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exploring topics from the esoteric and unexplored to dimensions unknown, shining a light of truth on the darkest corners of our reality. Welcome to the curious realm. You music



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there. I am sorry about that. Mute buttons and all they glow red when you don't touch them. Good evening. Everybody happy Tuesday night. Hope everybody's doing well. Hope everybody had a great St Patrick's Day. Our astronauts are home. Big applause for them. Fantastic. Great to see the rescue rescue mission go so well. We will be talking in the second part tonight, after our commercial break, with our good friend Mike turber, about the Boeing Starliner, what the failures were, how that came to be, to begin with, how this literal Gilligan's Island, story of an eight day, nine day space mission turning into nine months came to be, and the literal issues going on with the compatibility between programs. It's just, it's mind numbing to me that that none of these companies use the same umbilical cord for their life supports, none of them use the same space suits, anything like that. So even the fact that these astronauts returning home had to learn the emergency procedures and how to help land the craft and what their basic job is on a normal space mission, they had to learn that in a craft that they'd never step foot in while spinning around the Earth in orbit, so massive things had to be pushed to get these guys home. It's pretty amazing. So welcome back to them. In our first part, we will be joined by our good friend Craig wool heater. He is the founder of crypto Mundo, as well as Texas Bigfoot

conference, Texas UFO con, and also the felt monster festival is going on this this year, so we're having him on to talk about that, his involvement with the monster Festival, and how that festival came to be, what it's all about, things like that. So welcome back to the show. Craig, how are you doing



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tonight? Hey, Chris, nice to see you.

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Hey you too, bud. I'm glad to see that you are well. You had a bit of an issue a few months ago, and glad to see that you were healed up and doing better.

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Well. I appreciate that for sure. I do have a nice Frankenstein style style forehead scar. But other than that, I'm doing I'm doing okay, good,

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good. I'm glad to hear that now, before we get into the Falk monster festival, in the official event, everything else. How did you first come into the world of cryptozoology? Because, of course, as I mentioned in the intro, you were one of the founders of Cryptomundo, literally the oldest website on the internet having to do with cryptozoology, cryptids, cryptid sightings. How did you come into that world to begin with, Greg Well,

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as I was growing up as a young, curious lad, I was interested in the strange and unusual as a child, and there was a strange and unusual series of events in 1969 in the summer of 1969 a creature that was seen by many people not that far from downtown, Fort, Worth Texas, the Lake Worth monster. It was dubbed also the Goat Man of Greer island. But that was, and it's it's weird that you even bring that up, because it has a tie in with with space exploration, the fact that it was on the front page of The Four Star Telegram on July 10 and July 11, seen by people out there, actually the first night, it was terrorized a couple in a car that were out there. And, you know, this is only 10 days before man first landed on the moon, so there is a tie in there with, you know, man's foray into space. But my grandparent. Lived there in Fort Worth I lived in in the Dallas area, and they saved the newspapers for me, the front page of the newspapers with the stories about this creature that was seen out there, and because I had a scrapbook with, you know, like I said, the strange and unusual stories in there. So they saved that for me for my scrapbook. And it was, you know, kind of a local a local tie. And bless you there with the fact that my my grandparents also had a cabin cruiser boat out at the marina on the the upstream lake from Lake Worth at Eagle Mountain Lake. So basically that that lake was separated by a dam from Lake Worth where this creature was roaming. So, you know, my, my

young, impressionable brain was, you know, thinking about running into the Lake Worth monster when we were out at the lake, because we would spend a lot of time out there in the summers, out on the boat, anchored out in the lake, and just spend the weekend out on the boat in the lake there, you know, jump off, go swimming, go Fishing, whatever. So that was something that, like I said, was something that was very impressionable on me as a youth. Then about a year later, I got a book by an author who come to find out I share a birthday, at least the date, not the Year with John Keel, Oh, wow. Who wrote the Mothman Prophecies? He also wrote a book that came out in 1970 called strange creatures from time and space that was just filled with every chapter was about different creatures from around the world. There was a chapter on the Mothman in there, although his book, The Mothman Prophecies, didn't come out until 1975 but he and I were both born on March 25 he in 1930 and myself in 1960 so kind of a tie in there. But you know, the really thing that really solidified me deals with the foul monster, but that, in 1973 after it went into national release, nationwide release, I saw the legend of Boggy Creek in a theater as as a youth. And that movie was very impressionable. Yeah, it made a great impression on me, and it was something that



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put the fear of Falcon me, I guess you could say even.



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But you know, as I got into organized Bigfoot research, you know, based in the Dallas area, we made forays out to Falk, Arkansas. Became close friends with Smokey Crabtree, who was the location scout for that movie, The Legend of Boggy Creek, and spent time with him, and, you know, started networking with other Bigfoot people, formed the co founded the Texas Bigfoot Research Center, and started doing Bigfoot research and and Collecting reports, investigating reports, taking, you know, talking to people who reported sightings and such. So, you know, in the late 90s, I really got involved with that. And like I said, one of the first people that I I became good friends with, that was smoky crab tree. And so spent a lot of time out there in Falk. We would celebrate his birthday several years, April, 22 unfortunately, passed away in 2016 his last public appearance was at the the final under these organizers, Boggy Creek festival was in 2015 and he made a brief appearance there. And then that organization that put that event together kind of fell apart. They were wanting to move it to Texarkana. They had talks to move it to Texarkana. As a matter of fact, little funny story is the mayor of Texarkana, of course, I don't know if it was the mayor of Texarkana or the mayor of Arkansas, because that city is split right down the middle. Yeah, but, but called my good friend Mayor Terry Purvis, the mayor of Falk and. And, and basically, I guess, kind of asked him what his thoughts were on moving the foggy Creek festival to Texarkana as opposed to Fauci and Mayor Terry quipped rather quickly that, you know, he didn't, he didn't mind at all as long as the Texarkana art festival was going to be moving to Fauci like I said in and negotiations kind of fell apart there anyway, after the 2018 Texas Bigfoot conference in Jefferson, which I've been organizing and hosting since 2001 the very first one, four days after 911 Yeah, but we usually would the Sunday after the event, and Jefferson would take a trek up to Fauci, which was, is only an hour away. And we showed up with a group of people. You know, Fauci is population a little over 800 and really, other than the monster Mart there, there's not really a whole lot to see in. Found that really. So anyway, we brought a group of, I don't know, 30 or 40 people out there that piled into the monster Mart at the same time and and Mayor Terry purpose just happened to be

there talking to Denny, the owner of the monster Mart, and asked, you know, Mayor Terry asked, you know, what? Where are all these people from? Where'd y'all come from? And I told him that, you know, we just had rounded up, ended up the Texas Bigfoot conference in Jefferson. So we brought a crew of people up to Fauci to come check out the monster Mar and Fauci, you know, a lot of people had not been there, but, you know, they all knew about the legend of Boggy Creek. So we just had a caravan of people that went up there and and he lamented the fact that, you know, he wished that they still had some kind of event there in Falk, you know, celebrating the history of the foul monster there, or you want to call it the Boggy Creek monster and and the film The Legend of Boggy Creek. And as someone who, I guess, I guess I could say, professionally organizes these types of events, I told him that, you know, I'd be an honor. I'd be honored to put together a conference, an event, you know, celebrating those things there in foul to to bring people to town, to, you know, check out the surroundings there and found the environment, check out things and and to bring, you know, there's not any experts in the Bigfoot field. There's experts in in knowledge about things of that, such. So, you know, we,



