



# The Spirit Realm

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**Bigfoot Fest - January 17, 2009:** Back in December I was contacted by Sean Kelley a science teacher at the Collegium Charter School in Exton, Pennsylvania and asked to speak on the topic of Bigfoot for students in his science class, grades 6 to 12. It all started one day in his science class when somehow they got on the subject of Bigfoot, so Mr. Kelly decided to do some research and came across many Bigfoot websites on the internet and reports of sightings in Pennsylvania.

I put together a DVD slide presentation of Bigfoot news clippings I've researched over the years and photos of tracks that were found in Pennsylvania. I talked about the Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society and reports they received and how some can be hoaxes, the Waynesboro tracks along with the number of sightings in the Michaux State forest. I ended the presentation with a couple of Messin with Sasquatch commercials.

I took a display of Bigfoot related artifacts such as GI Joe and the Yeti doll, Bigfoot casts and the Milton Bradley Bigfoot game. I wasn't sure how the students would react with a talk about Bigfoot but I got my answer when I arrived there at the school.

The hallway leading to the auditorium had paper cutouts of Bigfoot tracks leading to the door of the auditorium, the hallway was decorated with Bigfoot posters and the auditorium had a tent, camping gear, and a pine tree along with tall paper cutouts of Bigfoot on the walls. There was even a contest to sketch a Bigfoot with the winners sketch by votes to appear on t-shirts the students were going to have made.

The students were really interested in learning more about Bigfoot, and this was the first in a series of paranormal related topics the Mr. Kelley's science class would like to have. Its nice to know that the students, parents, and teachers that were in attendance had kept an open mind. I enjoyed talking with the students and answering their questions, Mr. Kelly wrote to tell me that they would like to send me a t-shirt from the Bigfoot Fest. Now I have to make a decision as to wear it or display it in the Museum of Mysteries?



Hallway decorated with Bigfoot.



Tracks leading to the auditorium.



More decorations in the hallway.

**MUFON Bucks County Conference January 26, 2009:**

I was invited by John Ventre, Pennsylvania State Director for MUFON to attend a UFO conference held at Bucks County Community College in Newtown, Pennsylvania. It was thought that perhaps a hundred people would attend but who would have guessed that close to 500 people would show up due to the heavy media publicity from the ufo flap that was occurring through out the year in Bucks county, many could not be explained. The event turned out to be a standing room only audience, most standing shoulder to shoulder. Speakers included John Ventre, Bill Birnes of UFO Magazine and UFO Hunters fame, Dr. David Jacobs one of the leading authorities on the alien abduction phenomena, and eye witnesses to the rash of sightings that were and still occurring.

MUFON investigators John Weaver, Tracey Roy, and Bob Gardiner were on hand to interview witnesses to UFO phenomena. I wanted the chance to speak to Bill Birnes but thought with all the people there my chances were slim. I sat out in the hallway most of the time since I couldn't get a seat and I couldn't stand for long periods. While out there alone out walks Bill Birnes, I asked if I could take a few minutes of his time to talk about a UFO case that I am currently working on and he took the time to listen. I had my photo taken with him and had him sign a copy of UFO Magazine I had taken there with me which someone later stole.

MUFON does plan to have another conference there around the same time next year and hopefully the sightings and reports will continue.



**John Ventre addresses the crowd.**



**Bill Birnes addresses the crowd.**

A poster for the Bucks County Community College UFO Conference. The top part features the text 'THE PENNSYLVANIA MUTUAL UFO NETWORK PRESENTS' and 'UFO CONFERENCE' in large, stylized letters. Below this is an illustration of a UFO landing on a field with people and a moon in the background. The bottom part of the poster contains the following text:

**BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**JANUARY 24, 2009**  
**12 PM TO 5 PM**

FEATURING

JOHN VENTRE (PA MUFON).....THE 2008 PENNSYLVANIA UFO WAVE

BILL BIRNES.....UFO HUNTERS & UFO MAGAZINE

DR. DAVID JACOBS (TEMPLE UNIVERSITY).....ALIEN ABDUCTIONS & HYBRIDS

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**Filled auditorium.**

**Coming soon by Rick Fisher:** a series of books based on Pennsylvania mysteries from UFO's, hauntings, and strange creatures. If you have a strange story for possible inclusion in any of the above books please contact me at [rfisher@paranormalpa.com](mailto:rfisher@paranormalpa.com)

