

"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

We have a lot of exciting activities planned for the Spirit Society this year and our first event is right around the corner! Please take the time to look at the sign up sheets on the table tonight and add your food/drink choices to the list. We are looking forward to having a great day on March 8. For more information see the handout we have available for you tonight. Bring a friend!

I received a nice Thank You E-mail from the Senior Center's director, Emma. She wanted to thank us for the nice gifts and goodies we left at Christmas time for her group and also wanted to give us big thanks for the leftover goodies from the Jan. meeting. She said that the seniors are very grateful for all of our contributions. Thanks to all of you who make this possible. I really appreciate your support for SSP and of the seniors.

A small group of us investigated the Peter Allen House in Daphn last month. I'm still reviewing my notes and tapes. It was a bit cold that day -- even inside (the furnace was broken) -- but we bundled up and forged ahead. Of course the repairmen got it working when we were on our way out the door. On that day, I felt the "back" bedroom was one of the most active. Rick Fisher recorded several voices there which John will share tonight. John and Deb experienced a strange manifestation of rose scent in one of the other bedrooms, and he observed some EM activity in yet another. The Peter Allen House is a beautiful place that caters to parties, weddings (Craig and Melissa got married there in Nov.) and special events. The grounds are equally as stunning as the inside of the house. Tonight Craig will have a presentation for everyone to take a look inside the lovely mansion.

Charms and Symbols

Keys A key as a gift between lovers is considered a symbol of unlocking the door to the heart. It is believed that the giver will be lucky in love. As a symbol of luck, a single key is among the most important, not to mention one of the oldest of charms. The Greeks and Romans believed it represented the Key of Life and had the power to unlock the door through which prayers reached the gods. They attached special significance to keys made of silver, the metal sacred to the goddess Diana. She was the protector of doorways and thresholds as well as the special guardian of mothers-to-be. As the Key of Life, it was worn as a talisman to promote remembrance of things past and foresight for things to come.



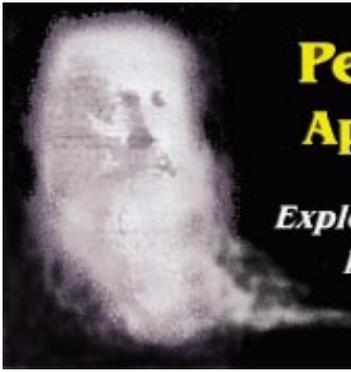
Above: Kelly works with the "Craig's Box" ITC device during our Peter Allen House investigation. She is still reviewing tapes from the day, but about 10 days after the investigation, a strange event involving the box took place at the Weaver house! (John details the incident in his column)

Among the Japanese, three keys tied together are considered a powerful lucky charm. They enable the wearer to unlock the doors that lead to love, health, and wealth. According to the Gypsies of Eastern Europe, a door key with a metal ring attached will ensure a good night's sleep if it is hung upside down over the bed. It will also prevent nightmares!

Knocking on Wood In some places it's called 'touching wood,' but knocking on wood for luck in an almost universal compulsion. The idea probably dates back to prehistoric times, when people believed that the gods lived inside trees. Touching a tree was a way of acknowledging the deity and of securing its favor.

It all began with the idea that the air around us is filled with demons whose sold purpose is to cancel out good fortune. The best way to prevent that is to be careful not to talk about good things that come your way. But if the words should slip out, the next best thing is to knock on wood to get the attention of the good spirits. They will use their power to help keep your good luck. It helps if you knock three times. Evil spirits can't cope with the power of the number 3.

Excerpted from the Book – *The A-Z guide to Good Luck Charms and Symbols* by Bill Harris. Ottenheimer publishers.



