



# The ghosts of Ohio<sup>®</sup> Newsletter

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## SOMETIMES, HIGH TECHNOLOGY NEEDS TO GET LOW



James

Let's face it: Ghost-hunting equipment ain't cheap. In fact, it's not uncommon to see groups walking around with thousands of dollars' worth of equipment. And let's be honest; some of this equipment is pretty suspect in what it's supposed to do.

I mean, how can one sell a device that alleges to be able

to communicate with ghosts—something we have no absolute proof exist? Mind you, I'm not saying some of these devices don't work. But more importantly, how much of this stuff is needed on an investigation?

At The Ghosts Of Ohio, we are constantly ebbing and flowing between "we need the most expensive, cutting-edge technology we can find" and "we're using so much equipment, there could be a ghost standing right behind us and we'd be too focused on our screens to notice." And to be honest, we've gotten the best results when we land somewhere in between. Technology is great, but it shouldn't be the only thing you're relying on during an investigation. Because, to put it bluntly, it can't be used to provide all the answers. A component, yes. But not the full story. I don't care how many times your device blinks and squeaks, or how many stick figures dance across your video screen—it's not the whole story. We need more information and data if we are trying to learn the whole story. And that data needs to come from humans who are doing nothing more than observing and being in the moment, letting their intuition and instincts guide them.

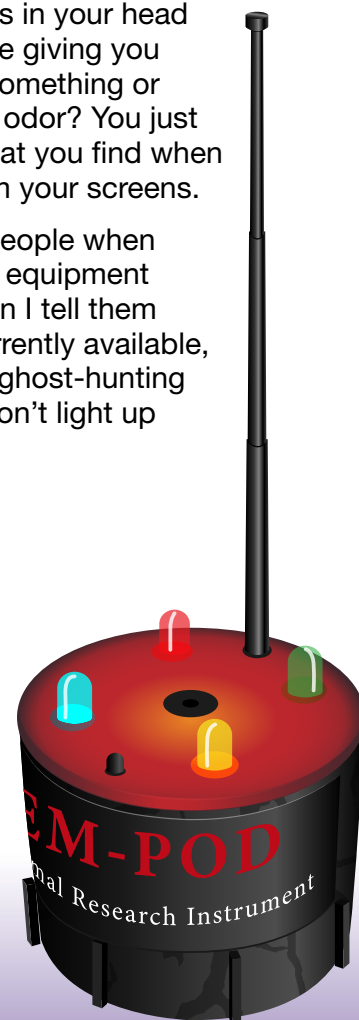
I think we can all agree that technology is not without its faults. Technology has glitches and sometimes behaves in weird ways because...well, just because. So we need to stop with the giddy excitement when a piece of equipment blinks and simply sit back and live in the moment. Observe the environment and ask yourself "does anything feel different?" Turn your gaze away from the blinking equipment and scan the area you're in. Can you detect movement somewhere? Go through your 5 senses in your head and see if any of them are giving you clues—are you hearing something or detecting a new smell or odor? You just might be surprised at what you find when you lift your head up from your screens.

That's the advice I give people when they ask which pieces of equipment they should buy. And then I tell them that of all the options currently available, we are the best piece of ghost-hunting equipment...even if we don't light up and blink.

