

CPRI January Newsletter

The Center for Paranormal Research & Investigation, Inc.

Special points of interest:

- Virginia has some of the oldest Bigfoot sightings on record
- CPRI to host its first paranormal conference in Richmond on May 13th and 14th
- CPRI to conduct its first international investigation with Ghost Club member Robert Snow
- Rhine Research January Events highlighted

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CPRI to Hosts its First Paranormal Conference

CPRI will host its first paranormal conference on May 13th and 14th in Richmond, VA. We will be hosting lectures and paranormal related activities that relate to our research. **Jason Hawes of SciFi's "GhostHunters" fame will be a keynote speaker.** Other speakers will include well-known authors from the field of paranormal research such as Dr. Sally Rhine Feather (daughter of JB Rhine) of the Rhine Institute (Duke University) and John Zaffis from "A Haunting in Connecticut"

will be speaking and available for book signings. There will also be a chance to purchase t-shirts, books and other paranormal related merchandise. Light refreshments will be available to all guests. Question and answer sessions will follow all lectures. To participate please purchase a ticket and enjoy the fun (coming soon via the website). Dr. Rhine Feather, John Zaffis and Mark Nesbitt will be on hand to sell their books as well. A representative from Ghost! Mag (www.ghostmag.com)

will be there with merchandise and you can



CPRI 1st Annual Paranormal Conference to be held in Richmond.

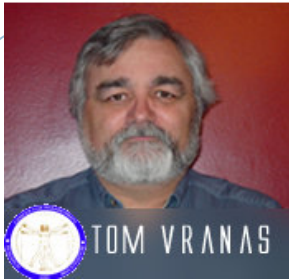
even purchase CPRI stuff.

CPRI Heads into Sixth Year of Research

The beginning of 2006 means CPRI is embarking on its 6th year of research into the paranormal. We have found many more questions than answers over the years but our thirst for answers still exists.

We have many things in store for this year including our first ever paranormal conference which we hope will bring a lot of our readers out so we can meet them face to face. Over the years we've

received many emails from people who read the website weekly and it's nice to meet them face to face. We wish everyone a wonderful and prosperous 2006!



CPRI Salutes Tom Vranas

CPRI SPOTLIGHT: Tom Vranas

Tom was appointed as Acting Regional Director for VA Beach in 2005.

Tom was born and raised in Hampton, Virginia. After high school he began college at Old Dominion College (yes a while back that was) with a major in electronics. As the Viet Nam war escalated, he enlisted in the Air Force and worked in a branch of the intelligence group. He was stationed in England for 3½ years. He has had a long interest in the paranormal and time spent in England offered more opportunities to learn about the subject. After his

honorable discharge, he worked in several jobs until gaining a position as a government worker in the aerospace field. He earned a degree in Aerospace Engineering Technologies and continued to study many related scientific subjects to further his career. He has worked on many research teams as a member and a leader. He has authored and co-authored technical reports consulted on projects and conducted classes on aerospace research. He has also spoken to many groups and developed educational programs for elementary through

college level students. He has a background in organizational skills, scientific research, and working with diverse personalities.

Interests over the years are numerous. Some are building and racing cars in SCCA and NASCAR sanctioned events, radio controlled aircraft, photography, history (local, national and world), woodworking, sports, and supporting his three children in their endeavors.

"All Events held at the Rhine Institute are FREE to the public..."

Rhine Research Institute January Events

Wednesday, January 4, 12-1pm: Gender and Psi Revisited; Do Men and Women Differ in Psi Ability and/or Performance? a presentation by Dr. Christine Simmonds, former RRC Research Associate and current lecturer at Liverpool Hope University in the UK. This is a summary of past research, case study observation, and plans for future research. Free.

Wednesday, January 11, 12-2pm: Scholars Lunch on

"Physics of Consciousness Made Understandable (?)" a presentation by long-time RRC friend and physicist Dr. Evan Harris Walker who was the first to propose a theory of the nature of consciousness tied to well-known physical principles of quantum mechanics and based on quantitative physical and neurophysiological data. He has made significant contributions to the measurement problem in quantum mechanics and originated the 'Quantum Observer Theory'

relating to state vector collapse that is of significance to parapsychology. Dr. Walker received the Outstanding Contribution Award from the Parapsychological Association in 2001. Donations \$10, RRC Members \$8. Bring a bag lunch, drinks will be provided.

