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**THE FIRST ANNUAL ALBATWITCH FESTIVAL** Several SSP Members were in attendance (and assisting) at this Sept. 27 event held in the streets of Columbia and sponsored by the National Museum of Mysteries and Columbia Historic Preservation Society.

As with the long established Mothman Festival in Point Pleasant, WV, this event celebrates a regional strange creature, in this case, the Albatwitch ('Apple Snitcher', in German) - a small, thin primate-like cryptid said to inhabit the woods at nearby Chickies rock along the Susquehanna. (Left: Melissa Ghoulis, Kelly & Marilyn outside the NMMRC)

The initial festival featured free lectures all day at the historical society, including Rick Fisher sharing tales of the Albatwitch, Bigfoot and other legendary cryptids of the Keystone State, John Sabol, on "What Lies Beneath" the ruined town of Centralia; Kathy Kreiter Rothenberger, on elemental beings in mythology and art; and Jonathan Williams, on the forgotten souls of Gettysburg. Also speaking was Chris Vera, Historic Preservation Society President, on the Underground Railroad in Columbia. (The haunted history tour Chris and Rick offer of Columbia, which includes tales of tunnels and the Underground RR is not to be missed!) The Museum of Mysteries offered free admission all day, a couple bands performed and numerous vendors offered food and other items (including Rene Kruse, selling copies of *Fear the Reaper* - the great new book on rural horrors and hauntings she authored with Troy Taylor)

With the crowd estimated to be about 1,000 it was considered a great success for year one! All of us from SSP who helped - Craig & Melissa Telesha, Matt James, 'Officer Deb' Snyder, Kelly and me, are so happy for Rick - like the Museum of Mysteries itself, it is great to see his dream of this event come true, and we look forward to an even bigger, better one in 2015! (Rt: Rick Fisher takes a well deserved break, sampling BBQ from a vendor. Lt: Craig Telesha replicates the famous 1960s MIB photo)



### The Afterlife of George Reeves – from Phantoms and Monsters

Actor George Reeves died at 1:59 am on of course, but the man who personified the television fans. Even though the initial coronated suicide", after more than four decades killed himself. The death remains an un-

Could this be why ghostly phenomena has ever since? Many believe that the ghostly ap-idea that he was murdered. Over the years, not only the sound of a single gunshot that even the apparition of George Reeves.



June 16, 1959. Not the comic book character, "real" Superman for an entire generation of ner's report listed Reeves' death as an "indi- there are many who do not believe that he solved mystery.

been reported at the former Reeves house pearances by the actor lend credence to the occupants of the house have been plagued by echoes in the darkness, but strange lights and (Cont. Pg. 2)

After Reeves' death, realtors attempted to sell the house to settle the actor's estate. Unfortunately though, they had trouble. Occupants would not stay long because they would report inexplicable noises in the upstairs bedroom where George had been killed. When they would go to investigate the sounds, they would find the room was not as they had left it. Often, the bedding would be torn off, clothing would be strewn about and some reported the ominous odor of gunpowder in the air. One tenant also reported that his German Shepherd would stand in the doorway of the room and would bark furiously as though he could see something his owner's could not. There is also documentation of an extraordinary occurrence when two Los Angeles sheriffs were assigned to watch the house after neighbors reported hearing screams, gunshots, and lights going on and off during the night.

New occupants moved out quickly, becoming completely unnerved after encountering Reeves' ghost, decked out in his Superman costume! The first couple who spotted him were not the first, nor the last, to see him either. Many later residents saw him too and one couple became so frightened that they moved out of the house the same night. Later, the ghost was even reported on the front lawn by neighboring residents.

In the 1980's, while the house was being used as a set for a television show, the ghost made another startling appearance. He was seen by several of the actors and crew members before abruptly vanishing, creating yet another mystery in this strange and convoluted case!

George Reeves still reportedly haunts the home where he allegedly committed suicide/was possibly murdered...depending on who you believe. In late 2012, a nearby resident reported that they continue to hear strange noises coming from the property and that Reeves once appeared to them in full Superman attire on the street in front of the house.



