

Tuesday Terribles

Cryptozoological Society of the Americas By Whiskey

Founded in 1955 by DR. Ray "Skip" Henderson, The Cryptozoological Society of the Americas or CSA is a loose organization of hunters, scientists, and interested parties seeking to prove the existence of legendary creatures in the modern world. In it's early years, the society was primarily interested in hunting Mothmen in the Pacific Northwest and Idaho. Members would meet once per year to mount an expedition in hopes of finding, shooting, and bringing back evidence of the great apes existence. Failing that, members would drink a lot of beer far from the disapproving eyes of peers, neighbors, and wives. The society expanded due to Skips charisma, the annual camping trip, and colorful debates often published in it's irregular journal "Recent Sightings." As the membership grew, and as the group wore out it's welcome with some of the communities they regularly visited, the group started studying phenomena other than Big Foot.

Today, the society publishes an irregular quarterly journal which alternately tries to support or de-bunk various sightings, encounters, and evidence of Cryptids depending upon who is editing the issue. The Society webpage and private forums however have superceded the journal for most members. Here the membership debates all manner of topics paranormal, extraterrestrial, cryptozoological, or inevitably political. It is a common joke among academic posters that any given topic will eventually lead to discussions of Nazi Vampires from Outer Space if allowed to run un-moderated for too long. This internet community now makes up the bulk of the organizations members, much to the amusement of the older members. As a group, the society is keen to uncover real proof of the unexplained. However, they know little to nothing of the Cthulhu Mythos and wouldn't give it any more, or less, credence than they would stories of the Mothman, Jersey Devil, or Karankawa Joe.

The group still holds it's annual expedition. However, it has become more of a weekend camping trip. Typically a handful of members will host the event and a day hike to a location of Cryptid significance. Presentations will be given, vendors will try to push their latest books and t-shirts, and many tall tales will be shared around the campfire.

Several vocal members are often included on low budget cable television programs exploring various paranormal & legendary creature topics.



Modern investigators may find the society to be a ready source of information which could lead to evidence of Mythos activity.

CAS members are often gathering small groups of their own to investigate strange events or sightings. These groups could very well stumble upon the adventure and generally make a mess of things.

In the course of an investigation the Characters may travel to a location hot on the trail of some Mythos activity only to find CAS enjoying their annual BBQ on the very site they have come to explore or a cable channel following around a CAS member documenting the same events they are interested in.

The CAS has been thoroughly infiltrated by numerous other organizations with their own agendas. Some use the forums to recruit new members. Others use the society to cover up mythos activity by ridiculing those close to the truth.

The CAS could be a way to introduce new Investigators into the group, can provide a cover operation from which to investigate mythos activity, can act a network of informants and sympathetic witnesses or alibis as needed.

The CAS library may hold photos, eyewitness accounts, and books of interest to the Mythos investigator.

Some of the older members may be experienced Mythos investigators who are using the society as a cover themselves. Their tales of the good old days when expeditions were as much about beer drinking as hunting Mothmen may hide darker truths.

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