

Red Menace: Order of the Arrow Chinese Fakes

As the editor of the Scouting Hot Finds I scour eBay several times per week looking for auctions that I think are noteworthy. While writing my [December 2 issue](#) of the Hot Finds I spotted one of my favorite flaps of all time – the Unilachtego S1. The patch looked so mint and clean that I stuck it in there. The next day I got an email back from one of the readers alerting me to the fact this seller was lifting images off of OAIMAGES.COM and using them to build bogus listings. His dirty trick was a bait-and-switch. He used the image of the classic issue but sent a computer embroidered fake. Above is a link to the auction that tricked me. This seller's eBay name is [discountbar](#). Not very original but as you'll discover further on in this document he isn't the first or the last Chinese seller of fake OA flaps we are going to encounter.

[OA: BSA Lodge 411 UNILACHTEGO s1](#)



In this screen grab from that December 2 issue you can see he tricked me on not one but two S1 flaps. The 560 S1 and the 411 S1 shown here are the actual images lifted from OAIMAGES.COM and used in his auction. I fell for it hook, line and sinker. It wasn't too long before I got tricked by another related seller, 2011tophunter. He is somehow connected to discountbar because some of their fakes are the same patches but he does have some of his own. He lured me in with listing: [OA BSA LODGE 378 GILA ArrowCorps5 Silver Mylar Border FLAP](#). Turns out this is one of the flaps that both Chinese accounts are selling. So they are either in business together or just the same person with two eBay accounts which is entirely possible.

eBay Scouting Hot Finds Newsletter

Weekend Update Edition

Greetings!
Now that December is here we will find out if the category shrinks down a little or if the shopping season also applies to collectibles in the Boy Scout category of eBay. This issue of the Scouting Hot Finds covers the next 48 hours on the site and I've been able to include some listings that are so far coming in at bargain prices. Check out these auctions and see if any of them work for you.

Scouting Auctions Getting All the Attention
We have a legitimate five star auction today with the 1910 hardcover edition of the Boy Scout handbook. The bidding is already up to \$900+ and rising. Nothing else in this issue can touch that price but there are still some good pieces included below.

- [RARE 1910 BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK ORIGINAL EDITION](#)
- [Boy Scout 1935 National Jamboree Blue Neckerchief](#)
- [1960 SCHIFF Scout Reservation 50 Years of Service Patch](#)
- [Vintage Sterling Silver EAGLE Scout Ring - Sz 9](#)

December 2, 2011

OA Hot Finds



OA Lodge 538 Baluga ZS-2.5



Neemat 124 VIGIL Flap Patch

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Smiling All The Way to the Bank

	<p>OA: BSA Lodge 411 UNILACHTEGO s1</p> <p>Returns: Accepted within 7 days</p> <p>View similar active items Sell one like this</p> <p>Enlarge</p>	13 Bids	\$137.48	Dec-03 05:15
	<p>OA: BSA LODGE 525 PACHACHAUG S4a</p> <p>Returns: Accepted within 7 days</p> <p>View similar active items Sell one like this</p> <p>Enlarge</p>	10 Bids	\$102.50	Dec-03 05:18
	<p>OA: BSA Lodge 411 UNILACHTEGO Patch</p> <p>Returns: Accepted within 7 days</p> <p>View similar active items Sell one like this</p> <p>Enlarge</p>	12 Bids	\$100.87	Dec-11 05:47
	<p>OA: BSA Lodge 560 Eswau Huppeday S1</p> <p>Returns: Accepted within 7 days</p> <p>View similar active items Sell one like this</p> <p>Enlarge</p>	15 Bids	\$51.00	Dec-03 05:24
	<p>OA: BSA Lodge Neemat 124 s17 Patch</p> <p>Returns: Accepted within 7 days</p> <p>View similar active items Sell one like this</p> <p>Enlarge</p>	14 Bids	\$50.00	Dec-03 04:59
	<p>OA: BSA lodge 338 Sikhs Mox Lamonti Flap Patch</p> <p>Returns: Accepted within 7 days</p> <p>View similar active items Sell one like this</p>	6 Bids	\$46.26	Jan-04 06:56

This graphic shows you his top selling listings so far. I include this to show you why this is going to be a problem. In some of these listings he used the picture lifted off of OAimages.com. With results like this there is plenty of incentive for him to continue and we could be looking at an exponential jump in the number of fakes he will produce.

A Problem That Is Never Going Away

Someone in the hobby who has been fighting against fake OA flaps for years is John Pannell, webmaster of OAimages.com. I had John on my [Scouting Hot Finds Radio Show](#) recently and this is what he said of these fakes: “With so much of patches being made in China you are going to have that.” I took John’s words to heart because I knew that if I could get fooled by these cats – with as much time as I spend on eBay – then something had to be done to sound the alarm once again and educate the hobby about this menace. John has done an excellent job of this over the years and I invite you to visit his site for his excellent library of images documenting the fakes from the last decade, especially the hundreds of varieties produced by [XFlip97](#).

