



# Spirit Society of PA.

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## "ROO's" BOOS - NOTES FROM KELLY

Warm Weather is finally here! Whoo Hoo. John and I spent a wonderful night in Gettysburg last Saturday with a lot of old friends and made new ones along the way.

We met Troy Taylor's Group from around the country visiting the battlefield and John was in his glory re-telling historical facts and paranormal occurrences. This was my first big trek since my back surgery, so I walked gingerly in the woods and it felt great to be back in Gettysburg. We were joined by author Rosemary Ellen Guiley, author and paranormal investigator Vince Wilson and investigator/professor Rene Kruse. (she spoke at our first conference). We had a great time and are looking forward to many more trips to the beautiful battlefield.

In a few weeks I will be speaking at the New Jersey Conference. I'm excited to get back out in the paranormal field again to lecture and teach about psychic awareness. I'll also be in charge of a cemetery tour that weekend. We'll keep you posted.

### Spirit Day in May

Please join us for this fun filled day on Saturday, May 20, 2006. The cost per person is only \$10.00. If paying by check, please make it to the *Spirit Society of PA*.

We will begin our day at 10:00 AM. We will begin setting up at 8:30 AM. We will need to prepare the tablecloths, flowers in vases, white elephant sale and silent auction items, along with the food for the day before we open the doors.

Heather O'Donnell and Melissa Griffith are in charge of the food this year. We need other volunteers to help with the set up and preparation. PLEASE SIGN UP TONIGHT to help or what covered dish you are bringing. Each person **must bring** a dish-dessert-beverage-snack to the event. We also will need plates and plastic ware and napkins.

We begin the day with an interactive technical seminar with John and Craig. Bring your cameras for an interesting time. You can learn a lot and use it with general photography, not just for ghost hunting!! Rick Fisher will also give a slide presentation on the fascinating collection he has already assembled for the *Museum of Mysteries*.

**Joe Kerrigan** will give his terrific presentation after lunch at 1:30 PM. Be prepared to be amazed at his story telling abilities his costumes and characters that will chill you to the bone. You'll hear Civil War Ghost tales and witness a mock séance. He will have his books for sale in the afternoon.

**Mind Over Matter** - Will take place mid afternoon. Kelly will lead you through a guided meditation and you will then bend a piece of flatware. (Bring spoons or forks to bend - you can pick them up at the Dollar Store).

**The Silent Auction** announcements will be held after dinner.

Early Evening we will have a **Spirit Circle** led by Kelly. Anything can happen during this interesting event! You may be surprised at **who** comes through. Many people will receive personal messages from beyond.

**White Elephant and Silent Auction Guidelines** We are having these two events to raise rent money for the next year for the Society. We ask that you donate an item for the Silent auction in order to help us with this cause. This item can be something you've made, purchased, etc. All price ranges will be honored. Be creative in your donations. Terry Krouch is in charge of the Auction.

**The White Elephant Sale** will need small items (due to space restrictions). All items **MUST BE PRICED** before hand. Keep the pieces inexpensive. **NO CLOTHING**. (jewelry, belts, purses are OK.) We will need a good amount of plastic bags for the goods. Whatever items are left over will be donated to the Senior Center or the Salvation Army. Kelly is in charge of this event. I'll provide the paper bags and change. I will need a helper that day. Please sign up tonight. You'll be able to shop during breaks, lunch, dinner time and afterwards. **Let's make these events a success.**

### What you are asked to bring on May 20<sup>th</sup>:

- A covered dish, beverage or contribute something to the food list (**Required**)
- A spoon or fork to do the mind over matter experiment (**Required**)
- Small items for the white elephant sale -
- An item for the silent auction
- Donations are requested for plastic and large paper bags
- Flowers if possible to make the day festive (bring glasses/cans or vases for the flowers)

