



# August Newsletter

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## Haunted Skydive?

On July 19, 2006 Rick Atristain, Assistant Director of CPRI, visited Skydive Space Center to scatter his brother's ashes while in freefall during a skydive. He had a special bag that was designed for this purpose that once the string was pulled inverted the bag so that all of the cremains would come out. Rick had this skydive videotaped - everything was routine during the skydive and Rick didn't notice anything other than ashes coming out of the bag. However when he watched the video back he saw an unidentifiable object that appears to be self propelled going to the left at a high rate of speed. This defies the law of

physics because Rick is falling at a rate of 120 MPH and yet this "object" is moving in a different direction than the wind. I have included a few videos along with an image capture of this object.

### Possible Theories:

Static Discharge - It could have been some type of static discharge. The bag is made of nylon and the altitude combined with the ashes and friction may have cause a discharge of some type. But, still, you have to consider the aerodynamics of a "spark" behaving in that manner.

Aircraft - It was an aircraft of some type. The problem with

this explanation is there should



*Can you identify the strange sphere in the sky?*

be no aircraft in the area because it's against FAA regulations to fly in an area during jump operations. Also, if you could see the event in real time, it's traveling at a tremendous speed. There was no noticeable atmospheric disturbance (sonic boom) during the skydive.

## Special points of interest:

- L.B. Taylor will be speaking @ the 2nd Annual Paranormal Conference
- Find out what Psychic surgery is all about
- Remote Viewing workshop to be held at the Rhine Institute

## LB Taylor to Speak @ the 2nd Annual Paranormal Conference

The famous "Ghost of Virginia" author will speak at the 2007 CPRI 2nd Annual Paranormal Conference that will be held in Richmond, VA on May 19th and 20th 2007. Other speakers include Troy Taylor, Rosemary Ellen Guiley, John Zaffis, Vince Wilson, Ron

Milione, from T.A.P.S and the show Ghost Hunters and many other prominent paranormal researchers.

This year we will also feature 2 prominent Spirit Mediums— Barb Mallon and Mary Beth Wrenn. Both will conduct

gallery style readings.

## CPRI Spotlight: *Stephanie Morris*

Stephanie was appointed as the CPRI, Inc Photographic Expert in 2003.



*Stephanie Morris, CPRI Photographic Analyst*

Stephanie was born in Harrisonburg, Virginia and then moved to the Richmond area when she was 3. At age six, she saw a spirit in her bedroom and began reading everything about ghost and hauntings she could find. This incident is what sparked her interest in the Paranormal.

Stephanie is a self employed Professional Photographer. Her love for photography started when she was given a camera for Christmas her sixth grade year. From that point forward she took a camera everywhere she went. Once in high school, Stephanie took all photography classes available, including a two year class in Commercial Photography. In her Senior year she was awarded a scholarship from The Arts Council of Richmond

for her achievement in photography and had her photographs displayed at The James Center in Richmond. She went on to Virginia Commonwealth University and majored in Photography with a minor in Art History. Since then she has had her photographs published in national magazines and in CD covers. Stephanie continues to work as a Freelance Photographer.

## *What is Psychic "Surgery"?*

**"The patient then goes home to die, if he or she was really dying, or to live if there was nothing seriously wrong..."**

Psychic "surgery" is a type of non-surgery performed by a non-medical healer. The healer fakes an incision by running a finger along the patient's body, apparently going through the skin without using any surgical instruments. The healer pretends to dig his hands into the patient's innards and pretends to pull out 'tumors'. Using

trickery, the healer squirts animal blood from a hand-held balloon while discarding items such as chicken livers and hearts. The patient then goes home to die, if he or she was really dying, or to live if there was nothing seriously wrong in the first place. Some people find solace in psychic "surgeons" and other faith

healers because they think the healers are divine agents. The practice is not restricted to third-world countries. Chris Cole practices psychic "surgery" in Sydney, Australia. One of the more popular psychic "surgeons" outside of the Philippines is Stephen Turoff, who runs the Danbury Healing Clinic in Chelmsford, England.