So whether it’s the year 2004 and we are being hit by XFlip97, or 2007 and sellers named sunbrillante and [sina-patchbar](#), or today’s [discountbar](#) and 2011tophunter I think John is right when he says that these fakes are not going away. That doesn’t leave many arrows in our quiver as collectors to keep our hobby safe from these patches. Without getting into a long diatribe – eBay will only do so much to cut the head off these snakes and they often sprout up later with new names. It’s left to us to try and educate each other – share information and try and turn off the spigot on our end. Sadly many collectors are bidding on these patches knowing they are fakes just so they can put them in their collection. I’ve built a question based on that dilemma in the [Facebook Page for Scouting Hot Finds](#) and I invite you to weigh in yourself.

Where Did discountbar Come From

	<p>OA WWW BSA Kootz SE 5234 alaska patch</p> <p>Returns: Accepted within 7 days View similar active items Sell one like this</p> <p>Enlarge</p>	4 Bids	\$17.50	Oct-06 22:55
	<p>Mint 21st World Scout Jamboree, 2007 Patch #2</p> <p>Returns: Accepted within 7 days View similar active items Sell one like this</p> <p>Enlarge</p>	2 Bids	\$11.01	Oct-07 07:04
	<p>OA 428 Loquanne Allangwh F-1c, Paris, TX PATCH</p> <p>Returns: Accepted within 7 days View similar active items Sell one like this</p> <p>Enlarge</p>	6 Bids	\$21.83	Oct-07 07:15
	<p>OA, Naguonabe (31), S-9, Tough Restriction PATCH</p> <p>Returns: Accepted within 7 days View similar active items Sell one like this</p> <p>Enlarge</p>	7 Bids	\$18.37	Oct-07 07:20
	<p>OA BSA lodge383 TAHOSA PATCH</p> <p>Returns: Accepted within 7 days View similar active items Sell one like this</p>	6 Bids	\$7.17	Oct-07 07:29

This graphic shows his recent batch of auctions as they closed in early October. Even from the beginning he was selling his own homegrown fakes as you can see later in this eBook. The downright dirty trick of using the picture straight from OAIMAGES.COM is something he perfected later. John Pannell received word that in an email exchange with a potential buyer that discountbar revealed the source of his fakes to be none other than sina-patchbar. This eBay seller was mentioned earlier as one that had so many fakes on eBay back in 2007. I want to put forward the theory that sina-patchbar and discountbar are actually the same person with two different accounts. Here is my evidence.

One nice thing about eBay is that they keep the record of your feedback going back for years and years. This provides a unique window that allows you to see what someone sold even long after that item has been deleted from the system. Take a look at these lines from his feedback trail. I do not intend to embarrass the buyers here but I need the whole line to show the dates so you can see my evidence.

	<p>Took a little longer than expected, other than that excellent buy!</p> <p>#6 OA Croatan 117 Pirates of the Croatan 2007 Conclave (#320152846709)</p>	<p>Buyer: abney11b (48 ★)</p> <p>US \$3.99</p>	Sep-24-07 11:25
	<p>AAA+++</p> <p>#4 Puerto Rico Council "80th Ann" CSP - Limited Edition (#320151768396)</p>	<p>Buyer: ronheuss (187 ★)</p> <p>US \$17.50</p>	Sep-23-07 02:01
	<p>Quick easy</p> <p>#8 OA Chippanyonk (59), S-1a, First Flap PATCH (#320148675121)</p>	<p>Buyer: 49bigdog (558 ★)</p> <p>US \$32.17</p>	Sep-22-07 14:33
	<p>took time to arrive, but to be expected, great condition and carefully packaged</p> <p>#1 OA BSA 428 Loquanne Allangwh F-1c, Paris, TX PATCH (#320152843483)</p>	<p>Buyer: raptoric (426 ★)</p> <p>US \$0.99</p>	Sep-21-07 11:59

So as you can see back in September of 2007 here are four of his fakes that sold on eBay – receiving positive feedback no less. As you will see later in this eBook all four of these patches are among the current patches

he is selling on eBay. However, these are not the only examples of patches from 2007 (remember the timeline with sina-patchbar) that now match his current fakes. Here are some other titles that I pulled from his feedback that match perfectly with the fakes we are now seeing on eBay.

Nov-26-2007 OA BSA WWW Cherokee (50), S7a, Merged PATCH [\[see current fake is a match\]](#)

Nov-23-2007 OA WWW BSA Kootz SE 523 alaska PATCH [\[see current fake is a match\]](#)

Nov-15-2007 Mint 21st World Scout Jamboree, 2007 [\[see current fake is a match\]](#)

Another patch that hasn't shown in this recent wave but was sold frequently in 2007 and 2008 was:

 as advertised, well packed & promptly sent Buyer: dosborn_96 (479 ) Apr-20-08 08:22
#3 OA BSA Naguonabe (31), S-9, Tough Restriction PATCH (#320232323116) US \$4.22

Although we are all on to him now there was at least one buyer back four years ago that knew what was happening and expressed that opinion in his feedback. Ironically, this Puerto Rico CSP is one that he has brought back in his new listings.