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I started up the event and hosted in 2019



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for the first time, and we brought in, well, we had to turn people way at the door. Yeah, at the at the Fauci community center, it sold out, and I presented a one of those huge, giant joke checks made out to the Falcon dependent School District for \$3,000 that was a donation from the proceeds of the event to the school district. Since then, I've started up just like I have in Jefferson, the Texas Bigfoot scholarship fund I have, in fact, the the Falcon monster Scholarship Fund, where we, you know, we give away a donation to graduating senior students there in Falcon in Jefferson. So we do give, you know, give back to the community. The community has, you know, supported these events. And so we appreciate the fact that they open, you know, welcome us with open arms and and they appreciate the fact that we bring people to town, tourist to town to come spend money, you know, in their local establishments, buy gas at the gas station. You know, go to the monster Mart and buy them a soda or a slice of pizza or or whatever. But, you know, buy us certainly at the monster part. You know, load up on your foul monster souvenirs. Because, let me tell you, I was just there. Or



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what day did I go? I think I went. I



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think it was last Friday. And let me tell you, they have loaded up on even more stuff than I've ever seen, Bigfoot and foul monster souvenirs. They've got a fresh load of everything there, yeah, and so I, you know, I took some, some literature up there, some postcards to promote the event, and got to actually meet the guy that that did the the, whatever you want to call it, the

embellishments to the monster Mart when they got updated with, yeah, with the Bigfoot and fountain monster exterior details, as well as the the statues and stuff that he builds inside. But he was out there outside rigging up. He had just rigged up where the gas pumps used to be a hammock there, and has a stuffed Bigfoot out there, laying in the hammock, swaying in the breeze out there. And he was out there doing that, and it was rather windy, so he was having a little bit of a struggle with that. But I got to meet him. His name is Leroy Simmons, but I had never met him, to to talk to him, but he was rather interesting. Fell, and I told him he needed to come down to Jefferson and work some of his magic down here for the Bigfoot Capital of Texas, as he has there in foul the Bigfoot capital of Arkansas. So that's, you know how I got interested and what I've been up to regarding the event in the recent past?

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Well, and you really do put on some amazing community events, like you said earlier, Texas Bigfoot conference is literally but I would venture to say probably the oldest continuing Bigfoot conference in the country, right there, at least in the running for it, the

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Ohio one has been continuously since 1989 Okay, so they've got me beat by about 12 years, close to it, but, but, but so many people come in. You know now you can't even swing a cat by the tail and not hit a big foot conference or festival or something here in town, but when I got started, there was only about as far as an annual event that was Ohio. And there was not really in the but in in Willow Creek, California, there was like more of a parade and celebration Bigfoot there in town, but up in British Columbia, there was more of a scientific conference that was held off and on over the years every every couple of years, but, but, you know, I attended the



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the Ohio Bigfoot conference in 2000

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and shortly after forming the Texas Bigfoot Research Center, and was welcomed with open arms. And, you know, great networking and meeting people in person, as opposed to just on the internet. And I thought to myself, You know what? There's nothing like this in Texas. I bet, I bet that I could do, I could pull something like this off. And so you've had, all got started

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to amazing accolade. You have Craig, I've, I've sponsored the show easily, the last five years almost. It's, fantastic. It's a great event. All of your events are awesome. And quite honestly, a minute ago, you mentioned, you know, like there are no Bigfoot experts. And that is something that we definitely say on the show. What you have is people who are experts in certain fields of science, people who are experts in certain fields of wildlife research, people like Chester Moore,

people who, like you've had Shelly coming to Montana out talking about tracking and gathering evidence, people like that, who are experts in specific fields, who come and speak and talk and Now, granted, though you yourself, though you are not an expert, once again, have have years of actual field research under your belt, especially with, once again, helping to found the Texas Bigfoot research organization. How long were you involved with them, doing field research, and what kind of things did you find? Because not a lot of people realize that there is a great amount of Bigfoot sightings here in the Lone Star State. So much that, like you said, you you actually petition Jefferson to be Bigfoot Capital of Texas and for the area to be protected domain. For the

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species, correct, correct. Marion County, which Jefferson is the county seat in two years ago, got, two years ago now, signed a a res county resolution that Marion County was a safe haven for Bigfoot and that



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for people not to harm, kill, pester,

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harass Bigfoot. You know, that was a county resolution that was passed two years ago. In 2017 I authored the town proclamation. And in 2018 February, 12, I believe, was signed by the mayor at that time, making Texas the official Bigfoot Capital of Texas. So myself, I was involved in field research in the very beginning of the organization, when it was just myself and and Lou Gross, who we co founded it together back then in the early days. You know, it was us. You know, we started picking up steam and, and the on the website, people wanting to get involved, and, and people submitting reports. And, you know, I've talked to hundreds of people over the years that that claim and encounter a sighting or or found tracks, but I assembled a team of people that had these skills and the strengths and the knowledge, as you so succinctly mentioned earlier, that I did not have my skills were in organizing and putting this together and doing promotion and public events, and assembled a team of wildlife biologists and scientists and and law enforcement and, you know, ex military that had these skills that I did not have to be able to do field research and projects. I mean, we, we, we worked with governmental agencies even, you know, we had a long term camera project in the Big Thicket area of Texas, Southeast Texas, very swampy, very wooded, very desolate area that we actually had a permit from the National Park Service, who governs the Big Thicket, to Perform a camera study, a long term camera study for Bigfoot. We were an approved scientific research organization. We were issued a permit for this long term camera study. They didn't laugh at us. They didn't scoff at us. Well, we had to, we had to, you know, file an annual report and submit copies of all the photographs that are absolutely that are that our remote cameras took, but we never, you know, got anything certainly, that was conclusively a Bigfoot. There were some pictures that were inconclusive, that, you know, something in front of the camera moved in front of the camera that was hair covered that, you know, you couldn't make out. But we had cameras down in this and for a period of time in the Sam Houston National Forest that the the US Forest Service gave us permission to do this. We had cameras up in southeast Oklahoma that the