Pennsylvania Paranormal Conference

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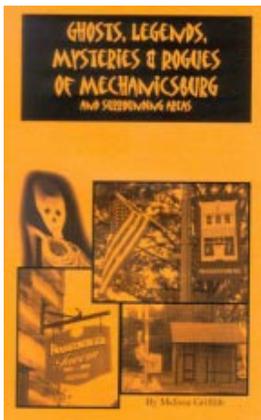
Explore the world of ghost investigation and research in a haunted, historic location with Rosemary Ellen Guiley, Craig Telesha, Linda Zimmerman, Karl Petry and host Rick Fisher

The 2008 event will focus fully on EVP and Ghost Hunting/Research. Doors open @ 8:30; Event 9am to 7pm. Door prizes and author book signings from the speakers & other authors/paranormal researchers will be offered.

Cost is \$90 per person, and includes an excellent buffet for lunch. Payment is due by March 15; after March 15 the price is \$100. Send checks to: Rick Fisher 109 South Second Street Apt. 2 Columbia, PA 17512

This is the 7th PPC, continuing a tradition of great events and the 2nd at this fascinating, haunted venue.

More details at <http://www.paranormalpa.com/paconf.html>



Ghosts, Legends, Mysteries & Rogues of Mechanicsburg is again available! By popular demand Melissa Telesha's great little book has been re-published and is available at Civil War and More in Mechanicsburg. (717 766 1899) Stop and see SSP member Jack Thomas for a great selection of books on regional hauntings and of course, Civil War and other history.

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DON'T MISS THE 1ST SSP EVENT OF 2008!

Supernatural Sharing, Cinema, Supper & Spirit Circle will be held at the New Cumberland Senior Center on **March 8th** beginning at 2:00 p.m. sharp!

Supernatural Sharing: We will be discussing locally haunted or mysterious places. Please be ready to share any information, stories, photos or evp you have with the group! This is an informal voluntary audience-participation session. Be a part of the group—let's share and discuss!

Cinema: The free movie showing will be "The Legend of Lucy Keyes"—based on a true story! The haunting story of a young girl who disappeared in the 1700s and was never seen again. A modern-day family moves into the house where nearby Lucy and her mother (who continues to call out her daughter's name in a futile attempt for a reply) haunt the area. Can the family unravel the mystery of the disappearance of Lucy Keyes?

Supper: If you've never been to an SSP event where members host dinner—you haven't lived - bring your appetite and a food item to share. Please sign up at the registration table (or e-mail spiritsocietyofpa@hotmail.com) what food item you are bringing to avoid doubles and to make sure we have a wide variety.

Spirit Circle: While we allow our dinner to settle, relax and enjoy a Spirit Circle hosted by our own Kelly Weaver! Serious participants ONLY. Enjoy the camaraderie and bond with your fellow SSPer's in this intriguing, powerful event. Each participant will receive an answer to one of your life questions. Be prepared with a question about your future, life direction, career or any aspect of your life where some spirit guidance would be appreciated and considered.

All this for only \$10 per person! Please use flyers on registration table to register or go to www.spiritsocietyofpa.com under "SSP News/Events" and look for "Supernatural Sharing, Cinema, Supper & Spirit Circle" event for the flyer in a PDF format. You may register at the door, as well.

Strange Week at the Weavers! (Week of Jan 28)

Background information:

First of all, I was to drive to the doctors on Tuesday morning for some medicine. (That day was **very** icy and many accidents were reported).

I got up as usual and made my way out of my bedroom to do my routine things with the pets.

When I came back into my room about 10 minutes later, my makeup mirror was on. Now, it is high up (adult height) so I can use it while standing. You must push a button and HOLD IT for a few seconds to make it come on. There was NO way it was on when I woke up a few minutes earlier. It faces my bed and I always get my back rest and stuff ready to read the paper and I would have run right into it and NOTICED it was on.

Hum, I thought. That was strange. Also, I had just taught a class the night before about SIGNS. OK.

