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The Ghosts Are Rising



James

It's finally happening:

COVID numbers are declining, restrictions are loosening, and things are opening up more and more every day. Here at The Ghosts Of Ohio, we are so excited because we're already starting to see the changes. We've already

started booking presentations and appearances and some are for the spring and summer, where traditionally the majority had been in the fall.

On top of that, we spent the end of 2021 and the first few months of 2022 looking back at how we traditionally conduct our investigations and ways to hone our craft, as it were. What things can we do differently? Are there new pieces of equipment or methods we can incorporate into investigations? It's all very exciting and we can't wait to share the results with you!

In upcoming editions of this newsletter, we will be featuring the results of the "field tests" of some new pieces of equipment and letting you all in on tweaks we're making to our investigation methods, including everything from the Estes Method to self-guided meditations.

2022 is shaping up to be a fantastic year for The Ghosts Of Ohio. And we're so glad you're along for the ride with us!

Cheers,

James A. Willis
Founder/Director



PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

“Martin Did It”

Sally M., Beaver Creek, OH

I would like to share this story with you. It is something I would like to talk with your group more about because I might need some help.

We moved into this house about a year ago. It's just me, my husband, and our 5-year-old son. There were little things at first like things being moved around or strange banging noises during the night. My husband and I would ask her son and he wouldn't always tell us “Martin did it.” When we'd ask him who Martin was, he would describe a young boy, so we just thought he had invented an imaginary friend because of moving to a new house. We did think it was a little weird that our son picked the name “Martin,” since that seemed like an old-fashioned name. My husband asked, “why do you call him Martin” and my son responded, “Martin said that's his name.”

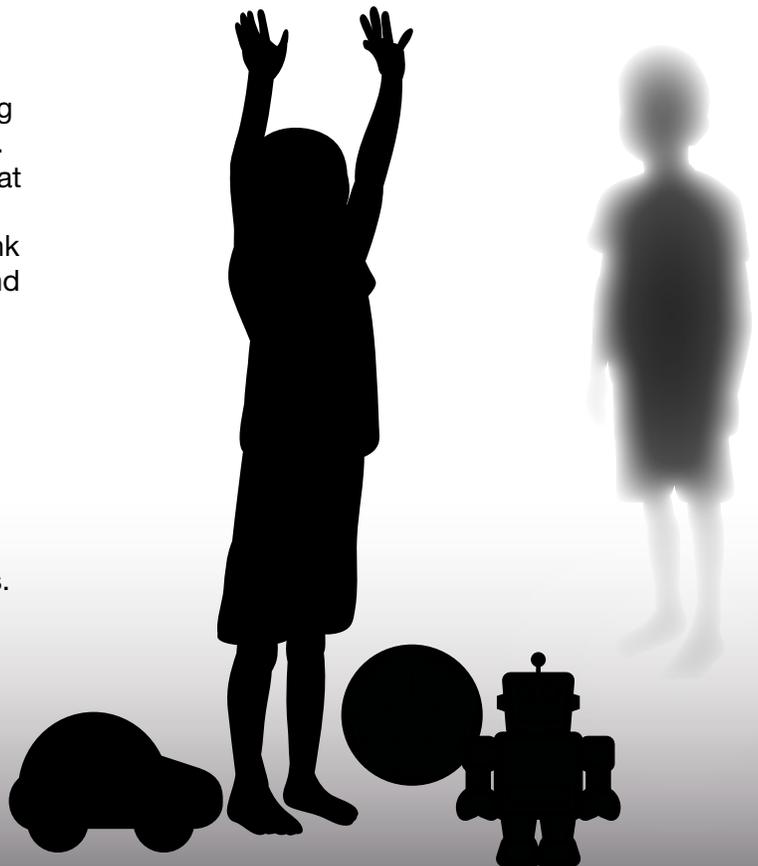
A few months prior to me writing you, we noticed the activity started picking up a bit more. Kitchen plates were falling and breaking, and the banging noises at night became more frequent. We would also go into our son's room and find his toys all over the floor. We thought that our son was getting out of bed and playing with them during the night. But whenever we would ask him, he would say that it wasn't him. It was Martin who was playing with the toys at night. My husband and I still didn't think it was anything other than my son doing things and blaming it on his imaginary friend.

Earlier this month, my husband woke up to what sounded like our son running down the hallway outside our bedroom. When my husband got up and went to check, my son was fast asleep in his bed. Later that week, I was lying in bed, reading, when I heard footsteps outside my bedroom, followed by the sound of one of my son's toy cars. I got out of bed and went to tell my son to stop playing and go back to bed, but when I reached the hallway, it was empty except for the toy car sitting outside my son's bedroom. I walked down to my son's room, but once again, he was sound asleep in his bed.

