

"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

Tonight we are pleased to have a guest speaker, Butch Witkowski, PA MUFON State Section Director sharing the strange case of Todd Sees. Keep an open mind when listening to this incredible story about a Northumberland County man's untimely, bizarre death. Thank you, Butch for presenting your lecture to the Spirit Society!

Coming up, we will have our annual investigation of the Harrisburg Cemetery. Please see the flyers for all of the detail. This is for SSP members, only! Please sign up at the table tonight if you plan on joining us. The date is Saturday, September 13th. We will be meeting at the care takers house.

SSP Halloween Party! We will be having our Halloween (costume) party at the Senior Center this year. There will be prizes for costumes. We have Craig as our DJ! Expect the unexpected! You are asked to bring food and drink for everyone. Please sign up at the check in table tonight for the party and what you will be bringing. This party is FREE and is for members Only!

There has been a lot of UFO activity in Eastern PA thus far in 2008. Recalling the days John and I spent with "Skywatch", this is one of the most active periods since the early 90s, when the northeast part of the state was the focus. Here is an interesting overview about the current situation.

Pennsylvania UFO Wave, 2008

By Billy Booth, About.com

There appears to be an ongoing series of UFO sightings, or wave, in the state of Pennsylvania. I have been in contact with one of MUFON's Field Investigators, Bob Gardner, about these sightings, and Bob is currently at work investigating these reports. Here is a brief history of what has been going on there.

The Bucks County Courier Times reported that MUFON was indeed going to send researchers into the Lower Bucks area following four separate reports of anomalous objects in the area.



Above: This creepy tomb in Lancaster's Woodward Cemetery appears to have a pair of skeletal HANDS (center) grasping outward. (They are actually roots - Thanks to Rick Fisher for a great tour of this and other historic spots in his hometown.)

Earlier this year, on January 27, Falls police officer Jeffrey Omlor was sent to Don Pablo's on Route 1 in response to a 911 call about a strange craft that "hovered like an octopus." By the time the policeman arrived, the object was gone.

Also on that day, MUFON received a report from a pizza deliveryman, who described seeing an object over a line of trees in Vermillion Hills. The UFO was reported as "blinking red, white, and green lights."

On April 25, a report was made of an "orange fire ball that seemed to be crashing out of the sky." This object was reported from Newtown.

I received an email from an about.com reader whose mother had taken a photograph of an unknown object on June 16, in Richland, in Lebanon County. She was taking photographs of a thunderstorm at the time, from her residence on Millardsville Road between 4:00-5:00 PM. Her photograph, shown along with this article, shows an object that is difficult to explain. I have had several photo buffs take a look at it, and gotten varied opinions. The object has been identified as a bird, debris from the wind, and an unknown craft. I forwarded it to Bob Gardner, who has added it to his case files.

A report was also received about an incident that occurred on 06-03-08 at 4:20 AM. The witness was laying awake, looking outside through a large bedroom window, which gave a full view of the area on one side of the house. The sky was clear, except for what he perceived as one small cloud in the distance. This small cloud began to move toward the house at a slow rate of speed. It soon became close enough that the witness could make

out a definite shape-like an elongated hexagon, which was a dark gray in color. The object now looked immense.

He estimated the UFO's size at about 100 feet long and 100 wide. Two of its sides were longer. He got out of bed, and went to the window. The object was now close enough, that he could only see the bottom of it. Although he estimated the object at about 400-500 feet away from the back of his property, he could hear no sound. Suddenly, the object began to move. It made a fluid right hand turn toward the west, giving the witness a view of more of its structure.

Above the bottom, there was a rectangular light panel or window on each side-he could only see three of its four sides, however. The large UFO soon moved away. The witness estimated that he saw it for about one minute, though it seemed like an eternity to him.

"I can't be seeing this, its not really happening!" he thought.

