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"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

It's Spring cleaning time! Get out those feather dusters, garbage bags and get ready to de-clutter your home and garden. We could use all of your cast-away items for our upcoming **White Elephant Sale** for our annual **Spirit Day in May** (Sat May 3) Please remember to price your items and have them cleaned up and ready for sale.

Any items left over from our day will be donated to the Senior Citizen Center. They are grateful for any items that they can use to raise money for needed expenses. Last year, within a day, most of our left-over items were sold! We will accept anything but clothing. Feel free to bring jewelry, purses, etc. We use the money towards our yearly rent at the center.

As in the past, we want to make the room look inviting and festive. I'm asking those of you who have gardens, to please bring a bouquet of flowers for tables (in vases, please). We will need table cloths as well.

I will have a food list posted at the sign in table so we have plenty of goodies, snacks and beverages available. We are fine on plastic silverware.

I will also need people to set up, work with the food and clean up after we are finished. I'm looking forward to having a great day full of wonderful speakers (*Ed Okonowicz alone is worth the nominal admission cost - ask anyone who has been to one of his presentations!*), good food and of course, continued friendships!

Please support our Spirit Day in May. The cost is only \$10.00 for the event. I will accept cash or personal checks payable to Kelly L. Weaver. (It is easier to process checks made out to me rather than SSP and then deposit the money in our SSP account)

Our SSP History and Mystery Tours continue on May 24 with a trip to Chickies Rock and the Haldeman Mansion in Lancaster County. Please sign up for this event tonight at the meeting. I suggest that you car pool in order to save gas and parking. (*See SSP History & Mystery flyer for more details.*)

The Month of April

The name of the month comes from the Latin *Aprilis*, which derives from *aper* or 'boar.'

As April was thought to be the month of the boar. April is the month of life force, sunshine and life returning to the hillsides. Apricot trees are blossoming, and herb gardens are filling out.

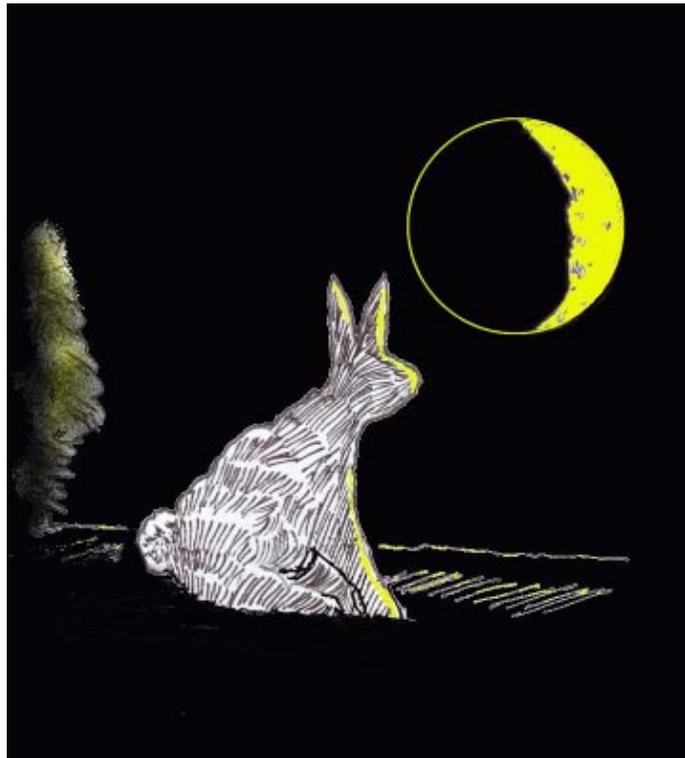
Now is the time to plant your garden. Potatoes, onions, lettuce, and tomatoes are sacred to various divinities now. It is a good time to create a circle for meditation outside, either of stones or shrubberies. The four cardinal directions should be marked on the circle, and connected by a cross quarter cross. Cut mazes and labyrinths now in the turf or in the fields. Plant tree saplings too- maples, hawthorn, and holly are sacred in April.

