



Amos Named CPRI Investigator of the Year

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On May 21, 2005 Tommy Amos of Roanoke, VA was named CPRI Paranormal Investigator of the Year for 2004. This award was the only award given out that was voted on by the entire CPRI membership. He was born and raised in Franklin County, Virginia. Tommy earned his Associate of Applied Science degree in Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology and has continued his studies at Old Dominion University. He is married and has three daughters.

He became interested in the world of the paranormal during his early teens. After discovering that there are few

chances to make a comfortable living in the paranormal field, his interest took him into the field of electronics, where he spent twelve years working as a broadcast engineer with Blue Ridge Public Television in Roanoke, VA. His strong interest in computers has ultimately culminated in his current career in computer technology with Virginia Western Community College. He intends to use his background in electronics and computers to pursue his continued interest in paranormal phenomena.

His personal experiences before becoming a member of the CPRI include Poltergeist activity, Astral projection, pos-

session and Angelic interven-



Tommy Amos receives the CPRI Investigator of the Year award from Bobbie Atristain, CPRI President.

tion. He believes there are intertwining truths between Christian Fundamentalism, Pure Science and Paranormal Phenomena and he intends to continually search for them.

Congrats!

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Special points of interest:

- Tommy Amos named CPRI Investigator of the Year
- Winterpock cases become more interesting
- CPRI in talks with Fangora TV
- Crop Circle researcher Nancy Talbott working with CPRI

Winterpock area of Richmond, VA has lots of activity

CPRI has conducted one FOI at a private residence in the Winterpock area of Chesterfield county—outside of Richmond, VA. Investigations requests for 2 separate houses and families were both received in March of 2005. Freddie Sineath, CPRI Histo-

rian, has been researching these cases and found some astonishing information in regards to the history of the area and how it collaborates with first person eye witness testimony. The hauntings have now expanded to include 2 additional residences and one

church. CPRI hope to conduct a second FOI at an additional residence in the upcoming month. Please check back for updates on the website.

Questions?

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CPRI Celebrates 5 Years of Research



Rick serves as the grillmaster for the CPRI cookout.

On May 21, 2005 at Pocahontas State park in Chesterfield, VA CPRI celebrated five years of research. All members were present with friends and family in tow with the exception of only one missing member. It was a beautiful late Spring day. Numerous awards were handed out to include Tommy Amos named as CPRI Paranormal Investigator of the year for 2004. Jim Hale won the Innovator of the year award and both Tommy Amos and

Stephanie Morris were awarded certificates for serving CPRI for the past 5 years.

Members chowed down on hotdogs and burgers with lots of tasty desserts. A short meeting was held to discuss CPRI's progress in the last year.

CPRI received more than 200 requests for investigations. Only 1/5 of these were from out of state people.

Last year was indeed our busiest year—particularly the second half. We except with the success of such shows as *Proof Positive* and *Ghost Hunters* we will have a busy year in 2005.

Questions? Email bobbie@virginaighosts.com.

CPRI Works with BLT Research

In May of 2005 Bobbie Atristain was contacted by BLT Researcher Nancy Talbott to discuss the Dangerous Orbs case from Huddleston, VA.

Ms. Talbott was intrigued because she had been investigating a few cases where “orbs” had left scorch marks on the walls but she had never

thought to check the walls for irradiation. As a result of the multitudes of cases that involve orb phenomena Ms. Talbott feels it's imperative to find out if these orbs are indeed radioactive because if they are then the public needs to know about this phenomena.

Ms. Talbott is awaiting some

lab results from Gabe Stempinski, the CPRI scientist who first determined the screen was radioactive. Once she has reviewed his findings she plans to help CPRI find an independent radiologist to verify Gabe's original findings before she publishes her final report on the matter.

“If these orbs are irradiated to the point that Gabe's lab work illustrates the public needs to be warned about the dangers of orbs.”

Nancy Talbott

CPRI Opens a Café Press Store



Now you can own CPRI stuff!

CPRI has officially opened a Café Press store at <http://www.cafepress.com/cpri>. We are trying to raise money to hire an independent radiologist to examine the window screen found in the “Dangerous Orb” case in Huddleston, VA. Preliminary tests on the screen show it to be radioactive—and

if that holds true during a second test BLT Researcher (and world known Crop Circle researcher) Nancy Talbott will write an article about the case to warn the public that “real orbs” may pose a significant health risk to paranormal investigators. Orb phenomena is known to occur not only

during ghosts and hauntings but also in Bigfoot cases and UFO cases. We are not sure what the link is but CPRI researchers along with Nancy Talbott hope to figure out the link soon. You can help us out by purchasing a CPRI item at our online shop.

