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FROM THE SPOOKY DESK OF JAMES WILLIS:

HAPPY HALLOWEEN...FOR THE NEXT TWO HOURS ONLY!



It's that time of year again. Time for me to whine once again to anyone who will listen about Ohio's bizarre tradition of forcing us to only celebrate Halloween for two hours, oftentimes not even on the

31st. I don't get it. I never have and I never will. Perhaps it's because I grew up in upstate New York, where we were permitted to run from house to house, gathering treats, for hours on end (I'd personally check calendars years in advance, praying the 31st fell on a Saturday, where I could turn trick or

treating into an all-day affair). But really, I think the reason I don't like this two-hour window is because Halloween is just too cool (and spooky) a holiday to really give it its due in a few hours on a random day.

I feel the same way about ghosts, which is usually why I shy away from doing radio and television interviews during the month of October. I get it; "normal" people start thinking about ghosts in October. But for me, blurting out a random sound bite or two (or worse, being filmed running through a "haunted" location) just for a two-minute segment feels like I'm selling ghosts short. I'd much rather engage in a lengthy, 45-minute discussion about the afterlife in the middle of August. Sure, the vast majority of people out there wouldn't be listening, but who cares. Ghosts are walking and/or floating among us year

round. So why should we try to compact them into a few seconds worth of TV or radio. Doesn't seem right.

So how about this—when you roll out of bed on November 1st and start feeling around for some leftover Halloween candy, pause for a second and think about your favorite ghost story. And in that brief moment, you'll not only be keeping the spirit of Halloween alive, but you just might be making a ghost or two smile.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Cheers,

James A. Willis
Founder/Director



PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

THE THING IN THE CORN MAZE

Maria L., Location withheld, Ohio

Ok, I know this is going to sound weird, but I ask that you don't use my full name or the place where this took place. Even though it happened a long time ago, I still feel bad about some of the things I did. But it is such a creepy story that I just have to share it with you.

This story took place about 15 years ago in Ohio at a time when corn mazes were just starting to get popular. There was this creepy old farm about 15 minutes from my house. The old man who owned it was really creepy and he would sell his vegetables and pumpkins out of the back of an old broken tractor trailer that was just sort of rotting in the driveway leading up to his barn. Nobody ever bought the stuff. Even since I was little, people would say that the land the farm was on was haunted and that the old man had killed a couple of kids on the farm but got away with it because they never found the bodies.

So people would say that the bodies were buried on the farm property. And, of course, the ghosts of the murdered kids were said to walk around the farm late at night. You know, the standard small-town ghost story.

As I said, this was around the time when corn mazes were starting to get popular in Ohio. Well, this old farmer decided to make one for himself and charge a couple of bucks for people to walk through it. It was really lame because it looked like he just chopped down a bunch of the corn stalks by hand so the paths were all crooked. But it looked like it was really, really big. Like a couple of acres long.
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PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

THE THING IN THE CORN MAZE (CONT.)

Here is the part that I feel bad about. One night, a bunch of us were just sitting around bored. It was near Halloween and someone suggested that we go out to the old man's farm to see if we could see the ghosts. So a bunch of us piled into two cars and drove out to the old farm. It was my boyfriend, my girlfriend and her boyfriend, and me—four of us all together.

We pulled off and parked on the side of the road down from the farm and walked up. It was located off an old road, so there was no traffic and it was a really dark night. Since the old man had left the corn

really high along the road, the only way to get onto the property was to go down the driveway. So we walked down the driveway and got scared when we saw what looked like a man sitting in a chair near the old tractor trailer. Turned out it was just a weird scarecrow with a real pumpkin for a head. Now I don't know why, but we decided to trash the scarecrow. My boyfriend grabbed the pumpkinhead and smashed it on the ground while my girlfriend's boyfriend starting kicking at the pumpkins that were laying on the ground. And I admit that I started ripping up the scarecrow. Like I said, I'm not proud of what we did, but that's what we did.

All of a sudden, my girlfriend said she saw someone standing behind us in the driveway. I looked and I saw a dark figure standing in the middle of the driveway. It was about the size of a person, but I couldn't see any features. It was all black. But, I think we all thought it was the old man coming to yell at us.

