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"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

Welcome to 2009! I trust that all of you had a wonderful holiday season. John and I were busy running from one party and get together to another and I'm rather happy to see the holidays in the rear view mirror.

I'm looking forward to a fresh start for the new year. One of my goals is to finally finish my second book. Hopefully my health will continue to get better and that will become a reality!

Future SSP Projects

We will set a date very shortly for our planning committee to get together and plan future events for SSP. We will most likely, due to the large number of people who signed up, meet at a local restaurant for lunch to make the plans.

I'm planning our annual Spirit Day in May this month. If you have any ideas or comments, please let me know. I'm working on the dates and speakers at the moment.

The Senior Center

The director of the Senior Center sent us a nice thank you note for all of the food and gifts we left for them last month. They were also very grateful for the items left over from our sale. We raised close to \$30.00 extra dollars for our account. Thanks to everyone who helped with the sale by bringing items and purchasing knick-knacks.

The center has raised the cost of the rental per month. They have not raised the rate since we started meeting here, so it was not a great surprise to get the letter. In order to not raise our dues, we will do away with the raffle. The price per month will still be \$5.00 per person and we will still offer the Senior Citizen discount. Prices for extra activities may be raised according to the rental of the center for the day. I will keep you posted.

Pennsylvania Pyramids from the book – *Weird U.S. – The Odyssey Continues Your travel guide to America's Local Legends & Best Kept Secrets*. Mark Moran, Mark Scurman & Matt Lake

By the side of a small road between Quakertown and Dublin in Bucks County, Pa, stands a memorial garden that used to be a

place of quiet reflection. Now it's closed down and surrounded by NO TRESSPASSING signs and overgrown shrubs. Poking through the undergrowth are two large pyramids, and a mystery that goes back hundreds of years.

The land is owned by the Rosicrucian's, a group that has apparently been a secretive presence in Pa. for centuries and that really loves symbols, especially pyramids. At the front of the garden is a yard-high pedestal that turns out to be a topless pyramid. It is lined up with a second pyramid more than five feet tall on the other side of the hedge. This in turn lines up with a large pyramid-shaped mausoleum with tantalizing hints about



Site "R" or Raven Rock Mountain, just south of Waynesboro PA. "Officially" the AJCC (Alternate Joint Communications Center) some believe there is more to this Cold War-era underground facility than the Govt. will acknowledge. See JW's story in this issue.

the order. Memorial plaques list members of the supreme councils of nine, seven, and three, with titles such as Supreme Grand Master, Member Sublime, and Hierophant. May of those named were women. And there have been some very influential members, including Benjamin Franklin and Abraham Lincoln.

Looking inside the big pyramid, you get a clearer idea of the symbols of the order. Over the gated doorway stands a circular plate with a winged world crowned with a skull and crossbones, with the word TRY underneath it.

The torch, anchor, and triangle in the design only further confuse the uninitiated. Peeking through the gate into the pyramid, however, gives you a jolt of recognition. On two walls of the four-sided pyramid are two very familiar circular designs: an unfinished pyramid topped with an eye, and an eagle holding an olive branch and thirteen arrows. These are the two sides of the Great Seal of the United States, as portrayed on the reverse side of the dollar bill.

So why are why are these seals hidden inside a Rosicrucian monument? Is the order tipping its hat to the United States? Is it worshipping the mighty dollar? Or is this country actually being branded with the seal of the secret society? Whatever the answer, next time you look at the all-seeing eye in the sky on the dollar bill, remember that there's a similar eye inside a pyramid north of Philadelphia.

SITE "R" - More than Meets The Eye? - by JDW

Also known as the Raven Rock Mountain Complex and "officially" designated the Alternate Joint Communications Center, Site "R" is located south of Waynesboro near the MD border (and close to Camp David) Most recently, it gained fame as the location VP Dick Cheney was taken to following the 9/11 Attacks on NYC and Washington.

The complex is 650 feet beneath the 1,529 ft. summit of Raven Rock and there are four *known* entrance portals. The location was selected due to the mountain being rich in greenstone, a type of granite and one of the hardest rocks on earth.

For years, there has been speculation in paranormal/UFO/conspiracy circles that this underground Government facility built during the Cold War (1953) is more than just a nuke-proof command/communications center.

I recall it coming up in discussions during the early days of our "Skywatch" group in the early 90s - particularly one individual who lived in the region and frequently reported black helicopters seen flying nearby. (The aerial view below does show a helipad, but that is certainly to be expected of such a facility)



Some people claim that this is one of a nationwide network of underground basis, linked by huge tunnels which were bored using alien technology. I've read several bizarre claims on the web that Site R is involved with psychic and satellite control over human slaves! I've even noted a reference to it having a direct link to Camp Hero (Montauk, Long Island) where lurid experiments in mind control, teleportation and time travel were held (with the assistance of reptilian ETs), if anyone believes Al Bielek, Preston Nichols and Duncan Cameron!