**Triangular UFO Clearfield, PA - 9/20/2014:** One of 2 pics taken by ex law enforcement and I (MUFON FI) promised not to give his info so he sent me the pics and here I am. HE was gardening and was from the corner of his eye and snapped 2 pics before it flew off. - MUFON CMS

## ANNABELLE (*From the Inquisitr*)

The doll that's featured in the horror movie is a hideous toy with zombie-colored skin, bad makeup, and a twisted smile. She looks like a cross between an American Girl doll, Chucky, a creepy clown, and Regan from *The Exorcist*. (*"Movie" version @ RT*)



After taking one glance at Annabelle, you experience a "burn it with fire!" reaction — it's obvious that the terrifying toy is possessed by something evil. This isn't the case with the real Annabelle.

Yahoo! Movies recently talked to Lorraine Warren, the "trance medium" who encountered Annabelle many years ago. The doll was first featured in *The Conjuring*, which is based on another case Warren investigated with her late husband Ed. According to *Connecticut Magazine*, the Warrens are a famous paranormal investigative team who have also looked into the events depicted in *The Amityville Horror* and *The Haunting in Connecticut*.

Warren learned about Annabelle in the 1970s after being contacted by two nursing students and their friend. The group claimed that they were being haunted by a possessed doll that mysteriously moved around their apartment, and they said that a psychic had told them that the spirit of a young girl named Annabelle was responsible for this terrifying Toy Story.

Lorraine Warren and her husband didn't agree with this theory, however — they believed that the doll was actually possessed by a demonic spirit.

You might be surprised to learn that the real Annabelle doll was just a large Raggedy Ann rag doll. Because the toy is so innocent-looking, this almost makes the true story more frightening than the film.

Warren is still in possession of the possessed Raggedy Ann doll, and she explained why she kept it.

"It would be quite careless on my part to get rid of it. As explained in *The Conjuring*, getting rid of the doll would only get rid of the vessel, not the evil that resides within the doll. At least as it sits, we know where it resides. It isn't out into the world causing harm to others. We have a Catholic priest who performs a binding prayer around the doll which acts as a blockade."

The true story behind Annabelle can be read on Lorraine Warren's website. The antique Raggedy Ann doll was given to a college student named Donna by her mother. The toy terror began when Donna and her roommate Angie started noticing that the doll would change positions. These movements became more frequent, and eventually the doll started moving from one room to another.

The doll also started writing messages asking for help in the handwriting of a child. These messages were written on parchment paper even though Donna and Angie didn't keep any parchment paper in their apartment. Things got even weirder when the doll appeared to bleed.



The girls realized that the Raggedy Ann doll was dangerous when it tried to strangle their friend Lou in his sleep. He thought he was having a nightmare, but he woke up with claw marks on his chest. You wouldn't think that a soft rag doll would be able to scratch someone. (Lorraine with the real Annabelle @ left)

Ed and Lorraine Warren determined that an "inhuman demonic spirit" was attached to the doll and that this spirit was looking for a human host. They believe that the evil spirit pretended to be a young girl named Annabelle during its encounter with the

