



The Spirit Realm

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Ouija Boards: There is quite a controversy surrounding the use of the Ouija Board. While some praise it the majority condemn the use of it. The board was commonly known as a talking board and although William Fuld is credited with being the founder similar devices go back to ancient times. Can a piece of wood with letters and numbers and a pointer (planchette) really summon spirits from the other side? There are two common theories as to how the board works. One theory says the sitter who asks the questions gets messages from their own sub conscious mind. While the other theory believes the messages come from departed souls or something more sinister. Talking boards were popular during the early 1900's and the 1940's because of the world wars. It was said that when things were bad things were good for makers of talking boards. Millions were sold by different companies with such names as The Mystic Board, Ouija Queen, The Swami Mystery Talking Board, The Mystic Tray, and some were very colorful. One of the most fascinating tales to come from the Ouija Board is that of Pearl Curran who reportedly communicated with a spirit named Patience Worth through the board. Through Patience, Pearl was able to write poetry and literature that were considered masterpieces at that time and brought her fame. Pearl's style of writing were words in 16th century English but Pearl had little more than an 8th grade education. Could the dictation actually come from the spirit of Patience Worth through the use of a talking board? Many believe so. There are others who have had good experiences from the use of a talking board as well and which books were written about such as Seth Speaks and Messages from Michael and while there is good in everything there is also bad. The majority feel that the Ouija board is a dangerous tool and most be avoided. In my opinion this came from the movie The Exorcist where supposedly a Ouija board was used to communicate with a dead relative and caused the young man to become possessed. In my research of the newspaper accounts of the incident there is no mention of a Ouija board being used. This may have been added to the movie and book but don't quote me on this because I don't know for sure only that my research so far has not shown this. I have researched many newspaper accounts of murder, madness, and money all through the use of a Ouija board and no case mentions possession, insanity yes. I don't believe anyone can become possessed through the use of a talking board, sure people have bad experiences using a board and the messages may not be what the person wants to hear but does that make it truly evil. The Ouija board is a tool to communicate with the dead and so is a digital recorder. If you can be possessed using the board then why not a recorder since you are using the same principal, you are communicating with the dead. Yet hundreds of ghost hunters use this method and I don't know of anyone that had become possessed. What is the difference between a

board with letters, numbers and a planchette to spell out messages or playback a recorder and hear the messages, there is no difference only a different device. A friend Rosemary Ellen Guiley was to appear on Coast to Coast with George Norry to talk about the Ouija board and have a session. To many phone calls to Mr. Norry were made condemning the use of the board on the program and it was cancelled. This month on September 10, Rosemary Ellen Guiley and I will be discussing the Ouija board on ParanormalPA Radio. My opinions in this article are not to praise the Ouija board or condemn it. People have good experiences using it and people have bad experiences using it. Don't believe everything the messages tell you for example if you were alone in your home and using the board and asked if anyone is in the house and it spelled out yes you can take that message two ways. One is the message is true because **you are in the house** isn't that what you asked. The other way is you can become all frightened and scared because it said someone is in the house **meaning you are not alone**. So if you plan to use a Ouija board be careful what you ask and how you interpret the messages.

Ghosts of the River Towns Driving Tour – Ghost hunter Rick Fisher is your guide on a three hour tour into the unknown. Hear the history and hauntings along the river towns of Columbia, Marietta, and in between. Visit www.paranormalpa.com for more information. **Ghosts of the River Towns** the book by Rick Fisher is now available online.

Ghosts of Marietta Walking Tour - Ghost hunter Rick Fisher is your guide on a one hour walking tour of Marietta and its haunted history. Visit www.paranormalpa.com for more information.

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Radio
with
Rick Fisher



ParanormalPA Internet Radio hosted by Rick Fisher every Monday evening at 6 PM. Listen to topics on ghosts, ufo's, crypto creatures, psychic phenomena and other mysteries with special guest speakers. Listen Live or you can call in to ask your questions, you can even download the program to listen to at another time in the segment archives.

www.blogtalkradio.com/paranormalparadio

Sept. 3, Ray Rolando - Psychic and Reiki Master -
Sept. 10, Rosemary Ellen Guiley - Ouija Boards.
Sept.17, Bryan Alaspa - The Night at the Lemp Mansion.
Sept. 24, Don Keating - Bigfoot and Bigfoot in Ohio.