I don't know who did it first, but we all started running. Since the shape was blocking the driveway the only way for us to go was further back into the farm. So that's where we ran. And we ended up running right into that stupid corn maze. I really had never been in a corn maze

before, so I had no idea how to make your way through one. Maybe that's why we got so lost inside it? But before I knew it, we were just running around trying to find the way back out. The maze didn't look that big, but once we were inside, it felt like it was huge and we were running in circles. Every once in a while, we would stop running and bend down and

listen. And we would hear someone or something walking through the corn towards us. It would get closer and closer and then we'd run around for a while. But every time we'd stop we would hear the corn making noises like something pushing through it coming towards us.

Finally my boyfriend yelled out something like, "We're sorry, OK? We'll pay for your stupid pumpkins." Then we heard the noises getting closer and closer. All of a sudden, this dark figure came around the corner in front of us, like maybe 20 feet away from us. It was the same size and shape as the dark figure we saw in the driveway. But we still couldn't see any features. And it just stood there. It was like it was looking at us but we couldn't see any eyes or even a face.

My boyfriend said something like, "How much money do you want?" But the figure just stood there not doing anything. It was really freaky. Then all of a sudden, the figure turned and walked through the corn

and disappeared. And here's the really freaky thing—even though it walked right through the middle of the corn stalks and not down the path, there was no noise and the corn stalks didn't even move. It was like the figure went right through the corn stalks.

Well we took off right after that. I don't know how, but we found our way out of the maze and back to the cars. We never saw the figure again. The old man has since died and someone new owns the property. They don't sell anything and don't do corn mazes. But that's OK because I don't ever want to go back there. I still don't know what was chasing us that night. My boyfriend thought it was just the old farmer, but I don't understand how a person could just walk through corn stalks without making any noise; also because we heard it walking through the corn stalks minutes before that. So maybe there were two things chasing us. I don't know. But I do know that whatever that black figure was, it wasn't a living person.



GOT A SCARY STORY TO TELL?

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 email 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!

THE GHOSTLY LIBRARY OF JAMES A. WILLIS



James

I guess I was about eight years old the very first time I heard my mom tell someone, “My son doesn’t read books. He devours them.”

According to legend, I was

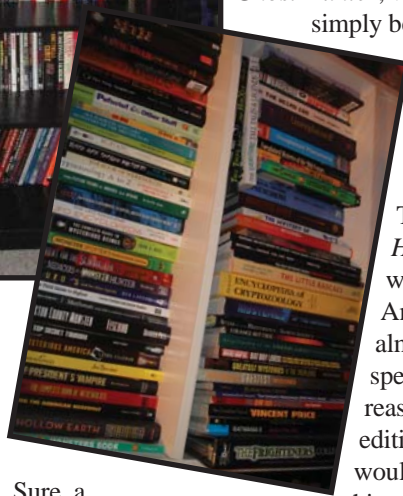
reading at a 5th grade level by the time I was in Kindergarten. I can’t say that I remember that, but I do remember that sitting outside my Kindergarten class was a big field of tall grass with an old, rotting windmill sitting in the middle of it. Since the area I grew up in was first settled by the Dutch, the windmill probably wasn’t that weird of a sight to many. But for me, that creepy thing with the tattering sails slowly turning in the wind is the first memory I have of thinking about ghosts and weird things. So perhaps it was only fitting when, due to my accelerated reading, I was given access to the entire school library (as opposed to just the “kid’s books”), I made a beeline to the ghost stories.

My mom always encouraged me to read. In some cases, she actually drove me to read. I can’t remember if she was parroting a commercial that was popular at the time, but whenever I would ask my mom a question about some meaningless bit of trivia (or a meaningful date in history), she would respond with, “Look it up, dear!”—which would inevitably send me to our stack of encyclopedias down in the basement.

The problem for me was, when it came to questions about ghosts, monsters, and assorted weird stuff, those encyclopedias were worthless. Try as I might, I could never find the answers to my questions about what happens when we die, the most haunted locations in the world, and whether or not the Loch Ness Monster was real.

One day, my mother and I were wandering through an old book store when I stumbled across a bunch of brown paper bags stacked over in the corner. Peeking inside one of the bags, I found that it was filled to the top with dozens of used paperback books with titles like *Reincarnation: The Whole*

Startling Story, *Susy Smith’s Supernatural World*, and *Beyond Earth: Man’s Contact With UFOs*. And guess what? The whole bag—over a dozen of these books—was only \$2.00. With hardly any begging at all, I walked out of that store proudly clutching my books. And the James A. Willis Paranormal Library had begun.



