

### “ROO’s” BOOS - Notes from Kelly

Please note that with Melissa and some other regular contributors being away on a trip to Salem & Fall River, MA, combined with a very busy spring schedule for John & I, this month's newsletter is smaller than usual.



John and I attended Rick Fisher's conference a few weeks ago and it was another great event. Rick's presentation on paranormal "reality" shows (as seen in the photo above) was very intriguing! We've asked him to repeat this lecture for us on Spirit Day and he has agreed. I think it will open your eyes to the "creative editing" - and outright hoaxes - which abound on these shows. Stay tuned!

I've been waiting for Spirit Day in May for months and it is finally here!

This is what I need to complete my list for the day:

- Flowers from your garden, please bring a container for them as well.
- Table clothes, either plastic or fabric is fine
- Snacks and beverages
- White elephant items, priced and ready for sale
- Plastic utensils and paper towels
- Plates and cups – hot and cold

Our day will begin at 1:00 PM with our first speaker, author and paranormal investigator Mark Nesbit. The set up committee is asked to be here at noon and the doors will be open to register for the day at 12:30 PM.

Remember that most of our speakers will have their books for sale. We will have breaks in between our guests to allow you time to talk to them and purchase their items.

I'm looking forward to new topics from our speakers and of course the delicious food our members share!

Please tell your friends and let's make this another successful Spirit Day! - See you then, Kelly.

**Comments from the 2009 PA Paranormal Conference by JDW.**

Kelly is seen at right, during her past lives presentation. Strangely, I think this is the first photo ever taken of her with glasses ON... kinda like the photo I took of UFO Magazine's Bill Birnes at the Bucks MUFON



Con... with his sunglasses OFF! In all seriousness, I thought Kelly's talk on Past Lives was great -- I'm still trying to determine what I envisioned during the "mini meditation". Karl Petry is always fascinating -- whereas Kelly *hears* the "other side", Karl *sees* it. (Something Kelly is glad she cannot do!) Sue Sereno has been actively exploring haunted places since the early 1980s - we've met this lovely lady from VA in the past and were delighted to hear her speak! Craig Telesha's presentation (below) confirms his fertile mind continues to work hard creating new ways to turn common technology into valuable research tools.



I particularly found his suggestion of experimenting with "non-digital" TVs after these signals disappear soon intriguing. What "Strange Frequencies" might we indeed encounter? Finally, I must congratulate Rick on his very important presentation. The public needs to see the production "enhancements" and deliberate fabrications of "activity" employed on these "reality" shows, which only

fuel the fires of the skeptics and compromise the efforts of reputable investigators and researchers. - JDW



# PARA-TECH

Opinions & Observations by JDW

## AN IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT TO CONSIDER FOR INVESTIGATIONS: CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) DETECTORS:

During the PA Paranormal Conference, I was speaking with Elting Chapman (Mick) of Poughkeepsie Paranormal Research - who is a fellow MUFON F.I. - about recent UFO sightings in their region. The conversation drifted to ghosthunting and various instruments, when he related an excellent suggestion about CO detectors. Mick is a fireman and knows all too well the potentially deadly effects of carbon monoxide, which can come from something as simple as a malfunctioning furnace. He related a case where a woman (a "stay-home mom") was "seeing things" in the house but her husband (who worked) had no experiences at all. There was no CO detector in the home, but the portable model Mick carries as a fireman indeed confirmed elevated levels that could have ultimately proven fatal. I mentioned a personal situation Kelly and I had many years ago, when during a furnace replacement in our home, the installer asked if we had been feeling sick or experiencing any hallucinations, having noted elevated levels of CO coming from our old unit. Fortunately, we've always had a preference for some "fresh air" and even in winter will leave a couple windows cracked, thus it never affected us. Of course, one of the first things I did after learning this was to purchase a CO detector.

Just as using EMF detectors to locate any strong electrical sources that may be affecting individuals (as we did a couple years ago in a child's bedroom), one would be wise to consider the possibility of CO presence in the home. If they do not have a functioning CO detector and symptoms such as dizziness, headaches, breathing issues of fainting are reported, the home should be checked. - JDW

## REBEL YELL RECORDING

For years, myself and other ghosthunters have been trying a variety of "bait" to entice responses from spirits on Civil War battlefields. To date these have included playing period music (both recorded and live), working with uniformed re-enactors and using animals (recalling the late Ed Dubil Jr had success with Brutus - as an American Bulldog, this breed was popular during the CW and is seen on the 11th PA Monument on Oak Ridge where their mascot "Sallie" is enshrined). We've even employed a particular feminine charm men of that era were fond of and Kelly is adept at displaying (cleavage) with some success. In addition, I've had success in calling out the names & ranks of known dead from regimental rosters- particularly in the case of the 1st MN where they made their gallant charge toward Plum Run on July 2. However, thanks to a discovery by Jack Thomas, we have a new piece of "bait" to use: *An authentic "Rebel Yell" recording by a Confederate Soldier!*

In 1935, 90 yr. old 37th NC vet. Thomas Alexander recorded the animal-like "Rebel Yell" that once sent chills up the spine of his Yankee adversaries. Listen for yourself at <http://www.26nc.org/History/Rebel-Yell/rebel-yell.html> - it is not the "Skynard Concert" type whoops you'll often hear at re-enactments. It is damn creepy... perhaps enough to raise the dead?

Alexander was at Gettysburg with the 37th NC. Part of Lane's Brigade (Penders Div of AP Hills Corps), their main action came during Pickett's Charge, where they took heavy losses. I'll first be trying this new "bait" with members of Troy Taylors tour group when we join them on May 8 & 9. Frankly, I'll be surprised if it does not stir up some EVP (or perhaps even audible) responses. - JDW

## GHOSTLY GOODIES: RECIPES FROM SSP

*French Lemon Bars - From Mark Whalen*

**Crust:** 1 1/2 C flour  
1/3 C confectioner's sugar  
1/4 C unsalted butter

*In a medium bowl, mix thoroughly. Pat mixture into 9x9 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.*

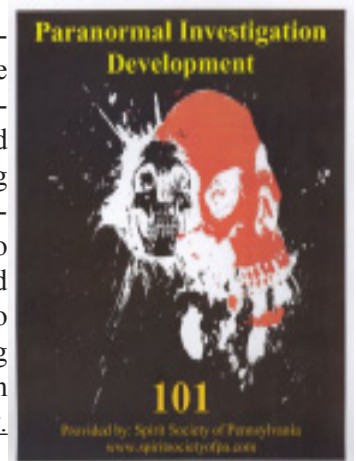
**Filling:** 3 eggs  
1 1/2 C granulated sugar  
1 Tbsp flour  
3 Tbsp fresh lemon juice  
Confectioner's sugar

*In a medium bowl, beat eggs well. Set aside. In a medium bowl, sift sugar and flour, and add to eggs. Stir in lemon juice. Pour over butter crust and bake at 350 degrees for another 20 minutes. After removing from oven, dust with confectioner's sugar. Cut into squares.*

*Makes 16 squares. - From Home Cookin' with Dave's Mom*

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

Paranormal Investigation Development 101 is a comprehensive guide to understanding the procedures & policies SSP has refined over 12 years of investigating haunted places. It's a "must-read" for anyone who wants to become involved with SSP field investigations. Many thanks to Melissa Telesha for preparing this .pdf document, which can be downloaded free at [www.spiritsocietyofpa.com](http://www.spiritsocietyofpa.com)



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