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"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

Wow! Where do I begin? The last few weeks have been very busy for John and I.

Last weekend we traveled to Troy Taylor's annual **Haunted America Conference** in IL. I am the official medium for this group and a representative and researcher for the AGS in PA. Troy and I have been friends for many years. You'll remember that he was the feature speaker at our first two conferences.

What a great show. There were over 250 people who attended the event. The setting was the majestic Lincoln Theater in downtown Decatur. This is the same theater where I performed a séance a few years ago on Halloween. The history of the building is fascinating and many famous people have performed there including Harry Houdini.

When we arrived on Friday evening, we were greeted with a lot of familiar faces. Many people remembered John and I from past conferences and we were happy to see them again. Some of the attendees have worked with me over the phone and by mail for readings. It was nice to finally meet them in person.

I loved the added touch of the refreshment counter being open to sell popcorn, candy and drinks. People came to this conference from as far away as Boston. It was neat being around like-minded people for an entire weekend. Troy knows what he is doing when he rounded up the presenters. Derek Bartlett's lecture was on the dangers of investigating the Paranormal. It was backed up with an awesome visual presentation and rock music. Very creative to say the least. (John's column has more details) John gave an excellent illustrated lecture about the Gettysburg Battlefield. I was proud of his top-notch presentation. Way to go, John!



Kelly & John at the SSP/KMG Table during the AGS Conf.

Troy spoke about the era where Mediums were prevalent and the extremes they would go to while trying to trick the 'sitters.' There was even a catalog just for Mediums to order *cheese cloth* and *paper mache heads* designed to represent spirits and ectoplasm! (Hi-tech fakery, huh?) Some of the photos were downright hysterical. The charlatans gave a bad name to those who truly had talent. His presentation had a ton of valuable information on how 'ghost hunting' really began.

Saturday evening was my turn to be the entertainment. I was to do a séance as before. There was one glitch. Troy had sold seats to people to sit behind me on the stage. I can easily do a séance with a few people at a table touching hands, while people watch from the audience. Doing a séance with 35 people sitting a few feet behind you, well, that is totally different. All I was

getting was their energies asking for a 'reading' to contact their loved ones, etc. As I've told you many times, when you work with the Spirit world, you are not the one who is in charge of the agenda. What was I going to do while I faced a full theater and those on the stage who wanted a show? Well, I got everyone into a meditative state, including the audience. I ended up giving personal mini-readings to everyone on stage and a few people in the audience. OK, it

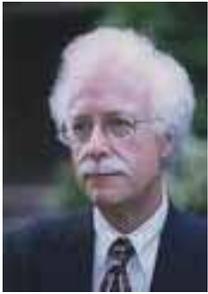
was not a séance, but the show had to go on. I have great feedback when I was done. Hopefully those who wanted a séance were still entertained with my platform readings. As you can imagine, I was so tired I slept like a rock that night.

It was a long drive back and forth to IL., but I feel it was worth the trip. We enjoyed a first-rate, classy conference and had fun along the way.



Coming Sat. October 20, 2007 S.E.A.R.C.H. Presents:

·Featured Speaker: Renown Alien Abduction Researcher DR. DAVID M. JACOBS, Ph. D.



David M. Jacobs, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of History at Temple University specializing in twentieth century American history and culture. Dr. Jacobs began researching the controversy over unidentified flying objects in America in the mid 1960's, and has amassed over 38 years of primary research data and analytical hypotheses on the subject.

Since 1973 Dr. Jacobs has continued to devote most of his professional and personal energies to researching the UFO phenomenon in general, and the abduction phenomenon in particular. Having conducted nearly 900 hypnotic regressions with over 140 abductees, Dr. Jacobs is one of the foremost UFO abduction researchers worldwide. As a result of his extensive primary research, he has developed the first scientific typology of the abduction experience.

·Guest Speaker: Noted Paranormal Investigator RICK FISHER, Founder PSP



Since founding the *PA Ghost Hunters Society* in 1997 (Now the *Paranormal Society of PA*) Rick's reputation as a dedicated and innovative paranormal investigator has continued to grow. For decades, Rick has been assembling a vast collection of artifacts pertaining to the paranormal which will be the foundation for the upcoming non-profit *National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center* for which he serves as Executive Director and Curator.

Rick's presentation will focus on the Carbondale, PA incident in November, 1974. Some claim it was merely a railroad lantern thrown into a silt pond, but others say - like Roswell and Kecksburg - a UFO crashed and was retrieved by military forces. Rick's extensive research - which includes many witness interviews - is compelling and brings this sometimes forgotten event to life!