Nature Conservancy gave us permission to put these out. We we were working with Texas Parks and Wildlife and submitting a DNA evidence that we collected, yeah, mostly, mostly in the in the form of bear hairs that were snared and we we put hair snares out sure to where we had cameras to try and see if we could collect, you know, hair sample from, you know, an upright, bipedal hominid, yeah, and we, we got a lot of bear hairs and and Texas Parks and Wildlife who, you know, we had a relationship with, Dwayne Schlitter, who was in charge of rare, endangered, rare and endangered wildlife, knew who we were, knew what we were doing, and we submitted these bear hairs for them to compare to other bear hairs they were collecting in Texas. Just try and determine where the bears were coming from, what we're running into that were coming into Texas. And we. Submitted hairs that we were collecting in southeast Oklahoma. So, I mean, you know, we weren't ridiculed no or no or anything like that. And you know,

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that brings up two, two very important things that we speak about regularly on this show, Craig, which is, which is number one, your chance, specifically in the world of Bigfoot and cryptozoological research, your chance to actively shake hands with science and be seen as a citizen scientist. And the importance of protecting these areas you know, like, if you if you want to protect Bigfoot, you need to protect its habitat, which means you need to protect the animals in the habitat. So if you've got black bears roaming around, brown bears, you know, Grizzlies, whatever, any kind of no Grizzlies here in Texas, but you know anything like that going on, the way you protect that habitat is to protect the animal. So the fact that you guys, because what they don't have money for, they may, they may be able to fund you with a little bit of money for cameras. They may even provide you with a couple cameras. However, what they don't have money for is to loose five people into the middle of the Big Thicket five times a month to go out and get this stuff. So if you can shake hands with a local university that's doing Bird Counts, rare species counts, whatever, you know, we have amazing opportunity to help them while they help you.

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You know, I won't name the department or anything but Baylor University,

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a department in Baylor University donated

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trail cameras to us in the past to again, to try and document this. So we had a, you know, we, we put on in 2006 we actually co curated a museum exhibit titled Bigfoot in Texas, question mark with a campus of University of Texas in San Antonio. Yep, the Institute Of Texan Cultures, which I understand that that that building is being demolished, and sadly, museum is being moved. It was built in 19 for the 1968 World's Fair. And it's actually a, you know, it was, I don't know the status of right now, but it was a campus of University takes San Antonio, and it was, it

was, is a museum called the Institute of texts and cultures. Just recently been made aware that they were relocating the museum, but in 2000 and well, starting in the first part of 2005 because it took that long to put together a 2000 square foot museum exhibit, but it premiered in April of 2006 and ran through August of 2006 we put on four half day mini conferences. We actually brought in the first the first one we did. We brought in Peter Byrne, who, who was actually, you know, put in charge by



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what's his name? I can't think of his name, Tom



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of San Antonio, the Southwest Research Institute. Tom slick, okay, not, not Tom slick, the cartoon, the race car driver, but Tom slick, the Texas oil man who who mysteriously died in a plane crash, I believe, in 1962 anyway, he funded the the expeditions to the Himalayas for the bottom of snowman and also there in Northern California, and so his institution is still there in in San Antonio,



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Southwest Research Institute, and,



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and, and you know, they, you know, research with primates as well. And his niece, I can't remember her name, Catherine cook, I believe it is, actually wrote an auto biography about Tom slick, and so we she was there at the museum when Peter Byrne was there. Because, like I said, Peter Byrne and Tom slick were really good friends and and colleagues and and so we had her doing a book, book signing there at the museum at that time as well. But we brought in other, you know, big names, and had four weekend presentations. And it was, it was their most attention. Ended special exhibit at that time. And it was, it was a cool event. And, and again, this is with, you know, a major State University. Yep,



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that wasn't ridiculed.



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You know, we had at the very end. It had a, it had a very large Bigfoot that was holding two pails buckets, and one was was had a sticker that said yes, and one that said no. And the question was, you know, yeah, do you believe or need you? What is your belief in Bigfoot? And so they gave washers out and to put the washers out and and to see which, which bucket was

heavier, yeah, at the end of the day. So it was a really cool event. And, and so that's, you know, some of the cool things that have been involved, that I've been involved with in my, in my now, over 25 years of organized Bigfoot research investigation events and such. But you know, the fog monster festival conference there is coming up April 25 and 26th Yep, just just a little over a month away. We have a good lineup of speakers from mittington here in Jefferson, but he was grew up in the Texarkana area and was very, very, very, also influenced by the foul monster in the legend of Boggy Creek. Daniel Allen Jones will be there as well as a speaker. We have Jeff Stewart. We have Chester, more of the outdoorsman that you just spoke about. He's going to be giving a very cool presentation. Friday night. We're having a catered barbecue dinner there in Falk, and he's going to be giving a presentation along, you know, his dark outdoors presentation, but about the Phantom Killer of Texarkana? Yeah, that was, that was made into a movie The Town That Dreaded Sundown. So he's going to be given a dark outdoors presentation. There about that, as well as a foul monster presentation, of course, you know Chester, he, he kind of jumps around, you know, with wildlife. And, you know, he may be talking about Black Panthers, mystery big cats, or, you know, big I don't really know what Chester. I just kind of give him free reign, because

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he's got the Gulf Coast gray whites thing that he's into now too. Yeah,

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these guys, you know, white sharks and big horn sheep. And it was, you know, just

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filming with, with Lyle Blackburn down, down in the big ticket. Yeah. So, yeah, yeah,

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talking about the big ticket. Just, you were talking about, you know, Texas Parks and Wildlife wanting to get out of there. One of our investigators that was out there, you know, on the camera project actually, actually came down with dysentery. Oh, wow. Another one of our researchers actually got Lyme disease. You know, it's, you know, these areas where Bigfoot in habits, it's rough terrain, you know, up there in southeast Oklahoma, you know, it's, you gotta have a four wheel drive vehicle to get into this area. And it's a several, yeah, it's only a several mile, but it's a several mile hour trip into these places, but you know, to put yourself, you know, expose yourself to possibly getting Lyme disease or dysentery or whatever. You know, dedicated individuals are out there conducting citizen science and yeah, some of them are degreed and employed scientist. But you know, we've got also Todd, nice, long time Pacific Northwest, researcher and investigator, many, many, many expeditions up in the Pacific North. Pardon me, the Pacific Northwest. Going back to an encounter he had in 93 where he witnessed three different Bigfoot across a valley on the next mountain side, where they were doing some demolition work that he saw those and he did a lot of work with Peter Byrne and Peter Burns research projects and has hosted for many years, beach foot there. As a matter of fact, the