Fast forward almost 40 years and my library has grown to over 950 volumes, all related to the paranormal. Sure, a couple of the books venture over into the land of true crime, local history, and the world of entertainment. But that’s only because those books provide historical background on things (murders, etc.) that are rumored to be the cause of certain hauntings. By and large, the main focus is on the paranormal.

So how did I get so many books? Well, as I said, what started me out on this obsession was the fact that I couldn’t find the information I was looking for about ghosts. So in my head (keep in mind this is pre-Internet), I decided that whenever I came across a book containing new

information or on a paranormal topic that I wasn’t well-versed in, I would buy that book. In short, I began to create my own personal reference library.

Over the years, as I began to acquire more and more books, friends and relatives got involved. Soon, I was getting books for birthdays and holidays. And once people found out that I was on a mission to collect ghost books from all 50 states (only nine states to go!), people began bringing back books for me as souvenirs whenever they went on vacation.

I’m often asked which books are the prized ones in my collection. Truth be told, while I have many rare books, including a first edition copy of *Was Abraham Lincoln A Spiritualist Or Curious Revelations From The Life Of A Trance Medium* by Nettie Colburn Maynard, and even an original copy of Gray Barker’s *The Silver Bridge*, most of my favorite books aren’t really worth that much. I have an old, weathered copy of Hans Holzer’s *Confessions of a Ghost Hunter*, which is near and dear to me simply because it was one of the

books that made me seriously start considering chasing after ghosts. I also have a certain fondness for my 1998 copy of Troy Taylor’s *The Ghost Hunter’s Handbook* that I purchased when I first joined the American Ghost Society almost 15 years ago. It’s special to me if for no other reason than, unlike the revised editions of this book that Troy would put out over the years, this one is nothing more than 52

8½” x 11” pages stapled together with a thick paper cover. My, how far we’ve come!

So who gets all these books when I’m dead and gone? Good question. I decided a long time ago that I wanted them all donated to a local school or library. When they hear this, most people think they will all end up in my hometown in upstate New York. Nope. I’ve been gone for so long now that New York doesn’t even feel like home anymore. I don’t think anyone there even remembers me. Hell, I was recently told that my name was removed from the “Notable Alumni” section of my high school’s Wikipedia page. (continued on page 4.)

THE GHOSTLY LIBRARY OF JAMES A. WILLIS (CONT.)

Still feeling the sting from that one!

I was never really embraced by either the college I attended in New York or the university I attended in Georgia, so it doesn't seem right to reward them with this massive collection.

Taking all that into consideration, you'd think the Columbus Metropolitan Library would be a frontrunner for the collection, given that I live in the Columbus area and also because they are ranked right up at the top of all libraries in the country. But here's why they're not. For reasons I've yet to understand, the Columbus Metropolitan Library is the one system in the entire state of Ohio that has NEVER asked to have me come speak, either for *Weird Ohio* or for my work with *The Ghosts of Ohio*. So unless that changes at some point in the future, I really don't see my collection ending up in Columbus.

Rather, there are several libraries in Ohio that I have in mind. They are smaller libraries, but that hasn't stopped them from inviting me out to speak several times over the years. They have embraced me, as well as my strange and spooky side. Plus, there's something alluring about the idea of another version of me, many years from now, wandering through the stacks and coming across my massive collection of paranormal books. Just might seem like déjà vu all over again!

By the way, got a paranormal book you don't want anymore? If I don't have a copy, I'm more than happy to take it off your hands. Just shoot me an email and let me know what you've got and what you want for it: jim@ghostsofohio.org.

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GH0STBUSTERS MOBILE



Now we KNOW who you're gonna call!

Now THIS is a truly unusual car! This customized Ghostbusters vehicle has a somewhat mysterious past to be sure. It was customized and painted somewhere in Detroit, MI, according to its current owner, Larry, and it has changed hands several times over the years. Larry stumbled across this outrageously fun car quietly slumbering in a Middletown, OH, garage in 2010. When that owner made him an offer he couldn't refuse, the ghost car moved on to Fairborn, OH, where it has

been exhibited in local car shows and was even a featured vehicle in one of the local hometown parades! Larry couldn't resist and added a few more features to the car that included the top detailing racks, and a remote controlled water cannon on the top. At the push of a button, lights and music blast out from the vehicle while the water cannon searches for spirited targets to snare unaware! This car lets everyone know who they are gonna call for even the worst ghostly infestations! Imagine my surprise and delight when I first saw the car at a family reunion—it belongs to the family of one of my many first cousins! They had a ghost car, and I'm a paranormal investigator, so what could be more perfect than to share pictures and the story of this car with our newsletter readers this fine October!