Bunnies and hares are symbols of fertility at this time of year, associated with rites of spring. The Full Moon in April is called the **Hare Moon**.

Holidays in April include **April Fool's day**, which comes from Roman celebrations of the New Year of rebirth. **Earth Day on April 22** celebrates the bounty of the planet. **April 30** is called

May Eve and is celebrated with bonfires.

Dust off those winter blues and start a-new! Get out in the garden and get your hands dirty so you can enjoy Mother Earth in the up coming months! -- Kelly



Waiting for the Hare Moon - (JDW Illustration)

PA MUFON Presents:

UFO PUBLIC AWARENESS DAY

Sat May 17, 2008 - 10am-5pm

Harrisburg East Shore Library
(4501 Ethel St - Behind Colonial Park Mall)

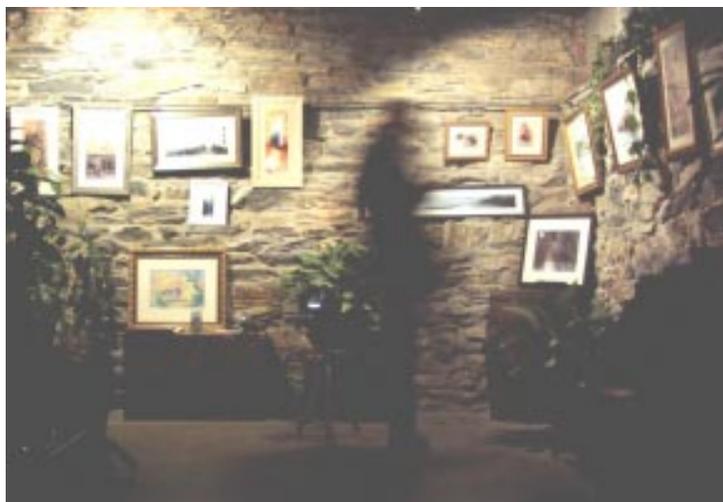


This FREE event is open to the public and sponsored by the PA chapter of the Mutual UFO Network and S.E.A.R.C.H.

MUFON INVESTIGATORS WILL BE ON SITE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE UFO PHENOMENON.
ARE WE BEING VISITED BY OTHER BEINGS FROM OTHER WORLDS?
DO FLYING SAUCERS REALLY EXIST?
IS THE WORLD READY FOR DISCLOSURE?
YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO FILE A REPORT, JOIN MUFON OR FIND OUT HOW TO BECOME AN INVESTIGATOR.

Visit the PA MUFON website at www.pamufon.com

Sinister shadow apparition at Bube's Brewery Gallery This startling image was captured by J D Weaver during a recent investigation at the site of the 2008 PA Paranormal Conference. Read on below to learn why it is *NOT* paranormal!

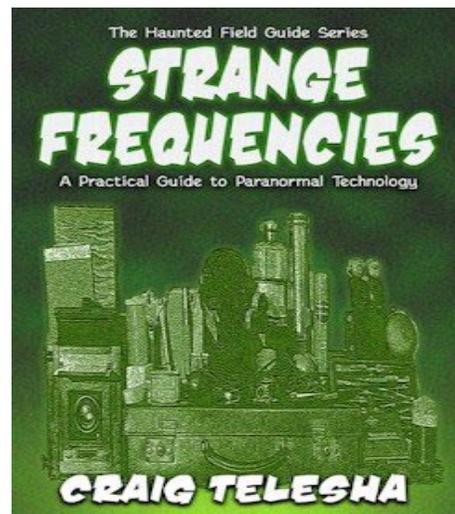


The "shadow" captured here is actually SSP's Technical Director, Craig Telesha; I created it by using no flash and a slow shutter speed. Lots of similar images are starting to replace "orbs" as "evidence" of the paranormal. If you want to learn more about correctly using photographic (and other) equipment during paranormal investigations, you must understand how these devices work. Craig's new book, *Strange Frequencies*, is, as Troy Taylor says "*The best Paranormal How-To Book available, and the only Tech Book you will ever need!*". - JDW

