

"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

The summer is finally upon us and it's time to get outside and do some more investigations. We did just that on May 24 when a group of SSP members along with Rick Fisher and Rosemary Ellen Guiley traveled to Lancaster County and had a wonderful time exploring several haunted areas. Of course we got a nice work out with all of the walking! The weather was perfect and it was a fun day. It is always nice to socialize outside of the meetings.

At the Haldeman mansion I had a strange encounter with the last room we were escorted into. First of all, I was expecting it would be all decorated with period furniture, etc. Well, that was not the case - it was clearly in need of extensive restoration! Our 'tour guide' had a cell phone in her pocket and on the second floor it started to vibrate. There was no caller on the other end of the phone. Once we were outside of the last bedroom it began to make odd noises.

Once I entered the room I had an ominous feeling and needed to remove myself from the area. Rosemary also felt strange in this room. The guide's phone once again went crazy! (Room is 2nd floor, closest to the left in top pic. Lower pic taken in room.) Outside, Ryan told the group that when in the room alone he heard a loud rap on the window sill with no reasonable explanation. All I can tell you is that room was creepy. I did not 'tune in' due to being tired from all of the hiking, so who or what was in here I don't know. *(I too felt uneasy here; suspecting it may be power of suggestion after Kelly announced it, I left the room for a while then re-entered. The sensation returned. - JDW)*



The mansion needs a ton of work in order to restore it to its old splendor. Our group was able to donate \$60.00 to the preservation of the home.

Rick did a fabulous job as usual taking us on the tour of "Chiques Rock" where many suicides have occurred over the years. The view from atop the rocks was simply beautiful. We were lucky to have a lovely day and the river looked so tranquil after the long hike up the wooded path. We also traveled to the old railroad tunnel where several hauntings are said to occur. (Another \$60 donation was presented to Rick for the National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center.) All in all we had a great time. Thanks to everyone who participated!

In September we will be doing another investigation of the Harrisburg Cemetery. I've received the approval today so we have another spooky night planned. Last year I captured several EVP that night in several locations - some using Craig's "Frank's Box" clone. Who knows what this year will bring?

As I writing this, tomorrow (May 31) many prominent people in the Paranormal World will be at the Mystery Book Shop in Mechanicsburg for the "Halloween in May" with free lectures and book signing. Hopefully many of you made the event. Melissa worked very hard with Deb, the store's owner putting the day together. Mark Nesbitt, Rosemary Ellen Guiley, Rick Fisher, Craig Telesha, "Officer Deb", John, myself and others from SSP will be participating. I'll give you the update at tonight's meeting. (Which will be just after a much needed getaway to our fav vacation spot - Cape May!)

PA MUFON Promotes: UFO PUBLIC AWARENESS

To report a UFO Sighting, join the growing ranks of MUFON or learn more please visit: www.pamufon.com

Note from PA MUFON's Butch Witkowski sent to John Weaver (SSP), Rick Fisher (PSP) and Steve Groff (S.E.A.R.C.H.)

Hi Guys

I just would like to thank you and your groups for helping field PA MUFON'S first Awareness Day. Please also thank Craig Telesha and Scott Ditmer for their support. I am still receiving email from people regarding S.E.A.R.C.H., The Paranormal Society of PA and SSP. I direct them accordingly.

As you all know PA MUFON was basically none existent a little over two years ago. In the MUFON CMS rankings we were 47 out of 47. Not good. We have since that time put a web site on line, put 10 Investigators in the field, appointed a Chief Investigator, have 5 active State Section Directors, a STAR Team member appointed by headquarters, 6 Investigator trainees and have been ranked #1 in CMS for March of 2008 and remain in the top ten.

Networking and information sharing is most important to all of us in our fields of endeavor. I will on PA MUFON'S part continue to do so. If there is anything I can do for you just ask. I have MUFON data bases that go back to 1967. We have equipment if needed for an investigation or I can put boots on the ground. My personal MUFON cell number is 717-271-9148. Please call or text if anything is needed at any time.