Earlier this month, a report was received regarding a craft with "six lights in the shape of a boomerang." The unknown object was seen hovering over the Oxford Valley Mall in Middletown.

On July 8, a man who was out in the yard with his dog at 4:10 AM, made a very strange report. He looked up into the sky and spotted four unusual lights. Three of them appeared as two eyes with a nose. They had bright lights, and it seemed that the front part of the object was a pink color. The back of the UFO seemed to have a bluish, foggy appearance to it. The witness watched the object for a remarkable 40 minutes, as it moved so ever slowly across the blackened skies. At one point, he felt that he saw silvery flakes falling on the trees. In time, the flakes looked like they went back up into the object. The witness attempted to take photographs of the UFO, but all that showed on the film was darkness.

Also on July 8, a report was received from a man who was locking up his truck on his driveway, happened to look up into the sky, and saw two yellow-orange objects, one much larger than the other. The objects sat motionless for about 10 minutes, then suddenly, they shot upward, and disappeared, leaving a boomerang-shaped trail. The witness sat for ten minutes, almost in a state of shock. Field Investigator Elise Simon was unsure exactly when a report on the sightings would be made, and MUFON's State Director of Pennsylvania, John Ventre, made this statement to the press:

"We'll be talking to the local police, the FAA and the local media and any witnesses." He also pointed out that in his estimation, about 93% of UFO reports are eventually identified as conventional flying objects, but "...that 7 percent, though, that's the great part, because it really defies explanation."

As investigators reveal more details of the sightings over Pennsylvania, I will add them to my report.

If you see a UFO, use this link to the MUFON online sighting report <http://www.mufon.com/reportufo.htm>



During our recent "Lancaster Lament" tour, along with a couple of fascinating cemeteries, we visited an exhibit on "Spirit" Photography at the Lancaster Co. Historical Society. The manipulations in this exhibit were even more amateurish than some of the more famed "spirit" photographers of the late 1800s, and frankly quite entertaining! Being someone who - as many of our members do - attempts to document valid evidence of the paranormal what can we learn from these images?



Actually, a lot.

Now if anyone were to tell me the image pictured here shows all manner of spirit apparitions around the happy chap in the glasses I would suggest they need a psychiatrist, optometrist, drug test or all of the above! But the fact is some people - lots of 'em - really believed such images were real. (This of course, is a more contemporary image, from the 1960s)

Just as people believe photos of dust particles are "individual spirit forms", photos of lens flare are UFOs, photos of bear with mange are Bigfoot and photos taken in low light with slow shutter speeds show "dimensional shift".

Film, Television and in the last 15 or so years, the Internet and digital imaging, have made us more than ever a visual society. Take a picture - or a movie - with your cell phone. Share with your friends and the world via the web, but don't bother to learn about how all this technology works.

At the exhibit, Craig Telesha and I were discussing how implausible it was that people could believe such images were real and he correctly pointed out that the earliest days of "spirit" photos, few knew anything of the photographic process, and thus pretty much believed anything they saw.

Just the other day a co-worker showed me their new 10 megapixel camera with all the bells and whistles. While inspecting it, I commented that it had some great SLR like features, such as manual aperture and shutter adjustments.

"What are those for?" he said.

The more things change, the more they remain the same! JDW

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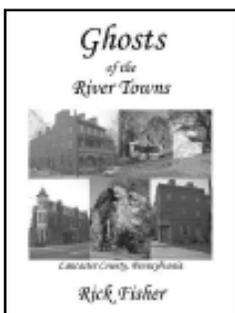


Join PSP Founder Rick Fisher, SSP's Kelly Weaver and Melissa Telesha (shown above at Chickies Pavilion) and others for Presentations, Picnicking and A Dowsing Workshop at this beautiful (and haunted!) setting!

Rick will share tales from his book "Ghosts of the River Towns" and later lead a dowsing workshop, Melissa will speak about local outdoor haunted locations and Kelly will offer advice on protection during paranormal investigations.