SAM'S SPOOKY SELECTIONS: TEEN INVESTIGATORS

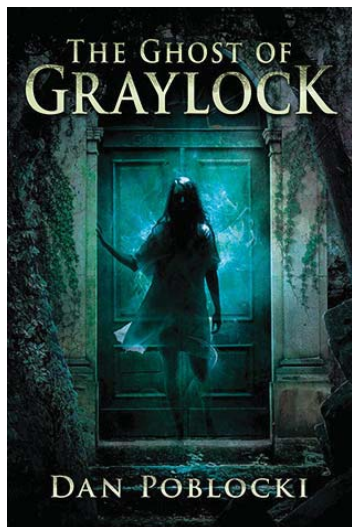


Samantha

Like many of our readers, I love supernatural fiction. It doesn't matter to me if it's about a haunting, reincarnation, psychics, demons, angels, witches, werewolves, vampires, zombies, people with special powers, faeries...okay, faeries not so much...I just love the genre! And since I'm a teen librarian, I read a lot of teen supernatural fiction.

While teen lit runs the gamut of the topics I listed above, occasionally I'm able to spot a trend that I find interesting. One of the current trends I've been seeing is that of teenagers as paranormal investigators. In a way, I'm surprised that it's taken this long for a trend like this to come around given all of the paranormal shows on television nowadays. However, we now have teens dealing with ghost problems in addition to the normal angst that goes along with growing up. I mean, isn't surviving high school hard enough??

Anyway, here are a few titles to get you into the "spirit" of the season. Don't worry, there are no spoilers here!



The Ghost of Graylock

by Dan Poblocki

What do you get when you combine an abandoned asylum, a ghostly urban legend, and teenagers who watch way too much TV? That's right, you get the stuff horror

movies are made of! Teenager Neil Cady is a big fan of *Ghostly Investigators*, a TV show that features a duo that investigates haunted places. When he and his sister are sent away to spend the summer with their aunts, they and their new friends find themselves trying out their own investigative skills at an abandoned mental hospital where, according to legend, a nurse killed several patients by drowning them in a nearby pond. Despite the terrifying things they experience in the asylum, they're determined to get to the bottom of the urban legend to discover the truth and perhaps put some spirits to rest.



The Name of the Star

by Maureen Johnson

Jack the Ripper meets *Ghostbusters* in this spooky and highly original tale. Rory, a teenage girl from Louisiana, has just started boarding school in modern day London. When gruesome Ripper-style murders begin happening in the city, everyone suspects a copycat killer. Rory, however, thinks differently. Security footage of one of the crime scenes revealed an invisible attacker, and she herself spoke briefly to a man that her roommate doesn't remember even though she was present during the exchange. Could it be the ghost of Jack the Ripper, or is something else going on? Fortunately, Rory doesn't have to go it alone. She becomes involved with a secret government organization that deals with the paranormal, and they have the knowledge and tools for the job. Can they catch the killer before the Ripper's last victim meets her bloody end?



Spookygirl: Paranormal Investigator

by Jill Baguchinsky

This book isn't as goofy as its title makes it seem. 15-year-old Violet is the daughter of two paranormal investigators. Like her mother, Violet can see ghosts and communicate with the dead, which is a handy skill to have when your dad runs a funeral home and some of the dead don't know that they're...well, dead. Unfortunately, her mother isn't in the picture anymore because she died under mysterious circumstances during an investigation when Violet was just a child. Her father never speaks of her mother, and he never shares information about their investigations. It's a sore subject, so when Violet experiences something potentially evil in her school's locker room, it's up to her and her friend Tim to investigate it. Could it have something to do with her mother's death?

If you've never picked up a teen novel before and you don't have a lot of time to read, I encourage you to try one! Unlike adult novels, teen books are usually quicker reads, they have less extraneous detail than adult novels, and they can be highly entertaining. In a way, reading a teen book is like watching a movie or eating a piece of Halloween candy! And who doesn't love candy?

GHOST APPS: DO THEY REALLY WORK?



James

With all the high-tech gear available today for ghost hunters, it's a bit surprising that the current "big thing" is rather small. So small, in fact, that it can fit on your cell phone. They are apps that can be downloaded onto your smart phone to help you look for and communicate with ghosts.