I let that pass and continued on my day. I went to go to the doctors later that morning and my car keys were missing in action. Now, I'm sloppy, we all know that, however, I DO NOT THROW CAR KEYS AROUND. I keep them in my purse or hang them on a hook beside my desk. I tore everything apart I could think of.....couch, chair, coats, books, you name it. Over and over. No keys. Finally John suggested I call the restaurant we were at on Sat. evening. Well, they were there. How they fell out, I'm not sure. Perhaps after some wine, I took them out when I got my wallet out for the tip money. Anyway, that was solved. Then I started thinking later in the night that perhaps 'someone' did not want me to drive that day. Maybe I'm putting too much into it, but I've never, ever lost my car keys. (the last time I drove was on Friday to and from haunted Alfred's.)

Then the box going off last (Wed) night. Now, this was in a plastic bag inside of a canvas bag with my equipment. It has not been touched, moved, or anything since the PA house. (See John's comments at right) Remember I was by the desk looking for my keys the day before plus I was in and out of the coat closet many times yesterday... and would have heard it had it been on. No cats, no dog, only **Tess** the 'haunted doll' which sat beside the canvas bag. Is she trying to get my attention? She was active when I was working on my first book. (Recall how she moved from the television - high up - to my bed and scared the bejesus out of me?) Well, I've been slowly working on book number 2; perhaps she wants to help? I really do think the spirit world had some signs to give me this week. - *Kelly*



The "Craig's Box Incident" - My Perspective

Last night (Jan 30), we were relaxing on the couch alternating between good paranormal programming (Monster Quest) and paranormal programming with cool locations but little else (GHI). Come 10pm, we were tired and heading to bed early after setting up recording for both versions of "UFO Hunters". When I turned off the living room TV, I immediately heard what I suspected was a radio from a car close by outside; I walked over to open the door and the sound was much closer — evidently inside the house and perhaps in the closet near our front door.

I called to Kelly, who was back in her room and asked her if she left a device on somewhere. (A recorder, or even walkman or mp3 player with headphones attached?) We started searching and found the source: The older "Craig's Box" that she had been loaned had the toggle switch in the "on" position and was doing its job scanning!

It was in a large purse or bag (?) with some other items she had taken to the PA House investigation, and had not been used since then. The bag was sitting on a set of drawers, alongside the "Tea Cozy" doll that was the center of some strange activity that Kelly wrote about in her first book (and Leslie Rule included a chapter on in one of her ghost books).

I'm not ready to say this was definitely something paranormal, however: Around 7:30, we went out for subs, and returned about 8:40. We certainly would have heard this when we left or returned had it been on. It evidently switched on after we turned on the TV. I've ruled out any physical action by us that could have turned it on — nothing had been placed on the drawers, and we did not even enter the closet to hang up coats upon returning. (Kelly wore a sweater out and I draped my "everyday" jacket over the chair where it almost always is in winter) Was it one of the cats? Very unlikely — Teddy was lying near us and had one of them jumped up there, not only would we have heard it, but he would have too and quickly upon them in his usual chase mode!

Bottom line is sometime between 8:40 and 10pm on 1/30/08, the "Craig's Box" was switched on, and I have no rational explanation why.

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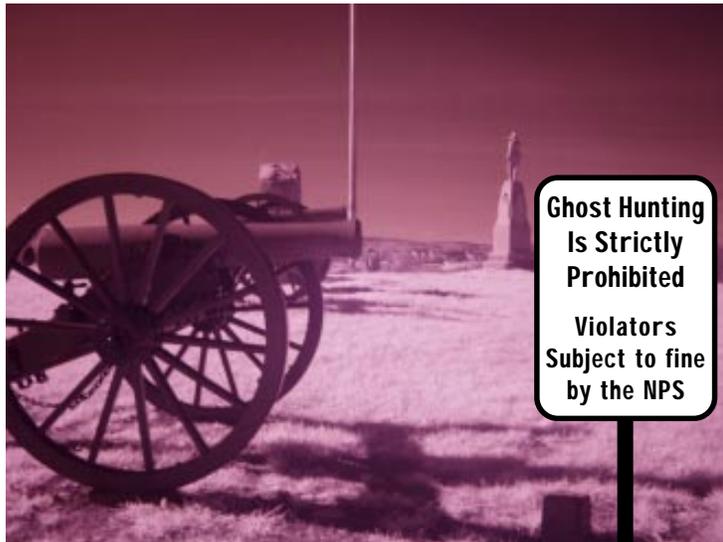


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COMING SOON TO A BATTLEFIELD NEAR YOU ???