very last one is going to be this year, in June up in Oregon. It's beautiful up there in the Pacific Northwest, but he has since relocated, bought a house on a mountain top in Arkansas. Yes, oh, wow. And is living there now up in North West Arkansas, and doing research, and then following up on reports and doing investigations up there. And he will be speaking at the event as well. And you know, we'll have, we have guided bus tours for that go around. It's about a 50 minute tour that takes people around and and shows you where some of the locations where the movie The Legend of Boggy Creek was filmed, as well as historical and some even more recent locations of sightings of the foul monster. So we have that, like I said, to be the cater dinner Friday night the the event, oh, doors will open at 9am and the event is over about 6pm on Saturday. You can find the event on Facebook. Chris has probably posted a link somewhere. I have and you can find out. I might tease a little thing there, there is, there is a something special that's going to be announced next week. I'm just going to let you know to watch the event page that we've got something special coming up that's going to be announced next week. Haven't announced anything yet, so your audience is getting a teaser to look for something next week. Nobody else even knows there's something coming up next week, but you've been a great sponsor of the event and providing AP services, so we appreciate you and appreciate you having me on to promote the event. It's always a good time. Like I said, this is the sixth annual one that I've I've done starting 1920 2122 2324 25 is that six seven Wow, 1920 2122 2324 25 the seventh annual that myself has hosted. And we're going to be back at the foul community center there. Like I said, the the event is is going to be really cool. We're going to have some cool vendors there, the speakers that have books and and merch will be there. Unfortunately, Lyle Blackburn, who's a stalwart and regular at the event, is not able to be there this year, he his not. It's not ghoultown. It's his previous band, solitude attorneys, yep, is actually headlining in German a metal festival in Germany, yeah, the same day as the event. So Lyle will be really far away, but I think that I'm gonna have some of his signed books and some of his merch there at the event for people sure that will be sad to miss out on Lyle that are attending. He will be Well, I haven't even announced that. I guess I just started to spill the beans that announcements have not been made yet for the 2025, Texas Bigfoot conference in October, October 18 and 19th of this year here in Jefferson. But Lyle will be there speaking at that event. So there's another little preview and teaser for your audience that, again, speakers have not been announced. We've got a headliner who has never spoken at the Texas Bigfoot conference. So that's another teaser. A headliner who has never spoken. Is it big for it? I can neither confirm nor deny. Oh, that's



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how you know it is. That's That's right, it's



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nobody that's ever even



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spoken at any event in Texas. Wow. So those are those speakers. Announcements will start up probably around the first of April, and tickets will go on sale for that event shortly thereafter. Right now, we're trying to get through the fountain event right now and then. You know, as you

know, we've got the Texas UFO con coming up in August, still working on some big names for that that we have got a verbal confirmation, but you know that, and 50 cents, so might get you a cup of coffee. So that's great. That's right, not at Starbucks, though not at Starbucks. Never at Starbucks. I. Uh, maybe 750 in that maybe 750 you'd get you a cup of coffee at Starbucks. It'll get you in the

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line for for a small that's for sure. No in your time in the Big Thicket, Craig, because, of course, I loved having Chester on and talking with him about dark outdoors there. There are some wild things that a just happened in the woods, period, sure, but but especially whenever you were out in the woods for extended periods, things like that.

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What is the for you? The

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the wildest experience that you had out in the field in that kind of way, the

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wildest experience I ever had, actually, actually had took place on Bragg road. Okay, we went out there and I actually saw whatever you want to call them the spook lights. Ghost lights. I saw

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very strange light in the woods.

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Bragg road is an eight mile long road that used to be a railroad track. It's straight as an arrow, and there's not much elevation change, I mean, and there is a a an intersection, A T intersection, about halfway through. So we went down with a group of us, and we weren't really doing, you know, a research organization, I mean, a research outing, or anything like that. We were just going down to experience Bragg road, the ghost lights, the Ghost Road. And we we were that was riding with my good friend Gino Napoli, and we were leading the group down the road, halfway down, and then we were backing up into the T intersection. And since we were in the lead, we were the last car pulling in, backing up into the intersection. Is, I'm in the passenger seat and looking over to the right, and it's, you know, it's, you know, 10 o'clock at night, probably I'm looking over to the right out the passenger window, and I look out, and approximately, I would say, maybe 30 yards out into the woods. There was a bright light about

the size of a softball that was yellowish white, that was about three feet off the ground, from my perspective. I mean, I wasn't out there measuring it, sure, but just from gaging the distance and the size and the height off the ground, and as I watched it, it just basically started decreasing in size



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until it blinked out to nothing.



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And I found that pretty strange and unusual we did get out and walk around on that, that dirt road, because it wasn't the main road of the the main road of travel that was the Eight Mile Road, sure, Bragg Road, where people were driving up and down. But we got out and white, walked around and and saw another which I, you know, I never even tried to investigate, so I don't know, but it just came across to me as a weird



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light phenomenon.



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You know, the trees are out out there, probably, you know, 40, 5060, feet tall, yeah, out there. And we started seeing what looked like fireflies, lightning bugs, sure, but they were way up, way up in the tops of the trees. Oh, weird. And I don't know, like I said, I guess I could have just, you know, Google, it sure to see. But that kind of it caught me off guard, because I didn't really think that, you know, lightning bugs, fireflies, you know, flew that high. Yeah. I mean, you know, when I see them, they're, you know, certainly as a kid, you know, catching them in a jar, you know they're, you know, 3456, maybe seven, eight feet off the ground. I've never seen them. You. You know, up in the treetops before, yeah, but that was just something else that we saw, we experienced, we had, maybe, I don't know, 12 or 15 people out there, and several different vehicles, and we all saw this. I think I'm the only one that saw the light that just blanked out in the woods, but all of us saw this. You know, whatever it was. You want to call it fairy lights, you want to call it whatever I I don't know what it was, wow, but I, but I definitely saw them. And, like I said, they were up in the tops of the trees, and it was just a surreal experience. It was very beautiful, yeah, but, you know, it was a dark night, and you know the those lights floating about, about in the treetops against the dark night sky was, was, you know, something really cool to see. Never seen it before or since. Of course, that's been my only trip out there. So Well, who knows, maybe if I go out there, didn't see, we did not see the wild man of the Big Thicket as Rob Riggs, my good friend, who unfortunately passed away in 2015 wrote about he spoke at our, my conference in the very first year in 2001



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about his book and his experiences, you know, conducting research and investigations there, yeah, in the Big Thicket and certainly their Bragg Road area

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well, and once you get into the big thick I don't know that even a lot of Texans have necessarily been out into the Big Thicket. You may have drove past it or through it at some point. But if you go out, there are parts of the Big Thicket, specifically where, where you cannot see more than 1520, feet. Sure, it's so thick. And once you get up around that area where you're at in Saratoga, stuff like that, that is some of that area. So to to look at it, to be passing by and see a light. It's not like it's a flashlight in the middle of the night, out in the middle of the woods, that's that thick, you know,