Cheers,

James A. Willis

Founder/Director



## PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

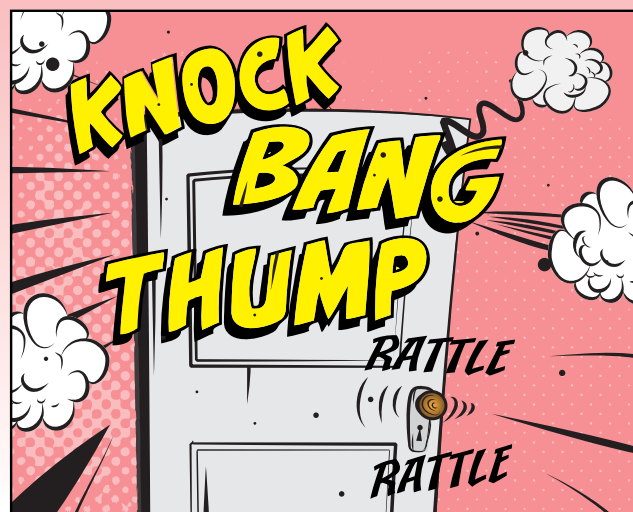
# Something Wants In

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Wapakoneta, Ohio

My wife is making me write this. The two of us live on a little country road with maybe 15-20 houses on the entire road. So not really a neighborhood but big enough that we get the occasional car going by as well as joggers, walkers, and bikers. We've lived here for about 6 years with nothing strange to report during that time. Maybe 6 months ago, my wife nudged me awake, saying someone was knocking at the front door. I'm a pretty sound sleeper, so I didn't hear it. But I got up and looked out the front window and there was no one there. I'll admit that I thought my wife had just been having a bad dream or else heard something else in her sleep that woke her and made her think there was someone knocking on the front door. I kind of brushed it off.

A few days later, I woke up to my wife shaking me, telling me there was someone knocking on the front door. I got up and went to the living room window and looked out and once again, there was no one there. I even turned on the floodlights and walked around the house. Nothing. I spent the next hour walking around the house, pushing on doors and generally tapping on things to see if I could make a noise that my wife might have mistaken for someone knocking on the door. Needless to say, I failed, and my wife stood by her claims of someone knocking on the door. I was not convinced. That is, until about a week later when I heard the knocking myself.

My wife and I had been watching a movie in our living room when I dozed off. When the movie ended, my wife left me on the couch and went to bed. I don't remember her going to bed, but I do remember waking up to the sound of someone knocking on our front door. I don't remember how many knocks I heard that woke me, but as I lay there on the couch, staring right at the front door, there were 4 loud bangs, as if someone was hitting their fists against it. It was unmistakable.



This frightened me and I went and grabbed the baseball bat I keep near the front door, just in case. As I had done before, I peeked out the living room window and saw that there was no one outside the door. I sat quietly and listened, but heard nothing. I stayed up most of that night, but I never heard anything else.

Still, I knew I needed to figure this out, even though I was leaning towards it being just some kids pranking us. I thought the easiest way to get to the bottom of things was to buy a doorbell camera, which I installed. For the next few weeks, absolutely nothing happened. And then, late one night, my wife and I both heard the knocking and got an alert from our doorbell camera, saying there was motion at the front door. We were both in the bedroom and this time, I didn't bother going to look at the living room window. I just got on the app and did a Live View of outside the front door. But get this; there was nothing there. So we went back into the camera's history to see what motion had triggered the camera. Again, nothing. You could hear the knocking on the front door, but there's no one visible at the door.

This would not be the last time this would happen—hearing knocking at the front door, the doorbell camera being triggered to start recording, but nothing being visible on the recording. And that's not all because about 2 weeks ago, we started hearing knocking at the back door, too. I don't get it, but I'm getting ready to install a camera for the back door. Hopefully, that will give us some answers. But if it doesn't, don't be surprised if The Ghosts Of Ohio gets a call from us, asking you guys to come out and do an investigation!

# WE'RE STILL WAITING, LIMA: WHERE'S YOUR CRYBABY BRIDGE?

We asked you last newsletter, Lima, and we're still waiting for the answer to this specific question: Where's your Crybaby Bridge? You see, we were always led to believe it's the one sitting at the far end of Greely Chapel Road. That is, until we received an email from a long-time area resident who said the real bridge was in a totally different place. Not only that, but this bridge had its own unique backstory.

We still don't wait to sway you, so we want to keep things vague. So while it falls short of being

an official hint, we can tell you the story surrounding this bridge is said to have been around since the 1980s and does not involve any of the specifics usually associated with the bridge on Greely Chapel Road (including the school bus accident).

So come on, Lima, let us in on the secret. Drop us a line, text, or DM and let us know where you've been hiding your Crybaby Bridge all these years!



# WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH CRYBABY BRIDGES, ANYWAY?



Great question. Even those not familiar with the term Crybaby Bridge have still more than

likely been exposed to its tale, usually attached to a local bridge. Essentially, the story involves, in its most generic form, a baby meeting his or her demise on or near a bridge, causing the location to be haunted. Visitors to said bridge are told that if they perform a ritual of sorts (honk your car horn a certain number of times, flash your headlights, etc.) and or go to the bridge at a certain time (midnight tends to be quite popular), you and your friends will hear a baby crying.