*New from Troy Taylor's Whitechapel Press
Haunted Field Guide Series -*

STRANGE FREQUENCIES: A Practical Guide to Paranormal Technology by Craig Telesha

Congratulations to long time SSP member Craig Telesha for a great addition to contemporary paranormal literature! Craig's knowledge of the workings of electronics technology and how it can be applied to paranormal investigations has been invaluable to SSP for several years - Now, a broader audience will benefit from his knowledge. *Strange Frequencies* is available from Craig personally or through Troy Taylor's Whitechapel press at <https://www.prairieghosts.com/ghh.html>.



Ghosts, Legends, Mysteries & Rouges of Mechanicsburg is again available! By popular demand Melissa Telesha's great little book has been re-published and is available at Civil War and More in Mechanicsburg. (717 766 1899) Stop and see SSP member Jack Thomas for a great selection of books on regional hauntings and of course, Civil War and other history.



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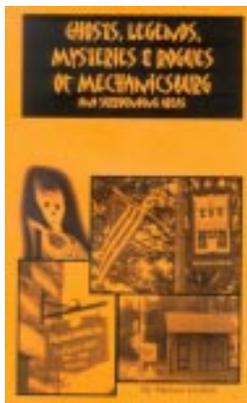
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35mm PHOTO ANOMALY (Ocean City, MD. 1987)



Close up of anomaly

These photos were taken by the husband of one of our SSP members at Ocean City MD in 1987 and shared with those attending our “Supernatural Sharing” event in March. I was kindly allowed to scan them and have forwarded them to other colleagues in the paranormal field for their opinions. (So far, no one I’ve sent them to can offer any clear explanation of the anomaly)

Camera used was a Canon 35mm. The photographer did not recall the exact model as it was stolen on their honeymoon. However, he did mention it was a fully manual 35mm that he purchased for a college photography course.

Here is my analysis:

In the first photo, the orange-tinted anomaly looks like it could possibly be explained as a type of lens flare coming from the full moon. The intensity of the moon, lit-up fishing boat (in pic 1) and moon’s reflection on the water confirm a longer exposure was used.

In the second, the anomaly has changed and now assumes what appears to be an “alien” face. Obviously, matrixing plays a role here, but I cannot readily think of a rational explanation

for this very unusual anomaly (not even a developing artifact), other than the proximity to the ocean suggesting it could be a drop of moisture.

Note that the camera was turned on its side to allow a “portrait-framed” shot — as the round part of the anomaly in pic 1 is slightly larger and closer to the edge, this would seem normal with the convex shape of the lens and might further support it being something actually on the lens. However, the photographer claims there is a 3rd photo in the sequence (which he is trying to find) where the anomaly is closer to the center and much larger. (He says the features, including the “body” are much clearer in this one. I certainly hope it can be found)

Obviously, we cannot say these are something paranormal, but I’ve never seen anything quite like them and would appreciate any opinions on them.

(I scanned the prints, which do show some wear on them; Only a minor brightness/contrast adjustment was done)

I will gladly forward .jpg files of the images for anyone who wants a better look at them. Please send an e-mail to jweaver@flightssystems.com

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VICTORIAN KEYHOLE

*A Series of Culinary & Visionary Encounters with Kelly Weaver
Presented at Alfred’s Victorian, 38 N. Union St. Middletown, PA*



Dinners held monthly.
Next event
May 7th @ 7pm
“ADC - After Death
Communication”

Details at
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Reservations 717 944 5373

Musings of a Ghost Adventurer

By Melissa Telesha

Harper's Ferry is only an hour and a half drive from the Harrisburg area and well worth the trip! At the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers, there are quaint shops, beautiful scenery and many historical, haunted sites.