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territory, yeah, there's not people out there walking around, yes, in those woods out there. I mean, people are driving up and down the road, looking to see if they see any lights or anything. They're not getting out. Like I said, we drove in halfway and parked so there weren't any other cars. Wow, they're parked in the area where we parked, which was at the T intersection of the main road, Bragg road. So I mean, there weren't people, you know, walking around out there in the woods, you know, there were people driving, you know, sporadically up and down the road. It was on a weekend, which sure, you know, you get high school kids and, you know, people that are curious and wanting to see the mystery lights, the ghost lights, or or whatever. But I don't think people are out there hiking around, like you said, out there in the woods. Yeah, so I don't know what the explanation was for this light that I saw, you know, off into the woods. I certainly didn't see anybody or any flashlights or anything other than that light, which was a ball of light that disappeared. What an incredible it didn't move it. I didn't see it, you know, moving around or floating around or anything. It appeared to be stationary, and just like I said, just decreased its size till it blanked out. Wow,



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Now with that in mind, moving moving back to Fauci Falk has sightings regularly, and you know, at least a few a year on that order. And of course, allow Blackburn is kind of the intake point for quite a bit of that that happens. But when, when people come out to the event, it's pretty frequent that I hear folks like, oh, you know, let's a a lot of people come out and camp to come to the event. There's a campground not too far off, and quite a few of those people end

up going out into the woods and going out on a hunt on their own. What what advice, after your years of being out in the big, thick head out out in those areas, Craig, what advice do you give to people a. Be for a safe hunt, be for a successful hunt.

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Well, you know, first definitely let other people know where you're at and when you're gone and when you're expected back. You know, that's the first order of business. You know, make sure you have plenty of water, plenty of provisions, that you're dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. You know, plan that you're probably going to get wet, so make sure you have dry clothes to change into, that you have a heat source. Because, you know, even now, when we're 80 degrees during the day at night out there, it's still down in the 40s, and

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it's still pretty your sweat still cause hypothermia, yeah,

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and, you know, and like you're mentioning, you know, sightings of, you know, things out there in the falcare area. You know, just last year, the day before the event kicked off, Lyle Blackburn himself was out hiking around, following up on some information he was given about. It looked like a large pile of bones that he was out there looking for. And he was walking ahead of his girlfriend April and our good friend Glenn Haskins. They were kind of behind him a bit, and they were kind of conversing about, you know, the terrain and and the good weather, and you know how pretty it was out there when Lyle caught a glimpse of what he could only describe as a hair covered bipedal Animal Crossing the path in front of him, not that far, I think he said, maybe 20 yards in front of him. Yeah, it was, it was slightly obscured by vegetation, but he definitely saw this and saw movement, saw what appeared to be dark colored hair or fur. I believe he said that, you know, he saw legs that were moving. You know, bipedal eggs, yeah. And he was blown away, you know, and, and, of course, it was already had moved on by the time he got their attention, because he was trying to be fairly quiet, not to alert whatever this was that he saw, so they didn't get to see it, but they could hear it in the underbrush moving off as they got up to that area. So you know, that's April of last year that you know Lyle, who has talked to many, many, many people out in that area about what they've seen out there actually saw something himself. So, you know there's, there's good places to go out there,



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what's it? Alex Smith, Alex Smith Park, yep, actually, in dodridge, it's, it's about 20 minutes from Fauci but there's free camping out there. A lot of the people that go to the event camp out there. There is, you know, where we have a best hotel in Tuxedo, that has special rates for

there. There is, you know, where we have a host hotel in Texarkana that has special rates for people coming in for the weekend and staying there that you can find on the Facebook page, mention of the code for the residents in and Texarkana, the very nice King Suite Hotel, free hot breakfast included king bed in every room with folding sleeper sofa, a kitchen and a lovely hotel. It is a great foundation. And the speakers, myself, a lot of the attendees will be staying there. So, you know, we'll probably doing some hanging out, you know, in the lobby or in, you know, come down, if you stay there, come down during breakfast, and you probably have a seat with one of the speakers, or myself, or whatever, for breakfast. Yep, it's just a really cool place. And, and it's only about 20 minutes to foul. Like I said, falca, I believe when I went by there, I think I saw the sign was population 845, it's when I went by the other day, back in the day, I believe, with the population sign. And the legend of BA Creek may have said population 814



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I know back in the day, it was 814



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but I think you know. And I just saw it as I was driving to the monster Mart, and I had a it was a quick trip, because I I was going to see a movie in long view. 430 film there, and we didn't get to the monster. We didn't leave the monster Mart till after, till about 215 Wow. So I was in a in a hurry. Well, just a tip. That movie, Novocaine, man. That movie is badass. Is it? It is. It is. And I didn't know that the star of that, who's also in that, in the HBO series the boys Jack Quaid, he's actually the son of Dennis Quaid, yep, and Meg Ryan, and I did not know that, yeah. But that movie, I really enjoyed it. It was funny, action packed, and I give it two non opposable thumbs up. Oh,



Speaker 2 56:07

wow, scientific thumbs up at that. I will have to check that out. Craig, well, yeah, man, thanks so much for coming on. It's always great talking with you. Always great catching up. I wish I could be at Falk this year. I'm sad I'm not at Falk. It's always a great conference, and really, more than anything for me, especially with the cryptid conferences, with Texas, Bigfoot, things like that, it is a different community.




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Well, it's about the camaraderie.





Speaker 2 56:39


It is. It really is. It's fantastic. And it's one of those that you see each other year after year, you hear each other's stories, all kinds of stuff. It's It's really fantastic. So thank you so much for everything that you do.


 **Speaker 3 56:52**
Hey, are we going to see you in Jefferson for UFO con? Or Yes, Texas Bigfoot, absolutely


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alright there, but we'll talk about that. We'll


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put that ink on your calendar absolutely


 **Speaker 2 57:07**
before we let you go. Let everybody know one last time, where they can go to follow the Falk monster festival on Facebook, where they can go to get their tickets online. Craig,

 **Speaker 3 57:17**
there is an event page. If you look up search the 2025 foul monster festival that will take you to the event page. You can also look up foul monster festival. You can look up

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that on Facebook.

