



Spirit Society of PA.

A P P A R I T I O N S

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"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

I want to begin by thanking everyone for helping to make **Spirit Day in May** a huge success. I feel this year we had an awesome line up of speakers and topics.

Of course, the food was delicious as always. I had to laugh when I received a thank you note from the director of the center and said, "You people must stuff yourselves silly!" I replied, "Burp."

Mark August 11 on your calendar for a special presentation at our monthly meeting: Butch Witkowski (MUFON Pa. State Section Director and field investigator who spoke on Spirit Day) will have a presentation about the baffling case of Todd Sees. (Possible UFO involvement in the strange death of a Northumberland County, PA man during Aug. 2002) He will bring information from his files and the coroner's final notes. This is a very interesting and disturbing case, so don't miss his presentation!

Our History and Mystery tours are upon us with the first being **Codorus Furnace, Chickie's Rock and Haldeman Mansion on Saturday, May 24 from 10:30-6:00**. There is a fee of \$10.00 (CASH ONLY) that will be divided between the National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center, the Mansion and SSP (for rent). You are responsible for wearing (**WALKING**) comfortable shoes, a bagged lunch and drinks for the day. **PLEASE CAR POOL** and help pay for gas if you do. We want to keep the price down for everyone and it is only fair to contribute to the cost of gas if you ride with others. Be



Above: Spirit Day attendees enjoy the outstanding presentations.
Below: Spirit Day attendees cue up to enjoy outstanding cuisine.



responsible and ask for other's phone numbers or e-mail at tonight's meeting. ***Please do not call me for home numbers or for a ride.*** This gets to be a problem when we have events and my schedule does not allow trying to arrange "last minute" requests for rides. I want you to have member's information before you leave the meeting. Ask during our break.

YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT. I need to know who is coming and who to expect. Please remember you must be in good condition and able to walk. (It is mostly a flat terrain, but some unimproved trails are involved near Chickie's Rock). *If you are not in good physical shape or cannot walk for periods of time, please do not sign up for*

this event. (There will be others that require less walking). **THERE IS NO RAIN DATE.** Pick up a copy of the tours information at the sign in table. Directions are included on the back. If you need to cancel, please let me know ASAP so we are not waiting for you.

Special thanks to Craig and Melissa Telesha for joining John and I during Troy Taylor's annual visit to Gettysburg with his Haunted America Overnight Excursions. It's always great to reconnect with Troy and meet new paranormal enthusiasts from across the country, and we're especially proud of Craig who's new book got a ringing endorsement from Troy when he was introduced during our Sat. night investigations.



PA MUFON Presents:

UFO PUBLIC AWARENESS DAY

Sat May 17, 2008 - 10am-5pm

Harrisburg East Shore Library
(4501 Ethel St - Behind Colonial Park Mall)



This FREE event is open to the public and sponsored by the PA chapter of the Mutual UFO Network and S.E.A.R.C.H.

MUFON INVESTIGATORS WILL BE ON SITE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE UFO PHENOMENON.
ARE WE BEING VISITED BY OTHER BEINGS FROM OTHER WORLDS?
DO FLYING SAUCERS REALLY EXIST?
IS THE WORLD READY FOR DISCLOSURE?
YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO FILE A REPORT, JOIN MUFON OR FIND OUT HOW TO BECOME AN INVESTIGATOR.

Visit the PA MUFON website at www.pamufon.com

2008 PA Paranormal Conference at Bube's Brewery Once again PSP Founder Rick Fisher hosted an outstanding event in this active haunted location. Rick is shown here amidst a collection of various devices including an original "Frank's Box" and several Craig Telesha creations designed to communicate with the spirit world. The conference focus was on EVP and the history of devices used to record these mysterious voices. Rick's talk included a most revealing review of what several "evil" EVPs captured on "P-State" were really saying, once again proving it's ratings-gearred sensationalism that drives this show! Thanks again for a great conference, Rick!

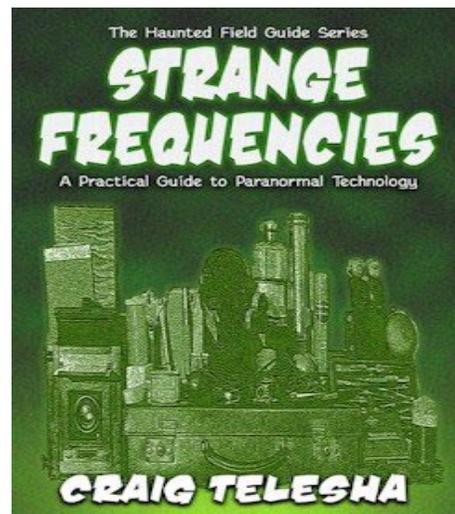


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*New from Troy Taylor's Whitechapel Press
Haunted Field Guide Series -*

STRANGE FREQUENCIES: A Practical Guide to Paranormal Technology by Craig Telesha

Congratulations to long time SSP member Craig Telesha for a great addition to contemporary paranormal literature! Craig's knowledge of the workings of electronics technology and how it can be applied to paranormal investigations has been invaluable to SSP for several years - Now, a broader audience will benefit from his knowledge. *Strange Frequencies* is available from Craig personally or through Troy Taylor's Whitechapel press at <https://www.prairieghosts.com/ghh.html>.