### **The National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center:**

The Museum has received a donation of over 40 boxes of paranormal related books from Rosemary Ellen Guiley from her personal collection. It was to be a surprise to Rosemary that once the museum got a building that the library would be dedicated in her name for her huge contribution to the museum. I couldn't wait to tell her so while Marilyn and I had lunch with her I gave her the surprise, she was thrilled and said it was always her dream to have a library where others could come in and read her books. As soon as we get a building her dream will come true. I and the staff of the museum thank you from the bottom of our hearts Rosemary for your generous contribution and support. The museum also received a software program to catalogue books which will come in handy; the program was donated by Scott Leonard a co worker of Tracy Roy who is a museum board member. The museum is planning events through out the year to help raise funds and still accepting donations of books, news clippings, artifacts, and other items related to the paranormal or other mysteries. If you have an item to donate you can contact me at [rfisher@paranormalpa.com](mailto:rfisher@paranormalpa.com) or visit the museum's website at [www.museumofmysteries.com](http://www.museumofmysteries.com)

### **Mysterious Creatures and UFO Sightings Baffle Pennsylvanians During 2008:**

During 2008, there were numerous reports of UFO sightings and other strange incidents reported from across the Keystone state. Reports of unusual incidents originated from 50 counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. That is an increase over 2007, when such reports were received from 37 counties. Some of the strange incidents reported included sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects, strange sky illuminations, Bigfoot, giant birds, mountain lions, strange sounds and mysterious footprints. An example of some of the more interesting 2008 mysterious events from Pennsylvania.

#### **Giant Bird Sightings**

There has been a history from Pennsylvania and other states of sightings of giant birds with enormous wingspans that are occasionally reported, and are commonly referred to as "thunderbirds." In recent years, the reports of these huge flying creatures have increased. Rick Fisher of the Paranormal Society of Pennsylvania received a report which occurred in February at a rural location outside of Harrisburg. The driver of a vehicle, who was also an active hunter, saw a huge bird-like creature drop from the trees and approach his vehicle. The man stopped and got out to take a better look at the creature, which seemed to soar or glide without flapping its wings. He hesitantly told Rick that what he saw looked, "prehistoric almost."

Researcher Jim Brown investigated an incident which occurred on the afternoon of May 20, on a major roadway in Washington County. Motorists reportedly pulled off the road to watch as a huge dark colored flying creature that looked more like a giant bat than a bird, circled low, and passed over some cars. One witness noticed that the wingspan extended beyond the edges of the two lane highway. One man was seen taking pictures of the giant flying creature. That person has never come forward.

#### **Bigfoot Sightings**

Over the years, there have been hundreds of sightings of huge hair covered man-like or sometimes more ape-like creatures reported statewide. A very active area is along the Chestnut Ridge in Westmoreland, Fayette, and Indiana counties. While such sightings are reportedly yearly, the number of such reports have dropped in recent years.

The Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society (PBS) received a report from Warren County in May that a woman had seen such a creature climb up her lattice and onto her back deck. She watched it from her patio door as it climbed over the railing and departed. In August, from rural Warren County, I received a report that a man and his son observed a 7 foot tall, hair covered creature with very long swinging arms cross a roadway with very long steps and enter a wooded area. I also received reports of strange screaming sounds coming from along the Chestnut Ridge near Latrobe. An experienced woodsman came across 18 inch long, five toed footprints, unlike anything he had ever seen before, while hiking in the Forbes State Forest above Rector on August 22.

#### **UFO Sightings**

While there was a lot of UFO activity reported from the eastern portions of the state, many UFO sightings were reported in western Pennsylvania and elsewhere. While spherical, and disc shaped objects were reported, as well as formations of luminous objects, there were numerous triangular shaped objects sighted as well.

On July 2, near Connellsville, witnesses observed a triangular shaped object with a curved bottom and numerous lights. The silent object passed overhead and moved toward the Yough River. During the early morning hours of August 12, in a rural area between Greensburg and Youngwood, a witness observed what was described as, "two huge double headlights," side by side, and slightly yellow in color, hovering low just above the road. The silent lights rose up from the ground and moved off over the trees.

I received several independent UFO sighting reports from Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties on September 5. About 12:30 a.m. a glowing round white object with various colored lights was observed hovering in the western sky from New Stanton. The object suddenly disappeared from sight after a few minutes. Soon after, a second object shaped like a glowing football moved rather fast across the sky, then suddenly stopped, then dropped lower toward the ground. With binoculars, the object appeared round with evenly spaced lights.

Another report was received which had occurred at nearly the same time. A motorist driving near South Park in Allegheny County watched as what appeared to be a large lighted object passed over him at an altitude of about 100 feet. His attention was first drawn to a series of bright white lights that were non-blinking and about 3 feet in diameter that were attached to the object. The driver lowered his window and heard no sound. The object made a sharp bank and rose up over the trees and moved off. That same morning, a slow moving silent orange sphere of light was observed at about 3 a.m. near Jeannette as it moved across the sky, then suddenly vanished.