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It's cross posted on a lot of my pages, my personal profile, Texas Bigfoot Research Center page. But there is an event page with the link to the registration for the event and as an event, fat monster Festival event, and that'll give you all the information, information on the speakers, the schedule of the event, all the activities involved

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and and that kind of stuff. Fantastic,

 **Speaker 2 58:07**
man. Thanks again for coming on. I appreciate it. And, oh, let



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me tell you. People can find it on Lyle's website. Felt monster.net



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that's right, that's right. There's a tap to the festival there, falc monster.net right there. We've been popping it up here and there on screen, so make sure and visit that folks, make sure to stop on by the Eventbrite, get your tickets for the Falk monster Festival this year. Craig, once again, thank you so much for the time. We'll be in touch with links, with the episode, all that kind of good stuff. Have a great festival this year. Everything goes well. We'll talk to you soon, bud. Okay, good night. All right, good night while you are online, always great. Talking with Craig wool heater, he is an amazing individual. Really does put on some fantastic community events, everything from Texas Bigfoot to Texas UFO con to Falk monster fest, all kinds of things. So while you are online, checking out everything from Falcon monster festival, folks, make sure to stop on by curious realm. Curious realm.com is where you can find all of the events that we sponsor. That's where you can find all the events that are going on around the state of Texas and elsewhere. You can also find your link to Curious Research, where you can get your copy of the field observation and encounter log. When we come back from this quick break, we will be joined by our good friend Mike turber from five by five news. We will be talking about the recently, literally within the last few hours, landed astronauts that were stranded at the International Space Station by the failed Boeing Starliner. We will be getting into that and what failures led to them being stranded, and what, what hurdles they had to overcome to bring them home, and how, how foolish. Hurdles that they have to overcome are and why we need standardization amongst our space programs, we will be right back after these message, folks, you



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everybody, and welcome back from that quick break. Thank you so much for staying around. And also, thank you so much to our sponsors, especially truehim science, if you are a user of CBD products like me, true hemp science makes some of the best products on the market. I found them a few years ago, after I was prescribed CBD by my doctor for my travel anxiety, and that began my search all over the country at dispensaries as I traveled, looking for the best products, and lo and behold, it was right here in my backyard in Austin, Texas. Christopher Lynch, the founder of true hemp science, makes some amazing product using a spideric process. They use reuse, then combust and reuse every part of the plant, from the bud to the stems to the seeds to the leaves to the shake to the roots. Everything is used, reused, combusted and reused till nothing remains, providing an amazing full spectrum product, complete with terpene profiles and the literally, the best thing that I have found anywhere, stop on by check them out. Truhimpscience.com is the website that you want to go to curious seven is the code that you want to use to save 7% off your entire cart of \$50 or more and get two count them, two free edibles on your way out the door as well. Our guest in this segment is the amazing Mike turber from five by five news. We talked to him about so many security things, aerospace, things, design, things, things in the world of security. We are having him on tonight to talk about the stranded astronauts from Boeing who are now home. They have made it home. An eight day trip turned to nine months. You could not, you could not get more Gilligan's Island than that, and our president had something to say about that this last week. Let's, let's hear it from Donald himself here

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in space. What is your message? We love you and we're coming up to get you, and you shouldn't have been up there so long. The most incompetent president in our history has allowed that to happen to you, but this president won't let happen. We're going to get them out. We're coming up to get you. I've authorized Elon. I said, can you get them out? Because, you know, they've been left up there. I hope they like each other, but they've been maybe they'll love each other, I don't know, but they've been left up there. Think of it. And I see the woman with a wild hair and good, solid head of hair she's got, there's no kidding, there's no games with her hair. But

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true poetry, true poetry in action,

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but in all sincerity, the astronauts are home now, speaking of sincerity. Hey, Mike, how you doing, buddy? Thank you so much for coming back on as always to talk about topics like this, because it's something that is fascinating to me. I don't know how we talked about the Boeing

Starliner failures when they happened, and the fact that, like we don't know when these ash. Knots are coming home. That was many, many months ago that we talked about that, Mike. So welcome back to the show.



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Don't look bright. Star now. You got me on mute. There you



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go. Sorry about that. I had you muted, buddy. Yeah,



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what I'm saying that the future looks bright. It just doesn't look very bright for Starliner, that's how my future



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as you wear your shades at night, talking about the future looks so bright, exactly and yeah, yeah, unfortunately, the future is not that bright for Starliner, whether or not Starliner will continue as a label within NASA, things like that we do not know As of right now, things are more than up in the air. It was not their first failure, though, with the Starliner, they'd had issues before, and then there were issues that delayed their launch, from communication issues all kinds of things and



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things of that nature. Yeah, it's, you know, one thing you have to remember, this is a CFT. It's a free flight test. And during during these you're going to have issues, and that's why you have, you know, these types of tests, and you have test pilots and what have you. But the the issue becomes, like, in his, in this case, they're pretty lucky that they were going to the space station, yeah, you know, not to the moon. That helps. But the other, the other scenario that you have to look at, a lot of people wondered, you know, why that we couldn't just send up a falcon nine and you just go grab them, yeah. Well, the problem is, is a falcon nine, if you get on a dragon space capsule, you have to have their particular proprietary suit to wear. So those had to be made, plus they had to learn the procedures on coming home on a different spacecraft than they left, because they had never been trained on Dragon. So there's a there's a process they had to go through anyway. And they learned all this while in space. It's the first time it's ever had where someone goes to space in one type of craft and they're coming home in a completely different craft. So they had to learn all that. So some of the time makes sense, but yeah, they weren't supposed to be here. This was June 5, I think was the launch, does? It's been a while, yeah, beyond, well,

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once again, eight days supposed to be a casual eight day mission. Go up, test systems, things like that, connect, disconnect, come home, and and it was, it was when they went to connect that they heard those horrible sounds,

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yeah, and thank you and I both knew almost immediately, kind of what that what that sound was, yeah. And I think that's actually how they got someone actually, you know, heard that and told them that that sound like a feedback loop on a on audio feed, yeah, yeah. So, and they were struggling for like, 24 hours, trying to figure out what that was, yep, kind of an eerie sound. But in,

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you know, it's, it's interesting that a musk, Musk was the one that went up, rescued them, all that kind of stuff. But you'd think one of the first things that would happen with Doge would be they would go through this program, both programs, all programs that are vying for these contracts, and make sure that there is some sort of actual standard to these things. You don't give things that are cross compatible, like Well, as of right now, between like you were saying, between the different brands, between Dragon capsule and and the Starliner, the suits and though the umbilicals and the way that they connect to life support are 180 degrees different, the only thing that is similar between them is the way that they dock to the International Space Station. That's it. That's the only thing that's similar between them. There's no way, once again, that a pilot from one can hop into the other and just up and go. You know, the

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idea dates all the way back to so use when it was decided that there needed to be some sort of international docking ring that be utilized in case there's some sort of, you know, tragic event, or micro meteoroid or whatever. And that was, that's, that was a good thing. That's something you know, that you see when countries that are basically competitive with each other, and in the case of Russia, essentially enemy, and becoming an enemy again, I guess, you know, but the space programs were still operating separate, so that's so good to see to this day. I hope that continues, same,

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same, and that's a I mean, granted, they haven't been doing a lot in space, things like that because of their war with the Ukraine all that kind of stuff. So. It's not like, not like. We could have been like, hey, send a so use up, you know. And yes, there have been resupply missions to the International Space Station, things like that. But most of those are automated missions, that kind of stuff. They they are not return capsules to come home, things like



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that. And in case of So, use their their theirs do. Yes, yes. But some of those aren't necessarily human rated. You have human rated, yeah, no, exactly.