Upcoming events

Flatwoods Monster
55th Anniversary and Flying Saucer Extravaganza 1952-2007

Sept. 7, 2007 - 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM
Sept 8, 2007 - 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM

Events will be held at: the historic
West Virginia State University
Capitol Center Theatre
123 Summers Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Contact Promoter:
Larry Bailey (304) 550-2426

FEATURING

Nuclear Physicist- *Stanton T. Friedman*
and
Author/Illustrator- Frank C. Feschino, Jr.

Making a Special Guest Appearance on Both Days:
Famed Aztec, New Mexico 1948 Crash Investigator,
Scott D. Ramsey

Special Period Guest!
Early Investigative Reporter at Flatwoods Site!
John C. Barker

Special Guest Appearance on Saturday September 8, 2007.
Paranormal Investigator and Founder/Director of the
"Paranormal Society of Pennsylvania"
Rick Fisher

Alfred Lehmberg -- attending for UFO M a g a z i n e

Oct. 11: Rick Fisher will be giving a presentation for the
Lititz Lioness Club

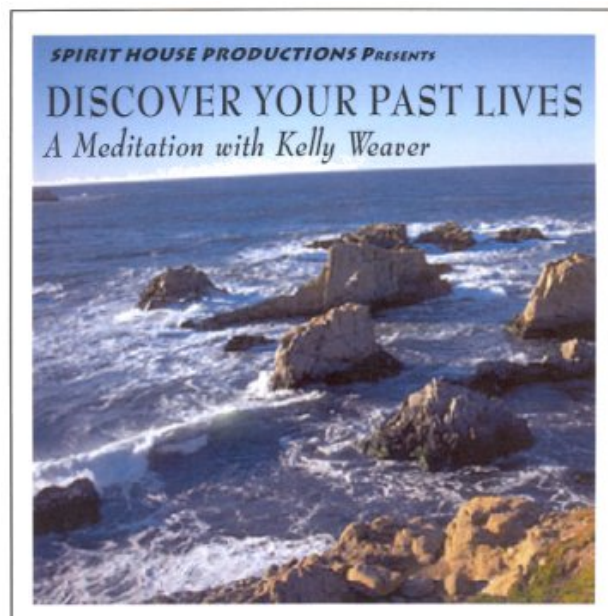
Oct. 13: Our annual Fright Night event, details on page 3.

Oct. 19: Boo at Bube's Ghost Hunting Workshop with Rick Fisher in the creepy catacombs and hotel of Bube's brewery in Mt. Joy, PA. Learn how to investigate reported hauntings, apparitions, and poltergeists. Hands on training with the equipment ghost hunters use. Learn how to record EVP and how to edit it on a computer. Friday midnight to 6:00 AM \$116.00 per person includes workshop, snacks, and Spirits in the Brewery a book on the ghosts of Bube's Brewery. Visit www.paranormalpa.com for more information.

Oct. 20: S.E.A.R.C.H: presents Dr. David Jacobs (alien abduction researcher) and Rick Fisher the (Carbondale UFO/Lantern Incident) details on page 4.

Nov. 2, and 3, Rooms with a Boo: - Rooms with a Boo at Hotel Bethlehem with Rick Fisher and Katherine Ramsland. Visit www.hotelbethlehem.com for more information.