·Location: Colonial Park East Shore Library, Rms A & B 450I Ethel Street, Harrisburg PA (Behind Colonial Park Mall)

·Time: 10:30am-4:30pm ·Donation: \$12 per person (A lunch option may be added)

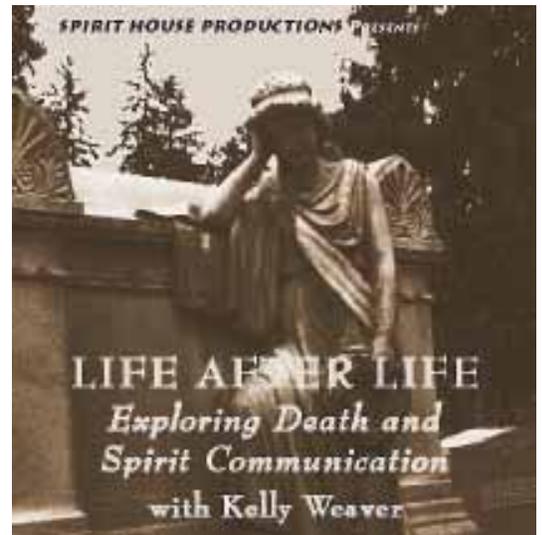
·If you have questions or need directions, please e-mail S.E.A.R.C.H. President Steve Groff SGROFF@paonline.com or call (717)566-2835

From Rosemary Guiley: On July 25, I will be joining George Noory live in the **Coast to Coast AM** studio in LA to work a Ouija board on air. This event has been controversial with listeners for weeks now, and many are worried that we and the people who listen in will be possessed or adversely affected simply by us using the board. George and I feel that the board itself is not the cause of problems, but that users determine the results.

Also present will be Jordan Maxwell and one or two others. I'm bringing the board — an antique from the museum collection of Rick Fisher. (It will be "cleared" prior to travel) Tune in — if you dare! We'll be on in the first hour, 10 PM PDT (Heard locally on WHP 580am)

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Troy Taylor's Haunted America Conference

Two 11 hour drives within 3 days aside, Kelly and I really enjoyed our experience at the 11th Haunted America hosted by Troy Taylor and the American Ghost Society on June 23. This was our second time at Troy's conference, and much bigger and in a better venue than the first we attended in Alton at his old bookstore. Being my first visit to Decatur's Lincoln Theater (Kelly flew out to do a Halloween Séance a few years ago) I must say you won't find a more appropriate venue for a ghost conference than a haunted, historic theater from the 1920s!

Unfortunately, our schedule did not allow us to join in any of the late night investigations; there were some encounters reported, including author Jeff Belanger seeing a possible apparition behind the stage. Kelly felt some specific presences here, including a younger man on the balcony at the start of her "séance". (This time, Kelly's séance turned into more of a Spirit Circle, as she was joined by 25-30 people on stage. For the same reason she prefers minimal people around when giving her impressions during an investigation, having that many living people close to her blocked out communication with earthbound spirits in the theater)

Troy, as always, gave an outstanding presentation, this time based on his recent book "Ghosts by Gaslight" (which Kelly has). This book deals with the age of the Spiritualists, and their biggest proponent, Sir Arthur Conan-Doyle, and his confrontations with his friend and Spiritualism's debunking crusader, Harry Houdini! A wealth of fascinating details were related in Troy's talk (and of course the book).

We also particularly enjoyed Derek Bartlett's presentation. Derek heads up C.A.I.P.R.S. (Cape and Islands Paranormal Research Society) on Cape Cod and we've gotten to know him through several visits to Gettysburg. Derek focused on the dangers of the paranormal and stressed that despite the majority of cases being harmless, one cannot just equip themselves



Above: Derek Bartlett uses a "horror flick" type image to emphasize some vital points during his presentation.

with thousands of dollars worth of high tech gear (and the knowledge to use it correctly) without recognizing the need to protect oneself if you are going to be involved in this field. This is something Kelly has been preaching for years herself, "If it doesn't feel right - I'm outta there!" and we certainly applaud Derek for addressing this subject.

My presentation on the years of paranormal experiences/research I've been involved with at Gettysburg seemed very well received; although several people at the conference had been there (some we remembered from Troy's yearly spring tours) many more told that getting to "the most haunted place in America" someday was one of their major ambitions. Hearing such comments re-enforces how fortunate we who live so close to Gettysburg are! Despite a strange glitch where the cursor refused to appear and thus prevented me from playing a few of the EVPs in my Powerpoint presentation, the setting was perfect: A dark, haunted theater, a couple hundred paranormal enthusiasts in the audience, and... some very loud and well-timed thunder to complete the mood! In fact, one particularly loud clap came just after I had mentioned the oft-reported auditory experience of hearing cannon fire when there are no artillery re-enactor units in town!

Despite the distance, we'll return to Decatur again someday and if your schedule allows, or you can work it in amongst other travels, we highly recommend Troy's Haunted America event.

