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Right where they need to be



James

Over the last few months, my wife and I have had to endure several deaths, from both sides of our family. It's times like these when I'm asked if I ever try to make contact with deceased friends and loved ones. Many are surprised that I have a standing rule never to attempt that. And I have a very good reason for making that rule.

True, it seems a bit odd for a paranormal researcher like me to not want to talk to a loved one. Indeed, the Internet is filled with video clips from people who try to make contact with deceased celebrities, almost the moment after they pass. Not me. And it's for the simple reason that, despite what some people will tell you, we don't know where we go when we die. Until we know that, I'm not going to risk "calling back" someone just for my personal wants and needs. Seems incredibly selfish if you ask me.

Don't get me wrong; I would give anything to have one last conversation with my parents, if only to tell them how much I miss them. My parents were both taken from me far too soon and not a day goes by that I don't wish they could somehow see me today and how far their son has come. Maybe they could even pop in and see my daughter for the very first time. But I can't wish for that, and I certainly don't want to take steps to make that happen. That's because I firmly believe the reason my parents' ghosts don't come visit me is because they are

right where they need to be. And the thought that my pleas to them could somehow result in their coming back and potentially getting stuck here is too big a burden to bear.

Most of my family and friends know that I have a standing invitation for Willis Woods whenever they pass away. I can't promise I'll be able to do anything to help, but if your ghost shows up, I will do everything in my power to help. Just don't expect me to call out to you and bring you back because as far as I'm concerned, when we pass, most of us immediately go where they need to be. And that's as it should be.

Cheers,

James A. Willis

Founder/Director



GHOSTLY EXPERIENCE

Visiting Sally on Swamp Road

Eric M.

I wanted to tell you this story before all the details got muddled and I started to disbelieve what I witnessed:

This past Friday night, my friend, teacher, and author, Brent S., and I decided to check out the legend of Swamp Road Sally. We arrived at Swamp Road around 9 pm and got ourselves ready to meet Sally.

I started by driving the full length of Swamp Road, at about 20-25 mph, carefully watching the road as well as the landscape on either side. On our first pass, we witnessed...nothing.

Undeterred, we turned around and headed back down Swamp Road, this time intending to document the drive and use some of our equipment, including my EMF detector and the GhostTube app.

As soon as I brought my camera out, I noticed the battery was dead. This was weird as it was charged when I left, or so I thought. With that, we decided to drive back down the road.

For the first ¼ mile or so, nothing was happening. We were even asking questions, like “Sally can you make yourself known”, “Sally, if you are here make the EMF go off”, “Sally, we are here to hear your story, can you say something to my device for us to see”. It was right around that time 2 things started happening at once.

First, the EMF, which had been reading 0.0, jumped to 3.0 and began beeping like mad. That’s when the GhostTube started saying, in quick succession: “Grandmother”, “are you a friend”, and “who are you”. Honestly, we were a bit freaked out. Then just as soon as it started,

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GHOSTLY EXPERIENCE

Visiting Sally on Swamp Road continued

it stopped; my EMF went back to low readings and stopped beeping.

We decided we would stop in the road right then and there. I even put the car windows down and listened. Everything was quiet again. After a few more questions with no responses, we decided that was about all we would get. So we put up our windows and each said thank you to Sally for giving us a moment of excitement. I put the car in “drive” and started off down Swamp Road again. And that’s when it happened.

I had just begun to pick up speed when the EMF went crazy, registering a 5.0 and beeping non-stop. GhostTube even started saying things like “Don’t”, “Don’t Go”, “Why are you leaving”, and even “Danger.”

Needless to say, as soon as we reached the end of Swamp Road, we knew we had to go back. So I turned around and started down the road again. The EMF detector continued to climb, reaching between 7-8, beeping constantly. I was scanning both sides of the road while Brent was watching through the GhostTube’s camera. All of a sudden, Brent said “Do you see that?” I was looking where he was, but I didn’t see anything. Brent said that while looking through the camera, he could see a bright light that would grow brighter, fade, and then get bright again. But he could only see it through the GhostTube camera.

At first, I thought he was seeing a light reflecting off the hood of my car. That is, until he said the light was further up the road from us. I still couldn’t see anything, but decided I wanted to try and see the light up close. I jumped out of my truck with the EMF and began walking towards where Brent said the light was. Brent remained in the truck, watching the light through the Ghost Tube app.