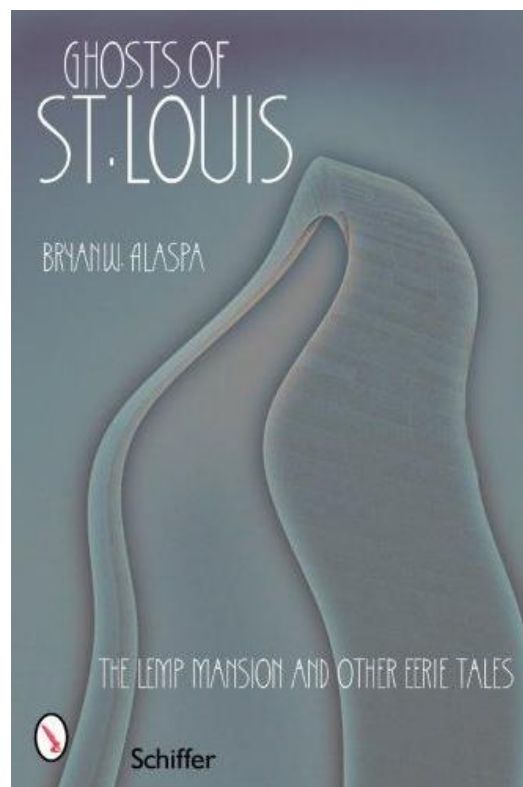
The 7th annual PA Paranormal Conference - April 12, 2008. Speakers and topics to be announced soon.



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Book of the Month GHOSTS OF ST. LOUIS: by Bryan Alapsa



Available soon at amazon.com and other book stores.



FRIGHT NIGHT

OCTOBER 13, 2007

The Paranormal Society of PA's annual Fright Night Event.

Not a public event, invitation is for PSP and SSP members and those who regularly attend PSP meetings.

October 13, 2007 at the Railroad House in Marietta, PA.

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Join us for an evening of food, fun, and fright.

Costumes are welcome but not required (prize awarded for the best costume)

Story telling, tell us your scariest ghost story (prize awarded for the best story)

Ghosts of Lancaster County presentation by Rick Fisher

Marilyn and I will be bringing a cake, pretzels, and chips.

If you would like to bring something you are more than welcome to.

Marilyn and I will be having dinner at the Railroad House at 5:00 PM

If you would like to join us for dinner call the Railroad House to make your reservation 426-4141 and tell them you are with us so they can seat us together.

If you plan to attend Fright Night please respond by email
rfisher@paranormalpa.com or call 684-3643 and leave a message.

We hope to see you and for those who cannot attend.

HAVE A HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Coming Sat. October 20, 2007 S.E.A.R.C.H. Presents:

•Featured Speaker: Renown Alien Abduction Researcher DR. DAVID M. JACOBS, Ph. D.



David M. Jacobs, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of History at Temple University specializing in twentieth century American history and culture. Dr. Jacobs began researching the controversy over unidentified flying objects in America in the mid 1960's, and has amassed over 38 years of primary research data and analytical hypotheses on the subject.

Since 1973 Dr. Jacobs has continued to devote most of his professional and personal energies to researching the UFO phenomenon in general, and the abduction phenomenon in particular. Having conducted nearly 900 hypnotic regressions with over 140 abductees, Dr. Jacobs is one of the foremost UFO abduction researchers worldwide. As a result of his extensive primary research, he has developed the first scientific typology of the abduction experience.

•Guest Speaker: Noted Paranormal Investigator RICK FISHER, Founder PSP



Since founding the *PA Ghost Hunters Society* in 1997 (Now the *Paranormal Society of PA*) Rick's reputation as a dedicated and innovative paranormal investigator has continued to grow. For decades, Rick has been assembling a vast collection of artifacts pertaining to the paranormal which will be the foundation for the upcoming non-profit *National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center* for which he serves as Executive Director and Curator.

Rick's presentation will focus on the Carbondale, PA incident in November, 1974. Some claim it was merely a railroad lantern thrown into a silt pond, but others say - like Roswell and Kecksburg - a UFO crashed and was retrieved by military forces. Rick's extensive research - which includes many witness interviews - is compelling and brings this sometimes forgotten event to life!

**•Location: Colonial Park East Shore Library, Rms A & B 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg PA
(Behind Colonial Park Mall)**

•Time: 10:30am-4:45pm (Lunch break 12-1) •Donation: \$12 per person

**•If you have questions or need directions, please e-mail S.E.A.R.C.H. President Steve Groff
SGROFF@paonline.com or call (717)566-2835**