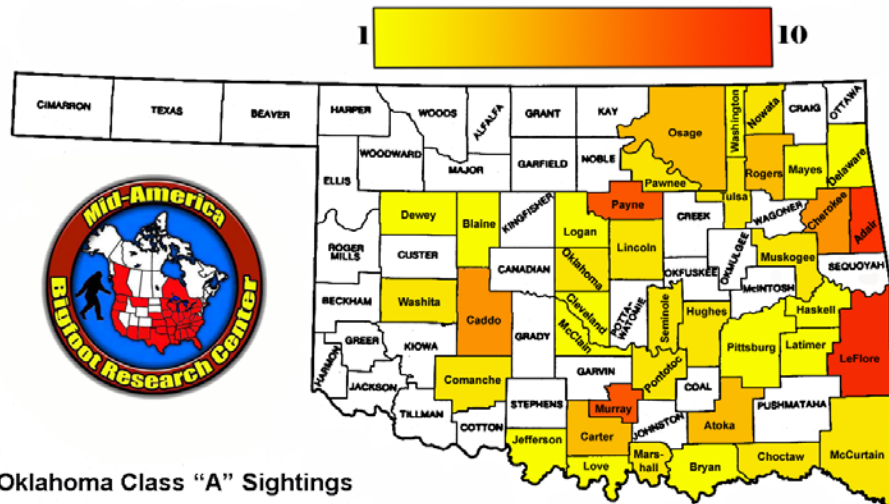
<http://www.cafepress.com/mabrc>

All proceeds from the online store go to help fund research projects across Oklahoma and to help the MABRC defray costs for the Honobia 2009 Bigfoot Conference.

During the 2008 Honobia Big-

foot Conference, the MABRC handed out over 500 copies of the Oklahoma Sightings Map, and plan on also having available the following states for next year. Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Texas and Louisiana.

You can actually obtain copies of the states listed above by going to the MABRC forums and downloading copies there at <http://www.mid-americanbigfoot.com/phpbb3>



## Reporting a sighting

The importance of turning in a sighting report is critical to Bigfoot Research, details from a sighting can be incorporated into a large database to formulate information that can show patterns in Bigfoot

behavior, increasing the overall knowledge about the creatures.

If you have a sighting, there are numerous organizations out there to report it to, and at the MABRC, we take sighting reports through our website at <http://www.mid-americanbigfoot.com/joomla> and

through e-mail at [sighting@mid-americanbigfoot.com](mailto:sighting@mid-americanbigfoot.com)

Please give us contact information so that a researcher can contact you with further questions if necessary.

Remember, Bigfoot Research can only grow through information.

Most sightings go unreported as some witnesses have no idea who to trust or go to.



# The Honobia Hand Print Incident



The day had been long, as the MABRC researchers had put on the 2007 Honobia Bigfoot Conference and all had put their heart and soul into making it successful. Now, as dark began falling, it was time to do what the MABRC Researchers do best, get into the woods for some research.

Southeast of Honobia, on a logging road that winds itself along the spine of a mountain, just a few miles from where the now-famous Honobia Ridge Walker video was taken, the researchers drove up in two vehicles, towing their research trailers with them.

Driving for what seemed to be an hour, the researchers located a large enough area to turn around with the trailers and began settling in by setting up a boom box to play Indian flute music, some light to see the immediate area around them. There had already been movement seen in the distance that indicated something else was there.

After about ten minutes of playing the flute music, small rocks began hitting the area around the researchers, nothing that frightened them, they were used to having this happen when in the field in active areas.

As the music played, the creatures in the area began edging closer, using the music to cover the noise of their travel, before long, they had come to within 20 feet of the researchers. Who all this time, continued to sit facing

each other, watching behind the person across from them, not once, turning to look into the woods. The goal was simple, to lure the creatures into a false sense of security that they were able to get closer without being noticed.

One researcher stepped to the side of the trailer to water the local vegetation, he heard something down towards the second vehicle, which was parked about 75 feet from where the researchers were sitting. As the researcher sat back down, it was discussed to look the vehicles over before leaving later that night.