That's the basic story, which has been around for decades. Of course, as with all good ghost stories and urban legends, the Crybaby Bridge tale has mutated over the years, to the point where it's not just bridges anymore. We now have Crybaby Roads, Crybaby Tunnels, and even a Crybaby Hollow. And the story spread across the United States, too, and has grown to the point where almost every state has at least 2-3 Crybaby Bridges in it.

Back in 1999, our very own James A. Willis moved to Ohio. Having investigated and visited the Crybaby Bridges in New York, where he was born and raised, as well as several in Georgia (where he moved to Ohio from), he was eager to see if there were any bridges in the Buckeye State. He wasn't disappointed.

In fact, one could say that Willis was overwhelmed. For while most states had as many as a handful of Crybaby Bridges, Willis found that there were over 30 in Ohio. Determined to catalog them all, and to see if he could track down the very first Crybaby Bridge in Ohio, Willis created the Ohio Crybaby Bridge Project.

Currently, the Project contains 33 locations, each one listing the location and if there is anything special you need to do to hear the baby crying. There is also historical information, including if anything tragic really did happen at the location. But the coolest part of The Ohio Crybaby Bridge Project is that for every location, readers are asked to submit their personal experiences that are then included with the story to help paint a better picture of the history of the bridge.

The Ohio Crybaby Bridge Project is available (for free) online and can be viewed here:

**CRYBABY BRIDGE PROJECT**

Have a look and let us know what you think. And if you've got your own story to add, we're all ears!



SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

# THE LOVELAND FROG AMALGAM

If our fearless leader's recent presentation at the Frogman Fest was any indication, people are really interested in discovering that there's a whole lot more to the frogman legends than gun-slinging patrolmen and Pokémon players. In fact, Willis has collected so much research and data on the subject that he was only able to fit half of it

into his Fest presentation. What was initially called "part 2" of his presentation has morphed into something brand new:

## The Loveland Frog Amalgam.

As of this writing, the only scheduled date for this presentation is Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at the MUFON Ohio Conference (more information in the 2023 Presentation Dates section). But more dates are in the works. And you can always wander into your local library, convention center, or events building and tell them you want Weird Willis to visit and tell you all about the Loveland Frog!



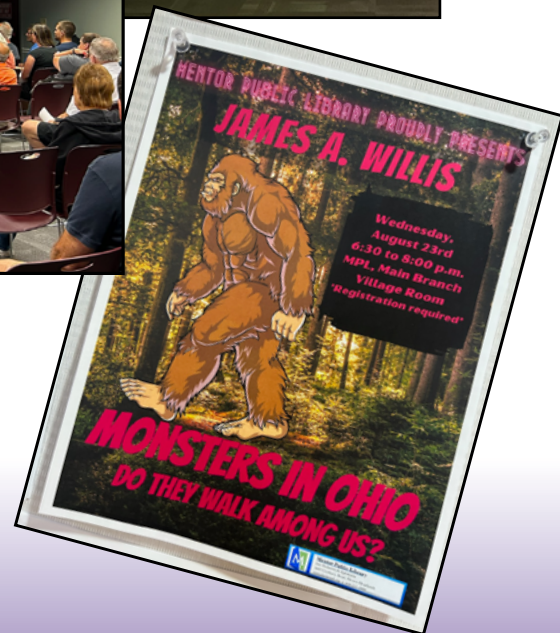
## EQUIPMENT REVIEWS

Got a piece of paranormal equipment you've always wondered how it works? Does it really do what it's supposed to be doing? Or maybe you've created some paranormal equipment you'd like field tested? Either way, let us know because The Ghosts Of Ohio would love to help! Drop us a line at [info@ghostsofohio.org](mailto:info@ghostsofohio.org) with the subject line "Equipment" and we'll take it from there!

# OUR OCTOBER IS FULL OF STRANGE AND SPOOKY THINGS!

Armed with a whole slew of new presentations, as well as updates to our most popular ones, The Ghosts Of Ohio continues to add appearances and dates to our calendar. So while the list on the next page is only the confirmed dates and locations, you better believe that list is going to continue to grow as we roll on through 2023. So keep an eye on this newsletter or better yet, follow The Ghosts Of Ohio on any of our social media channels to be the first to know when new dates get confirmed.