Then, just like that, my EMF stopped beeping and went back to 0.0. That’s when I heard Brent call out to me from the truck, saying that the light had “faded and didn’t reappear. I walked back to the truck, having only gone about 25-30 yards up the road. Everything was silent again... dead silent.

Once I got back in the truck, Brent and I looked at each in amazement over what we had just witnessed. We thanked Sally for everything and then headed off towards Newark in search of another adventure.

What a fantastic experience!!

WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR GHOSTLY EXPERIENCES!

Have you had a ghostly encounter in Ohio? Want to see it featured in a future issue of The Ghosts of Ohio Newsletter? Then here’s all you have to do: Just write down your story and send it to info@ghostsofohio.org with the subject line “Newsletter Ghost Story.” Be sure to also include your name as you’d like it to appear with the story. We’ll take it from there and send you out an e-mail letting you know which issue it is going to appear in. That way, you can get all your friends to sign up for the newsletter so they can see how famous you are!



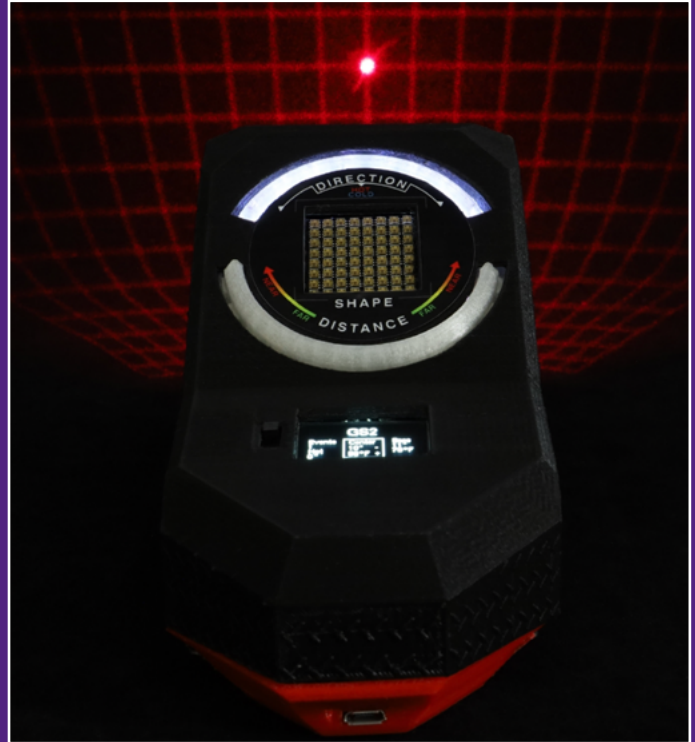
GS2 LASER GRID SYSTEM

Here at The Ghosts Of Ohio, we're constantly reading, watching, and listening to all things paranormal, often with the intent of knowing what's the next best thing in terms of equipment. We do that for 2 reasons. First, every member of The Ghosts Of Ohio believes that no one has all the answers yet, so we're collectively looking for methods and equipment that might help us find the answers we seek. But more importantly, we want to make sure that if there's a new piece of equipment out there, it really does what people are claiming it does. In other words, is there any merit to the piece of equipment.

At a recent monthly meeting, Ghosts Of Ohio member, Frank, mentioned seeing a newer piece of equipment being used on the show *Ghost Nation*—a device called the GS2 Laser Grid System.

Checking the online specs for the GS2, it appears to be a step up from the original laser grid systems that are readily available. Actually, several steps up. For like its predecessor, the GS2 uses red lasers to create a grid pattern on walls, floors, etc. But that's where the similarities end as, according to online documentation, the GS2 will also allow investigators to “identify distance, direction, motion, & temperature fluctuations, establish baseline measurements, and monitor environmental changes.”

Needless to say, we were all intrigued. So much so that Frank took the plunge and purchased a GS2 and presented it to the group at our February meeting. As of this writing, Ghosts Of Ohio team member, Mark, has already whisked the GS2 away to his top-secret lab and is currently running some initial tests. From there, we'll give it a full run-through on an investigation. So stay tuned for a full report!



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 with the subject line “Equipment” and we'll take it from there!

Frogman Festival

According to legend, a strange half-man, half-frog creature has been wandering (hopping?) along the banks of the Little Miami River in and around Loveland, Ohio. And on Saturday, March 4th, this creature will be celebrated at the inaugural Frogman Festival.

