

CPRI June Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- Check out who won CPRI awards
- Find out the scoop about the CPRI conference
- Find out the best equipment to use for EVP research
- Learn more about the Wiccan Religion

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CPRI 1st Annual Paranormal Conference

The first annual CPRI Paranormal Conference was a complete success! We had a turnout of over 200 people for both Saturday and Sunday. All of the speakers were friendly and knowledgeable. The speakers were very accessible to all of the conference attendees which made for very intimate meetings and plenty of chances for people to have their pics taken with Jason and Grant.

Everyone had a great time including the banquet where



Grant Wilson, Ron Milione and Jason Hawes of Ghost Hunters pose with the Ghostly Talk mascot.

CPRI awards were handed out (see page 3 for a list of the winners) and plenty of door prizes. The door prizes ranged from subscriptions to Ghost! Magazine to

panic buttons created by Ron Milione of T.A.P.S. The feast of chicken and seafood newberg were superb and no one complained about the desserts.

Cursed Property?

Last month 2 individual cases from different parts of the state came in dealing with what the owners described as "cursed land". Both sets of land had historical significance of tragic events occurring. Even more interesting is that

CPRI members Bobbie Atristain, Melissa Kepley and Jesse Sigman were discussing this very topic dealing with a case in North Carolina with Hauntednc.com's David Gurney and Mia Barnard about this very topic at the Paranor-

mal conference. Can property really be cursed? Can bad luck be passed down generation to generation? CPRI will be investigating these cases and hoping to arrive some conclusions this summer. Keep checking the website for info.

CPRI Spotlight: Robert Snow

Mr. Snow was awarded honorary member status in the Summer of 2005.

Robert Snow has had an interest in the paranormal for many years. His appetite for the unexplained and mysterious was gained from his late Grandfather, Dr Richard Clay, a medical practitioner in Wiltshire. Dr Clay had several para-



Robert Snow

normal experiences himself and being a very methodical mind he recorded them on paper as soon as possible after the incident. He also recorded experiences of his patients that were related to him. Robert is now the owner of Dr Clay's archives, having inherited them when his Grandfather died in the 1970s, he is always adding to them himself. Robert was until recently the General Secretary of The Ghost Club, the oldest paranormal research organization in the world, having been founded in 1862.

Robert always looks at reports of supernatural happenings objectively

and says that from his experience ninety percent of so called paranormal activity can be explained naturally through careful and objective investigation. However there is about ten percent of these incidents that seem to defy all investigation and just can't be explained. It is this ten percent that interests Robert Snow.

Robert lives in an old building that is over 250 years old in an isolated village in Dorset in the South West of England.

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What is Wicca?

Wicca is a recently created, Neopagan religion. The various branches of Wicca can be traced back to Gardnerian Witchcraft which was founded in the UK during the late 1940s.

Wicca is based on the symbols, seasonal days of celebration, beliefs and deities of ancient Celtic society. Added

to this material were Masonic and ceremonial magickal components from recent centuries. In this respect, it is a religion whose roots go back almost three millennia to the formation of Celtic society circa 800 BCE.

A follower of Wicca is called a Wiccan. Wicca and other

Neopagan religions are currently experiencing a rapid growth in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. Many North Americans of European descent, who are keen to discover their ancestral heritage, are also attracted to this religion.

For more info visit <http://religioustolerance.org>

Movie Sneak Peak: PULSE

Imagine our wireless technologies made a connection to a world beyond our own. Imagine that world used that technology as a doorway into ours. Now, imagine the connection we made can't be shut down. When you turn on your cell phone or log on to your e-mail, they'll get in, you'll be infected and they'll be able to take from you what they don't have anymore - life. Kristen Bell ("Veronica Mars"), Christina

Milian ("Love Don't Cost A Thing") and Ian Somerhalder ("Lost") star.

New Dimension Films attended the CPRI paranormal conference and interviewed numerous CPRI members and conference speakers to promote the movie. Check their website for interviews with CPRI



Pulse opens in July 14, 2006

members soon. (youarenowinfected.com)

CPRI Celebrates 6 Years of Research!