We are also having all Investigators Haz Mat certified for obvious reasons, and we are in the process of putting a mobile unit together that will have all the bells and whistles from sat communication to infra red cameras. We will advise as soon as it hits the street.

Again thank you all for your support.

Regards

"Butch" SigmundWitkowski
PA MUFON Chief Investigator
PA MUFON State Section Director

And I think I speak for everyone present in likewise thanking Butch for an excellent, informative presentation. JDW



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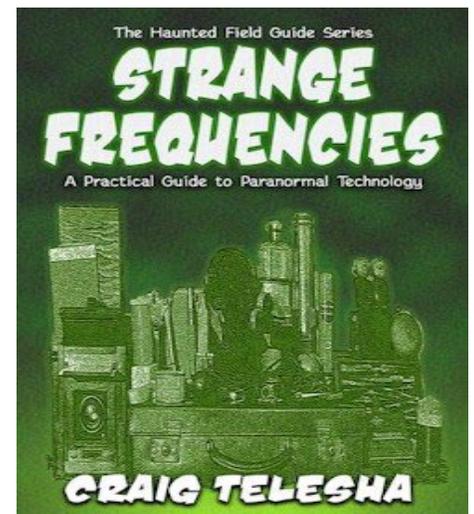


PA MUFON Chief Investigator Butch Witkowski discusses recent Keystone State sightings during the recent UFO Awareness Day co-sponsored by PA MUFON and S.E.A.R.C.H. Butch will discuss the Todd Sees case at our August meeting.

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.



PHOTOS FROM SSP's "HISTORY & MYSTERY TOUR" on MAY 24



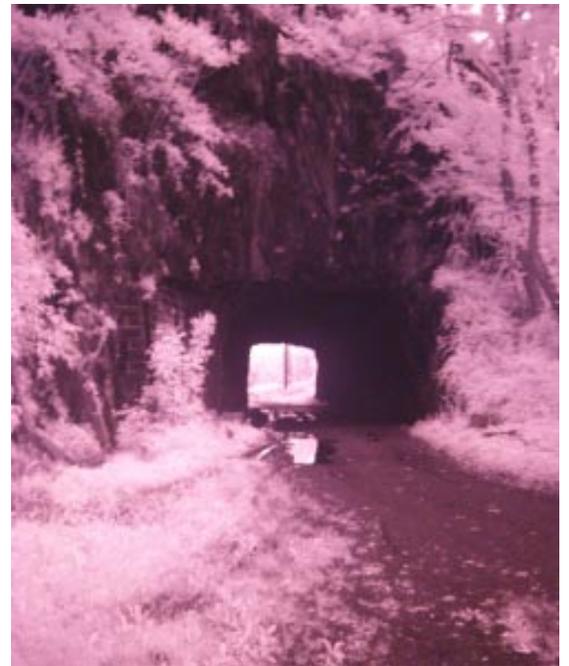
Left:
Codorus Furnace

Right:
1700's stone
Farmhouse
(possibly oldest in
Lancaster Co.)
in Chiques Park
that is an "EVP
Goldmine".
(The interior is
no longer acces-
sible at this time).



Left:
Rick strikes
"The Thinker"
pose atop
Chiques

Right:
Fascinating old
trolley tunnel
where Rick
shared stories
of hauntings
and has
recorded EVP



Below Lt: Lovely ladies, lovely view (Melissa, Kelly, Rosemary)

Below Rt: The magnificent vista looking to the northwest



Silly ghost reality shows - Commentary by Rick Fisher, Founder of the Paranormal Society of PA and National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center:

The reality of these programs -- and you can get mad at me because I'm going to get real critical -- is that they are designed to entertain. While these programs may have brought a new awareness to the paranormal they also created hundreds if not thousands of new ghost hunting groups across the country. Many of them are looking for that quick thrill of seeing a ghost and many groups don't last long after finding that on most of the investigations they have done they were not able to see a ghost or find any evidence.