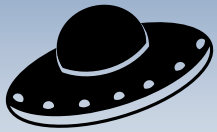
Between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm, guests can visit the Great Wolf Lodge Conference Center in Mason, Ohio, where they can browse unique artwork and wares

from over 50 vendors. 8 guest speakers will also be in attendance, giving presentations on a wide range of topics. Our very own James A. Willis will even be presenting his 20+ years of research into the legend and lore of the Loveland Frog. You don't want to miss this!

Tickets and VIP packages available at **frogmanfestival.com**.



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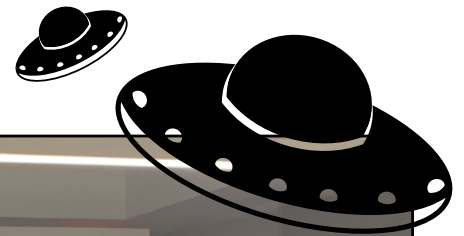
UFOS SIGHTED IN MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE!

On Wednesday, February 22nd, our Fearless Leader, James A. Willis, ventured up to Mentor-On-The-Lake for a special presentation on UFOs Over Ohio!

While ghosts will always remain near and dear to his strange & spooky heart, Willis shared how his growing up in the Hudson Valley of New York gave him a crash course in unidentified flying objects, especially after his own personal sightings in the 1980s of the boomerang-shaped object that would become the central character in the book, *Night Siege*.

Willis also explained to the packed library that once he moved to Ohio in 1999, he immediately noticed that not only was Ohio a weird state, but that it seemed to figure prominently in many of the most famous stories in UFO lore.

As of right now, there are no more confirmed dates for this presentation to be given again. But there's something in the works, so stay tuned!



ANDREW LAKE INTERVIEW, PART 2



Josh

This issue concludes our interview with author, researcher, and overall odd and spooky Andrew Lake. If you missed part 1, it was featured in our December 2022 newsletter, which is available for [download here](#).

Josh Kitchen: What is something from when you first started in the paranormal that you have changed your views or beliefs on?

Andrew Lake: *Well, I used to look at fairies, elementals, and pixies as just cute little stories. That was until I was introduced to the legend of the pukwudgie here in New England and discovered that there are pukwudgies all over the world. They look slightly different, but they all seem to have the same kind of attitude and attributes—the sort of nasty little troll that’s a troublemaker and can manipulate people, causing them to wander and get lost or hurt.*

Then I met Chris Balzano, who had done some really good research and dug up as much as he could on them and even interviewed some people that were like, “you know, I saw this bizarre little creature.” Chris started to look into it and started thinking that what people are seeing is what the Wampanoag tribe and the Narragansett here in Rhode Island, called a pukwudgie. And I thought, maybe people have seen something.

I’m not going to shrug my shoulders and go, yeah, you saw a little, like two-foot-tall, little like elemental thing. Yeah, whatever. No, I’m open-minded enough to listen to it. And I eventually had a haunting put in my lap in South County, Rhode Island, that turned out to be pukwudgies. We may have caught one for a split second on video. I’ve got the frame on my website and when you look at it, it’s like, that’s crazy.



JK: That’s incredible! Those are the cases that are few and far between but once you get a hold of one, it changes everything!

AL: *I had a case for seven years. And every time I thought I had a handle on what was going on, the phenomena would take another turn and start doing other things. Then, as I did more research, I found that people like John Keel, Guy Playfair, and Maurice Gross—these guys said the same thing: The more time you spend on a case, and you’re focusing on it, and you start to think you’ve got to put the lid on the box because you got the case figured out. That’s when the phenomena will take a sharp turn on you and start doing other things.*

JK: And I am a firm believer in that. We have a good family friend who has a house that is constantly changing all the time. The minute you really think you have the case solved and you know 100% that so and so is who you are talking with. The whole house changes on a dime.