Ghosts, Legends, Mysteries & Rouges 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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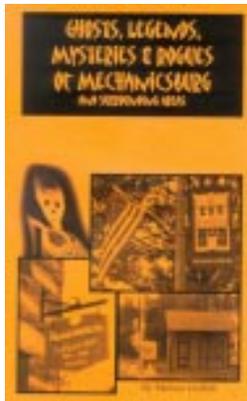
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PHOTOS FROM TROY TAYLOR'S ANNUAL GETTYSBURG VISIT & SSP's "SPIRIT DAY in MAY"



Derek Bartlett of CAIPRS (Cape and Islands Paranormal Research Society from Cape Cod) in his decorated Scion.

The strange looks I saw from some folks got even more intense when Troy stepped out wearing his "White Zombie" t-shirt! (The first ever zombie movie, featuring Bela Lugosi)



SSP's John & Kelly Weaver and Craig & Melissa Telesha, Rene Kruse (AGS) and Derek Bartlett (CAIPRS) with AGS founder Troy Taylor at the 24th MI Monument.



Left: Butch Witkowski, PA MUFON, Below: "Officer" Deb Snyder, Right: Kelly Weaver and the inimitable Ed Oconowicz!



Left: John Weaver & Craig Telesha discuss ghosthunting technology. Right: PSP Founder Rick Fisher describes his own encounter with a strange creature along a Lancaster County Road. (Rick's sighting was close to some of the stops on our May 24th History & Mystery Event)



THROUGH THE
VICTORIAN KEYHOLE

*A Series of Culinary & Visionary Encounters with Kelly Weaver
 Presented at Alfred's Victorian, 38 N. Union St. Middletown, PA*



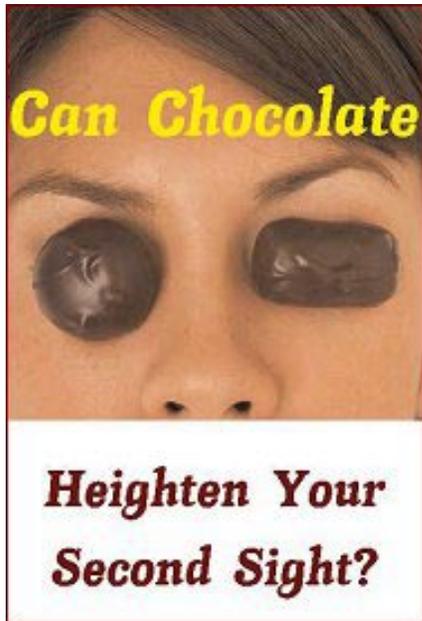
Dinners held monthly.
 Next event
June 4th @ 7pm
**"Discover Your
 Past Lives"**

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Musings of a Ghost Adventurer

By Melissa Telesha

We all know that chocolate is the “food of the gods,” but could it be the “food of the ghosts” as well? In a recent conversation with Rick Fisher, president of the Paranormal Society of Pennsylvania, he had mentioned a theory that eating chocolate might make us more sensitive to paranormal experiences. The Mayans believed eating cocoa was linked with the divine and connected you with higher spiritual powers, so there could be something to this.



You already know that eating chocolate makes you feel good and gives your brain the “in love” feeling—albeit fleetingly. That could be because chocolate causes the brain to release certain neurotransmitters (which include endorphins and other opiates) that react with receptors which can trigger emotions such as euphoria, decreased stress and can lessen pain.

At an American Associate for the Advancement of Science meeting a study claimed that a component in chocolate called “flavonol” enhanced brain function since the chemical aids blood flow to the brain. In a study conducted at the University of Nottingham Medical School, women were given beverages containing flavonol and, although the brain imaging did not reveal an increase in brain activity, a steady flow of blood to the brain lasted for about two hours. More studies are needed; however, flavonol did appear to increase cognitive abilities— if for a short time.

Another neurotransmitter released by eating chocolate is phenylethylamine (also known as “chocolate amphetamine”) that causes your pulse to quicken and results in feelings of being excited and alert.

Chocolate contains over 380 known chemicals with yet another being “anandamide” that is similar to THC (a drug contained in marijuana) that stimulates the production of dopamine which results in a feeling of well being, calmness or being “high.” Don’t worry—you would need to eat 25 pounds of chocolate to get the same affect as smoking pot!

Theobromine, also contained in chocolate, is a chemical that affects the nervous system and can produce feelings of physical and mental relaxation.

Alert, calm and relaxed with a heightened sense of awareness—could this be where we need to be mentally in order to experience ghosts or recognize a paranormal event?



As an experiment, you might try eating some chocolate before an investigation and see what happens. I would suggest dark chocolate, as it contains a higher percentage of cacao levels. As far as experimenting it’s interesting, but it is impossible to have a “supernatural control” as no one can determine when or where a paranormal event may take place—but I’m willing to give it a try, in the name of science, of course.



Craig & Melissa Telesha with Craig’s table at the recent PA Paranormal Conference at Bube’s Brewery - Craig’s first presentation promoting his new book “Strange Frequencies”

**Next S.E.A.R.C.H.
Meeting Tue. May 20**

Subject: Dec. 21, 2012 a Prophecy with John Ventre

Will Dec 21st be simply the end of the Mayan calendar, another day of the week...another four shopping days till Christmas...or could it mark something more dramatic like perhaps... DOOMSDAY???

2012 a Prophecy is a scifi novel with 2012 info and Politics, religion, UFO, terrorists....90% factual.

Author and lecturer **John Ventre** will give us the facts during his presentation and expand on the novel he wrote on this controversial and , for many people, disconcerting subject.

SEARCH meetings are held at the Harrisburg East Library behind the Colonial Park Mall. If planning to attend, please confirm with Steve Groff (566-2835) or sgroff@paonline.com