

The Honeysuckle Creek Super 8 footage

Notes about the Super 8 footage taken by Ed von Renouard at Honeysuckle Creek during or immediately after the Apollo 11 Moonwalk. It was found in 2005.

There are some good things about this footage – but it is only Super 8!

Here are the drawbacks –

- The Honeysuckle picture is softer than that from Goldstone and Parkes.
- it's Super 8 – and the brightest areas are washed out (e.g. the flag).
- it's hand-held.
- it has some reflections of lights and equipment behind Ed as he films.
- the segments are short.
- it has undergone triple scan conversion:
10 fps → 30fps on the Honeysuckle scan converter → 18 fps Super 8 → 25fps PAL scan done for us at the BBC.

But here are the good things about it –

- it's the **only motion recording we know of showing the TV before it left the station**, therefore it doesn't have the video smearing / whatever that was caused by the cumulative effect of the video amps on the line up to Sydney.
- it's the **only recording we have of both PLSS backpacks and the garbage bag** being dumped down the ladder just before the TV is turned off (2.5 hours after the EVA ended). I have seen one very poor quality recording of one of the backpacks being dumped, but this appears to be the only recording of the full thing.
- Even though the video has been through a triple scan conversion, the segment prior to the first step, short though it is, still has more detail than the other recordings I have seen.
- The detail visible on some segments (esp Buzz climbing back up the ladder) is very good – there's good shadow detail – esp on the LM.

What's on the Honeysuckle Creek Super 8 footage

Except for some brief shots of the Slow Scan monitor, Ed filmed the Scan Converted monitor.

minutes

0	00:37 — 01:31	Armstrong on the ladder — 3 segments. Does not include the first step. Low contrast and reflections on monitor, but best I've seen.
1	01:34 — 01:39	Shot of Honeysuckle scan converter
2	01:47 — 04:07	Apparently a replay at Honeysuckle Creek of a 525 line recording of the picture from Parkes — likely recorded at Sydney Video. Possibly sent to Honeysuckle for shipping to Goddard. Mediocre quality.
4	04:11 — 04:33	Working at MESA. Good quality.
5	04:45 — 05:49	Preparations for closeout. Good quality.
6	06:03 — 07:33	Buzz ascends ladder. Good detail.
8	07:43 — 09:30	Neil ascends ladder. Good quality.
10	09:54 — 11:56	Inside the Honeysuckle Video, Telemetry and USB areas.
12	12:02 — 13:15	Pans across slow scan and converted monitors. Good closeups of the scan converter monitor. Very good quality.
14	13:42 — 15:01	2½ hours after the EVA ends, Neil and Buzz dump their backpacks and rubbish. Possibly the only recording of all three items being dumped. Good quality.

