

## "ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

Halloween is right around the corner and we have a few events lined up for the group. First let me start by saying that we had a great day on Saturday with the Paranormal Daze. We had a nice crowd, lots of delicious food and great lectures. Teddy Bear was the spirit mascot and enjoyed himself a lot at Chickie's Park. Next up we have our "Grub in the Graveyard" on Saturday evening Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. You are asked to bring a beverage or snack for all to enjoy. If you have a card table you could bring, we will need a couple. Please sign up tonight if you plan on attending. This will be an investigation like last year and is for members only. Please pick up the handout for directions. Remember to bring your recorders, cameras, bug spray and flashlight. There are gopher holes around the cemetery so please be sure you have enough light to see where you are going. Wear comfortable sneakers. All participants are responsible for his/her own welfare.

**GET READY TO PARTY!** Our annual Halloween party will be held at the Senior Center on Saturday night, October 4<sup>th</sup>. See handout for details on the sign in table. You are encouraged to dress in a costume and get ready to party with DJ Craig. We will have a special appearance by **Rick Fisher and the Spirit Band!!!** Can't wait for that one! There will be prizes for the best costumes in several categories. Please sign up for food or beverages to bring to the event. This is free and for members only!

Mark your calendars for the first annual Ghost Tours and More of Mechanicsburg held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM. For details please see the handout on the sign in table. This event is free and will feature authors Mark Nesbitt, Kelly and John Weaver and Craig and Melissa Tesesha from SSP. The public will meet in front of the Civil War and

More near the square in Mechanicsburg for the first tour at 6:00 PM. The second tour will begin at 7:30. At 8:30 PM the haunted Second Floor Gallery at 105 South Market Street will host a fascinating presentation by John on haunted locations in

the greater Harrisburg area he/we have personally investigated.

For details please call Civil War & More at 766-1899 or download the pdf. file on the "Events" page of our site [www.spiritsocietyofpa.com](http://www.spiritsocietyofpa.com)

### BLACK-EYED KIDS

This one went right under my radar. I feel so unhip right now. How could I have missed the horror of the "Black-Eyed Kids" (BEK)?

It seems one of the more sinister crazes in the world of the paranormal involves teenaged boys who show up unannounced on doorsteps and next to lone drivers and

demand to be let in the house or car. Witnesses describe the "boys" as dressed appropriately for their age, and normal looking, except for the eyes, which are completely black. Have some people have seen too many horror movies?

This scare is similar to the "phantom social worker" mania that swept the UK and US in the early 1990s, but this phenomenon seems to have appeared later in the decade, starting with a 1998 account by reporter Brian Bethel:

*So, there I was, filling out a check in my car (which was still running) and in a sudden panic over the appearance of two little boys. I was confused, but an overwhelming sense of fear and unearthliness rushed in nonetheless.*

*The spokesman smiled, and the sight for some inexplicable reason chilled my blood. I could feel fight-or-flight responses kicking in. Something, I knew instinctually, was not right, but I didn't know what it could possibly be.*

*I rolled down the window very, very slightly and asked "Yes?"*



Above: Melissa shares an image of two of the infamous "Blue-Eyed Six" at the recent PARDAZE event outward. Don't miss the article on the sinister "Black Eyed Kids" at right!

The spokesman smiled again, broader this time. His teeth were very, very white.

"Hey, mister, what's up? We have a problem," he said. His voice was that of a young man, but his diction, quiet calm and ... something I still couldn't put my finger on ... made my desire to flee even greater. "You see, my friend and I want to see the films, but we forgot our money," he continued. "We need to go to our house to get it. Want to help us out?" ...

"C'mon, mister. Let us in. We can't get in your car until you do, you know," the spokesman said soothingly. "Just let us in, and we'll be gone before you know it. We'll go to our mother's house."

We locked eyes.

To my horror, I realized my hand had strayed toward the door lock (which was engaged) and was in the process of opening it. I pulled it away, probably a bit too violently. But it did force me to look away from the children.

I turned back. "Er ... Um ...," I offered weakly and then my mind snapped into sharp focus.

For the first time, I noticed their eyes.

They were coal black. No pupil. No iris. Just two staring orbs reflecting the red and white light of the marquee.

Bethel put the car in gear and floored it out of the parking lot. The story seems to have started an avalanche of reports. What is unclear is if the original story was true, partially true or if the witness simply let his imagination get away with him. For his part, Bethel swears that it's true, and seems to have let the matter settle as a one-time strange personal encounter. For the record, Bethel, (employed by the Abilene TX, *Reporter-News*) has also written well-balanced stories on chemtrail conspiracy advocates as well as normal assignments like a report on lower gas prices. It's unlikely he would make the story up, even though you never be sure of people's motivations. Another BEK story was posted in 2004 by a woman who says she's an apartment manager.

What's going on here? Is it an example of an urban legend run wild? Are there actually etheric, spooky-looking kids terrorizing innocent grownups? It's interesting to note that many accounts state that the kids, while being very insistent, also say that they cannot enter without permission from the witness. This of course taps into folklore about vampires and other evil beings that must be invited before they can commence their dirty work. It also calls to mind rituals which summon elementals or other spirits for magical work, often while the magician is protected inside a circle of symbols or substances to protect themselves.