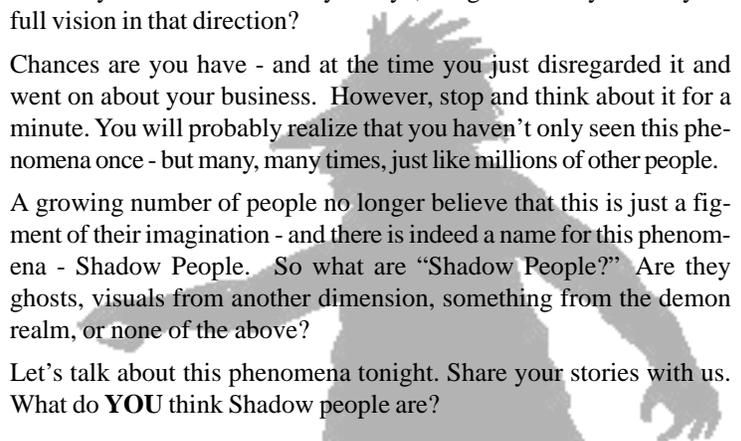
### Shadow People

Have you ever noticed a shadow-like figure race across the room - seen only out of the corner of your eye, but gone when you turn your full vision in that direction?

Chances are you have - and at the time you just disregarded it and went on about your business. However, stop and think about it for a minute. You will probably realize that you haven't only seen this phenomena once - but many, many times, just like millions of other people.

A growing number of people no longer believe that this is just a figment of their imagination - and there is indeed a name for this phenomena - Shadow People. So what are "Shadow People?" Are they ghosts, visuals from another dimension, something from the demon realm, or none of the above?

Let's talk about this phenomena tonight. Share your stories with us. What do **YOU** think Shadow people are?



## Biographies of the Strange and Paranormal By Gail Dull

Those who know me know of my love for all things Disney and my annual pilgrimage to the "House of Mouse". This year, I saw a "ghost" and it wasn't in Mr. Disney's famous Haunted Mansion.

This year, my husband and I drove to Orlando. It is not a bad drive, only about 14-16 hours and we split it up, driving half way and stopping for the night on the way down and back.

On Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am we were passing through Daytona, Florida on our way home. The highway was crowded as it was "Bike Week" and there were literally thousands of motorcycles on the road.

We got off the highway at the famous International Speedway Boulevard, only blocks from the famous raceway to stop at an Exxon station to get gas. (For those familiar with the area this is where I-4 meets I-95.)

After we got gas, we had to make a right coming out of the station and would need to go down a block, and make a U-turn at the stoplight to return to the highway. Just as we were about to pull back out on International Boulevard, we realized that it was JUST beginning to back up. A nice person let us out into the right lane and what I was about to see was at the same time the most horrific and interesting thing I may ever see.

There was an accident; an SUV had plowed into the back of a 3-wheeled motorcycle that had been stopped at the traffic light. The rider of the bike was hit so hard his helmet was thrown from his body before he hit the pavement. He hit the pavement head first. His head had left a mark on the pavement similar to the mark left when one drops a melon and there was a considerable amount of blood and brain matter on the road.

I was horrified. As I looked, I was especially touched by this big, burly looking biker who was standing over the obviously lifeless body of the poor man who had been hit. The burly biker was wearing a black leather jacket, t-shirt, jeans and a stars and stripes "do-rag" on his head. He held his head and his hands and was obviously in disbelief. He was sobbing and kept shaking his head as if he could not believe what he was seeing. It broke my heart.

It was then I realized that no one else seemed to be paying the burly biker any attention, even though he was standing two feet from the dead body. I glanced back down at the body and looked at the poor deceased man. He was wearing jeans, a t-shirt, a black leather jacket and the remnants of a stars and stripes "do-rag". Where had I seen that before?

The burly biker.

I glanced back up and realized that the dead man and the burly biker were one in the same. No one else was looking at the burly biker and no one else seemed to notice him in any way. I looked back down at the deceased man...then back up and the burly biker was gone!

This was in the middle of a four lane boulevard! There was NO way the burly biker could have walked or even run out of my line of sight as we were still stuck in traffic in the lane next to the accident. The involved parties were sitting in the grass median between lanes and the burly man was no where to be seen. Where had he gone and why had no one else seen him.

I kept looking around and my husband started giving me the evil eye and told me to sit down and to not make it obvious that I was gawking. I asked him if he had seen the burly biker but he replied that he had been waiting for the traffic to move and hadn't looked.

We inched forward and ended up having to turn right onto Tomoka Farms Road then make a U-turn and then turn left on Speedway Boulevard to return to I-95. We also had to drive by the accident on the other side. It couldn't have taken but a moment for us to get turned around and as hard as I tried... I couldn't find the burly biker again. As we drove by the 2<sup>nd</sup> time the paramedics finally arrived but they were in no hurry as the policeman must have informed him of the death of the biker.