But do these things really work? Can you really have a two-way conversation with a ghost using nothing more than an app downloaded from the Internet? With that very question in mind, we downloaded three of the most popular apps out there, took them out on investigations with us, and let them do their thing. So what happened? Well, read on!

Ghost Radar (Spudpickles)



What It Claims To Do

"Analyzes nearby energies. Interpretations of the readings are displayed using numeric, textual, and graphical readouts."

Description

The app consists of a single image of a green radar-like screen with columns of red numbers and letters on all 4 sides of the screen. As the radar sweeps around in a circular motion, energy or "ghosts" appear as circular colored blobs, with each color representing, we're guessing, the make up or perhaps the personality of the ghost as the colors ranged from blue to red. As an

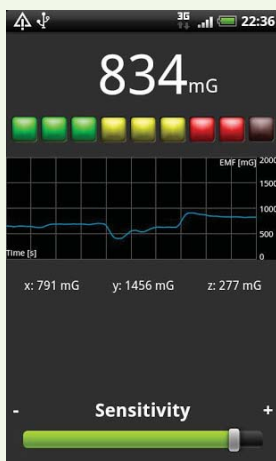
added bonus, your phone will occasionally speak to you, possibly after being prompted by spirits from the other side.

Our Experience

Within two minutes of starting the app, it said the words "tightly," "tree," and "discover." None of these words had any significance to us (we couldn't even see a tree from where we were sitting). After that, the device was quiet for about 30 minutes, although several blue (and one red) blob appeared on the radar. After that, it spoke the word "done," which, to be honest, we thought was rather interesting. But when it was quickly followed by "as," we decided we might be reading too much into things.

As for the numbers along the sides of the screen, while they kept changing, it was hard to determine exactly what, if anything, they were reacting to. At least one of the groups of numbers appeared to be related to GPS or how the phone was positioned, but even that was hard to tell. We tried pairing it up with an EMF detector, but while that device was pretty flat the entire time, the numbers on the app kept fluctuating wildly, even when the phone was kept still.

Ghost Detector (Motsha)



What It Claims To Do

The app is initially described as something that "acts as a medium between you and the ghosts." But the description goes a bit further and says that "the ghosts try to control your devices (sic) magnetic and microphone sensor which is monitored by the ghost detector and shows you the possible location of the ghosts, demons, entities, etc."

Description

The makers of this app describe it thusly: "this app shows a radar with lurking ghost (sic) around you and some ghosts try to talk with you." Like Spudpickles' Ghost Radar, this app features a green radar screen. It also has numbers, although with this app, the numbers are white and only appear in the top left corner. When ghosts appear on this radar screen, they are all the same color, white, and are quite small. But this may be due to the app itself, which claims its "radar range is about 9 miles."

With this app, the ghosts do not speak to you, at least not out loud. However, if you switch over to another part of this app, you will be prompted to ask questions and "the ghost will answer." The app also has a third feature, an EMF detector.

Our Experience

Ghosts do not pop up on this radar as quickly as with the Spudpickles version. We actually sat for a good five minutes before the first "ghost dot" appeared. But after that, they started showing up on a fairly regular basis; roughly one every two minutes. We attempted to use an EMF detector to find these ghosts, but were not successful.

It was at that point that we switched over to the EMF detector, which looks just like a tachometer but with a small ghost on it. While sitting on a table, the app read a fairly steady 2.0, although the two EMFs we placed on either side of it were reading .2 and .3 respectfully. But the app did remain steady during the entire experiment, which lasted about an hour.

Finally, we used the "Ask Your Questions" part of the app. You are prompted to ask your question (we voted for "aloud" since there was a little icon of a microphone) and waited for the ghost to answer. One could say that the ghosts did indeed answer, although that consisted of nothing more than random words popping up on the screen (no voice).

The first question we asked was, you guessed it, "Is anyone here?" After about 90 seconds, the "m rder" appeared. We weren't sure if the ghost couldn't spell or if there was something wrong with the app, but we were fairly confident the word was supposed to be "murder."
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GHOST APPS: DO THEY REALLY WORK? (CONT.)

So we asked, “Are you trying to say ‘murder’?” After about another minute, the word “deep” showed up. We quickly decided to stop asking questions to see what would happen and the words kept randomly popping up: “steal,” radiation”, and “d ring” were the next ones that popped up.