Sold me fake PR CSP. Claimed innocence but keeps on selling them on Ebay. Buyer: scoutboricua (809 ) Nov-30-07 09:40

- Rating mutually withdrawn
Buyer and seller mutually agreed to withdraw feedback for this item. [Learn more about calculating Feedback revisions-](#) opens in a new window or tab.

#4 Puerto Rico Council "80th Ann" CSP - Limited Edition (#320170952864) US \$10.77

I keep a pretty close tab on eBay and I know that eventually discountbar will lose his selling privileges if he continues to get negative feedback. eBay might have been the wild wild west back in the late 1990s but today the site is super focused on buyers having a good experience on the shopping site. They don't tolerate sellers who continue to provide a bad experience because they know that some of those buyers won't return. So far discountbar has received some well deserved negative feedback over the last few months.

 3 patches clearly FAKES. No refund until patches returned & good feedback left.

OA BSA lodge 442 Wauna La-Mon'Tay RED WHT GRN Border Patches (#320799763890)

 This is a poor quality fake. Picture is not of patch shipped.

OA, Cherokee (50), S-7a PATCH, Merged 1999 (#320777088780)

 Displayed a legitmate 428 F1c but shipped a very bogus fake. He did refund my \$

- Reply by discountbar (Dec-01-11 04:15):
Full refunded his money and tried the best to communicate with

OA 428 Loquanne Allangwh F-1c, Paris, TX PATCH (#320771491108)

⊖ Beware of fake merchandise!!!! Seller did refund all the monies!
OA BSA LODGE 29 NOQUET 2011 FIRST FLAP (#320806203538)

⊖ The badge is replica.

- Reply by discountbar (Dec-04-11 04:49):
Send payment after a whole week, never reply message, reject any solution

Mint 21st World Scout Jamboree, 2007 (#320784747564)

I really debated sharing the next link because my purpose in writing this eBook is not to blame the collectors who are buying these patches from him but rather to expose the truth about his now five year legacy of selling fake items into our hobby. Ultimately, each of us needs to decide whether we want to do business with this seller. I do think that if we stop bidding on these pieces of cloth that he has probably less than a dollar invested in then the tide might turn. If you want to see his complete feedback including the results of recent auctions and who won them [click here](#).

The Purpose of the eBook

I have been dabbling with the idea of making collector eBooks as resource guides for some time now and it seemed that this electronic publication might be the best platform to document and share the knowledge on these Chinese eBay sellers. The benefits of an eBook are that it is in full color, can be easily shared as a PDF, emailed, posted online or printed out. The other benefit that I saw is that it allows me to build links to the documented items so that you can get a closer look. While these links will eventually lead to an empty page when eBay lets the listings drop off their site (after 90 days) I thought that this would still be a useful feature to include.

The most important aspect of the eBook is, of course, the images. You may not be aware of this but when eBay finally does get motivated to take action on a seller or a specific listing they go nuclear. When and if they ever get enough bad feedback on discountbar for example they will likely erase all memory of him from the site. When you search his name it will come up as “no longer a registered user” (we can only hope! ha ha). His feedback will be scoured and all of his closed listings will disappear so that nothing will be left to document that he was on the site. While that sounds good it also means that there is no way to go back and see these images and compare how they are different from the legitimate issues that they are based on.

One of the comments I got on Facebook was from my old OA Section Adviser and well known collector Bill Loeble. He said of the fakes, “In rare situations I might pick one up to compare to a real one so I don't get cheated. for example, I got a few Bates fakes years ago to make sure I got the real one for my collection.” Dave Miura commented to a [Patchblanket.com thread on 2011tophunter](#) and said, “I noticed in one of his negative feedbacks that the buyer accused him of showing an original flap in the auction picture, but sending a fake instead. That's outright fraud and he should be shut down, but collectors won't know what the fake looks like unless he scans it . . . or someone buys it.” So what I am trying to do with this eBook is preserve the images (yes borrowed from his listings) so that in the future we can have a reference for this current wave of Chinese fakes.

The Format of the eBook

What I decided to do was include every unique fake that I could find from these two new sellers listed in numerical order by lodge number. This way if I have to subsequent updates to the eBook (let's hope not!) it will be easy enough to drop the new images in. Because the main focus of this book is the eBay seller discountbar the format is primarily to feature his images. Where eBay seller 2011tophunter sold the same flap I've included that notation. In a few cases items have only been sold by 2011tophunter and those are included in numerical order as well and noted in the sidebar. As mentioned earlier I wanted to make it easy to reference the listings so I've included both a photo and text hyperlink to the most recent listing. These links should stay active for 90 days until eBay purges the data from their system.