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They're, they're made to, they're made to get energy bars up there.

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Yeah, that's why you have, like, Dragon crew, and then you have the dragon reach supply missions and stuff like that. It's a different set of systems that allows them to carry a lot more food and stuff. Yeah. Which in this particular case, they brought up the extra suits that they need to, needed to use to to come home. So that was a good thing. But I think Boeing has a lot of deep insight into their own selves to figure out exactly what their future is going to be. You know, with the budget overruns that they had, with the several test failures that they had, it's not good PR for them, especially when you go over to the civilian side, when you see the civilization side having a lot of issues. You know, Boeing, hopefully will, they'll pull through. Well, this ain't.

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And then, no, I was gonna say that's something that we've spoken extensively about on the show. Is that failures with Boeing, not just commercially and airline wise, but But with this, it's, it's frightening, when you think about that, in lines with them being one of the larger defense contractors out there, you know? And one thing that

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I that I I hope doesn't happen, is that Doge doesn't get into a contest of, of going into a business like a Boeing or something like that, looking at those contracts while Musk is on board. I think that's kind of a conflict, and I think it would probably create more issues. We've already seen it a little bit where, yeah, you know, so ideally that that situation gets resolved. Because, you know, I think, I think that Department of government efficiency is aptly named, yes, as you think about where'd they get that series of letters from? 500 there.

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But in all sincerity, you know, I'll flash it up on screen again, the the Rift, and this is something that really needs to be addressed, along with the the standardization of things, you know, because without the standards, how do we how do we cross compat stuff? How do we make sure that something like this doesn't happen again, you know? And, and when you look at the budgetary difference, right, uh, between the Dragon capsule and the star liner, the star liner was 4.2 billion compared to 2.6 billion for Dragon



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that's, that's, that's crazy, that's crazy. That is a that is a large chasm of a difference in funding, like, to one and a half times.

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And the cost per seat difference between the 90 million versus was the other 150, or 55 or something like, yeah, you know, I think that number is probably way off, way off base. Well,

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90 million to 55 million, you know, yeah. And that's that just so, you know, folks that is per seat, per per number of people that can fit in the cabin. So, you know? And that's that means, life support systems, for reach, you know, all that kind of stuff, but, but even that is a massive gap of a difference almost double, almost double. And

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if you're looking at it, and if you looked at both, both capsules, side by side, and didn't know anything about them, who made them nothing in the head, there's, there's no identifying marks on them. And you looked inside, and you would ask yourself, Gee, I wonder which one cost 90 million and which one cost less you would, you would probably choose dragon every time. It's just It looks so futuristic. I mean, I remember the first time coming inside of that, and I was actually parked in the dragon parking lot in Hawthorne. And when I've got to see the mock up that they had, I was floored. I was like, Wow. This is, this is truly Star Trek kind of, kind of level. Here. It just so every lines were clean. Everything is just so there's no switches and buttons all these different things. But then, you know that fear factor part comes in your mind. It's like, wow. That could also be a catastrophic thing if something happens without a series of redundancies and stuff like this, because I can repair a switch. What am I going to do with software? Right?

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Well, well, and that is something that I have openly said on this show, that I don't know if I would step into a Dragon capsule, because there is no hard bypass. There's no hard bypass option. And when you, when you look at the the dragon carrier, the this. Our line are like, there's, there's Granted, these are all soft buttons. They're all encoders. It's not like an actual

potentiometer, you know, that you're turning, or something like that. They're all, they're all encoders that are leading to software. However, there's still something that you can bypass that's there. You know, it's so

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about the mechanical nature of something as opposed to something being so offhand. I'm comfortable in both worlds, but when it comes down to something where I'm when I'm flying an aircraft, or something like that, yeah, I kind of had that, that, that feeling of, you know, safety, yeah, and security, when I can see familiar instruments that have been around for a long time, well,

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well and familiar ways to work. There's a reason why, and it doesn't matter what position you are in an STS mission and a shuttle mission for NASA, everybody going up has to have some kind of engineering background. Everybody, everybody, even Christy McCullough, had some engineering background in her, you know, and that's why she was allowed to go up. Aside from that, you learn everything, as far as being an astronaut, but the whole reason behind that engineering background is so that a you can somewhat at least hack your way through a schematic right and problems and pull an Apollo 11 where, like, we're gonna have to walk you through this. You ready to go, so you have some duct tape and velcro right cool, and we're gonna walk you through saving your life in outer space with your engineering skills, yeah. Think of politics

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Yeah, yeah. No problem. Um, I figured put that dig in. That was good. But, um, you know that that was, that was an incredible thing to watch unfold, especially the way the movie portrayed and everything like that. It was just really neat to see the the ability to problem solve on the fly, yeah, and you can't do that in a craft that doesn't really have all these extra wires hanging

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from up here, yeah, well, we don't need that switch. Let's cut the wires and permanently put them together exactly, you know. So it's system connected, you know.

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But I think overall, in this, in the short term, I think Boeing is going to essentially continue to try

to keep Starliner a viable thing, and NASA does like having some sort of redundant program between two competing companies, or whatever. It doesn't matter, as long as they have some sense of redundancy. But the way I see it long term, I just, I just don't really see it happening unless some major changes at Boeing itself are handled, because they have a lot of internal issues, as evidenced by, you know, they remember the guy that was going to go do the testifying whistleblower, yeah, out of there, and a bunch of other whistleblowers popped up until, you know, he was found not alive,



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you know those issues, those issues make people question a lot of other things. I mean, if they're having these issues on this side, they're having issues with the aviation side, and they're having issues with internal whistleblowers talking about them cutting corners on putting switches out and things of that nature. There needs to be a government oversight in that. And it can't just be the FAA. It can't just be NASA sending some guy there, checking off lists periodically. It really needs to be someone watching that entire process as it goes through. And part of the reason for that is not necessarily that accidents do happen. We realize that, but also on a bigger scale, when an accident happens, it basically, it hurts our country, it hurts our standing and things of that nature. So having some sort of ongoing program to to oversee that is something important now, supposedly, they obviously would have that, but it's not the way people think. It's not someone that's there working inside their facility day to day, watching operation and helping check off those lists. It just, it's not to that level, but, you know, we'll see, we'll see how this pans out. And hopefully they can turn it around and make something good out of it,

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hopefully, and once again, that it's, it's a strange thing, and granted, you know, once again, failures happen. I mean, hey, Musk has lost no less than two rockets in the last three months, you know, and, and when you play with rockets, you're literally just playing with explosives in a big container with with a very controlled outlet, you know, even even my son with his first rocket, you know, I was. Very excited. He got it at Christmas. It was a little electronic one, and I had to warn him, you may not get this back one day. You're gonna launch it and the wind's gonna catch it. It's gonna go on drone. Sure enough, that first day, that first day, he lost his rocket on top of the school. You know, because the wind, wind caught it, took it and, you know, that's rocketry. That's how that works. You know, you're not gonna bang 100% it just doesn't work that way. So, at what point do you do you halt funding to a program? Michael, at what point does that stop? You know, what point does something become? The literal Chevy Nova of the skies? It

