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### “ROO’s” BOOS - Notes from Kelly

Since a significant part of SSP’s focus is GHOSTS, then why not a Ghost Writer? Kelly has been a bit overwhelmed by work at the moment by lots of requests for personal readings and is (as we frequently say about our canine son) Vurry Bizzy! Some of this surge in readings is a result, as usual, of another re-broadcast of the episode of A Haunting she appeared on. As she says, “I hope they keep running that forever!” Therefore, I offered to assist my dear wife by being her “ghost writer” this month. (*Keeping “Roo” happy is a no-brainer... otherwise, for this years SSP Halloween party she may actually bring that sinister 10” knife she considered for our costumes last year!*)

On a sad note, many of you know Craig Telesha lost his mother on March 11. On behalf of everyone at SSP, we extend our condolences to Craig, Melissa and their extended family.

**Spirit Day in May Update** - Please remember to sign up tonight for our annual Spirit Day on May 15! As always, we request advance sign up to ensure there is adequate diversity amongst the food selection. (*Hmm... 14 crock pots full of baked beans or chili... Holy Hindenburg, Batman!*) Also, please help spread about this great event! At \$20 (plus some food to share) it is a bargain compared to any similar paranormal event! Remember - this is NOT just for SSP members - anyone from the public with an interest in the paranormal is invited. The bigger the turn-out, the better for SSP, and of course our wonderful speakers! (As Roo wrote last month) Don’t forget to scour your closets and drawers and clean them out for our White Elephant Sale that will also be going on during the day. Please have items marked and ready for sale. **No clothing**, please. (*Translation: no clothing is to be sold at the White Elephant sale, NOT that Spirit Day is a NUDE event!*)

**EPICON** Kelly and I had a splendid time at EPICON - the Eastern Paranormal Investigators Conference in Virginia Beach on March 12-14. It was held in an awesome (and haunted) Hotel built in the 1920s called the Cavalier. (It’s most famous ghost story surrounds the spirit of Adolph Coors - the brewing company founder - who fell to his death from the 6th floor in June 1929. It’s unknown if this was an accident, suicide or murder!) Kelly’s talk on communicating with the Spirit World was a hit (as was her class on Spirit Rescue) and the presence of old friends Rosemary Guiley, Mark & Carol Nesbitt and John Zaffis made for great dinner conversation! In addition, we met many new folks from paranormal

groups in VA, NC, TN and other southern states. What a friendly - and intelligent - group of people! Just about everyone we spoke to shared the responsible approach to paranormal investigation we strive for in SSP, and likewise most were not fans of the fakery and sensationalism behind paranormal “reality” shows!

One particularly unforgettable person we encountered was Willy “Windwalker” Gibson - a Native American Shaman. After his fascinating talk on his life as a Shaman and Medium, he offered attunements with tuning forks. After mine, I experienced a surge of energy and semi-uphoria that lasted for several hours. In Kelly’s case, he recognized her energy as being that of a healer (without knowing she too was a medium, as well as a Reiki master) and gave her extra attention. I can tell you, her Reiki seems even stronger following this and she agrees! (As he is studying under a Shaman himself, I would love for Rick Fisher to meet Willy.)

This was a well-run event, thanks to organizers Teddy Skyler and Lisa Moss. Actually, Teddy attended the Independent Ghost Hunters Conferences Kelly organized in 2002-2003, and that planted the seed for her to host a similar event. As she will tell anyone, it really is hard work to pull off an event of this size, and like Kelly did years ago, Teddy and Lisa came through with flying colors!



*Above: The Beautiful Cavalier Hotel, scene of EPICON in Virginia Beach. Ten US Presidents have stayed here, and Bing Crosby & Frank Sinatra are amongst the many big names who have performed here. As with many hotels, residual energy from those who have enjoyed the place since 1927, is evident, as well as reports of “intelligent” spirits!*



**EPICON** Pics  
Mark Nesbitt,  
Kelly Weaver &  
Rosemary El-  
len Guiley take  
a break from  
their tables.  
We met a lot of  
great folks in  
VA Beach!



On April 5, James Carrion, the former high-profile International Director of the Mutual UFO Network, reinvented himself as a Debunker of the phenomenon in a blog post entitled **“Goodbye UFOlogy, Hello Truth”**. This would be akin to Troy Taylor stating ghosts do not exist, Loren Coleman saying there are no unidentified species of creatures existing on this planet or Larry Arnold telling us Spontaneous Human Combustion is just a delightfully sinister concept he dreamed up to scare the s\*\*t out of people! Once reading Carrion’s comments, I had to jump on my soapbox. I feel my observations are likewise relevant to a lot of things happening in the contemporary paranormal field. Here is what I shared with some of my fellow MUFON Field Investigators:

UFOlogy (along with Cryptozoology and the Paranormal) has always been a volatile mix of facts, hoaxes, legends, rumors and speculation. I’ve long admired people like Stanton Friedman for their persistence and resolve while facing what seems a never-ending uphill battle.

My personal journey in this field began in the summer of 1967 (which turned out to be a major year for sightings), when as a 13 year old I saw something that was truly an Unidentified Flying Object. In the nearly 43 years that have passed since, I have devoted significant time to discovering what lies behind reports of UFOs, ghosts, and even the odd strange creature.

My heaviest concentration has been in the paranormal field. Since the early 1990s, my wife and I have recorded well over 1000 unexplained audio events (EVPs) as well as a wealth of visual anomalies on camcorders and still cameras. Together we saw the apparition of our German Shepherd, Bleu, the night after he was put down. In a very active haunted restaurant (Alfred’s Victorian), I have heard a disembodied raspy female voice tell me “don’t shut the door” after having done just that, and been physically tapped on the shoulder by an unseen entity in a barn which once served as a CSA hospital on the outskirts of Gettysburg. I believe that ghosts exist, but despite a wealth of evidence that suggests something strange is going on, I cannot prove it.

Over the past few years, we have seen some high profile hoaxes do major harm to the credibility of UFOlogy (the Drone photos with their Klingon markings), Cryptozoology (the Bigfoot “Body” in the freezer) and the Paranormal (fakery and sensationalism on paranormal “reality” TV shows). These fuel the fires of the Joe Nickells and James Randis of the world, and make the job of researchers and investigators that much harder

Despite the frustrations and stonewalls one in this field can face, unlike James Carrion (*that is of course, if he ever really did believe*), **I’m not about to give in.** - JDW



The Cavalier was awesome - its public rooms looked like those of a early 20th century Cunard or White Star liner! Below: “Dancin’ Fool” John Zaffis having a ball on Fri night... and from his Saturday presentation, a truly evil looking “Eee” (normal eggs are bad enuff) from his Haunted Museum



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