Three days ago, my husband and I were asleep when I again heard the sounds of playing in the hallway. I figured I would catch my son in the act this time, so I quietly crept up to our open bedroom door and slowly peeked around the corner. The first thing I saw were a few of my son's toy cars in the hallway, just outside his bedroom door. Then, at the end of the darkened hallway, I saw a dark shape, in the shape of a small child, stand up from behind the toys and walk into my son's room. I screamed and ran down the hallway, convinced there was a stranger in the house.

My son was asleep in his bed when I started turning on all the lights and looking around the room. My husband came in and we checked everywhere. There was no one there and our security system hadn't gone off. But I'm sure of what I saw.

I'm starting to believe Martin might be real.



SNEAK PEEK: EQUIPMENT REVIEWS

We recently acquired several new pieces of equipment that we're getting ready to field test in the coming weeks. We will share the results of these tests in a future edition of this newsletter, but we thought you'd like a sneak peek at them.



Sound Level Meter

We record a lot of audio on investigations. A lot. Between personal recorders, digital voice recorders, and our studio microphones, it's not uncommon for us to have 10-12 recording devices going at one time. The problem is that while all that audio needs to be reviewed, it's often by people who

were not on the investigation or, if they were present, weren't in the area where the recording was made. This means they could mistake "normal" noises for paranormal ones if they don't have proper context. On top of that, we needed a way to be able to tell when normal noises (investigators walking, etc.) were loud enough that they were going to get picked up by the recording devices. Enter the Sound Level Meter.

This device essentially lets you know when it "hears" something. It also functions as a data logger, meaning we can run the meter to a monitor and see, in real time, when it's picking up noises. What we're hoping to do is place this in the same area with our studio microphones, which we also monitor in real time, so we can watch and see if the meter is picking up noises. If it is and they are "normal" noises, we can timestamp the audio recordings, so we don't misidentify anything. And if it's picking up noises that aren't normal, we can investigate closer!



Slimer has agreed to help out with the TRIP-12 field test

EMF Trip-Wire

We recently saw this device on a paranormal television show, and it was intriguing enough that we had to buy one and test it out.

The Trip-Wire is essentially a series of sensors connected along a length of wire. In our case, we purchased the TRIP-12, the 12-foot long version. Each of the sensors can detect EMF and will light up one of 6 different colors,

depending on the level (in milligauss), similar to how a K-II works.

What we were particularly intrigued with was the idea that you could run the Trip-Wire along a long area—a hallway or staircase, for example—to see if they would get triggered. Better yet, if they would trigger one after the other, giving us the ability to "see" the energy moving in a specific direction.

Since we currently employ a data logger with multiple ambient temperature sensors, we are going to field test the Trip-Wire with those. In theory, placing the ambient temperature sensors alongside the Trip-Wire would allow us to see if, when the Trip-Wire is triggered, there are any other environmental changes taking place.

A NOTE ON OUR 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!



HAUNTED HAWAII



Frank

Suffering from a case of COVID-Induced Cabin Fever, I was determined to use my banked airline miles from a cancelled Canadian Rockies trip in 2020. I found a deal on flights to Hawaii, booked it, and before you knew it, my partner and I were celebrating Valentine's Day with a nice dinner, right on Waikiki Beach.

Our choice for dinner was the Moana Surfrider Hotel, a remodeled Westin hotel that was originally built in 1901, making it the first hotel on the beach, preceding the iconic Royal Hawaiian by nearly 25 years.

As with most things in my life, the dinner conversation eventually turned to the paranormal. I spoke to our waiter, Omar (yes, that was his real name), about potential paranormal activity in Honolulu and he immediately began telling me about the Moana Surfrider Hotel, the very hotel I was sitting in. He said it was built in the early 1900s by Jane Stanford, one of the co-founders of Stanford University. Stanford had died in the hotel after being poisoned, although no one was ever charged with her murder. For this reason, Stanford's ghost still haunts the hotel as well as the hotel suite she died in, which has been sealed up for years. Omar said that tours of the Moana Surfrider Hotel were available and that I should check with the front desk about scheduling a tour.

Looking into this further, I went to the front desk and spoke to the clerk. When I asked about hotel tours, he said they are only available for hotel guests. My hotel was across the street, so I was out of luck there. But I figured I could ask the clerk about his experiences with ghosts at the hotel to see if I could get more information. Strangely enough, he said that he had never had any paranormal experiences at the hotel in the 6 years that he'd worked there. He had not heard any of the other employees talking about having experiences, either. When I asked about Jane Sanford's suite being closed off, he was unaware of any sealed or secret rooms at the hotel.

Getting back to my hotel, I decided to do a little research and discovered that Hawaii has more than its fair share of haunted hotels. Here are some others that I found during my research:



Hilton Hawaiian Village, Oahu

The largest hotel in the Hilton chain—over 3,000 rooms—is also said to be home to the ghost of a young, attractive woman in a red dress. She is often seen walking through the halls or along the beach at night. Who she is, or was, is something that is often debated. The popular belief is that she is the ghost of a woman murdered in her hotel room. But others contend that she is actually the volcano goddess.