For more info please visit their website at <http://www.rhine.org>



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CPRI Central Virginia Regional Director Freddie Sineath has his first article published in the October Edition of Ghost! Mag (www.ghostmag.com).

His article deals with the use of IR thermometers in paranormal re-

search. He comes to some interesting conclusions that may surprise even the most seasoned ghost hunter.

Freddie conducted a series of tests to see if you can indeed take the "temperature of a ghost" and found that

IR thermometers aren't very useful for paranormal research despite their popularity—but don't take our word for it read the entire article at www.ghostmag.com or visit virginiaghosts.com/temp.pdf

CPRI Conducts its First International Investigation

CPRI members Bobbie and Rick Atristain will be visiting jolly ol' England in April. They will meet up with honorary CPRI member and Ghost Club member Robert Snow to conduct a paranormal investigation.

The definite location has not been set but hopefully the infamous Woodchester Mansion will be available. The

mansion has been visited by Robert many times and he says each time he is never disappointed because something unexplainable happens each time.

This will be the first time a member of CPRI has conducted an investigation outside of the United States. We are very excited given England's history of being haunted that something

will turn up.

Keep checking the website for updates.



Big Ben is one of London's most famous landmarks.

Bigfoot in Virginia?

Bigfoot in Virginia—I thought he lived in the Pacific Northwest.....well not exactly—at least not according to William Draginis the founder of Virginiabigfoot-research.org. Bill says "When the name 'bigfoot' is mentioned, most people immedi-

ately think, "only in the pacific northwest". Well, that could not be further then the truth. Virginia has some the oldest sightings on record, with some pre-1880's.

With many sightings in the 1970's and again in the 1990's, Virginia is a hotbed of bigfoot ac-

tivity and a prime area for research."

He has a complete sightings map on his website with listings for almost every county in the state—**check it out at <http://virginiabigfootresearch.org>**

"Some of the oldest Bigfoot sightings on record, pre-1880's, were in Virginia...."

Cool CPRI Stuff for \$ale

CPRI has a store at Café Press (<http://www.cafepress.com/cpri>) where you can purchase everything from CPRI stamps to polo shirts and even dress up the family dog in CPRI attire. These funds help support our research including fees to support the website

which allows us to bring you all of our data free of charge. We will NEVER charge for an investigation or consultation and each member donates his/her time for the love of research. Besides you can be decked out in your favorite CPRI attire to keep warm and

look fashionable at the same time.

<http://cafepress.com/cpri>



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The Center for Paranormal Research and Investigation** is a non-profit organization based outside of Richmond, VA. 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.

Old Church in Halifax, VA

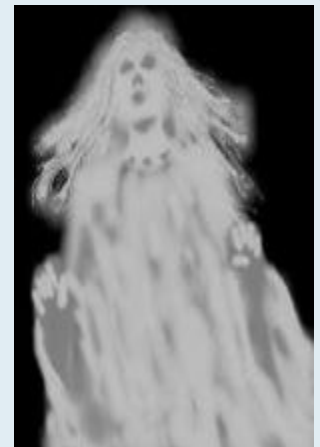
By: Tiffany Green

It was a cold January night as the chilling air whipped through young Winston Hardens' flesh as he drove his motorcycle to a local mill where he would begin the first night of his new job on the graveyard shift. Winston was a young man who loved motorcycles; in his spare time when he wasn't riding them, he would often repair them for people. This was kind of like a second job, but to him it was more like a hobby he was paid for. The dark narrow country roads seemed so lonely this time of night and the trees that lined the side of the road seemed to bow to him as he drove past them. It was 11:15p.m. when he shut and locked his backdoor, even though it would only take

Winston twenty minutes to get to his job, he always liked to leave a little early so he could enjoy a cup of coffee before starting his long tiresome shift. Just up ahead of him was a small brick structure that was the local community's Methodist church of which he was a member and had attended for quite some time now. The church was a small building that sat in a winding curve with several head stones popping up to the right of it. The cold dark winter night air made the little church look lonely as it sat all by itself. The lights that lit up in the church's sanctuary glowed brightly in the night sky and visions of people warm and cozy inside filled Winston head. They practiced their songs for Sunday

morning service there almost every Wednesday; but Winston thought it's so late why they would still be practicing. As he passed the church he turned to see there were no cars in the parking lot. Winston thought to himself the choir director must have forgotten to turn the lights off before she left tonight.

Wanna read the rest? Go to http://virginiaghosts.com/halifax_church.php



Is there a ghost woman haunting an old church in Halifax county Virginia?