- Cost is only \$5 per person, plus a food item to share.
- All Proceeds benefit the National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center.

Complete details available on flyers at SSP meetings, or the "EVENTS" page at www.spiritsocietyofpa.com

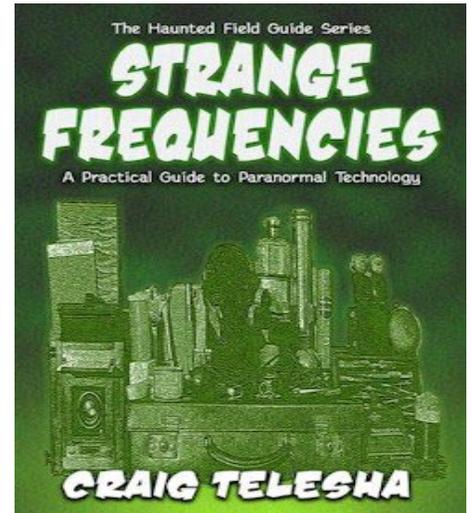


GHOSTS of the RIVER TOWNS by Rick Fisher

No one knows more ghost stories from Lancaster County's river towns of Columbia, Marietta & surrounding areas than PSP founder Rick Fisher, and his first book is full of fascinating accounts from this historic and haunted region. Rick's book will be available at *Paranormal Daze* in Aug.

*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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ENOCH BROWN MASSACRE ANNIVERSARY - PHOTOS & COMMENTS by JDW



On the 244th Anniversary of the July 26, 1764 event, several SSP and PSP members returned to the location of the Enoch Brown Schoolhouse Massacre. The location is frankly one of the strangest I've ever encountered: A quaint park, complete with picnic pavilion and children's playground equipment surrounds the memorial (left) and actual mass grave (below) of the 11 victims, Schoolmaster Enoch Brown and 10 students.



I've had a strong personal interest in this site ever since my first visit in 2003, where I recorded a rather clear child's voice that does not match any of the *known* victims names. (Some of the children's names were never documented, such events being so horribly commonplace on the frontier.)

Reports of increased paranormal activity on the anniversary dates of tragic events are quite common, with the battle of Gettysburg being a prime example. Knowing this, Craig & Melissa, Matt, Rick, Marylin and I visited the place on 7/26/08 to see if any such activity might be witnessed and documented.

Several of those present had multiple recorders going, both at the monument site (where the school house had once stood) and the mass grave itself. Although the child's voice (which has long been posted on the SSP site; "Andy Wydogen" is my interpretation) was recorded with my recorder placed on the fence around the grave, Kelly told me that both times she was there she felt drawn more to the school site itself. This is where what appears to be children signing was recorded by Craigs camcorder and Andrea's audio recorder during a group visit there in 2006. No one reported sensing anything in particular during this most recent visit. A couple of possible responses to our questions were obtained on one of my recorders; these will be reviewed at tonight's meeting. I believe some others who were present may have some to share. Melissa, Matt and I sang "Ring Around the Rosie" in an attempt to get children's spirits to join in, without evident success. Consensus was it may be a song they would recognize, as it has been reported to refer to the Black Plague, which of course occurred centuries prior to 1764. However, from what I can find online, it appears this is not true, and the earliest reference to the song as we know it stems to 1790 in New Bedford, MA. The first know printing of the rhyme is in an 1881 edition of Mother Goose, so it seems these children would have not recognized it. Craig also placed a baseball (the ultimate Tech guy has something as normal as a baseball in his SUV?) near the monument to implore them to play. (Baseball, of course was not around but one would think a ball is a ball to a curious child). This too yielded no results.



Below is a photo showing the general layout of the park. The circled area shows a curious "apparition" form, which I am just about 100% certain is Matt walking by the pavilion. Once again, we have the slower shutter speed required for shooting with an IR filter creating an effect which some people incorrectly interpret (or promote) as paranormal. - JDW