The creatures were close now, not more than 15 feet behind one of the researchers, when the youngest member of the group seen a branch about 6 feet high on a tree get lifted straight up and then lowered back down. Much like a person would lift it out of the way of their sight and then lower it back.

The young researcher asked for the Night Scope and raised it to his eye, and when he did, he got the shock of his life, the Bigfoot had leaned forward enough from the underbrush for the researcher to get a close-up eyeful of the creature's features.

Shaking, the young researcher lowered the night scope and could only mutter out, "They are real" and began sweating and breathing hard from his first actual face to face view of a Bigfoot.

While the researcher began to calm down the best he could, the Bigfoot was spotted by another researcher crawling in 4X4 mode through the underbrush to get away. It was just a few moments after this was spotted, that the CD of the Indian Flute music finally stopped. All was quiet around the

researchers as now they softly joked about how the Bigfoot has been crawling up towards them all this time with the music hiding the noise of their movement, only to now be caught off-guard by the music going off.

Now was the moment for action, as the lead researcher jumped up with a camcorder mounted on a spotlight and led the way towards where the Bigfoot had last been spotted, followed by the other researchers. Running through the woods, the researchers discovered that they had parked right beside a large berry patch, and that numerous large game trails with ceilings of about 8 to 10 foot high led off the sides of the ridge-line. Unfortunately, the creatures were able to move out of the camera's path, or was able to hide quick enough to avoid it.

After the researchers had searched the surrounding area, they returned to where they had been sitting, the rocks then began falling around them again.

It was decided to check the vehicles for handprints, brushed up against fur signs or even something rummaging through the equipment in them. What was found was a handprint on the hood of the vehicle farthest away from where the researchers were sitting. The appearance of the hand print coincided with the researcher earlier hearing movement up near the vehicle. The researchers present placed their own handprints near the first one, to compare them. The handprint was larger than all those present could make. Further investigation found a large game trail that came up on both side of the ridgeline at that exact position where the vehicle had been parked. Could something have walked up that trail and used the vehicle for leverage as it walked by? The researchers couldn't say for sure, but something created the handprint.

One thing for sure though, is that the MABRC Researchers can't wait to go back.

To check out the pictures of the handprint or the video taken of the run through the woods, go to <http://www.mid-americanbigfoot.com/phpbb3/>



## Mid-America Bigfoot Research Center

Where Researchers think outside the box!!



## Dr. Jeffrey Meldrum

Born in 1958, Dr. Jeffrey Meldrum is currently an associate professor of anatomy and anthropology at Idaho State University and an affiliate curator of vertebrate paleontology at the Idaho Museum of Natural History.

Through his work in the field of physical anthropology and his specialization in foot mechanics, Meldrum has studied the implications for bipedal adaptation and locomotion in early hominids. He has also participated in paleontological field projects to

Founded in 1997, the MABRC originally started as the Green Country Bigfoot Research Center, to give Oklahoma it's first credible Bigfoot Research group.

In 2006, the GCBRC changed it's name to Mid-America to reflect the growing numbers of members joining from around the country.

With over 200 researchers and analysts in 4 countries, 3 continents, and nearly every state in the U.S., the MABRC is becoming the leader in Bigfoot Research.

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South America, collecting new fossil primate specimens from the Miocene of Columbia and Argentina.

Meldrum is best known for his open-minded yet scientific approach to the Bigfoot phenomenon. Because he grew up in the Pacific Northwest, Meldrum was no stranger to the subject, having heard Sasquatch stories from an early age. His interest in the legendary creature took a

back burner as he continued his formal education and teaching until 1996, when he found and cast a series of fresh Sasquatch prints in Washington and, the following year, northern California. Meldrum has since gathered and purchased collections of purported track casts as part of his research into Sasquatch foot anatomy, and his lab now houses what may be the world's most extensive collection of Sasquatch track casts. Meldrum is widely considered the leading expert on Sasquatch footprints as well as the derived morphology and functional anatomy of the foot.