I Need Your Feedback

I have written this eBook without getting any advice or feedback from other collectors. That can sometimes be a treacherous venture and it's likely there are some mistakes included. If you have any suggestions or corrections please email me and I will address those right away. I especially would like to get an email if you see another listing pop up from these two sellers that I haven't included. Likewise, if you see another Chinese seller start up with more fake issues please alert me as well. For general comments I'd LOVE for you to leave comments on the blog post that I've created for this eBook. These comments and suggestions will be invaluable to me as I move forward and try to both update this document and strike out with new ideas for future reference material to serve the hobby.

Stay In Touch With Me On The Web

I have a number of things going on the web and I'd like to take just a ½ page to share that with you. The main part of my online business is as an eBay seller. I have an [eBay Store](#) and also a [Scout Memorabilia ProStore](#) where I sell Boy Scout items. My interest in Scouting collectibles led me to begin publishing a collectors newsletter focused on the best live auctions on eBay. I call it the [Scouting Hot Finds](#) and it now comes out every Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday with each issue covering a small window focused on exciting auctions in the Boy Scout category. With my interest in following eBay sales I now maintain several other online properties that cater to this idea. I have a blog at [ScoutingHotFinds.com](#) where I post interesting analysis and notes about what's selling on eBay. I run a forum on [Patchblanket.com](#) where people can post about any topic related to Scouting memorabilia. Every week I host an Internet call in radio show called [Scouting Hot Finds Radio](#). In the show I interview people from the hobby my mission is to tell the history of the hobby not just the memorabilia. I've also branched out in videos and I produce a weekly [Top 10 video](#) which recaps the ten best listings that sell each week in the Boy Scout category. Many of these efforts are integrated into the [Scouting Hot Finds Facebook page](#) and I invite you to "like" the page if you are a Facebook user. I use [Santeeswapper.com](#) as a portal featuring RSS feeds to all the new content on my sites. [BoyScoutTweet.com](#) is an aggregator that pulls in all Twitter feeds related to Scouting.



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The graphic features a cartoon Native American figure with a feathered headdress and a bow. The text is arranged in a vertical layout with various colors and fonts to highlight different aspects of the promotion.

Discountbar's Dirty Tricks

In the following four examples I demonstrate how he pulled patch images from John Pannell's website and then used them to dupe collectors into thinking they were going to get the real thing.



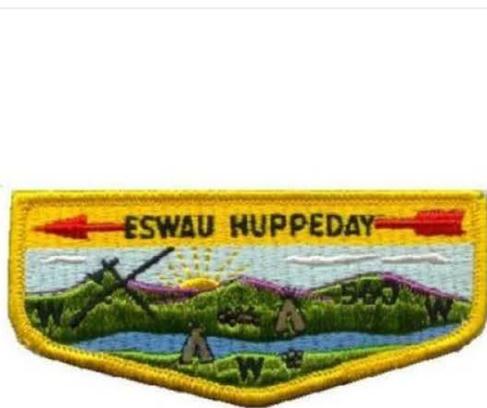
560 Eswau Huppeday



In this example the patch on the top left was lifted from OAIMages.com and used in an auction. Later he then created his own version of this patch pictured left and is now selling this flap.

[OA: BSA Lodge 560 Eswau Huppeday Flap](#)

[OA: BSA Lodge 560 Eswau Huppeday S1](#) (link to auction where he used the image from OAIMages.com but sent the fake above)



OA: BSA Lodge 560 Eswau Huppeday S1

Like

Item condition: **New**

Ended: Dec 03, 2011 05:24:00 PST

Bid history: 15 bids

Winning bid: **US \$51.00**

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Shipping: **\$3.99** Economy Shipping from outside US
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Delivery: Estimated within 13-22 business days

Returns: 7 days money back, buyer pays return shipping | Read details



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Seller info

discountbar (242)

88.1% Positive feedback

Save this seller
See other items

Other item info

Item number: 320801770477

Item location: Huhhot, China

Ships to: Worldwide

Payments: PayPal
See details

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124 Neemat



In this example the patch on the top left was lifted from OAIMages.com and used in an auction. Later he then created his own version of this patch pictured left and is now selling this flap.