Commentary by John D. Weaver



Recently, I saw an article from the *Hanover Evening Sun* posted on the *Civil War Interactive* site.

In short, in regards to an upcoming “Ghosthunters Summit” (a conference coming in June 08) a spokesperson for the NPS has essentially implied that ghost hunting is not an activity consistent with the mission of the park and therefore is essentially outlawed on the battlefield.

Katie Lawhon, spokeswoman for the park service, does not hesitate at all when it comes to explaining the park’s policy of no ghost hunting on the battlefield. “No commercial activity or organized group can conduct paranormal activities or ghost hunting on the battlefield,” she said. “There’s no access for that.”

Interesting. They used to just deny there are any ghosts on the battlefield and as paranormal interest grew in the area, took steps such as removing Mark Nesbitt’s “*Ghosts of Gettysburg*” series from the Visitor Center shop.

Now, it appears that they are saying “ghost hunting” — regardless if it is done during legal access hours — is not permitted.

Looking more closely, Ms. Lawhon’s comments directly address the concept of ghost tours such as Mark’s not being permitted on the battlefield (No commercial activity) - something we’ve long known and the reason Mark’s and other “for-profit” tours are limited to in-town and other locations not on NPS land.

However, if no “organized group can conduct paranormal activities or ghost hunting on the battlefield” does that mean that if, for example, a few members of our group (SSP) go on the battlefield together with the mission of documenting possible

paranormal events, we are breaking some law? Are we likewise to understand that when I enjoy a solitary afternoon of battlefield tramping — just as I’ve been doing for decades and long before I actively explored the paranormal — that should I try and record EVP, measure EM fields or take photos that might show something anomalous, that this too is unlawful?

Shortly after reading the *Evening Sun* article, I shared my thoughts on it with some colleagues in the paranormal field; one responder suggested the NPS was firing “A shot across the bow”, worried that the promoters of the “Ghosthunters Summit” may have attempted to obtain some sort of permit for massed group activity on the battlefield. (I’ve had some communication with these people and even plan to attend if I’m free that weekend. From the conversations, I suspect if the organizers have been to Gettysburg, it was only once and they were not fully aware of the NPS’s general disdain for anything paranormal.) Another comment envisioned the hilarious legal scenario should ghosthunting ever be declared illegal and someone facing a fine for the aforementioned demanded a trial - now that would make some headlines!

During the hours change debate that arose a couple years ago, I expressed my acceptance of the new fall/winter hours, along with recognizing that many “ghosthunters” on the battlefield are nothing more than loud, rowdy thrill seekers running around taking pictures of the dust they’ve stirred up. I can see why many battlefield visitors get annoyed at these types; I certainly do myself — why they are almost as noisy the bikers who love to cruise around the battlefield in large packs on their Harleys! (And nothing can be done about that because its perfectly legal to ride a motorcycle!)

As a longtime GBPA member, I support preservation of the battlefield I’ve loved since seeing it for the first time as an 8 year old. I’m also very supportive of the NPS -- particularly under the tenure of John Latschar with his landscape restoration programs. However, as someone who not only appreciates the history of this ground but has experienced and documented the paranormal here, I would love to hear the NPS respond to the following should they ever “officially” state that ghosthunting is not allowed:

Throughout the park, signs are prominently displayed warning “Relic Hunting is Strictly Prohibited”. This recognizes the fact that a wealth of artifacts from the battle likely remain buried on park land — something any Ranger and historian will agree on — and anyone seen with a metal detector will quickly be detained.

I submit it would look pretty damn silly if “*Ghost Hunting is Strictly Prohibited*” signs are posted by the Government entity that *denies there are ghosts on the Gettysburg Battlefield.*

In short, how can it be “illegal” to hunt something that doesn’t exist?