On May 13th CPRI celebrated six years of paranormal research during our awards banquet. Here's the layout of the awards given out:

Investigator of the Year:

Tom Vranas

CPRI Director's Choice

Awards:

Tommy Amos

Freddie Sineath

CPRI Dedication Award:

Teddy Skyler

CPRI 5 Years of Service:

Rick Atristain

Thomas Ginther

Teddy Skyler

The food was awesome and everyone had a great time talking to the speakers at the banquet. There were also many door prizes given out during the banquet for the attendees. Over 140 people joined the CPRI crew to celebrate our 6th birthday which made it all the more special.



CPRI members pose for the camera

Summer Study Program in Parapsychology @ the Rhine

The Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS), in collaboration with the Rhine Research Center, is pleased to announce a Parapsychology Summer Study Program (SSP) from Sunday August 7 through Saturday August 20, 2005, at the IONS campus in Petaluma, California, USA. IONS is located about 40 miles north of San Francisco.

Lectures for the SSP will include the history of parapsychology as a scientific and scholarly effort, basic research methods, analytical methods, theoretical models, and discussions of the state of the art. The core faculty includes Dr. Christine Simmonds of the Rhine Research Center, and Drs. Marilyn Schlitz and Dean

Radin of IONS, along with numerous guest faculty. Besides lectures, students will participate in a series of short experiments to illustrate how psi research is conducted, including studies in the IONS psychophysiology laboratory. Please visit www.rhine.org for more info.

“You can study Parapsychology @ the prestigious Rhine Institute this summer”

Marantz Recorder Best Equipment for EVP Captures

Are you tired of listening to 30 mins of silence after an EVP (electronic voice phenomena) recording session? If so may we recommend a Marantz model 220 for your needs. The great thing about a Marantz tape recorder is that it allows you to listen to your recording sessions “real time” because it has 3 tape heads. That way you can listen onsite while recording EVPs instead of bringing home hours of tape

to listen to on the drive home.

You can pick up a Marantz cassette recorder from eBay for around \$150.00 and it's well worth the price for the serious paranormal researcher—especially those who rely on EVP evidence. Considering that most paranormal phenomena is audio related it definitely makes the \$150.00 a small price to pay. CPRI has already gotten

excellent results from our Marantzes that various

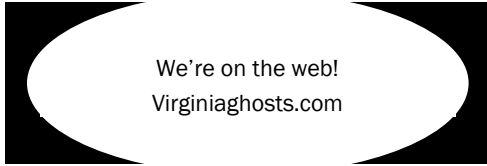


Marantz recorder state of the art equipment

members own. Check out ebay for a marantz.

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CPRI, Inc.

The Center for Paranormal Research and Investigation** is a non-profit organization based outside of Richmond,VA. We conduct investigations into the paranormal in a non-metaphysical manner. One of our main goals is to seek out allegedly "haunted locations"* and to assist those who are experiencing problems with the paranormal. We then look for authentic evidence of the paranormal and try to determine if the location is haunted*. We are seeking genuine evidence and are careful about the presentation of this evidence... insuring that it is legitimate, researched and analyzed before being presented to the general public.

We use strict SCIENTIFIC methods to obtain TANGIBLE evidence - Evidence that leaves no doubt about its origin, cause and effect. Evidence that will be reproducible under controlled testing conditions. (example - If a ghost is residing in a home and is able to be clearly picked up by videotape, then it should be able to be clearly picked up upon testing replication.)

We are skeptics and not debunkers - skeptic means to question and debunk means to expose while ridiculing.

Book Spotlight: The Ghost Next Door

The Ghost Next Door: True Stories of Paranormal Encounters from Everyday People (Paperback)

by Mark Alan Morris

"A collection of chilling stories...eerily believable and truly spooky...very strongly recommended..."-
Midwest Book Review

Most people think of ghosts as rare, elusive creatures that are more or less inaccessible to the average Joe. Sure, we read about them, watch TV shows about them and tell stories about them, but we'll probably

never run into one--right? Don't be so sure. Even if you've never personally encountered a ghost, chances are you know someone who has.

The Ghost Next Door takes a

revealing look into the lives of average, everyday people from across the country who have had experiences in the realm of the unexplained. Whether you're a true believer in ghosts or a hard-nosed skeptic, you're sure to get a chill or two when you read about the woman who was visited by her grandfather...on the night of his funeral! Or the man who was forced to move by a troublesome spirit...only to find it had followed him!

Please visit Amazon.com to order this book.



Book cover for the Ghost Next Door