We read in the paper that the man had only been 63 years old and was a local man. He had died upon impact with the pavement and that there was an ongoing investigation into the woman who had hit him. (This explained why they couldn't have covered the body as it was a possible crime scene.) The paper stated that there were more than 100 motorcycle accidents that week and 15 deaths. In fact, it was so bad, that we passed another accident 100 yards after we got back on I-95, but thankfully, that biker was moving and talking.

So did I see the spirit of the recently departed man who was in shock and disbelief of his passing? I don't know... I only know what I saw up close and personal.

*Personal note: The article I read stated that almost all those who were killed that week were not wearing helmets, or in the case of the burly biker, were not wearing them tight enough to keep them on in the event of an accident. I humbly ask all of you who are bikers to PLEASE consider wearing a helmet because no one should suffer the fate of the burly biker.*



**Spring/Summer Visiting Hours Return to Gettysburg NMP.** On the night of April 1, the "traditional" visiting hours of leaving the park open until 10pm returned, pleasing not only ghosthunters but battlefield trappers who's main interest is the history. Troy Taylor had scheduled a spring tour from the midwest to coincide with this change, and asked Rene Kruse, Kelly and me to help show his group some of the "out of the way" haunted sites on the battlefield.

I must admit I had some reservations about the evening, thinking that an overflow of "orbies" would compromise nighttime investigations, but we were pleasantly surprised! While there were other people around, they were keeping quiet, and not taking photos every few seconds, even in the Devil's Den area, normally one of the meccas for such activity! For many of Troy's group, it was their first visit to Gettysburg, and our stop at Devils Den offered them the choice of either the Den itself and Triangular field, or the more challenging excursion I planned into the far end of the very spooky Slaughter Pen. Despite my relating stories told about a possible "rip in time" reported there (one encounter being quite physical), a surprising number elected to follow me back the old trolley path and then thru the brush to a particular set of rocks in the Slaughter Pen where Kelly has vividly sensed a spirit who felt "safe, but would never be found". This was at twilight and as darkness rapidly settles amongst the trees it is definitely not a place for the squeamish! One thing is certain: Troy's people are very dedicated and serious about the subject, and were very attentive as I explained the history and Vince Wilson offered insight on the workings of the Trifield Natural EM Meter I had deployed upon the rocks. At this point, the group experienced one of the most common strange occurrences on the battlefield as the loud, sudden crack of a musket broke the silence! When I asked if anyone else had

heard it, and explained that re-enactors are prohibited from carrying firearms on the battlefield (except during special programs), I saw lots of nods and wide eyes! When I suggested we be silent for several minutes so anyone with recorders might attempt recording EVP -- or more gunshots -- people readily complied.

I am not a fan of taking larger groups (about 18 joined me on this walk) around the battlefield, as they are simply not conducive to gathering good evidence. However, after observing the actions of certain "Ghosthunting" groups who disrupt the battlefield with their juvenile behavior, it was refreshing to be around such a respectful group -- these folks certainly meet the standards we ask of SSP members.

We next traveled to the Timber's Farm foundation where Rene, Kelly and I had some interesting experiences back in 2004 (Recounted in a story on the SSP site) One of Troy's people heard a voice say "Stay back" just west of the remains of the barn; attempts to capture this voice on tape have not yet been verified.

The evening ended at Barlows Knoll and the Almshouse Cemetery. After sharing some of the historical and paranormal stories about the site, people broke off to explore individually. I've yet to review all my video as this was written, but I did encounter a substantial cold spot while headed down the sloping hill toward Rock Creek.

I could tell Troy's folks were impressed with their battlefield experience. I was so happy they had a clear, crisp but not too cold night, and especially pleased their was no disruption from embarrassing "orbies". When several of these folks from the midwest told me how they could not wait to come back, it once again reminded me how fortunate we who live so close to this beautiful, hallowed and mysterious ground are. - JDW



*This bi-monthly series of lectures will bring nationally recognized paranormal experts, authors and investigators to south central PA at the Railroad House in Marietta. The intimate setting in the basement tavern of this historic and haunted 19th century Inn is a perfect place to experience accounts of the strange world around us! All proceeds from the series will benefit the forthcoming National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving history's mysteries through a collection of artifacts and various media.*

Initial event will be June 10, 2006 from 10:30am to 2:30pm Speaker: PSP Founder Rick Fisher - ***The History and Mystery of Talking Boards***

The lecture will feature the history and mystery of the Ouija Board and the dangers involved in using this tool to communicate with the dead. See one of the largest displays of Ouija memorabilia in the country and have ***the chance to participate in a ouija session.*** Is Ouija just a game or a communication device? Find out!

