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“ROO’S” BOOS - Notes from SSP Founder Kelly Weaver

The chill is back in the air and porches are lined up with pumpkins, mums and Halloween decorations. This is my favorite time of the year as I’m sure it is with a lot of you.

Don’t forget the FREE Ghost Tours and More of Mechanicsburg held on Sat. Oct. 16 at Civil War & More just off the square from 5-9! Our old friend *Ghosts of Gettysburg* author Mark Nesbitt will be autographing his books, along with *Murder & Mayhem in Cumberland Co.* author Joseph Cress. Adams County winery will offer tasting & sales. SSP members Jack Thomas, Tracey Roy, Melissa & Craig Telesha plus John and I will be your tour guides along the route, with some new stories for this year - hope to see you there!

I found out that the Zombie walk, which was held in Harrisburg last year is now going to be held at the Harrisburg East Mall. Not quite what I had in mind. It was so much fun to dress crazy and lazily crawl the streets of downtown Harrisburg and wave to spectators. It just is not the same at a mall. (sigh) The date was also changed, which conflicts with some people’s schedules... so alas I may not be a zombie this year after all.

Due to the center’s cost for parties we will not have our annual Halloween party this year. If anyone has any suggestions, please let me know. *I’m going to miss dressing up and abusing John as in the past.* (Another big sigh) **Where is my knife??**



Left: Kelly describes a presence in the small attic room of the former parsonage that is part of the Columbia Historic Preservation Society. Nearly everyone present during the Rick Fisher-led investigation sensed something odd at this spot (an elevated EM field was also detected). Equipment was set up overnight in this old church/parsonage where paranormal activity has been reported. See Pg 2 for details on “Fright Night at the Museum” coming Oct. 29 where Rick will reveal findings of the investigation.

DO you know some of the folk lore sayings about October?
For example:

“Rain in October... Means wind in December”

“If the October moon comes without frost, expect no frost till the moon of November”.

Some rather weird facts concerning the month of October...

- October is the tenth month in the Gregorian calendar. It received its name from the Latin numeral “octo” meaning “eight”, because in the first Roman calendar it was the eighth month.
- On Oct. 30 1938 Orson Wells scared the S**t out of thousands, convincing them Martian invaders started the **“War of the Worlds”** by landing in Grovers Mill, NJ.
- The German Oktoberfest celebration (now held around the world) originally began on October 17, 1810, the wedding day of King Ludwig I.
- Canada celebrates their Thanksgiving the 2nd Monday of Oct.
- In merry old England during olden times the month of October was once named “Winmonth”, which meant wine month. It has also been called ‘Teo-monath’ (Tenth month) and ‘Winter-fylleth’ (Winter full moon) in the Old Saxon traditions.
- The Franciscan Order of the Catholic Church celebrates St. Francis Feast Day on October 4th.
- On October 18th, 1867, Alaska became an American territory.
- The founder of the Girl Scouts of America, Juliette Gordon Lowe was born on Halloween day – October 31st, 1860.

October is:

- Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month, Children’s Health Month, Class Reunion Month, Frugal Fun Month, National Crime Prevention Month, Family Health Month, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Positive Attitude Month, National Cookie Month, National Seafood Month – National Dessert & Cookie Month – National Popcorn & Popcorn Poppin’ Month – National Pretzel Month – National Pork Month – National Stamp Collecting Month and National Chili Month.
- In October 1903, the first game of the first baseball World Series was played between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Boston Pilgrims. Cy Young was the first losing pitcher, in a world Series Baseball Game, but Boston did win the series.
- Oct. 1962: Johnny Carson became host of “The Tonight Show”.