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AL: *It's like an ice cube. You squeeze it tight and it's either going to melt, go through your fingers or squirt out your hand and go across the room and disappear. It's like you can't get too wrapped up in or involved with the phenomena because it's almost like, "oh, okay, now that I've got your full attention, you're going to become my entertainment."*

JK: **Do you have any current projects or upcoming projects? Any chance a new book will come out anytime soon?**

AL: *I recently lost my mom. And my last 15 years was taking care of a dad and then looking after my mom while doing this stuff, and a lot of the projects I tried to get going, never seem to go anywhere. got frustrating. But I kept telling myself, everybody who meets me, every member of the public who hangs out with me, whether it's a library talk, or they take my haunted Rhode Island tour in the fall everybody says, "Andrew, I could listen to you talk all night about this stuff. You should have your own show or making documentaries." So that's what I'm hoping. When I have some, stability, and I can figure out what the heck's going on with myself and my future.*

I've been talking with my colleagues, the thing that I've been fascinated with while these past few years. So we talked about the Bridgewater Triangle. But, you know, there are other spots here in New England that seem to be these window areas. I've been noticing that the whole western side of Rhode Island and the eastern side of Connecticut and Rhode Island—from the quiet corner of Connecticut, well down into Arcadia and the Pachaug state forest in Connecticut. That's one of those bizarre areas like you're talking about the Freetown State Forest, and of course, the Hockomock Swamp. There are tons of stories coming out of there. But that area's had a reputation for a long time and over the years, just by being in the right place at



the right time, I've had some remarkably spooky stories that aren't your average conventional, strange story, conventional ghost stories, and UFO stories, but some very strange creatures and hauntings.

JK: **I tell a lot of my paranormal friends, if it wasn't for 30 Odd Minutes with you and Jeff Belanger, I wouldn't be at where I am right now. You guys really gave me the push I needed and really gave a correct blueprint for the field. I still love 30 Odd Minutes and I would love for that show to comeback!!**

AL: *30 Odd Minutes had a very good premise. And since Jeff was going to all these para-cons and stuff, he's gotten to know so many interesting people. So our biggest asset was the fact that Jeff could pick up a phone or sit down with a computer, send an email, and have someone like Stan Freeman, go "yeah, I'll come on your show." It became an above-average cable access show because of the quality of the guests we used to get.*

And I'll tell you; some of those interviews, I would just sit there and think, "Wow, this friggin' person is like, fascinating. This is like one of the coolest guests I've ever heard." You know, so I was proud of that.

JK: **I still really enjoyed the evening of ghost stories/New England Legends that you all did. That was fantastic!**

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AL: *Somebody in PBS was talking to Jeff Belanger, and they're saying, Yeah, we've seen what you're doing. And they were saying that if we could polish our live show, the ghost stories, and legends. During the legends, they were saying maybe we could take you to other parts of the country. Give you guys some chance to do some research. Like say it's Ohio, and do some research on Ohio ghost stories and legends. And then we could have you do a live performance of Ohio ghost stories of legend somewhere in Ohio. And then for Ohio PBS fundraisers, we could run that as a special, but it never materialized. TV is so bad. I don't have any television service. I watch old DVDs and I go on YouTube and Amazon trying to look for documentaries. I've had more fun hunting for documentaries, because every once in a while, you'll find one you've never heard of and you're like, wow, that was a fascinating documentary.*

JK: **What is the one project that you are the proudest of?**

AL: *There are a few of them. But I think it would have to go back to Larry in South County at his house with the airplane wreckage. That was just an absolute. At moments, it almost felt like I was like in somebody else's story. And have that much historic information already at hand to back up what we were experiencing down there. And*

to see, you know, history as in the King Philip's War, and World War Two, Korea, Vietnam. That was the era the pilots were from, and to have pukwudgies all blended in like that, and it's all making sense and not being just a fanciful story. And I just felt that I also felt I handled myself well, by not contaminating the story and not accidentally adding to it or, or clouding up issues with it. I did my best to, you know, not make it my story. It was Larry's story, you know, right. And I felt I handled that one. Well, I'm also proud of the fact that an industrial magazine that is printed for the subject of demolition, and removing asbestos got in touch with a company that was tearing down an old mill in Woonsocket and said so how'd you guys make up with the demolition of everything we'd like to do an article on it because we know you had to deal with a lot of this asbestos, and it was a quite a big deal.. And the head of the demolition company said it went pretty well. Except for the ghosts. The ghosts were really mad. We were tearing the building apart. They made it difficult for us to do our job. And the woman goes, are you serious? And he goes off dead serious. We brought in a ghost hunter, and he brought in two psychics to help us, and the psychics had a conversation with the ghosts. And that's great underweighted up in the article. So I am in an article for an industrial magazine or demolition, where this woman seriously tells the person reading the article.