How come something always happens on TV? Again it's designed to entertain. If you came with me on an investigation you would see how really boring it is. Most of the time nothing happens, it may but for the most part it doesn't. I enjoy watching these show because of the locations they get to do -- it's nice to see the inside of a castle or a hunted place that I would like to visit. I think its funny when a group travels to a foreign county and while attempting EVP asks questions in English to a 15th century German knight -- he certainly wouldn't have a clue what they were talking about. If Mothman is real would he understand English? I doubt it. That would be like me asking a bird "Mr. Blue Jay can you stop flying around so I can take your picture?"

In one episode of a show they brought in a man who is an "expert on demonic voices". A quick internet search found the man's name but mentions nothing about him on the topic of EVP. If someone was an expert on EVP certainly they would be known through out the paranormal community. This expert analyzed a supposed demonic voice and said it fell into the top 5% of the classic demonic voices even playing the voice for his colleagues who all said "wow". *(As I told Rick, this same individual, whom I met at one of Vince Wilson's conferences, told Craig and I that he only modified equipment for a group from New England that has a popular paranormal TV show and did not get involved in ghost hunting itself. During the same conversation I brought up my own interest in UFOlogy, and he said he had now real interest in that field. Guess who somehow showed up as an "Expert" on an episode of THC's "UFO Hunters", which along with "Monster Quest" in my opinion are the top two shows of this genre currently on TV. - JDW)*

The expert went on to say that this is one pissed off spirit. When I heard this demonic voice I edited and put it on my computer, there was nothing demonic about it. I played it at my conference and the crowd didn't say wow -- **they all laughed.**

The voice actually says "He's a fake" -- doesn't sound demonic or pissed off to me! Now, if this is an intelligent spirit then he is saying that the demonic EVP expert is a fake or the voice could be that of an imprint. This expert went on to say this could be dangerous. The only danger that I see here is falsely

telling the witness who is experiencing the phenomena that they have demons because of a voice the expert could not interpret.

In another episode when using a Frank's box a question is asked and the reply was "Do you see" yet they interpreted as Lucy and went onto to research to find if there had been a patient named Lucy out of hundreds of former patients, I am sure there was at least one. The next voice was supposedly that of a strong demon yet I can't make out what the voice is saying so how can one know that it's a demon. Isn't this deceiving the public making every voice out to be demonic?

Lets not forget when one is possessed to just slap them, no need for exorcisms anymore a good bitch slap should cure them. It's no wonder that the field of paranormal doesn't get any credibility and why skeptics sit back and laugh. There are only a handful of researchers who have spent their lives looking for answers out of hundreds of wanna be ghost hunting groups who are looking for that thrill. When the reality shows come and go so will most of the wanna be's. I don't believe those who portray themselves as paranormal investigators should get on TV and fake evidence for pay or fame. To me they have lost all credibility.

Coming soon by Rick Fisher, a series of books based on Pennsylvania mysteries from UFO's, hauntings, and strange creatures, also terrifying tales from the Ouija board.

If you have a strange story for possible inclusion in any of the above books please contact me at rfisher@paranormalpa.com



As usual, this time of year I anticipate the first few days of July, when the anniversary of the largest battle fought in the western hemisphere takes place at a place that has been like a second home to me since childhood: Gettysburg.

The long-awaited new visitor center and continuing land restoration projects are things I welcome as a lover of history, but as a paranormal investigator, the popularity of certain sensationalized TV shows (as noted in Rick Fisher's comments in this newsletter) frankly make me cringe at what sort of people we might see added to the despised "orbies" that roam the battlefield, squealing with delight as their camera captures an entire regiment of dust particles!

Most of you know what's coming: How long is it going to be until someone declares they've conjured up the voice of a DEMON on these hallowed grounds through their recording? I've gotta fiver that says it will come from that mass of rocks below the Round Tops named after old Beezlebub himself!

That's OK. I'll be protected as long as I bring Kelly along -- I'm sure she'll delight in giving me the old **bitch slap** should any sons o'Satan try and get the best of me!