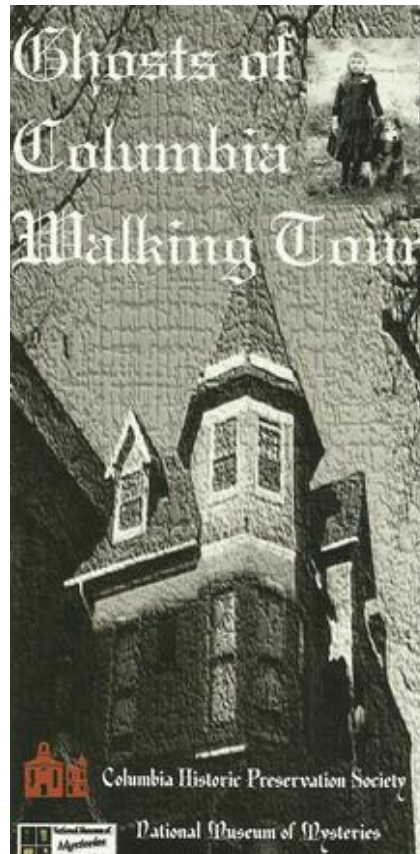
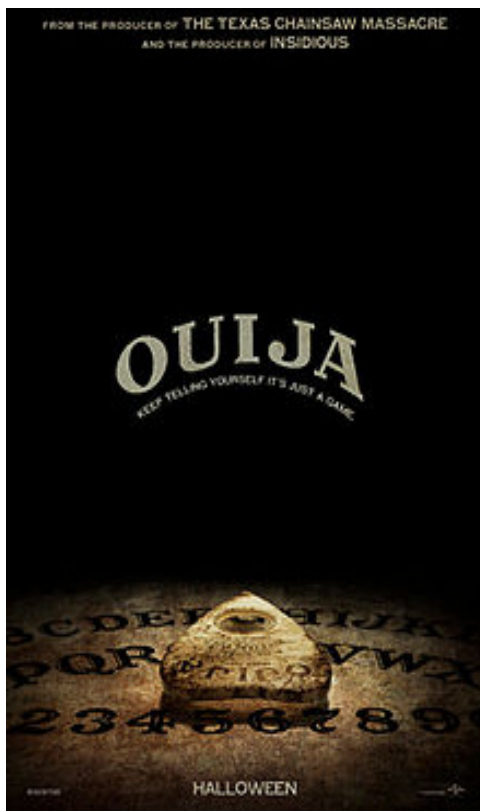
psychic, and this made Donna and Angie think that the spirit was harmless.

According to the Warrens' website, the spirit dubbed "Annabelle" would have possessed one of the humans in the house and possibly killed all of them if it had been allowed to stay. They asked a priest to recite "an exorcism blessing" to "cleanse the apartment," and they took the Raggedy Ann doll with them when they left. They believe that the demonic spirit is still attached to the doll and that it's responsible for at least one death.

"The Warrens had a special case built for Annabelle inside the Occult Museum, where she resides to this day. Since the case was built Annabelle no longer appeared to move but she is thought to be responsible for the death of a young man who came to the museum on motorcycle with his girlfriend. The young man after hearing Ed's account of the doll, defiantly went up and began to bang on the case insisting that if the doll can put scratches on people then he wanted to also be scratched...

On the way home the young man and his girlfriend were laughing and making fun of the doll when he lost control of his motorcycle and went head on into a tree, the young man was killed instantly but his girlfriend survived and was hospitalized for over a year."

**Happy Halloween!**  
**"OUIJA" opens**  
**Oct 31st!**



301 Locust St., (Corner of Third and Locust), Columbia, PA, 17512

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Spend a fun and educational evening as we walk the streets of historic Columbia, Pennsylvania

Hear the history, hauntings and legends that make Columbia one the most haunted river towns along the Susquehanna river. Tales of the headless horsemen, the ghosts and wine of 69, the strange tree creature in the woods, a ghost that turned off the lights, sound of footsteps from a ghostly couple and more.

An unforgettable evening of thrills and chills.

Every Friday and Saturday evenings April through November.

Cost: \$12.00 per person (group rates available)

Children under 12: \$7.00 (Min. of 5 people required for tour)

Please arrive 15 minutes early.

Tour leaves promptly at 7 PM and lasts about one and a half hours.

24 hour advanced reservation is recommended.

All participants taking the tour will be asked to sign a Waiver and Release of Claims form before taking the tour (no exceptions) • At this time we cannot accept credit cards.

Portions of the proceeds benefit the Columbia Historical Preservation Society and the National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center

**Thur. Oct 30 - 7 pm.**  
**Medium Kelly Weaver presents 'Ghosts' at Joseph T Simpson Library, Mechanicsburg (Free)** - SSP Founder and popular medium Kelly Weaver and her husband/paranormal investigator John Weaver will host a presentation based on their 20 years of exploring haunted locations in the region.

To register call the library at 717-766-0171.

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