I'm certainly not suggesting there is any evidence solid enough to tie in Site R with anything as outlandish as the claims about Camp Hero, but over the years several UFO sightings in the area at least cast some suspicion on there being more here than meets the eye. (A few years ago, when Rick Fisher responded

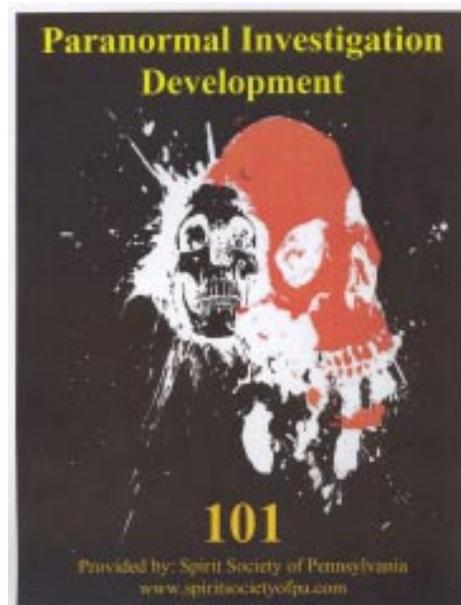
to a PA Bigfoot Society report of tracks near the Wayneboro Reservoir I jokingly suggested it might have been something that escaped from the nearby Site R! (Did I mention that along with the Reptilians, there are also claims of a Bigfoot-type creature at Montauk?)

As a MUFON FI, I recently received two reports from witnesses in the region on the same night (Dec 28). Descriptions differ somewhat but they were in the same general area and only about 40 min. apart. Unfortunately, one has evidently gotten "cold feet" and not returned calls or e-mails. The other witness was very sincere and his comparison of it to bright planets (Venus), stars and conventional aircraft in the sky thru binoculars suggests it is really something unknown.

A couple acquaintances -- who's names are not revealed due to after hours visits to the Gettysburg battlefield -- have reported seeing some strange lights in the sky. The south end of the battlefield they frequent is only about 12 miles from Site R and these are ex-military and thus credible observers. The NUFORC site listed a report this summer where "several people on a ghost tour - including the guide" witnessed something. (I contacted Carol Nesbitt about this - it was not one of their tours, though). Many of you have seen the daytime photo SSP member & re-enactor Kelly Betz took of a possible UFO above Cemetery Ridge. (Despite the countless hours I've spent on the battlefield exploring history and the paranormal, I've only had one possible UFO sighting: In the Rose Woods last summer, I saw a streak cross the visible sky -- too fast to be a satellite and too slow to be a meteor -- that may have been a "fastwalker")

Fellow investigators Butch Witkowski and Tracey Roy agree this area merits a closer look -- perhaps a "skywatch" session and intend to look into it when better weather approaches. If anyone has had any unusual sightings in the G-burg/Waynesboro/Chambersburg area (even years ago), please contact Tracey or I thru SSP or file a report at www.mufon.com - JDW

New! Free Download from SSP: P.I.D. 101



Paranormal Investigation Development 101 is a comprehensive guide to understanding the procedures and policies SSP has refined over 12 years of investigating haunted places. This is a "must-read" for anyone who wants to become involved with SSP field investigations. Many thanks to Melissa Telesha for preparing this document, which can

downloaded free (.pdf file) at www.spiritsocietyofpa.com

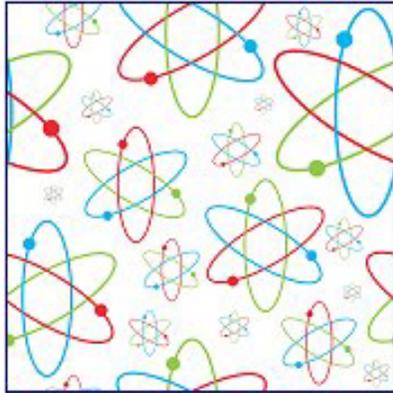
Musings of a Ghost Adventurer

By Melissa Griffith

I think it's about time we get down the nitty gritty—how, exactly, do ghosts manifest? They must need some type of energy in which to do so. There are many theories and none have been legitimately proven. This is the fantastic aspect of being a paranormal investigator—you can try any experiment and nothing is too crazy or outlandish since no one knows definitively what will work.

One popular theory is that spirits can use ions in the air to manifest or cause paranormal activity.

What are ions? Ions are molecules or atoms that have lost or gained an electron which gives the ion a positive or negative electrical charge. They are produced naturally via radon, lightning and cosmic rays.



The air is loaded with ions. Approximately one-third of people are affected when there is a dramatic decrease of negative ions in the air. This occurs when we use air conditioning or if there is low ventilation or a long spell of dry weather. The highest concentration of negative ions are near moving water—rivers and oceans and especially water falls; and also, before, during & after storms. These locations or conditions can make us feel more energized.

However, the opposite situation (low concentration of negative ions—such as in a room or vehicle with no ventilation) can increase serotonin which makes one feel drowsy, relaxed and mental functions are dulled.

According to a study conducted by the Journal of Applied Psychology, by significantly increasing the amount of negative ions in the air, participants exhibited a growth in output, enhanced memory and affected decision making. "... the findings of these studies suggest that negative air ions can indeed exert appreciable effects on cognitive performance."