Dangerous Orb Case Update

Scientists have questioned Gabe concerning isotopic determination using the only a spectrometer. Gabe gives the following answer concerning how he determined Cobalt 60 as the correct Isotope.

Isotope determination was obvious to me. The Spectrometer determined the elements and the information input into the tracking program, then the reading from the AN/PDQ-1 (Not positive that's the model but I'm fairly sure) radiac showed low levels of beta and gamma radiation. Then just to be sure a radtrack was used to determine the charge of the particles. The gammas had over 1 Mega Electron Volt

(MEV) charge which is indicative of Co 60. Since the event took place so long ago the only option was the Cobalt because all the other elements in the analysis have short lived radioisotopes. Cobalt is the only one that could have remained activated so long and produce that type of radiation so in short. Fe 60 (iron 60) has a long half life but the decay products are nowhere near strong enough to get the 1 MEV readings so that was ruled out. Not to mention that would have to have had manganese present for there to be any Fe 60. Then there's Fe 54 which has an ungodly long half life but still didn't fit the profile because it's wickedly rare (caused by 2 electron captures of nickel 54). Mind you the

lab I was working at was much more geared to industrial use as opposed to research so it took a bit of guesstimating and ingenuity because of the equipment there's no machine at my disposal that I could have just popped a sample in and out comes a determination. It boiled down to if it lucks like Cobalt 60, acts like Cobalt 60 then it must be Cobalt 60. Unless someone knows of some long lived radioisotope of silicon or aluminum that could be possible considering the results of the tests sure, I'll gladly concede the point. But considering the composition of the screen I can't see any way it could have come from any other isotope.

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Image of Cobalt.

Introduction to Parapsychology @ the Rhine

Friday-Sunday July 15-17, 2005

"Introduction to Parapsychology," A weekend-workshop presented by Christine Simmonds, Ph.D., Research Associate, and Ginette Nachman, M.D., Ph.D., RRC Board of Directors. There will be a Friday evening talk, an all-day

Saturday session with an evening party, and a half-day Sunday session.

Cost for entire weekend \$150, Friday evening alone \$20.

For more specific information call the RRC or watch the website for more information. (<http://www.rhine.org>)

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"The Rhine Institute will host a weekend class in Parapsychology in July of 2005. It is open to the public—no experience necessary."

Bobbie Atristain in talks with Fangora TV

Fangora TV is a network dedicated to the Horror Movie genre but not limited to it. The network has been filming a new original show called EVP which features well known EVP expert Al Rauber from weirdnewjersey.com. Bobbie hopes to serve as a

paranormal consultant to the network to help them develop more paranormal themed shows.

Fangora TV is broadcast in High Definition and Standard definition. It is not a pay per view network—right now they are expanding into many US

networks so watch your local listings for Fangora TV at your house.

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Find out more about Fangora TV by visiting fangoratv.com

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CPRI, Inc.

CPRI, Inc. 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.

CPRI, Inc. is committed to developing new technologies to better understand paranormal phenomena. Jim Hale of CPRI, Inc. is now making these devices available for sale to the general public - if you are interested in purchasing one for your group please email Jim at jim@virginiaghosts.com.

Healthy Skepticism in Paranormal Research

By: Thomas Ginther, CPRI

I am a member of MUFON, The Virginia Ghosts and Haunting Research Society-now the Center for Paranormal Research and Investigation and have done some work for The BLT research group. I have worked with people of varying professionalism and skills and while I do not claim to be a professional paranormal investigator (is there such an animal?) I try to conduct myself as such when looking into claims of the paranormal. I feel the common flaw that the majority of the now hundreds of "ghost hunting groups" have is a lack of any healthy skepticism, and at times CPRI is as guilty of this as the rest.

An investigator should be of the mind set that while on an investigation involving alleged activity that they are open to possibilities, but any activity is mundane and not paranormal in na-

ture. (If we are extremely lucky we may find something that is paranormal) What is seemingly becoming the norm is people go in with the mind set that the "place is haunted" and we are going to prove it. This is based on prior claims of the home owners, people who work in the building, Joe from down the street, etc, and it is all taken for fact with little checking; in fact, as Stanton Friedman likes to say "investigation by proclamation." I belong to a number of email groups involving the paranormal, some that do investigations and some that just arm chair it, and all are quite similar in that the initial investigation reports all have a long list of the "history of the activity" that is listed as fact before any real work is done. At MUFON they at least list it as "the witness claims..." For those that may not understand, normally one or two members of a group will scout a location and do

some initial research to see if it would be a good candidate for a full investigation, then report back to the group where it is discussed by whatever process that groups uses before proceeding, maybe as simple as reading a preliminary report. Today over zealous investigators tend to see every site as haunted or have UFOs circling overhead and have the rest of the group keyed up to find the evidence before they get there.

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Thomas Ginther at an investigation.
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