\$20.00 per person does not include lunch. \$35.00 per person w/lunch includes lunch. Menu includes your choice of sandwiches, or burger and one drink coffee, tea, or soda.

Seating limited to 40 people, no registration will be accepted at the door unless seats available. Registrations must be received no later than May 27th.

Send check or money order to: Rick Fisher, 109 South Second Street Apt. 2 Columbia, PA 17512

## The Superstition of EGGS

*(Just in time for Easter)*

The humble chicken's egg is the object of a host of superstitions reflecting its importance as food, symbol of life and Christian icon. The first egg laid by a bird is thought to be lucky, and in former times farmhands would present these to their sweethearts. If the bird in question is brown, a wish may be made when the egg is eaten. If the bird is white and the egg is slipped beneath the pillow, the sleeper will be given a vision of his or her future lover. If the same thing is done with the egg of a black hen, the person who consumes it will be protected from fever for the next few months.

Setting eggs to be hatched is a complicated business. Eggs should always be set under the hen in odd numbers and never when there is a new Moon or on a Friday or Sunday. To protect them from witches and weasels it is best to mark each egg with a small black cross.

The collection of egg is not to be lightly undertaken and certain taboos must be observed. It is thought particularly unlucky to collect eggs and take them outdoors after sunset; similarly, requests to buy eggs after nightfall may well be turned down. Finding an egg that is unusually small is even more to be feared, for such eggs are said to have been laid by cocks and are an omen to death only to be negated by throwing the offending egg over the barn roof.

Having collected eggs, care should be taken in carrying them. An old English rhyme runs:

***Break an egg, break your leg;***

***Break three, woe to thee;***

***Break two, your love's true.***

Rather than eating eggs, some people prefer to pour three drops of egg white into a glass of water for purposes of divination. Sometimes performed on Mid Summer Day, or some other 'magical' day of the year. This ritual allows one person to divine from the shape that the white assumes the profession of their future partner or something else about their prospects in the coming months. Those who have tried the experiment have reported seeing such shapes as churches, coffins, ships and school desks.

Some thought should be given to the disposal of the eggshell. It is important to break the shell up once the contents are consumed, as a witch may use the empty shell to obtain power over the person who has fed from it by means of spells, or else use the shells as boats in which to set sail and wreck ships at sea. It is bad luck, however, to push one's spoon through the bottom of an egg. Eggshells should never be burned, to do so prejudices the laying of more eggs by one's hens. Feeding ground eggshells in milk or water to small children will, it is alleged in Lincolnshire, cure them of bed wetting, but older siblings should be discouraged from keeping decorative 'blown' eggs in the house, as these invite bad luck. In Japan, women are warned to never step on an eggshell; if they do so, they will surely go mad. - ***Taken in part from the Dictionary of Superstitions by David Pickering***

***Happy Easter Egg Hunting everyone! - Kelly L. Weaver***

*Many of you know my aversion to the "E" word, evidently a phobia which developed following a childhood allergic reaction to the aforementioned... I've seen a UFO, been touched and spoken to by ghosts, but show me a scrambled "E" and I'm outa there! I can assure you, "ROO" took immense pleasure in sending me this for inclusion in this month's newsletter - JDW*

# Musings of a Ghost Adventurer

By Melissa Griffith

## Join us for the Chambersburg Chills Tour - June 17, 2006

Our ghostly adventure will begin at Enoch Brown Memorial Park. On July 26, 1764, schoolmaster Enoch Brown and his eleven students were attacked by Native Indians. Only one person survived the massacre, the youngest student, ten-year-old Archie McCullough. He was found a few hours after the incident by the spring where he had crawled to wash the blood off himself.

Archie lived to old age but was forever demented a result of his scalping/severe head injury and, no doubt, the emotional trauma. He told the tale of how teacher Enoch Brown bravely offered the attackers his own life in exchange for allowing the children to go free. The plea fell on deaf ears and all, except Archie, were savagely murdered.