The most famous historical event in Harper's Ferry is John Brown's raid on the armory located there. John Brown, in the name of abolishing slavery, and his group were going to raid the armory, collect the guns and ammunition to fight for their cause. On October 16, 1859, the raid took place. Four citizens of



Harper's Ferry were killed as well as ten of Brown's men. Eventually John Brown was captured, tried and hanged for his crimes. In the 1970's a man fitting Brown's description was seen hanging around town, especially near the old armory. Tourists assumed he was an actor paid to portray the abolitionist and requested to get their photographs taken with him. The man happily complied. When the visitors got their film developed (as this was before digital cameras were readily available), where the man was positioned in the photo was blank. (Photo above is of John Brown's Fort.)

In 1747, Robert and Rachel Harper bought the ferry service and squatters rights from Peter Stephens and settled the town of Harper's Ferry. After losing their home to flood waters, they built a grander home farther up the hill. The house still stands today as the oldest building in Harper's Ferry. After Robert's health began to decline, he feared he and his wife might become victims of robbers. He instructed Rachel to bury their gold telling no one the location. Robert passed away before the house could be completed. Rachel, trying to finish the house herself, fell from a ladder one day. The fall killed her instantly. She had never revealed the location of the buried gold and it remains a mystery to this day. Many people claim to see the image of lady in the second story window of the Harper's home or to see a woman in old-fashioned dress meandering around the front yard. Many believe she is still protecting the precious treasure. (Rt: Harper's House.)



A strange tale is told of Dr. Brown who was sent to Harper's Ferry to care for the armory workers. He was intrigued by herbal medicines and was somewhat of a "mad scientist." On the property of his house on High Street was a natural cave—perfect for storing his experiments and medicines.



(Center of photo @ left is Dr. Brown's cave) When Brown died in 1833, it was discovered his will had a strange request. He wished to be buried in Harper's Cemetery standing up, with his head sticking out of the ground and encased in glass. He left money in order to hire out nine men to sit by his grave day and night for nine days. Their job would, of course, be to aid in Brown out of his grave when he came back to life.

His wishes were granted and for nine days his grave was watched over, but the good doctor never stirred. Instead of interring the man properly, the citizens of Harper's Ferry left Dr. Brown with his head enclosed in glass exposed. Eventually, due to the elements, the glass broke and his head became detached from the rest of the corpse. One day some school children on their way home from their studies decided to have an impromptu game of kickball with Brown's skull. A hundred years later, a man claimed to be in possession of the skull of the famous abolitionists, John Brown. The skull was sent to New York where it was buried with the more infamous Mr. Brown; however, since raider John Brown's grave was never disturbed, it's been postulated that the skull had actually belonged to Dr. Brown. We hadn't heard any stories about a headless apparition in the Harper's Cemetery looking feverishly for its head—but would you doubt it?

Believe or not, there is a story that might be even stranger than that of Dr. Brown's bizarre burial—the demise of Dangerfield Newby. Newby was a Black man who had joined John Brown's raiders. During the incident at the armory, townsfolk—having easy access to the guns that were manufactured in Harper's Ferry—armed themselves quickly; however, ammunition was in low supply. The angry citizens began jamming any items they could get their hands on into the barrels of the guns and shooting them. One man was shooting 6 inch spikes and one hit Dangerfield Newby in the throat, killing him. Newby was the first to die during the raid. The townspeople mutilated his body and threw it into the hog pit to be ravaged and eaten by the hogs. Hog Alley still exists today. Many people have claimed to see Dangerfield Newby's ghost in the area of this infamous passageway where his physical body was shown such disrespect.



There are many more haunting stories about Harper's Ferry and I recommend taking the Ghost Walk (which meets on Potomac Street across from the train station—look for Ghost Tour sign—on Friday and Saturday nights during tourist season and on Friday nights in the spring & fall). Although the guide was a tad over dramatic, the stories were fascinating and the price is extremely reasonable at \$5 per person.