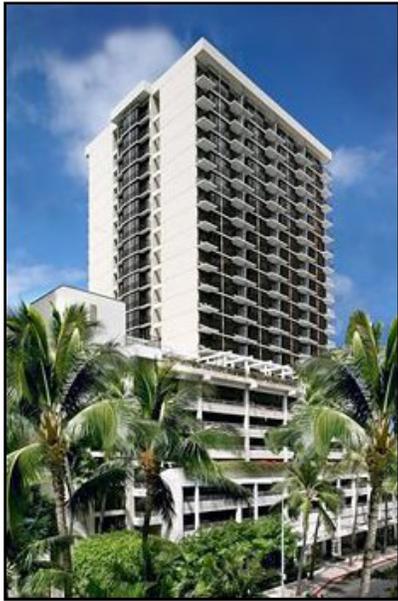


Volcano House Hotel, Big Island

Built in 1846 at the summit of an active volcano, this former private residence had to be entirely rebuilt after a fire in 1940. Perhaps that's why staff here will tell you the hotel has more than a few ghosts. The ghost that is seen most often is that of an elderly woman, said to be Madame Pele, goddess of the volcano and fire. A ghostly white dog is sometimes also reported on the grounds.

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HAUNTED HAWAII (continued)



Waikiki Parc Hotel, Oahu

Said to be haunted by the ghost of a hotel employee who still clocks in for his night shift. Payroll staff report that the hotel's timecard system shows someone punching in for work using the deceased employee's card number, even though that card number was cancelled upon news of the employee's death. It's interesting to note that the ghostly employee always checks in on time and never punches out at the end of the shift.



Ihilani Resort, Oahu

The 17th floor of the hotel at this resort is said to be Ground Zero for paranormal happenings, all brought about by a former guest who died here. Guests on the 17th floor report hearing and seeing the sliding glass doors to their balcony opening and closing on their own, while others have woken up in the middle of the night to see a ghostly woman standing over them.

I also discovered that downtown Honolulu also offers a ghostly walking tour, which I, unfortunately, could not fit into my schedule. But there's always next time because when it comes to Hawaii, it appears that ghosts and spirits are everywhere!

Have you been to any of these haunted locations in Hawaii? If you have, we'd love to hear about your experiences!



2022 IS SHAPING UP TO BE A STRANGE AND SPOOKY YEAR!

It looks like we are starting to move towards “normal” again, as we have already started setting up presentations throughout Ohio for 2022. What’s more, they are being scheduled throughout the year and there’s even some brand-new presentations to choose from!

The following are confirmed presentations as of this writing. Keep in mind that things can, and probably will, change at a moment’s notice. So, if you are at all interested in attending any of these events, please be sure to follow The Ghosts Of Ohio on any of our social media accounts as we will post updates as soon as they happen. Also consider contacting the venue(s) directly as they will also be able to fill you in on any guidelines/rules regarding masks.

Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022 @ 6:30 pm
Weird Ohio Road Trips presentation
Dayton Metro Library: New Lebanon Branch
715 W. Main Street
New Lebanon, OH 45345

Tuesday, October 25th, 2022 @ 6:30 pm
Ohio’s Historic Haunts presentation
Dayton Metro Library: New Lebanon Branch
715 W. Main Street
New Lebanon, OH 45345

Monday, July 25th, 2022 @ 6:00 pm
Just How Weird Is Ohio? presentation
Seville Library
45 Center Street
Seville, OH 44273

Thursday, October 27th, 2022 @ 6:00 pm
Amityville: Horror Or Hoax? presentation
Medina Library
210 South Broadway Street
Medina, OH 44256

Monday, October 24th, 2022 @ 6:00 pm
Meet The Ghosts Of Ohio presentation
Seville Library
45 Center Street
Seville, OH 44273



THANK YOU, RICHLAND COUNTY!

This month, we had the unique opportunity to travel across Richland county, swapping ghost stories and meeting all of you during presentations at different Mansfield/Richland county library branches.

Thank you to everyone who braved the sometimes sketchy Ohio weather to come out and see us. Let’s do it again soon!

UPDATE ON INVESTIGATIONS & CONSULTATIONS

As of this writing, all members of The Ghosts Of Ohio organization who will be taking part in investigations have been fully vaccinated and most have been “boosted”. Masks will be worn at the request of the home/business owner and/or in accordance with any mask mandates. Virtual investigations and consultations are also available. More information on scheduling is included at the end of this newsletter, but if you have specific COVID-related questions, feel to 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.

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 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!



Investigations & Consultations

The Ghosts Of Ohio are continuing to schedule investigations and consultations for 2022. 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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