Only by some strange twist of fate, attendance at the school house was low that day. Several girls had stayed home to care for younger siblings as their mothers were needed in the fields to help the men pull flax. Incidentally, one of these girls named Eleanor Cochran grew up to be the mother-in-law of legendary CSA General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson (his first wife was Eleanor Junkin) and lived at the Kanaga House in Mechanicsburg. Another young woman, Mary Ramsey, claimed she had a premonition that 'something evil' was going to happen that day and did not attend school. One student, Joe Poe, simply played hooky that particular day spending his time lying in a tree watching a farmer mow hay. When he got home that afternoon, unbelievably, he still received a spanking for the misbehavior that saved his life. By the way, this young man grew up to become a captain in the Revolutionary War and was a man of great importance in his community.

Although some of the particulars of the massacre were lost to history (in fact, six of the ten students' names remain unknown to this day), when the area was excavated in 1843 to confirm the location of the bodies, the bones of one adult and ten children were found in a mass grave. A tombstone now marks where the school master and his pupils are together in eternal rest.

Also a good spot to investigate is the nearby spring that the school house used for drinking water and where Archie McCullough—the only survivor of the massacre—was found scalped, but still alive.

John has recorded some impressive evp at the park (on the second page of "Recent Photos/EVP" at [www.spiritsocietyofpa.com](http://www.spiritsocietyofpa.com) ; he will share this at meeting for those who have not yet heard it) and Josh Woltz (our host for the Ghost Tour of Chambersburg) agrees that the area is, indeed, paranormally active—particularly the Enoch Brown Memorial monument which is located where the school house once stood. Josh has experienced elevated electromagnetic readings and a strange 'energy recreation' of the attack for about 23 minutes beginning at 10:47 a.m. which he believes was the time of the massacre. Once he had also spotted the figure of a young, blood-covered Archie McCullough by the spring.

In Chambersburg, the waking tour will cover five areas: the Old Jail, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lot where St. Paul's Church used to stand, Fort Chambers, Church of Falling Spring Cemetery.

Pick up a flyer about the "Chambersburg Chills Tour" from the sign-in table or you may download a pdf format form from the website: [www.spiritsocietyofpa.com](http://www.spiritsocietyofpa.com) under the "SSP Events" section.

## KELLY'S MAGICAL GARDEN Spring-Summer 2006 CLASSES & WORKSHOPS for your Spiritual Quest

**Classes are now forming!  
For class information visit**

**[www.kellysmagicalgarden.com](http://www.kellysmagicalgarden.com)  
or pick up your copy at tonight's meeting.**

•Private Readings also available by appointment: Personal, Animal, Past Life & After Death Communication.

Contact Kelly at  
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## HAUNTED SPOTS & COOKING POTS - NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SSP -- ONLY \$6.00

*Haunted Spots and Cooking Pots* reveals fascinating true ghost stories and local legends of Pennsylvania. Combined with delicious recipes from *Spirit Society of Pa.* members, friends and families, this book will entertain you for years to come.

Discover which local establishments and eateries have more than food on their menu! Savor recipes that run the gamut from appetizers, main dishes and desserts all the way to yummy treats for your furry friends.

*Haunted Spots and Cooking Pots* will delight your spirit *and* tummy with spooky superstitions pertaining to the spirit world *and* its relationship to food.

Find out why you should not drop your spoon downwards in your bowl. Did you know there are certain superstitions regarding how you eat off of your plate?

Why shouldn't a single woman wipe the bottom of the pan with a piece of bread? What doom awaits her?

How do you prevent the Devil from fouling up your meal? Read *Haunted Spots and Cooking Pots* and find out the answers to these questions and a lot more.

I guarantee that you'll never look at your kitchen utensils in the same way again! - Kelly Weaver

(Available at SSP Meetings, Kelly's Magical Garden & Civil War and More in Mechanicsburg. All proceeds benefit the Spirit Society of PA)



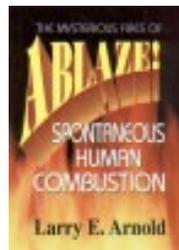
**Dinner with a Psychic-Medium at Alfred's Victorian Restaurant, Middletown, PA. April 26 is SOLD OUT; SECOND NIGHT has been added: MAY 10 - 6:30 PM**

Your price for the dinner (tax/tip included) is \$29.95. You have your choice of three entrees: Shrimp Farcis, Cheese Tortellini Marinara or Butternut Chicken, mixed greens with a choice of dressing and a Sundae for dessert. Also includes coffee/tea or soft drink. Alcoholic beverages are available (cash bar).