The tales also tap into alien lore with shades of Men-In-Black skulking around the porches of UFO witnesses, as well as the obvious detail of black eyes. I am sure that some will say that these BEK stories are due to human-alien hybrids doing the bidding of their evil ET masters. In any case, the stories are rife with symbolism and ready fodder for horror writers and filmmakers.

Of course, now I've let a fortune in residuals pass me by. (From *UFO Mystic* – Greg Bishop)



Dowsing for Dollars (OK, Quarters!)

The recent PARADAZE event was such a success that all present agreed it should be repeated. Amongst the many delights of the day was Kelly presenting me with a birthday cake emblazoned with a photo of "Johnny Weaver" at age 5 (wearing a spiffy little bow tie)! Thanks to my lovely wife for this special gift!

Concluding the program was a lesson on dowsing presented by PSP founder Rick Fisher. (Below) Ever since seeing a true master dowser in action -- Kelly's great uncle, the late Cecil Downing -- at Gettysburg and Antietam, I've wondered what it would be like to dowse, so I had eagerly awaited this experiment.

After reviewing the process, Rick then told us he had distributed \$5 worth of quarters around the pavilion as "targets" for us amateur dowsers. Strangely, I really thought I could do this, and set off in search of loot!



After about 5 minutes, I had my first "hit" - when the rods met. I looked down in vain and saw nothing obvious, but really didn't search in the grass too hard. Shortly, another hit was followed by similar discouragement. Then

one of the rods moved to my left with great authority, and following this, came another "hit". Voila! Directly below the joined rods was a shiny quarter!

I was overjoyed with finding that quarter, and acted like the 5 year old in the photo on my cake! Did I really do this on my own, or perhaps was "Uncle Cec" helping? Or - as Kelly suggested - did my late father have a hand in it. (As a child, I didn't get a weekly allowance, but as long as I did my daily chores, my Dad would give me a quarter) Whatever or whoever was behind my successful dowse, it made my day. I look forward to trying this myself at Gettysburg and other venues.

Thanks again to Rick, Melissa and Kelly for their presentations - the event was a success, raising over \$160 toward what we need to establish non-profit status for the *Museum of Mysteries*. As a board member, I was so happy to see great interest from those in attendance on filling needed positions. Rick's vision for the museum is a cause worth supporting, and I'm proud so many of our SSP members are behind him! - JDW

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## Gervais Spooked At Haunted Hotel

British comedian RICKY GERVAIS got the fright of his life when publicity for his new movie was ruined by paranormal activity in a Hollywood Hotel.

Office star Gervais was recently hosting a series of press junkets for his new movie, *Ghost Town*, at the Roosevelt Hotel in Los Angeles, but left in a hurry when spooky happenings scared him and his co-workers.

A terrified movie executive revealed that their work was disrupted by a string of supernatural occurrences. The exec tells British newspaper the *Daily Star*, "We wanted the junkets at the Roosevelt because of its ghostly reputation. But we got so much more than we bargained for. A photoshoot we prepared was wrecked and two runners say they saw the figure of a lady in the full-length mirror.

"The final straw came when a production assistant stayed in the room earmarked for Ricky and claimed to have been freezing cold on the hottest day of the year. He said he woke up with someone whistling in his ear, even though he was alone, then heard a giggle before being pushed out of bed."

The Roosevelt has long been known as the most haunted hotel in Hollywood after years of reported ghostly sightings.

## Below: 2nd SC String Band at the Peace Light Memorial



On a splendid August evening, Kelly and I enjoyed a concert by this outstanding group of musicians who play songs familiar to soldiers

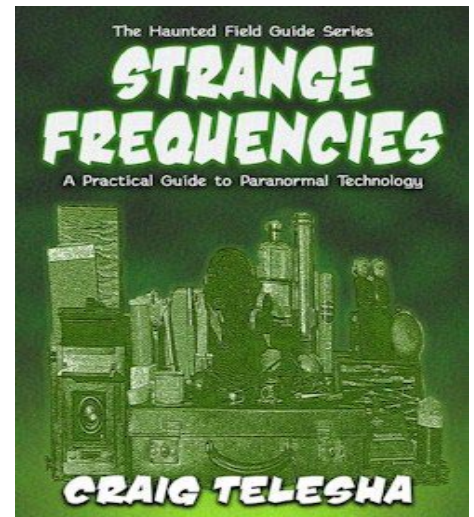
both from North & South. At one point, Kelly gave me a somewhat sad yet serene glance and said: "*I really feel Ed's (Dubil) presence here tonight*". Somehow, I think not only our late friend but many of the brave spirits who have stirred our interest over the years were enjoying music they loved around the flame first lit as a symbol of peace 75 years after the battle, - JDW

**PAMUFON Update** Following a rash of sightings in Eastern PA during early summer, another 25 reports were received in August, including some in the local region and Western part of the state. Keep your cameras and camcorders ready! - JDW  
*If you see a UFO, use this link to the MUFON online sighting report* <http://www.mufon.com/reportufo.htm>

*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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