[OA: BSA Lodge Neemat 124 s17 Patch](#)

[OA: BSA Lodge Neemat 124 s17 Patch](#) (this is a listing where he used the image from John Pannell's website OAIMages.com)



OA: BSA Lodge Neemat 124 s17 Patch

Like

Item condition: **New**

Ended: Dec 03, 2011 04:59:19 PST

Bid history: 14 bids

Winning bid: **US \$50.00**

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Shipping: **\$3.99** Economy Shipping from outside US
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Delivery: Estimated within 13-22 business days

Returns: 7 days money back, buyer pays return shipping |
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Other item info

Item number: 320801761386
Item location: Huhhot, China
Ships to: Worldwide
Payments: PayPal
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343 Wapsu Achtu



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[OA: BSA Lodge 343 Wapsu Achtu Flap](#)

[OA: BSA Lodge 343 Wapsu Achtu S6 Flap](#) (this is a listing where he used the image from John Pannell's website OAIMages.com)



OA: BSA Lodge 343 Wapsu Achtu S6 Flap

Like

Item condition: **New**

Ended: Dec 03, 2011 05:09:24 PST

Bid history: 3 bids

Winning bid: **US \$18.35**

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Add to list

Shipping: **\$3.99** Economy Shipping from outside US
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Delivery: Estimated within 13-22 business days

Returns: 7 days money back, buyer pays return shipping |
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Other item info

Item number: 320801765160

Item location: Huhhot, China

Ships to: Worldwide

Payments: PayPal
See details

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2 Sanhican



This image courtesy Jeff Goldsmith, 2003.

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OA BSA LODGE 2 SANHICAN VIGIL Flap

OA: BSA LODGE 2 SANHICAN S10 VIGIL (this is a listing where he used the image from John Pannell's website OAIMAGES.com)



OA: BSA LODGE 2 SANHICAN S10 VIGIL

Like

Item condition: **New**

Ended: Dec 01, 2011 04:31:17 PST

Bid history: 0 bids

Starting bid: **US \$9.99**

Add to Wish list

Add to list

Shipping: **\$3.99** Economy Shipping from outside US
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Delivery: Estimated within 13-22 business days

Returns: 7 days money back, buyer pays return shipping |
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88.1% Positive feedback

Save this seller
See other items

Other item info

Item number: 320801755862
Item location: Huhhot, China
Ships to: Worldwide
Payments: PayPal
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Catalog of Known Chinese Fakes



[OA: BSA lodge 24 SHU-SHU-Gah Patch](#)



[OA: BSA LODGE 29 NOQUET 2011 FIRST FLAP](#)



[OA, Naguonabe \(31\), S-9, Tough Restriction PATCH](#)



[OA: BSA lodge 42 Wah-Sha-She 2002 NOAC Indiana Flap Patch](#)



[OA: BSA WWW LODGE 43
WOAPALANNE](#)



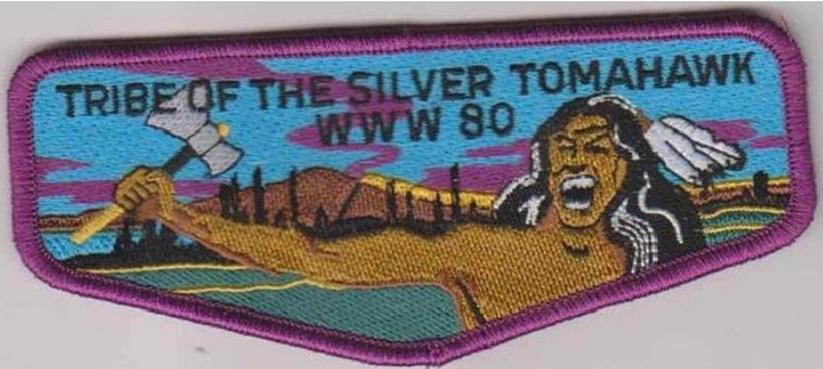
[OA, Cherokee \(50\), S-7a
PATCH, Merged 1999](#)



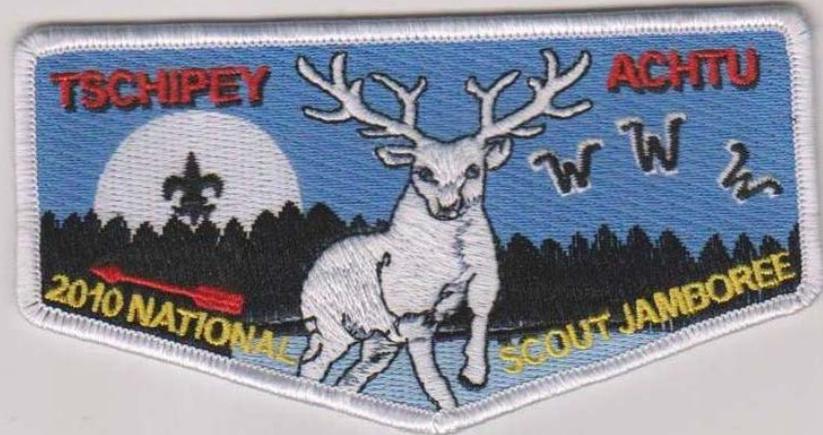
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57 s2a FLAP MINT](#)



[OA, Chippanyonk \(59\), S-1a,
First Flap PATCH](#)