Unless the event is marked with a "\$", it is free. In all cases, seating may be limited, so it's always a good idea to check with the venue regarding needing to pre-registration.



# 2023 PRESENTATION DATES

## Thursday, September 28th

*The Secrets of Hangar 18 presentation*  
Sylvester Memorial Wellston Public Library  
135 East Second Street  
Wellston, OH 45692

[More information here](#)



## Sunday, October 1st @ 2:00 pm

*Monsters In Ohio presentation*  
Columbus Metropolitan Library–South High Branch  
3540 S. High Street  
Columbus, OH 43207

## Monday, October 2nd @ 7:00 pm

*My Strangest & Spookiest Investigations presentation*  
Bexley Public Library  
2411 E. Main Street  
Columbus, OH 43209

## Friday, October 6th, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

*Ohio's Historic Haunts presentation*  
Oxford Lane Library  
441 S. Locust St #2126  
Oxford, OH 45056


## Monday, October 9th, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

*Northern Ohio Legends & Lore presentation*  
Morley Library  
184 Phelps Street  
Painesville, OH 44077

## Thursday, October 12th, 2023 @ 6:30 pm


*The Secrets Of Hangar 18 presentation*  
Dayton Metro Library–New Lebanon Branch  
715 W. Main Street  
New Lebanon, OH 45345

## Saturday, October 14th, 2023: 10 am – 6:00 pm

2023 MUFON of Ohio Conference (\$)   
Quality Inn and Suites  
1000 Comfort Plaza Dr.  
Bellville, OH 44813

[Tickets on sale now](#)

## Tuesday, October 17th @ 7:00 pm (UK Time)

*The Mothman Cometh presentation* (\$)   
The College Of Psychic Studies  
Virtual Presentation

[Book now](#)

## Wednesday, October 18th @ 6:00 pm

*Ohio's Historic Haunts presentation*  
Sandusky Library  
114 W. Adams Street  
Sandusky, OH 44870

## Saturday, October 21st @ 1:00 pm

*Meet The Ghosts Of Ohio presentation*  
Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County  
407 South 4th Street  
Steubenville, OH 43952

## Tuesday, October 23rd @ 7:00 pm

*Ohio's Historic Haunts presentation*  
Columbus Metropolitan Library  
96 S. Grant Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43215

## Tuesday, October 24th @ 6:30 pm

*Meet The Ghosts Of Ohio presentation*  
Columbus Metropolitan Library–Northside Branch  
1423 N. High Street  
Columbus, OH 43201

## Wednesday, October 25th @ 6:30 pm

*Meet The Ghosts Of Ohio presentation*  
Columbus Metropolitan Library–Dublin Branch  
75 N. High Street  
Dublin, OH 43017

## Thursday, October 26th @ 6:00 pm

*Ohio's Historic Haunts presentation*  
Wayne Center for the Arts  
237 S. Walnut Street  
Wooster, OH 44691

[Link to register](#)

## Friday, October 27th @ 4:00 pm

*Ohio's Historic Haunts presentation*  
Columbus Metropolitan Library–Gahanna Branch  
310 Granville Street  
Gahanna, OH 43230

## Thursday, October 28th @ 6:00 pm

*Meet The Ghosts Of Ohio presentation*  
Xenia Community Library  
76 East Market Street  
Xenia, OH 45385

## Friday, December 1st–Sunday, December 3rd

**GalaxyCon Columbus (\$)**  
Greater Columbus Convention Center  
400 North High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

[Tickets on sale now](#)

## Investigations & Consultations

The Ghosts Of Ohio are continuing to schedule investigations and consultations for 2023. All members of the organization who would participate in investigations have been fully vaccinated.

Additionally, we can also make arrangements to drop off ghost-hunting equipment at your home or business and walk you through how to set it up yourself if you prefer. So, if you or someone you know is experiencing something unexplained in a home or place of business, contact us at [info@ghostsofohio.org](mailto:info@ghostsofohio.org) or visit our website to fill out an investigation request. All investigations are offered free of charge, and confidentiality and discretion are assured.

Not sure if you want or need an investigation? The Ghosts Of Ohio also offers consultations. Let us sit down with you to discuss your current situation and what help we may be able to offer. For more information, please visit <http://ghostsofohio.org/services/investigations.html>

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