Gettysburg Battle Anniversary

As always, I'll be spending some time on the battlefield over July 1, 2 & 3. I always enjoy the ranger walks and this year I'm particularly anticipating Tim Smith & Gary Adelman's July 2 tour of the Valley of Death. (These guys are two of the biggest non-believers you'll ever meet in regards to the paranormal, but as historians with a penchant for trivia and detail, they are unmatched, and I highly recommend their books and presentations).

I've often wondered how many people taking these walks have a strange experience, and write it off (they are mostly hard core history buffs). I've encountered a cold spot on a couple of occasions - not real intense, but cold enough to remind me we are, after all, walking in the footsteps of those brave souls, on the exact days thousands of them took their last mortal steps.

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MUSINGS OF A GHOST ADVENTURER

By Melissa Griffith

Haunt Jaunt: Chickies Rock



On June 23rd a group of SSP members joined Rick Fisher (President of the Paranormal Society of Pennsylvania) and his trusty sidekick, Marilyn, at Chickies Park in Lancaster County for a picnic lunch and hike. (Left: Long-time friend of SSP, Rick Fisher)

Chickies is a mysterious place where a lot of deaths have occurred—mostly from people falling to their

deaths from Chickies Rock either by accident, suicide or foul play. A trolley accident in 1896 also caused the deaths of 6 people and injured many others. Not long ago in the middle of the winter, a young woman was found dead in her van of carbon monoxide poisoning just below the rock.

It's rumored that a witch used to live on the property, but via eminent domain, the government forced the old woman from her home; she cursed the entire area. But this may not be where the strangeness began. Native Americans once dwelled at Chickies and there are many legends of a maiden and her lover, their relationship forbidden by their community, committing suicide by jumping from the rock.



(Above: At the top of Chickies Rock with SSP members Deb Snyder & Laura Shank; along with Junior SSP members James "Bubba" Shank, Arianna Shank & Austin Telesha)

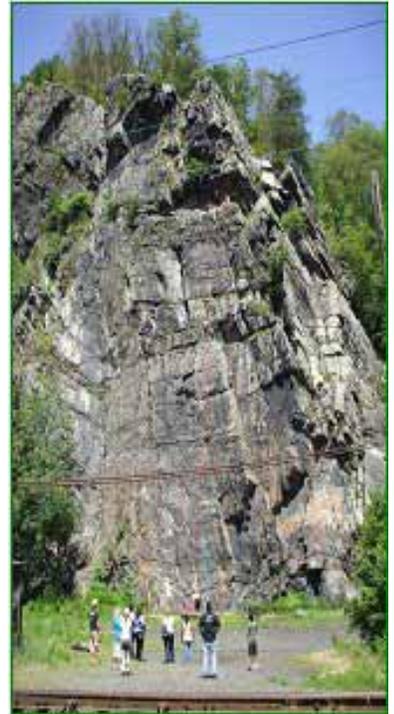
In the 1940s some picnickers claimed to have witnessed a 16-foot tall tree creature wrapped in bandages with bloody knives sticking out of its head. In 1969, some teenagers gathered at the park to drink some cheap wine and claimed to have seen a

ghost. For the next several days hundreds of curiosity seekers came to Chickies—some actually reported seeing a misty figure in the dark forest. Later the teenagers admitted the entire story was fabricated as a lark; however, stories of bizarre events at Chickies continue to this day.

Unexplained strong winds manifest out of nowhere and are gone just as quickly. The sound of Native American drumming is heard and ghostly linemen have been spotted walking along the railroad tracks.

The Chickies area was supposedly once home to creatures called alba-twitches. They were small ape-like beings that lived in the trees and would snatch apples from picnickers. It's said they are now extinct or have found a more remote place to dwell because the area has become more populated.

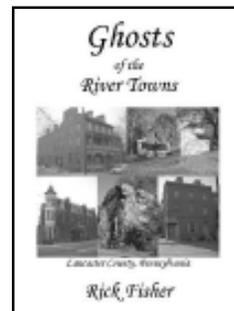
(Rt: SSP group at the base of Chickies Rock.)



A nearby farmhouse is haunted by the ghost of a colonel of the Revolutionary War. Those who have inhabited the house have heard the heavy steps of boots going up and down the staircase when no one is there and, for reasons unknown, the kitchen cabinets had a hard time staying closed. Residents would come downstairs in the morning to find all the doors of the cupboards wide open even though they had been closed the night before. The colonel's ghost has been seen on the property as well—sometimes on horseback and sometimes headless.

By curses, tragedies or some mystical earth force—Chickies Park seems to be a magnet for the paranormal and is certainly one of the most interesting and beautiful locations in south central Pennsylvania to visit.

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