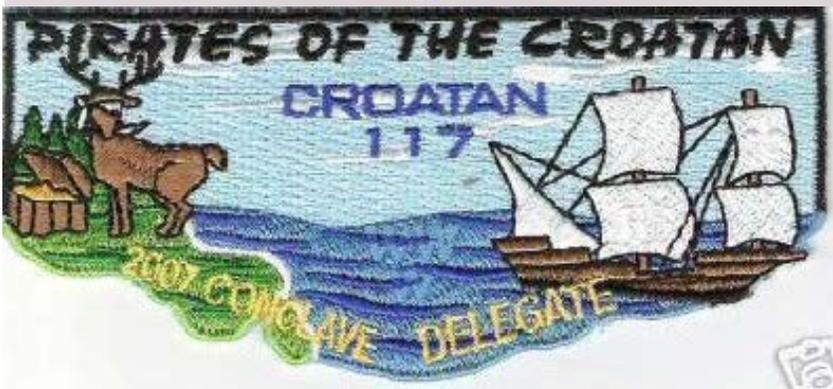
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TRIBE OF THE SILVER
TOMAHAWK Patch](#)



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Achtu Lodge 95 2010
Jamboree Patch](#)



[OA: BSA lodge 105
Tetonwana S1a First Solid
Patch](#)



[OA: Croatan 117, Pirates of
the Croatan 2007 Conclave
Patch](#)



[OA: BSA Lodge Neemat 124 VIGIL Flap Patch](#)



[OA: BSA lodge 153 OH-DA-KO-TA Flap Patch](#)



[OA: BSA lodge 162 MIGISI OPAWGAN DETROIT Flap Patch](#)



Sold by 2011tophunter as

[OA WWW BSA LODGE 166 Quelqueshoe Flap Patch](#)



[OA: BSA lodge 169
WATONALA 98 NOAC Flap
Patch](#)



[OA: BSA WWW lodge 179
Alibamu Lodge VIG Flap
Patch](#)



[OA: BSA Lodge 184 FLAP](#)

Also sold by 2011tophunter as

[OA BSA LODGE 184 GHOST
FLAP](#)



[OA BSA King Philip Lodge 195
flap](#)

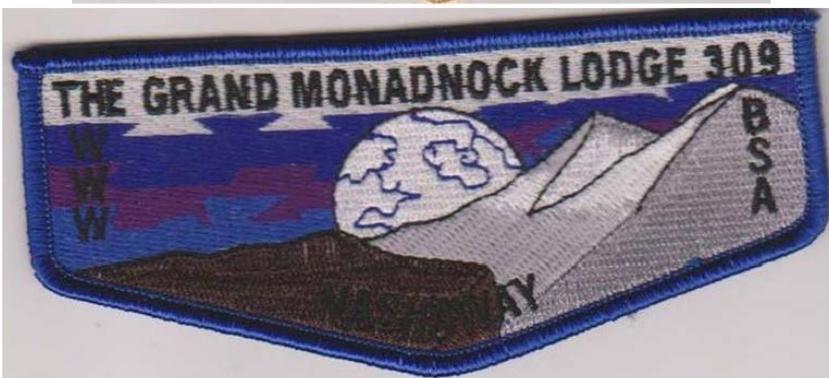


[OA: BSA lodge 260 Sebooney Okasucca Flap Patch](#)



Sold by 2011tophunter as

[OA BSA Sebooney Okasucca Lodge 2000 NOAC Set](#)



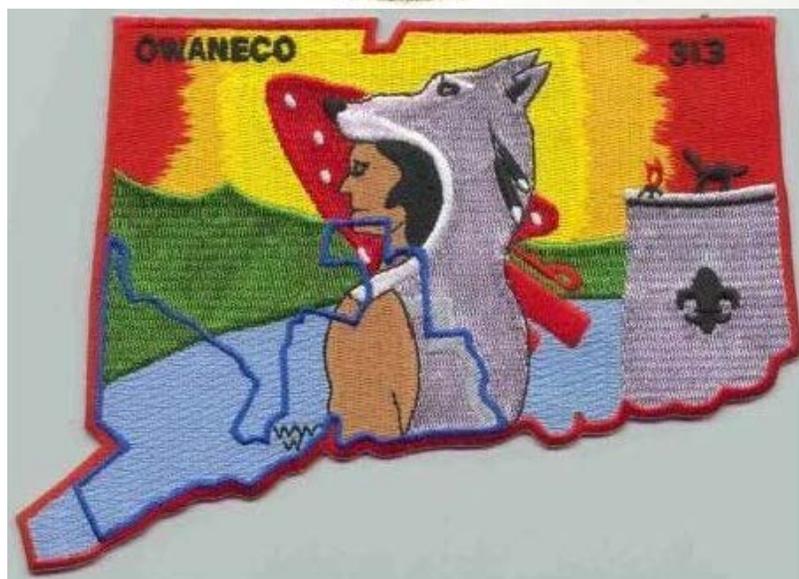
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[OA: lodge313&lodge553 two lodges 1 vision 2002 NOAC Patch](#)



[OA: Owaneco Lodge 313 WWW 2000 NOAC Gold Border Flap](#)