The words continued to appear, roughly one every 30 seconds. We wrote them all down and then went back and tried to make sense of it. We couldn’t. The closest thing to a sentence was “Went back ship offer.” We tried doing what the instructions the app said to do—“*you must interpret the group of words you see as an answer to your question*”—but we still came up empty handed.

EMF METER (Superphunlabs)



What It Claims To Do

“Detect an EMF emitting entity and/or object by using your phone’s hardware as an EMF sensor!”

Description

Fairly simple screen, showing, supposedly in real time, an XY grid that tracks EMF levels. There are a series of ELF-like colored blocks across the top of the screen that appears to react to the strength of the EMF field and a “sensitivity” slider along the bottom of the screen.

Our Experience

This app actually appeared to do what it said it would do—to an extent. It did look like it was measuring EMF and would react to such things like a laptop computer and an electrical outlet. The levels it was recording, though, seemed a bit high. A standard EMF sitting next to the phone running the app would read 1.7 mG while

the app would be reading 564 mG! We were also unable to play with the sensitivity level too much due to the fact that the app causes one’s phone to emit this really, really, really annoying beeping noise.

Unlike the other apps we tested, the EMF meter didn’t speak to us or ask us to say questions out loud.

The Bottom Line

So can these apps really find ghosts? Before we answer that question, we first have to address how these apps are claiming to find ghosts. Namely, that the apps are allowing the phone to detect EMF that is ghostly in nature.

Here’s the deal: Saying that a cell phone can detect EMF is true...to an extent. Cell phones can indeed detect EMF because, to put it simply, phones need to be able to detect EMF when they are searching for a signal. In fact, phones can even alter the EMF when they are sending out a signal (try it for yourself; place an EMF detector near your phone and then open your browser).

The problem is that cell phones can only detect a certain range of frequencies (up to about 2.2 GHz) since that’s the frequency range of most cell phone systems. Put another way; while a traditional EMF detector will detect a very wide range of EMF, a cell phone can only detect within a rather small area. And since there is no concrete evidence to support that ghost “energy” falls within a specific range, there is no way to prove whether or not the phone/app is detecting a ghost, background “noise” or simply a nearby cell tower. Case in point, whenever a ghost appeared on the Ghost Radar or the Ghost Detector, turning the phone did nothing to change where it was appearing on the radar grid. And even if it did, since it’s widely accepted that there is no level of EMF that means “ghost” (in other words, it has not been established if a ghost even puts off EMF), one cannot, in all fairness, say that something that detects EMF can find ghosts.

So why do so many people claim these apps actually work? Well, if you look at the comments people are leaving about the apps, especially the Ghost Radar and the Ghost Detector, the vast majority of comments from people who claim they contacted ghosts are related to the words

that either appeared on the screen or were spoken out loud by the app/phone. This appears to be nothing more than people wanting a ghost to talk to them and making connections to the words that just aren’t there. For example, one person wrote, “It was so freaky! We were all sitting around in chairs and the ghost said ‘chair’.”

In another comment, someone wrote, “Right after my friend left, it said ‘door.’” So were ghosts really talking to these people? Possibly, but highly doubtful.

Perhaps the best way to sum up these devices would be to consider the words used by the good people at Spudpickles to describe their own product: “Results may vary. We offer no guarantees, use for entertainment.”

GOT GHOSTS?

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION

From time to time, The Ghosts of Ohio learns about a haunted location that, try as we might, we just can’t seem to dig up any additional information on. That’s when we turn to one of the largest group of Ohio ghost experts out there; our newsletter readers! That’s right, we’re asking you to let us know if you have any information (or better yet, have had a personal experience) at any of the following locations. If you have, shoot us an email at info@ghostsofohio.org. And who knows? You just might get the chance to investigate the location along with The Ghosts of Ohio!