Although there is no conclusive evidence that ghosts or spirits can use negative ions as a catalyst for activity, it's interesting that many haunted places are located near water. Also, I've noticed that a lot of restaurants with paranormal activity boast haunted bathrooms!

Why then are ghosts or supernatural occurrences also reported in dark, dry places? Perhaps in those places, which generally have a low negative ion count, our brains are tricked into believing we had a paranormal experience since these conditions tend to dull mental alertness.

Packing a negative ion generator might be a good idea on your next ghost investigation—it's certainly worthy of experimentation. Some investigators even bring along a device called an air ion counter.

A consecutive theory is that there is an association between hauntings and radon. Radon, a main producer of air ions, is a radioactive element that is produced below ground and is found (in harmless amounts) just about everywhere. Radon is heavier than air and so it tends to collect in buildings or areas where there is little ventilation—which could be the reason why there are also hauntings in those dark, dry places.

At this point, relation between radioactive anomalies and hauntings are minimal—but more research in this direction should prove interesting.

Thanks to Melissa for finding the following article from *The Star and Sentinel* newspaper, Gettysburg, PA, dated Sept. 8, 1917

Spooks Haunt This Old House: Cumberland County Boasts Mansion in which Weird Things Happen

FURNITURE OVERTURNED And Many Other Mysterious Things Occur, Family Become Used to them. Are not Alarmed.

A ghost inhabited house, an ancient structure built scores of years ago, in which the uncanny spirits of the darkness hold their nightly revels, has been discovered at Wormleysburg, Cumberland County.

It is the old Church Mansion at the west end of the Walnut Street Bridge where the myriad of ghostly forms hold high carnivals.

Innocent little pranks, such as the overturning of heavy pieces of furniture, the extinguishing of electric lights, breaking of crockery, etc. all are combined to make up the pastimes of the spirits that infest the ancient manse.

The home—a rambling old colonial structure—built long before the Civil War, is occupied by the family of P.J. Conway. The head of the house is a traveling salesman and the remainder of the family consists of the wife and two sons.

After two years (of) constant dwelling in the building, Mr. and Mrs. Conway and children declare that they have become hardened to their nocturnal visitors and the nightly visit of the ghostly worries them not at all.

The old Church Mansion, during the days of the Civil War, was used as the headquarters for officers of the Union Army in this district. The rooms are of unusual size, ancient colonial windows admitting the light from every side of the structure.

For years before the Conway family took possession of the building, it was common talk about Wormleysburg that the ghost of old Doctor Church was in the house and that the ghost made nightly tours around the premises.

A son of the family is an electrician. He has changed the wiring in the house a number of times, yet the mysterious spirits of the house continue their wanderings and before departing, turn on the light each night.

Among the things the ghosts are said to have done are:

Turned on electric lights during the still of the night after the current had been turned off by members of the family.

Stricken eight cats and three dogs with strange ailments which caused the deaths of the creatures, within the past two years.

Turned over heavy pieces of furniture during the night time.
Caused a heavy glass bowl to suddenly crash from the top of a piano into a thousand pieces.

Awakened an entire family with a noise of footsteps on the stairway, the electric lights suddenly switched on, revealing not a living creature.

Caused twenty-two servants to leave the house within a period of two weeks, no servant remaining more than four days in the house.



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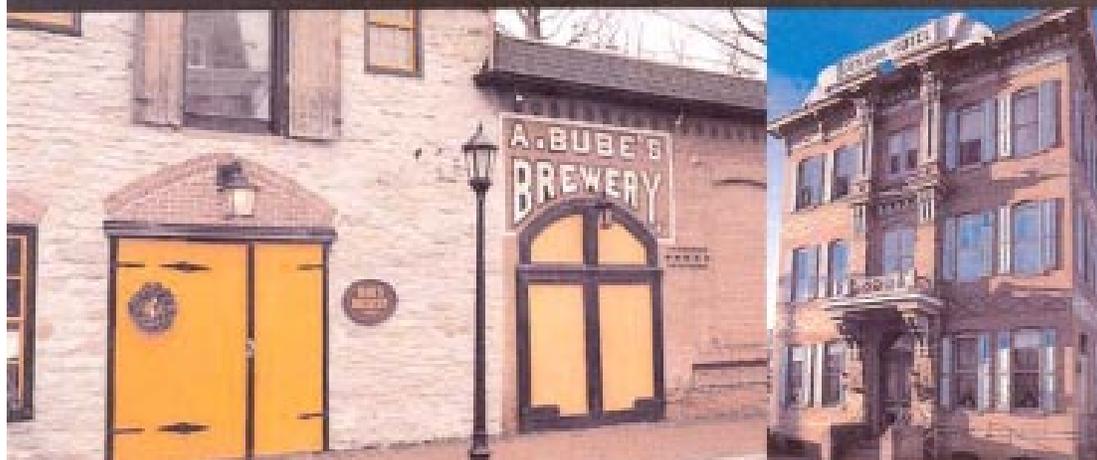
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Experienced Paranormal Investigator, Speaker &
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