[Owaneco lodge 313 J1 Patch](#)



[OA: BSA lodge 322 Woa Cholena service corps](#)



[OA: BSA lodge 338 Sikhs Mox Lamonti Flap Patch](#)



Sold by 2011tophunter as

[OA BSA LODGE 348 Tahoma 1990 NOAC](#)



Sold by 2011tophunter as

[OA WWW BSA LODGE 355 Nanuk Patch](#)



[OA: BSA WWW GILA Lodge 378 ArrowCorps5 Silver Mylar Border](#)

Also sold by 2011tophunter as

[OA BSA LODGE 378 GILA ArrowCorps5 Silver Mylar Border FLAP](#)



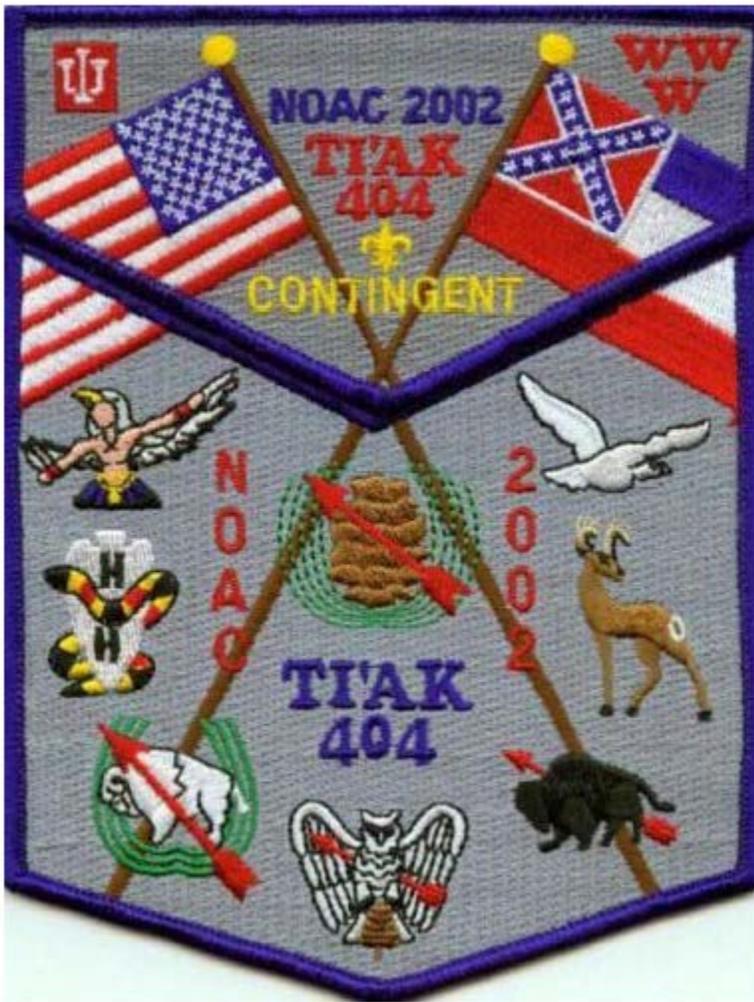
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[OA:BSA lodge 402 flap MINT](#)



[OA:BSA 404 WWW Ti'ak ITTIBAP ISHILI Patch](#)



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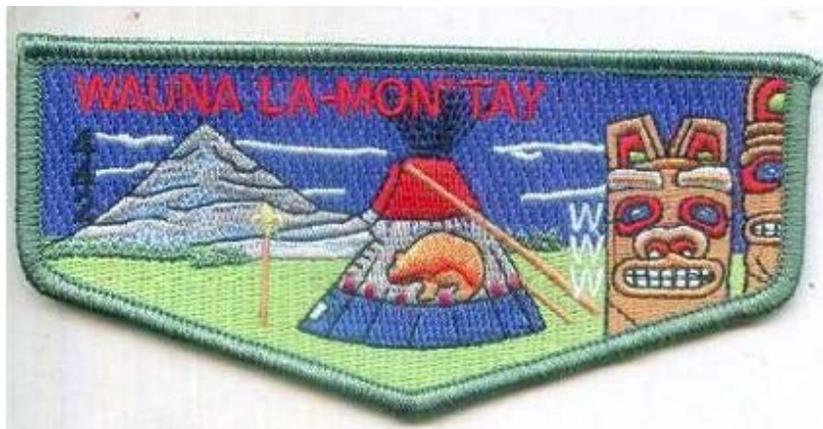
[OA BSA 404 Tiak Lodge 2002 NOAC Set](#)