## *Movie Release: The Descent*



*Movie poster for The Descent*

After a tragic accident, six friends reunite for a caving expedition. Their adventure soon goes horribly wrong when a collapse traps them deep

underground and they find themselves pursued by bloodthirsty creatures. As their friendships deteriorate, they find themselves in a desperate

struggle to survive the creatures and each other.

## What is an Exorcism?

An exorcism is a religious rite for driving Satan or evil spirits out of a possessed person, place, or thing. In ancient times, many cultures had such rites. Today, the Roman Catholic Church still believes in diabolic possession and its priests still practice what is called "real exorcism," a 27-page ritual to drive out evil spirits. The ritual involves the use of holy water, incantations, various prayers, incense, relics, and Christian symbols such as

the cross. The Catholic Church has at least ten official exorcists in America today (Cuneo). The Archbishop of Calcutta, Henry Sebastian D'Souza, says he ordered a priest to perform an exorcism on Mother Teresa shortly before she died in 1997 because he thought she was being attacked by the devil.

Most Protestant sects also believe in satanic possession and exorcism. Michael Cuneo, a sociologist at Fordham Univer-

sity, claims "By conservative estimates, there are at least five or six hundred evangelical exorcism ministries in operation today, and quite possibly two or three times this many." Reverend Brian Connor of South Carolina says "dealing with animate evil is the single most overlooked component of the biblical mandate."\* Connor was featured on NBC's "Dateline" program on exorcism.



*The Exorcist Movie made exorcism a household word.*

## Remote Viewing Workshop

A workshop conducted by Stephan A. Schwartz. Remote Viewing trains you to open yourself to nonlocal awareness, the state of consciousness in which moments of genius, spiritual epiphanies, and Remote Viewing oc-

cur. During this seminar you will find yourself capable of describing persons, places, objects, or events even though they may be separated from you by time or space. Learn applications, experience intuitive diagno-

sis, techniques for healing self and others, and problem solving. Cost \$150 (\$135 Student/Senior/RRC Member)

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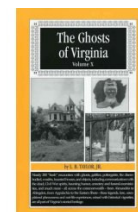
## Book Spotlight: Ghost of Virginia X

**Author:** L.B. Taylor

Nearly 200 "fresh" encounters with ghosts, goblins, poltergeists, the disembodied, wraiths, haunted houses, and objects, including communi-

cations with the dead, Civil War spirits, haunting humor, cemetery and funeral eccentricities, and much more - all across the commonwealth - from Alexandria to Abingdon, from Appalachia

to the Eastern Shore - these legends, lore, unexplained phenomena and real-life experiences, mixed with historical vignettes are all part of Virginia's storied heritage.



*This is the cover from the Ghost of Virginia book series by LB Taylor*

## The Center for Paranormal Research & Investigation

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# CPRI, Inc.

*Established May 15th, 2000*

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

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

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

## CPRI Gives Presentation in NOVA

A Waynesboro family claimed a demon possessed their daughter. They also said people were literally stepping out of paintings into their living room. Since Bill Murray and Dan Aykroyd were unavailable, they called the Center for Paranormal Research to investigate these otherworldly happenings. Brian Bradley of Fairfax was part of that investigation, which took place in October 2004. "We kept our skepticism to ourselves, but that family was a little off," said Bradley, 32. He said the daughter, 17, was alleged to have participated in a double-homicide a

couple weeks prior. Allegedly, she aided and abetted a convicted murderer by stealing a car, before both were apprehended in a high-speed chase in Florida. Bradley added that they also found a marijuana cigarette in the open in the house.

"The problems were not paranormal," said Bradley. "Their issues were family-related and psychological in nature. They were blaming their issues on ghosts."

This was just one of two dozen paranormal investigations Bradley has participated in with the Center for Paranormal

Research, a non-profit organization based just outside of Richmond, dedicated to researching paranormal phenomena. Bradley will be speaking Monday night at the Chinn Park Regional Library about the organization and paranormal investigations.

He will talk about several cases the Center for Paranormal Research has investigated, discuss their methods and talk about current theories as to what paranormal activity—perhaps ghosts—might be. By presenting information, he hopes people will draw their own conclusions.



*Brian Bradley will give a presentation to a group of teens in NOVA.*