It was during the early morning hours of October 4 that two hunters in Elk County encountered something unusual. As they moved into a wooded area, they first noticed two baseball sized glowing lights about 15 feet above the ground.

Soon they noticed multiple beams of light which seemed to originate from about 10 feet from above the ground, and projected parallel with the ground.

Their attention, however, was drawn to a glowing human-like form, which was estimated to be about 3 feet tall. The color was described as a light green, lime color, and it had arms that hung straight down, and were longer than that of a human. The movement of the being gave the impression that it was gliding. On that same date at about 8:20 p.m., in nearby Tioga County, witnesses observed a silent bright solid cigar shaped object approaching from the north, and it suddenly faded out and vanished as it moved overhead.

This year will mark 50 years that I have been investigating and logging such strange accounts from Pennsylvania. My interest in mysterious happenings started at age 10 in 1959. I began conducting on scene investigations of such matters after the Kecksburg UFO incident in 1965. I started taking phone calls from the public in 1969, from those wanting to report alleged UFO sightings. In 1970, I founded the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, the first of three volunteer, scientifically oriented research groups that remained active for many years, and which investigated UFO sightings and Bigfoot encounters, as well as other strange events around the state.

Today I continue to investigate and document current reports of such matters as an independent researcher. I am still receiving information about that event, and continue my investigation into this UFO incident which has gained international interest.

I receive anomaly sighting reports from the public via my UFO Hotline at 724-838-7768. I also receive e-mail sighting reports at [paufo@comcast.net](mailto:paufo@comcast.net). For update information visit my web site: [www.stangordonufo.com](http://www.stangordonufo.com). I also maintain contact with numerous researchers and organizations in the state and from throughout the country and elsewhere. The National UFO Reporting Center in Washington state, and the PA Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network also receive numerous UFO reports. Roger Marsh also provides current sighting information at: [www.examiner.com/x-2363-UFO-Examiner](http://www.examiner.com/x-2363-UFO-Examiner). The Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society continues to receive alleged sightings of Bigfoot encounters as well.

When I first began investigating UFO sightings and other strange reports, I found that while many sightings reported seemed initially odd, many were determined to be natural or man-made in origin. Many UFO sightings, for example, can be explained as bright planets and stars, meteors and searchlight beams. Some Bigfoot observations were determined to be large dogs or bear. In recent months, many UFO reports that I received of a very bright light low in the southwestern sky was determined to be the planet Venus. But not all mysterious sightings can be explained away so easily. Stan Gordon

### **Reality check vs. Reality Paranormal TV:**

It's a shame that the current paranormal reality shows have to present the paranormal in a fraudulent way. Hoaxes and fraud seem to be the normal when presenting evidence of the paranormal. While many claim to be debunking they themselves are now being debunked. It may be entertainment for some but for others who spent their lives researching the paranormal it's basically an insult to the field of paranormal research.

Trickery and fakery are prevalent on these programs yet they have a large loyal fan base. While these shows did one good thing by promoting paranormal awareness the bad thing is it created hundreds if not thousands of people wanting to explore the paranormal. Demonologists and paranormal experts are now coming out of the woodwork, some are thrill seekers and some will hoax anything do get on TV or to get their names out there while presenting it as paranormal evidence.

The field of paranormal research has become a mockery, the skeptics are having a field day with these programs and its getting harder to present evidence in a positive way. Its said now that some people don't want their homes investigated after watching some of these programs. It's not just the programs either many individuals or groups are making many false claims about paranormal evidence. Noises being recorded are now made into words to suit the haunting, anything that doesn't look right in a photo now becomes a ghost. On line Dr Degrees are bought so you can buy certified courses on ghost hunting from ghost hunters with degrees. I'm surprised there isn't a certified digital camera ghost hunter course. ( I hope I didn't give them any ideas)

One woman is trying to convince a young girl that the EVP noise recorded is the fairies, later the same noise is now her deceased father, this gives people false hope, is there anything wrong with this, yes.

On TV one psychic has a 100% accuracy and knows nothing before they get to the location. Yet on their website they will do a reading and tell you they are not always accurate.

A photo of an orb in a garden is the arch angel Saint Michael, a photo of hundreds of moisture orbs is now the spirit realm opened up by god for a man who hires himself out to photograph the spirit realm.

The paranormal TV programs and ridiculous claims by others when presenting evidence is growing so are the number of people willing to believe.

Until these types of programs disappear from the airwaves I'm afraid that the field of paranormal research is in jeopardy.

This will be the topic of my talk at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Pennsylvania Paranormal Conference.

To report a UFO, Bigfoot encounter or other strange incidents in Pennsylvania contact the following

Stan Gordon: UFO Hotline (24 hours) at 724-838-7768,  
[paufo@westol.com](mailto:paufo@westol.com).

Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society: [www.pabigfootsociety.com](http://www.pabigfootsociety.com)

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**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania paranormal Conference:**  
April 18, 2009 at haunted Bube's Brewery in Mount Joy, PA

Speakers include  
Rick Fisher - Kelly Weaver - Sue Sereno  
Karl Petry - Craig Telesha.

Topics coming soon.

Register now as seating is limited, no registrations will be taken at the door unless seating is available.

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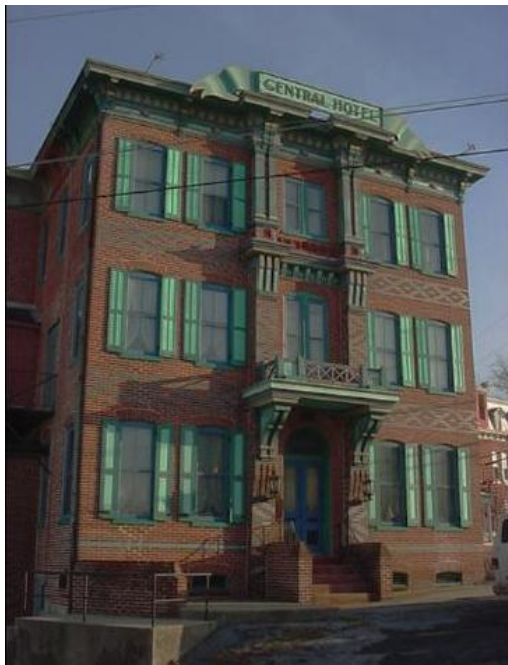
You will find the Brewery and hotel very unique that is why we have included the lunch buffet in with the cost of admission, lunch will only last an hour so we would rather you stay. I am sure you will be glad you did, the food is excellent and you will find the place very interesting.

Send payments to

Rick Fisher

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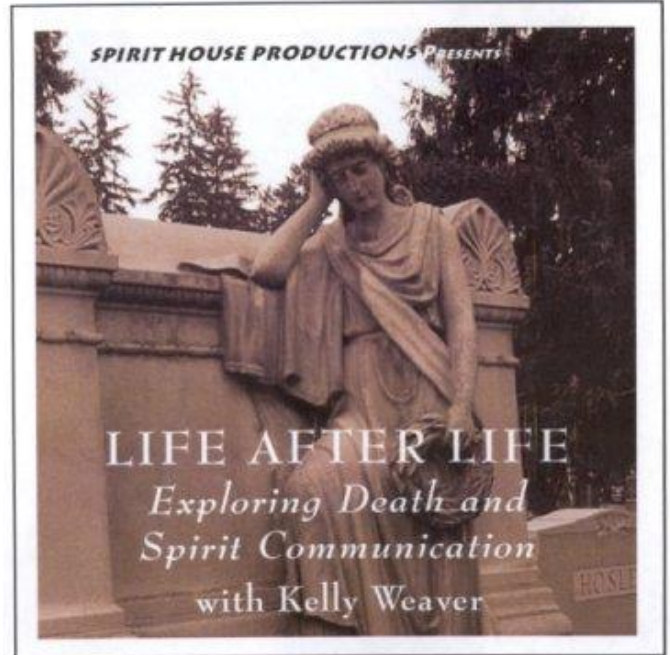
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**Bube's Brewery**

## Upcoming events

Spirit Day in May coming May 16, 2009  
This annual event hosted by Spirit Society of Pa's founders Kelly and John Weaver is one of the best events around.  
More information coming soon or visit [www.spiritsocietyofpa.com](http://www.spiritsocietyofpa.com) for more information.



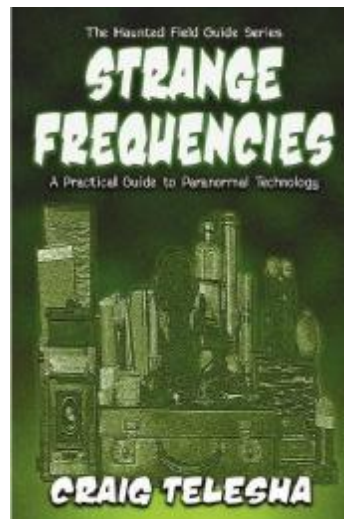
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This material is meant to help bring closure and comfort to those who lost a loved one or who are just curious about the spiritual world. To order visit [www.kellysmagicalgarden.com](http://www.kellysmagicalgarden.com)  
Price: \$15

### New from author Craig Telesha



The Haunted Field Guide Series continues with an essential guide to everything a ghost researcher needs to know about using technology to track down evidence of the paranormal  
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