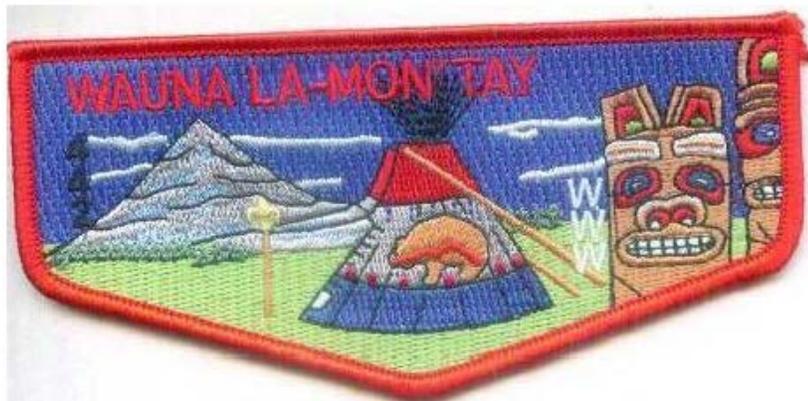
[OA: BSA Lodge 411 UNILACHTEGO LOR and DOR Sun Patches Set](#)



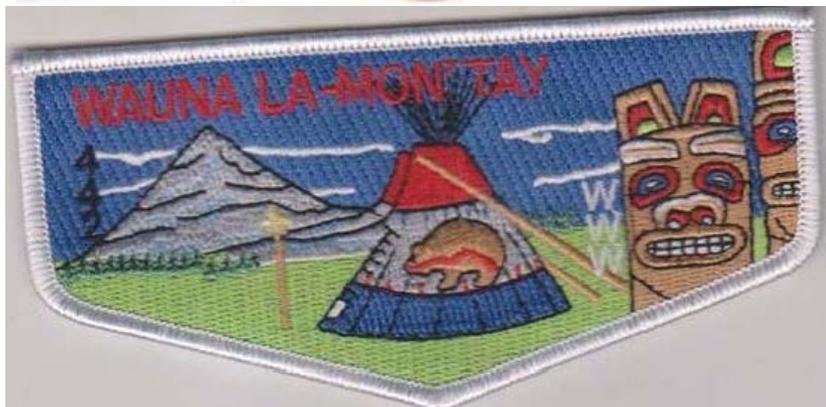
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How To Spot Fakes! Advice from John Pannell

These comments are copies from an old post that John made on his OAIMages.com blog. [Click the link](#) if you want to read the entire post. This is his eleven step plan for how to spot a fake.

1. **The seller lists the item location as somewhere in Southeast Asia.** While there is an active Scouting and collecting community in Asia, be aware that many dubious, fake or counterfeit issues originate there.
2. **Item location given as somewhere outside the United States.** This is closely related to the first item. It is a bit redundant but still worth stating. The Order of the Arrow is specific to the BSA and its patches are collected mainly by Americans. Even though there are large "expat" communities in many countries, it would be unusual for someone outside the US to have a quantity of OA patches for sale.
3. **Patch comes from a different location than claimed in the auction description.** Usually you won't know about this until after you have received the item, though sometimes buyers will comment about this in the seller's feedback on eBay. One seller says the items are located in Tours, France but the items are sent to the buyers from China.
4. **Seller displays a poor command of the English language.** Even if the item location is claimed to be within the US on the auction page this is not necessarily true. A seller's poor command of the English language is often obvious. If one is familiar with how English is (badly) spoken by those in other countries, it is often easy to peg someone as a non-native speaker living in China or a Southeast Asian country.
5. **Seller displays ignorance of the material through poorly written auction descriptions.** The seller may use incorrect terms to describe the patch, eg. confusing CSP and OA flap. He may stumble over lodge names, numbers, dates, or other writing on the patch. He may also make rather odd comments about the patch. For example, one seller of questionable material talks about sewing the item on a racing overall!
6. **Item listed is a rare modern issue being sold by someone outside the lodge's area.** The rare and restricted modern issues tend not to leave their general area. They generally stay within the lodge, state, or section. Be skeptical if someone with no apparent connection to the lodge is selling this type of material.
7. **Item is a recent piece that has escaped the eyes knowledgeable "catalogers".** Most collectors and contributors to various catalogs and websites are quite familiar with their own areas. Be wary of something recent (but not brand new) that has not been documented.
8. **Seller also lists a large number of police, fire, EMS service, racing or similar patches.** All these patches are also collected by either members of these services or fans. Ironically the public service and law enforcement patch hobbies are rife with Chinese made fakes. Beware if you see a seller pushing these patches along with Scout items.
9. **Seller will accept only PayPal or money orders in payment.** There is absolutely nothing wrong with this but when combined with other items on this list, should cause a potential bidder to first engage his sense of skepticism.
10. **Seller will accept only cash as payment.** This should be obvious. Beware!
11. **A seller who has previously only listed low valued items suddenly offers a high-priced piece.** This, too, is a general warning signal of potential fraud. While it can happen (and does), rare material doesn't normally pop up in the hands of a casual or low-end collector. You could well find yourself with a fake. Also, there is an actual scam that has been practiced online where a seller pumps up his feedback rating with faked sales of low priced items before duping someone into paying him for a high priced item that he never will send.