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‘ROO’S BOO’S - THOUGHTS ON ‘THE CONJURING’

OK, it's *The Warrens* - given all the controversy surrounding their biggest case - Amityville - John and I wondered just how much of a 'true story' this would be. Still, having seen the previews since last winter, we really anticipated this film, and at least as scary entertainment, it didn't disappoint!

I felt it had the 'old 70's horror movie feel' and it pretty much kept me on the edge of my seat. The way they infused the 'Hide N' Clap' game (a version of Hide N' Seek' neither John or I was familiar with) into the plot was clever and spooky!



The basement full of dusty antiques - possibly a gold mine but strangely left behind - offered another good scare (of course, what basement in an old house doesn't?) I immediately thought of John Zaffis' (nephew of Ed Warren) haunted museum when they replicated the Warren's own collection, and the 'Annabelle' doll (though much different in the movie when compared to the original, seen below) made me think of the 'Tea Cozy' doll I acquired at a yard sale years ago that was the source of some very strange activity in our house. (It is now 'buried' in our old shed!)

It was interesting to see the type of equipment used in 1970s 'ghosthunting' and (if true) the incident where voices recorded on tape mysteriously disappeared felt familiar, this having happened to me with both tape and digital recorders.



As for what I didn't like, as with most movies of this type the end seemed to drag on a bit too long, and the 'exorcism' scenes were just too over-dramatic. Also, the assertion - evidently her belief - by Lorraine Warren that the demonic entity said to be causing all the havoc in the house had a connection to the Witches in Salem was silly. Anyone who knows the history of the events in Salem MA during 1692 knows that the accused

'Witches' had nothing to do with Satanic Worship - the only real evil present during that event was the ignorance of those who wrongfully convicted and executed several harmless souls!

The future of SSP: We are still contemplating a fall move to a new location, the Mechanicsburg Mystery BookShop (just west of town on Trindle Road). We will be certain to give a month's notice at the meeting and of course on our site.

As always, we are looking for contributions to our newsletter - everyone is welcome to share their stories. (Perhaps shy to speak up at a meeting, write it down!) Please remember to use spell check and forward them to John who edits the newsletter

his email is jweaver@flightssystem.com - Thanks, Kelly

John's comments on The Conjuring: I don't really have a lot to add about this much-anticipated film, as my observations pretty much match those of Kelly. In particular I found the equipment of the day interesting, including temperature-activated sensors used with the cameras. I'm uncertain how such devices of the early 70s vintage worked (how much drop in temperature would activate them); I would suspect that in drafty old houses, a lot of film could be wasted! (Film? Whatzat?) As to how 'real' this all was, I again go back to the case that brought fame to the Warren's, Amityville. I've always been very skeptical of what really happened to the Lutz's (and how much of it was enhanced for the film). I feel this too was the case with *The Conjuring*. The real house the film was based on is a ranch - seen below in a 1970s photo - nothing like the creepy 2 story used). However, I do find a contrast between the two homes: Whereas others who have lived in the Amityville home insist nothing paranormal has happened, there are numerous reports of residents in the former Perron home in Harrisville, RI still experiencing activity, though nothing as intense as what was claimed during the 70s. - JDW





Philadelphia Area MUFON Conference
October 4 – 6, 2013
Sheraton Bucks County Hotel
400 Oxford Valley Road
Langhorne, PA 19047
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Philly- Oct 4-6 2013- Fri w/cocktail Hr \$36. Sat \$40,
 Q&A Sat dinner buffet \$41, Sun \$35. Full Pkg only \$130.

- Travis Walton - Fire in the Sky
- Tom Carey - Witness to Roswell
- Richard Lang - Anti Physical UFOs
- Jon Maberry - UFOs and Aliens in Pop Culture
- Nick Redfern - The Real Men in Black
- Anthony Sanchez-UFO Hwy to Dulce NM
- John Ventre - The Case for UFOs
- Mike Melton - Psychological Effects of Being an Experiencer
- Bill Birnes - UFO Hunters Season One book signing
- Pat Uskert - UFO Hunters Reunion
- Bill Weber - What is MUFON?
- Antonio Paris - Reviving Ufology

Pittsburgh Area MUFON Conference
November 2, 2013
Westmoreland Community College
145 Pavillion Lane
Youngwood, PA 15697

Pittsburgh-Sat Nov 2 2013 -\$29 includes lunch and \$28
 for Q&A dinner buffet. \$55 combo.

- Kathleen Marden - Betty & Barney Hill
- Linda M Howe - Self Actuating Machines
- Stan Gordon - Mysterious Creatures
- John Ventre - The Case for UFOs
- Michael Lee Hill - Lake Erie UFOs



The National Museum of Mysteries & Research Center
 Presents

Eric Altman of the Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society

August 31, 2013 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM



One of Pennsylvania's legendary Bigfoot hunters Eric Altman will talk about the Pennsylvania Bigfoot Phenomenon which covers a Bigfoot 101 intro, the history of Bigfoot in PA, Native American legends, historical articles, a bit on Stan Gordon and Paul Johnson's work from the 1970's and 80's and the Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society's research conducted over the past several years. Eric is the director of the PBS has been featured in many books and articles on Bigfoot and Cryptozoology and has lectured for 13 years for numerous events, conferences, functions, organizations, colleges, high schools, libraries, groups and many more. A Bigfoot researcher with over 33 years of experience and a paranormal enthusiast he hosts the "Monster Watch" segment on Darkness on the Edge of Town Radio show during the Supernatural News once a month and is the host and Producer of Beyond The Edge Radio heard live Sunday nights 8-10 pm EST on the Para-X Radio network.

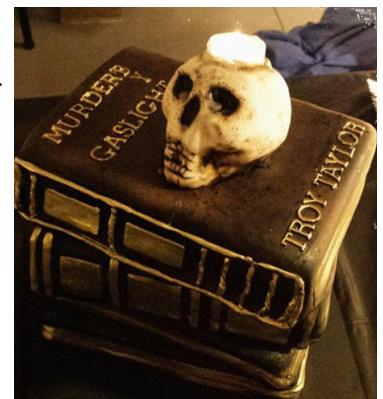
Cost: \$15.00 per person (refreshments included)
 We expect a good turnout for this event, seating is limited.
 You must register by August 24, 2013
 No registrations will be taken at the door on day of the event.
 Call 717-341-7574 for reservations or visit www.paranormalpa.net
 Visit the Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society website at www.pbigfootsociety.com



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Troy Taylor's 100th Book

Congrats to our good friend Troy Taylor on the release of his 100th book: *Murder by Gaslight*, which details the horrors of Chicago based serial killer H H Holmes. (Photo is of a cake at the release party) Troy's books can be found at https://www.prairieghosts.com/dead_tales.html



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