You will hear the antics of Emma, Alfred's resident ghost, from paranormal investigator John Weaver while his wife, nationally recognized Psychic-Medium & Author Kelly Weaver, does private readings for diners.

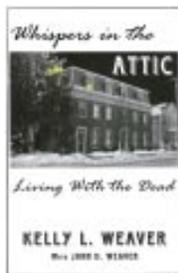
You can choose to have a ten minute personal reading for an additional \$10.00. Space is limited for this "spirited" evening. Call Alfred's Victorian to make your reservation. 717-944-5373 (For those who've never attended one of the annual October "Haunted Dining" events, here's a perfect opportunity to experience the delightful charm and superb cuisine of one of Mid-State PA's most acclaimed restaurants)

**BOOKS AUTHORED BY S.S.P. MEMBERS**



**Ablaze by Larry Arnold** Perhaps the world's leading authority on SHC - Spontaneous Human Combustion - and a dedicated paranormal researcher, Larry is a long-time supporter of local groups such as ours, S.E.A.R.C.H. and the former Harrisburg SKYWATCH. Larry's site is [www.parascience.com](http://www.parascience.com)

**Whispers in the Attic - Living With The Dead by Kelly Weaver** Look for upcoming signings at Mark Nesbitt's Ghosts of Gettysburg store on Baltimore St. and at her NJGH & ERPC appearances in Spring & Summer '06. Also available locally from Civil War and More in Mechbg.



**Ghosts, Legends, Mysteries and Rogues of Mechanicsburg by Melissa Griffith** Melissa is the SSP Activities Director, and planning another great "Haunted Tent Event" in Sept 2006 at Little Buffalo Campground in her native Perry County. Her book can be purchased locally at Civil War and More in Mechanicsburg

**Ghosts at Carlisle Barracks by Allen Campbell** is also available locally at Civil War and More. (Had no image of Allen's book, thus I chose the famed MP LeTort photo rather than a really scary one - Allen himself! - JDW)



**Spirit Society of PA.**

**APPARITIONS**

Story & Photo Contributions are Solicited - send to:

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**2006 CONFERENCE NEWS** - *It's not too early to make plans for the spring & summer with all these great events coming up locally and in nearby states!*

**NEW JERSEY GHOST CONFERENCE APRIL 22, HACKETTSTOWN, NJ**

Speakers include Kelly Weaver, Rosemary Ellen-Guiley, John Zaffis, Vince Wilson, Jeff Belanger, Charles Adams and more! Lots of "extra" events at haunted venues, too and close to the PA border, too!

Details at [www.njghs.net](http://www.njghs.net)



**AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD GHOSTHUNTERS SOCIETY**

**"BOOT CAMP" EVENT & EXPO - APRIL 21-23, FREDERICKSBURG, VA** Speakers include SSP NE Founder Ed Dubil, Mark Nesbitt, ABGHS Founder Patrick Burke, Dale Kaczmarek & more. Ghost Tours (in the town) & Battlefield Investigations.

Details at <http://www.americanbattlefield.com/webPage54.html>

**EASTERN REGIONAL PARANORMAL CONFERENCE - JULY 21 - 23 GETTYSBURG**



Vince Wilson hosts the 3rd Eastern Regional Paranormal Conference at Gettysburg Holiday Inn Battlefield July 21-23rd. Troy Taylor, Mark Nesbitt, John Zaffis, Rosemary Ellen Guiley, George Hansen, Katherine Ramsland & more, plus: A bus tour hosted by Mark Nesbitt, a Spirit Circle hosted by Kelly Weaver, a Haunted Pub Crawl hosted by Vince Wilson, an investigation of the G.O.G. HQ and a Haunted Train Ride!

Details at <http://conference.marylandparanormal.com/>

**NOTE:** If you don't have internet access & need phone #s for events, contact John Weaver @ SSP Meetings or call me @ 932-9900 (9-5)

**COMING SEPT 23-24, 2006 at LITTLE BUFFALO CAMPGROUND in PERRY COUNTY**

**HAUNTED TENT EVENT 2006**

- Newport Candlelight Ghost Tour
- Spirit Circle with Medium Kelly Weaver
- Explore historic (& haunted) Local sites