- On October 1st, 1968: the now cult horror movie “Night of the Living Dead” had its world premiere in Pittsburgh, Pa.
- On Oct. 1, 1971, Walt Disney World opened in Orlando, FL.
- More American Presidents were born in the month of October than any other month (6). They are: John Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes, Chester Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower & Jimmy Carter.
- Both John Lennon and Bill Gates were born in October.
- The Moon in the month of October is called “A Hunter’s Moon”.
- National Magic Week is celebrated from – Oct 25 to Oct 31.
- Are you ready to celebrate Mule Day on October 26?
- October is National Domestic Violence Month. (*Egad - does it’s open season on me for “Roo”? - JDW*)
- In October 1683, a huge amount of toads fell at Acle, a village in Norfolk, England. The villagers fearing witchcraft was at work, swept them into piles and burned them.
- The first Model T Ford was introduced by Henry Ford, on October 1, 1908.
- On the 13th of October, 1884, Greenwich Mean Time began.
- On 14th October, 1926, Winnie-the-Pooh was first published: Written by A.A. Milne.
- On 14th, October 1979, Sony invents the first Walkman, over 3 billion sold in the first 20 years.
- Did you know that on 25th October, St Crispin’s Day, Patron Saint of Shoemakers, is celebrated?

MORE GREAT LOCAL HALLOWEEN SEASON EVENTS:

Want to learn more about haunted locations in our region?

Join SSP’s Melissa Telesha for her presentation on **Area Haunted Locations** with the Susquehanna Mysteries Alliance on Oct 27. 6:30 pm at Mechanicsburg Mystery Bookshop, 6 Clouser Rd. (corner of Trindle & Clouser) Mechanicsburg \$2 admission fee. Light refreshments served. **Please register by calling the bookshop at 795-7470**

Join PSP Founder Rick Fisher for “Fright Night at the Museum” Oct. 29 8-11pm at the Columbia Historic Preservation Society in Columbia PA. Hear about paranormal encounters the staff have experienced and learn about the recent investigation conducted there. \$15.00 cover charge includes refreshments and nightmares, money goes for revitalization of CHPS. **Call for tickets: 572-7149 or 684-2894**



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*After listening to the outstanding C2C show Rosemary Ellen Guiley and Phil Imbrogno did on the **Djinn**, Kelly and I have really been opened up to their presence and the role they may play. Like Rosemary, we now suspect that certain cases we’ve either actually investigated, or just heard about over the past 15 years may possibly have the Djinn behind them. (In Arabian lore, **Djinn** are a race of supernaturally empowered beings who have the ability to intervene in the affairs of people. Djinn are self-propagating and can be either good or evil.)*

We really think the awareness she and Phil are bringing through their research needs to be shared throughout the paranormal community. (With their new book “The Vengeful Djinn” due out in March 2011, tentative plans have Rosemary speaking on the Djinn at our annual Spirit Day in May event.) The following excerpt offers an update on their research - JDW

DJINN UPDATE (Reprinted with permission from Rosemary Ellen Guiley’s October 2010 Newsletter)

Djinn continue to be a hot topic in the paranormal. Even fictional paranormal TV shows and “reality” shows have featured Djinn in recent weeks, not to mention films in theaters. This topic is going to get even bigger. That’s good, because we need to know more about the Djinn and their role in paranormal experiences. I have a Djinn page on my website, www.visionarilyliving.com, which I will expand with the publication of The Vengeful Djinn, a book I have co-authored with Philip J. Imbrogno, due out in March next year.

Any time a topic gets to be hot, we are inundated with claims and information. We will hear from a lot of experts, some of them good and some of them dubious. Few people in the Western paranormal community have paid much attention to the Djinn, if they even knew about them in the first place.

Be wary of people (mostly “demonologists”) who say they’ve been “handling Djinn cases” for years. While that could be so, I find very little comprehension of the Djinn even now, let alone in the past. Usually when I mention the word Djinn to paranormal investigators, the response is, “What’s that?” Phil and I have been on the radio quite a bit in the past year talking about the Djinn, and we are raising awareness. There are other sources, too.

As for myself, I became interested in the Djinn in the course of my research for my encyclopedias, beginning in the late 1980s. I became seriously interested in them a few years ago, in part as an outgrowth of my research of Shadow People. In 2008, I started reevaluating many of my paranormal investigation cases from the standpoint of Djinn. That, and my collaboration with Phil, led to the book. We don’t claim to have all the answers by any means, but we have put together quite a portrait of these enigmatic entities.

I hope you check out the Djinn page, and also The Vengeful Djinn in March. Meanwhile, another excellent place to go is the Jinn forum on Yahoo Groups, run by Robert Lebling, an American who works in the Middle East and who has studied the Djinn for a very long time. Visit Jinn@yahoogroups.com.