Bloody Island

(Columbus/Franklin county)

Buckeye Belle

(Beverly/Washington county)

Glendower State Memorial

(Lebanon/Warren county)

Shrader Road Tunnel

(Chillicothe/Ross County)

Sidwell House

(Avondale/Muskingum county)

Weidler’s Pass

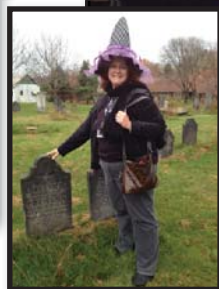
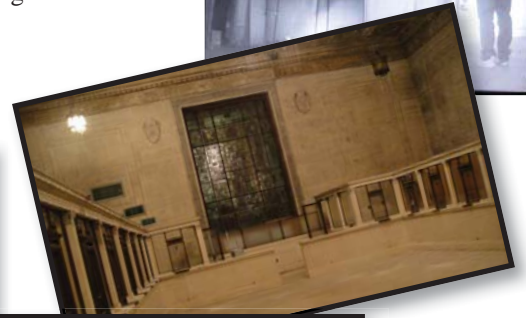
(near Arcadia/Hancock county)

THE GHOSTS OF OHIO 2012 GHOST TOUR REVIEW

Every October, The Ghosts of Ohio takes to the highways and byways of Ohio in search of fellow ghost enthusiasts to entertain, educate, and give the willies to! This year was no different and October 2012 saw The Ghosts crisscrossing across the Buckeye State. It was a wonderful experience, during

which we met a lot of new friends, got driven around downtown Lima by a team of horses, and even got locked inside the old jail in Somerset. It was an October we will not soon forget!

Here are a few random shots taking during our month-long trip.



HURRY! ONLY HOURS LEFT FOR YOUR CHANCE TO INVESTIGATE THE MERRY-GO-ROUND MUSEUM WITH THE GHOSTS OF OHIO

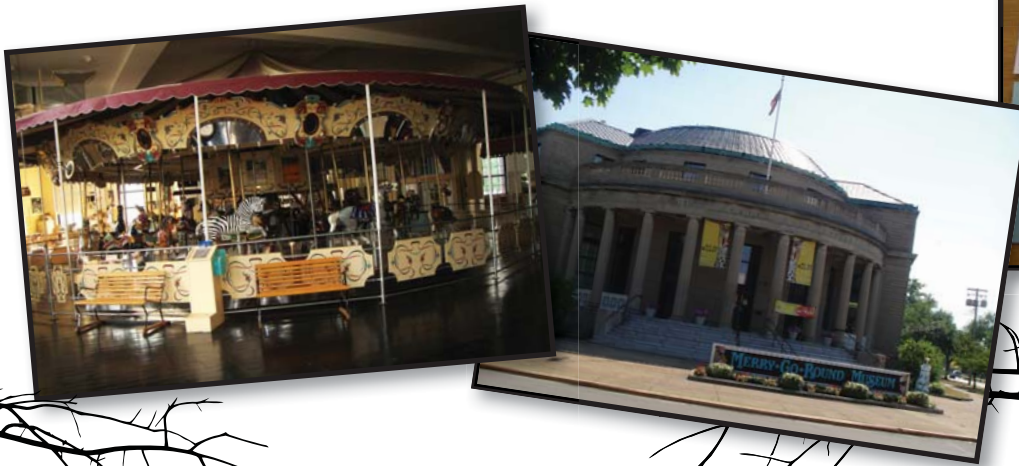
The clock is ticking (and we do mean “ticking”) on your chance to take part in a truly unique investigation.

On Saturday, November 17th, 2012, The Ghosts of Ohio will be spending the night locked inside the Merry-Go-Round Museum in Sandusky, Ohio. And as part of a special fundraiser, one lucky raffle winner and a guest will have the unique opportunity to investigate the Merry-Go-Round Museum with The Ghosts of Ohio.

The evening will feature an all-you-can-eat pizza dinner and then you and your guest will take part in a hands-on ghost hunting experience. All ghost hunting equipment will be provided by The Ghosts of Ohio for you to use as you please and we will be there to give you a crash course in ghost hunting.

They will be drawing the winner soon. VERY soon! So if you don’t have yours yet, raffle tickets are available for purchase

at the Museum (301 Jackson Street Sandusky, OH 44824) and can also be ordered over the phone (419-626-6111). All proceeds benefit the Merry-Go-Round Museum. For more information, visit <http://www.merrygoroundmuseum.org/> or <http://www.facebook.com/merrygoroundmuseum>.



Investigations and Consultations

The Ghosts of Ohio has already begun scheduling investigations for 2013. 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>.

Interact with The Ghosts of Ohio

In addition to our website, here are a couple of places where you can find The Ghosts of Ohio lurking online:

 **MYSPACE**
www.myspace.com/ghostsofohio

 **FACEBOOK**
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Ghosts-of-Ohio/60704381381>

 **TWITTER**
<http://twitter.com/ghostsofohio>

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