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If you are a demolition crew and you're taking down on a storage location, and your crew is getting scared because they're seeing ghosts and bizarre stuff happening. Get hold of your local ghost hunter and some psychics and see if they can cleanse the place for you to get an industrial magazine on the status removal as being one of the tools you might need. But I just thought that was great. It was a professional magazine, and the demolition company was blown away by the information the girls came up with. They made one guy cry because he just lost a family member. And one of the girls who knew about it said that his mom was there so giving him personal information took him aside. There are big friggin demolition construction guys like wiping tears out of his eyes and hugging the girl and thanking her for the information. But that was a pretty cool professional case. I felt very, very legit and professional when I did that one. But again, I would say to answer your question Larry's out of all of them and they've been so many. They've been fascinating but one down at Larry's was just like, wow, how lucky was it to get involved with.

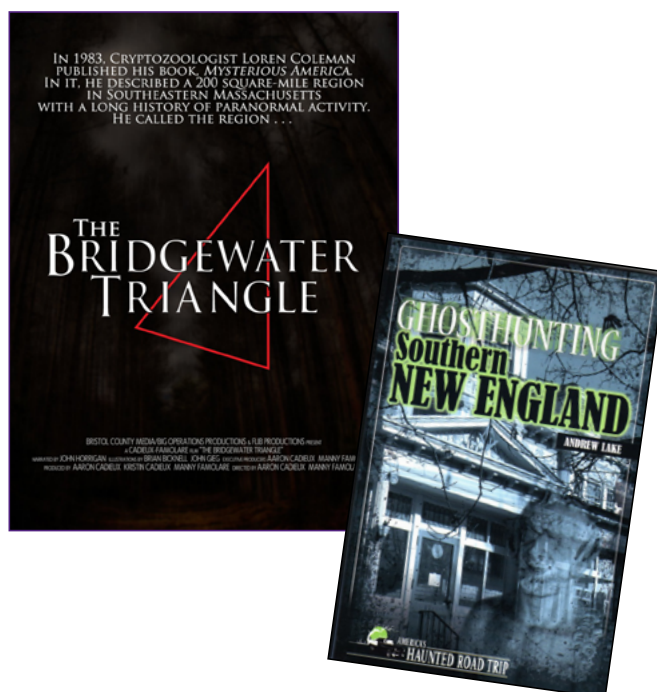
JK: So the last question I always like to ask everyone, if someone who is reading this wants to get a hold of you, what is the best way to do so?

AL: Well, if they want to contact me, my email is Greenvillepr@yahoo.com and my website is Greenvilleparanormal.com. I'm always glad to help people out I am. Like, even help some high school seniors with our reports. And so far, all of them I've helped has got an A on it. So it just makes me feel good that I can help people and entertain them and inform them and maybe change their minds a little bit or whatever.



But, Joshua, if you ever do make it out to New England get in touch with me because I'll take you on my haunted Rhode Island tour. And I'm telling you, you'll be like you will not believe the history, the folklore and the ghost stories that I can tell you about. In a five and half hour drive, and then we'll get a really good bite to eat at a haunted restaurant that's just dripping with history.

JK: And if you ever get a chance to come out into the Ohio Valley, you let me know!



DATES BEING ADDED TO OUR CALENDAR

We're just getting started and we're working on bringing a whole lot of new presentations to places we've never been before. So while the list below 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.

BTW, if there's nothing local on our list, the easiest way to get us to come visit is to walk into your local library and tell them "I want to see The Ghosts Of Ohio!" We'll take it from there.

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.

Saturday, March 4th–10am-6pm

Frogman Festival (\$)

Great Wolf Lodge Conference Center
2501 Great Wolf Dr.
Mason, OH 45040

[Ticket information here](#)

Thursday, March 9th @ 7:00 pm

Weird Ohio Road Trips presentation

Willoughby Public Library
30 E. Spaulding Street
Willoughby, OH 44094

[Pre-register here](#)

Tuesday, April 18th @ 6:30 pm

Urban Legends in Movies and Music presentation

Dayton Metropolitan Library:
New Lebanon Branch
715 W Main Street
New Lebanon, OH 45345

[More information here](#)

Tuesday, October 10th, 2023

The Secrets Of Hangar 18 presentation

Dayton Metro Library: New Lebanon Branch
715 W. Main Street
New Lebanon, OH

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 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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