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needs to be part of the program. I mean, that needs to be part of an issue. If they exceed costs

by X percent, then this cancels the program automatically. It's an automatic thing, yeah, if they have a safety issue that that prolongs, keep in mind that Starliner was going to had several missions already planned to, you know, to go to the space station wagon. And when those didn't go, SpaceX picked up on those. So you have these provisions should be built into the program that look, if you can't get it together within X amount of time or X amount of cost, then your program will be automatically shut down. And that's, that's it, yeah, and that's effectively, you know how it should be done. But as always happens is the companies petition to the government and say, Hey, we're doing this, and we had this cost overrun due to unforeseen circumstances, which, obviously all circumstances are unforeseen. Yeah, yeah. I love it when they say unforeseen circumstances have caused this. Well, if you would have seen them, then they wouldn't be unseen circumstances causing the issue. Some of the terms that people use are just the layers, but the in the long run, you know, Boeing needs to be a viable part of that space, community and and and produce products that will push, push our, you know, Frontier forward. This is our final point here.

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Here's the thing, though, they are a vital part of the aviation community. They have been a vital part of many space projects before, right? You know, how is it that Firefly aerospace literally right here in my backyard with a facility no larger than a friggin super Walmart, right? Can land on the moon and do it and wreck it and just like, hey, here's, here's the lunar eclipse from the moon. Like, first time out, you know, um, but yet again, here's Boeing contractor since the beginning of contractors, just about, you know, one of, one of the literal competitors for for people like Howard Hughes, yeah, you know, like, like, Boeing has been around longer than Lockheed.

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Well, back in the day, a lot of, a lot of this stuff was done by a type of acquisition, where companies would acquire other companies. You got, you know, Lockheed Martin, you got Donald Ducks, and you have these different companies that grew and acquired technology through acquisition. Then you have a company come along that's a true game changer, like SpaceX, who basically went to, you know, remember, Elon went to Russia to look at buying some of the rocket motors, in my view, and that that became a joke, a running joke in the industry. But he basically came back and said, I'm going to build it. And the the transition of the like the rafter engine, for example, what that engine has gone through is so clean now to see that engine and compared it to the Raptor one and raptor three is coming out, it's an amazing thing. And the efficiency of the motors has exceeded anything that he could have got, essentially from Russia, including the RS 25 so as you, as you look forward and you try to determine, Okay, who's you know, there's there's good and bad on each each one. But when you advance through acquisition, are you truly advancing? If you require someone else's technology and you pull it in your phone, I get it. That makes sense. It's a quick way to do things. But if you develop the technology and do it in in many ways, the way Elon, because a lot of people question, you know, you launch a rocket to test it, see if it's if it works, and then you learn from that, and you keep doing it, which is what's happening with the starship. Yeah. And when you look at how expensive that would normally be if, could you imagine. Of the government saying, Okay, we're going to launch eight starships, and of that, we expect maybe only two will probably, you know, make it through. People would have a hard time with it,

especially with the amount of money that they they put into it. But the way Musk is doing it, and the way they're planning on mass producing those things that's done from the beginning, it's, it's, it's done from the beginning to mass produce that, that that rocket, and every try to make as much of it reusable as possible. And that factors into the cost factor that, that, that Boeing, you know, for years and years and years they, they've made X amount of dollars with the cost overrun, so that it's kind of programmed into their system. I guess I don't, I mean, I don't want to giggle for them, yeah, yeah, that's not the right way to run a business is, is knowing you're going to expect some overruns and delays and that'll keep that part of the business going. And I don't think they necessarily went into it with that mindset, but it just seems to where it happens so often we expect it now,

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well, you know, it what it does, Mike, it's not necessarily that they built it in or anything like that, but what it does is speak to a corporate mentality. It is. It really speaks to a corporate mentality whenever, and believe me, there's a lot of things folks that I am not a fan of Elon for, you know, like speaking of Ford novas, like the Tesla now has a worse road record than the Nova. As far as fire deaths, like, more people have died in fires in their own Tesla than died in the Chevy Nova, and that was one of the first cars ever pulled for safety concerns. He just had to pull a full recall on a whole series of them, because the panels are falling off the side, you know. So there's a prime example, like you were saying, of what happens through acquisition instead of creation. Many people forget the fact that Elon purchased Tesla. They were a company that had tons of pre orders for the first models and stuff like that, before he purchased them, you know. And it's interesting to see that evolve into what is now the Tesla when, once again, the the Falcon nine and and the Dragon capsule and everything else are raving success because it was scratch ground up, you know. And when it's scratch ground up, you you are literally you're cooking things in a different way. You're thinking about things in a different way. It's no longer, how do we take what we have and move forward. It's, How do we create what we need at the end with the fewest steps possible here? Yeah, you know. And

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here's a quick Case in point, Tim Dodd, Everyday Astronaut. He was visiting with Musk at the at their facility, Bucha chicken facility, and they were going over some different things about the rockets and and he mentions to musk, he's like, Well, they were talking about the thrusters using a hot gas thruster, you know. And when Tim said something to Musk about, well, maybe, maybe you could do this. And Musk literally stopped dead in his tracks, right there. And should be said. It is. He says, You know what? That's right, we're good, that that's what we should do.



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mean, when someone can take an idea from from a a space enthusiast, which is what Tim Dodd, pretty much is, and make a change that fast and accept the fact that you don't have to

...and, pretty much, is, and make a change that fast and accept the fact that you don't have to have a whole team of people try to research and figure this out, blah, blah, blah, and just do it. It makes more sense. And that's kind of what makes some of these companies operate a little better when, when you have someone at the helm, like an Elon Musk, who has it, and not necessarily, he's not like, you know, an engineer to, you know, to an extent that we would call him an engineer, but he's done things, and he has to learn enough about it to know how that operates, to the point where he probably knows a lot more about engineering than a lot of engineers do. But the the end result is, is that you get a company that can streamline, learn from their mistakes, quickly and adapt. That's something you're not going to see at the old school large companies like the Boeings and some of the other ones. The only, the only other, the only other company I've seen that has any thing like what Musk has. I have to look at Skunk Works and Lockheed Martin, where, they did do a lot of things on the fly, and they got a lot accomplished. And most of the records in the world are held by any aircraft that they make, an aircraft that fits into that category. They own the records so

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well, and I think that that comes from a truly collaborative team spirit of of. Um, quite literally that had, how do we accomplish the impossible? Yeah, you know, like, Not, not. How do we take a task to the next level, or, but, but, how do we do something that's literally never been done? And