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Member Spotlight – Dale Toney, Investigator

Originally from western North Carolina, Dale Toney has been living in the Triangle area since May of 2007. He has always been interested in the paranormal and as a child loved watching and reading anything he could get his hands on concerning ghosts and the paranormal. Prior to moving to the Triangle in 2007, he



joined a nation-wide paranormal society and started a local chapter. Dale strives to obtain solid evidence for the existence of the paranormal and would like to find answers to help ease the minds of those who are frightened because they are experiencing unknown phenomena. Dale has a bachelor's degree in MIS and works in Information Technology. He is also an Amateur Radio operator, loves to star gaze, and enjoys anything technical.

How Does it Work? EMF Meter

If anyone has watched any of the popular ghost hunting reality shows, one of the instruments they are sure to have seen is the EMF (electromagnetic field) detector. The EMF detector allows investigators to find and track electromagnetic energy sources. It is theorized that paranormal entities disrupt the EMF fields, allowing investigators to detect a presence. At the start of each investigation, the EMF detector is taken around the entire location and base readings are taken and annotated. Extra attention should be paid to energy sources such as electrical outlets, fuse boxes, and appliances. During the investigation, fluctuations above baseline readings are an



indication that a paranormal entity may be present. Remember that the EMF detector alone is not proof of paranormal activity. It is a tool that is used in conjunction with video, audio, and other investigative devices.

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Out and About – An Interesting Case from the NSPIR Files

The Mordecai House, built by Joel Lane in 1785, is Raleigh, North Carolina's oldest standing mansion and is listed on the National Historic Register. It has been the site of several past paranormal investigations and has been featured on an episode of the SyFy Channel's highly popular show Ghost Hunters.



According to Mordecai Historic Park staff, guests sometimes notice activities inside the house that are unusual and unexplainable. Sightings of an apparition of a woman thought to be a Mordecai descendent, patches of cold air in the

hallways at times when the rest of the house was warm from the summer air, or the sound of silverware rattling in a drawer when no one else was present in the room, are some examples of the reported occurrences.

On August 22 and 23, 2009, armed with EMF meters, digital thermometers, ion meters, infrared cameras, motion detectors, digital cameras and voice recorders, NSPIR conducted the first of a series of investigations of the structures located at the Mordecai Historic Park. One personal experience documented with EMF meters and a digital thermometer in the study/library of the Mordecai House coupled with multiple EVP and one video anomaly led the team to believe there was an entity present during our stay. Activity was also potentially detected in the Allen Kitchen in the form of movement of one cluster of the herbs hanging from the rafters, observed by multiple team members. EVP were also collected in the Overseer's Office and St. Mark's Chapel.

NSPIR will be returning to Mordecai Historic Park in April 2010 in hopes of detecting and documenting further activity.

Finally, on the evening of November 28, Ferry Plantation House in Virginia Beach, Virginia was visited for an investigation for the last time in 2009. This investigation proved to be full of interesting occurrences, and may well have been one of the more active times we have visited.

Anticipating a month full of shopping, family activities and holiday parties, CHAPS met only once for a get together to celebrate the season and reflect on a year's adventures and making new friends. For this occasion, Tir Na Nog Irish Pub

and Restaurant in downtown Raleigh, North Carolina was our destination for food, fun and drinks.

If you've never attended a CHAPS meeting and are curious, come see what it's all about! Watch the CHAPS web site (www.meetup.com/carolina-paranormal) for upcoming announcements of new programs and guest speakers. We have several new investigation locations scheduled for CHAPS members during 2010 that will be first announced at these meetings, so plan on attending so you can be one of the "yes" RSVPs for these exciting events.

Book Review: Ghost Hunting, How to Investigate the Paranormal, by Loyd Auerbach



A common sense approach to the investigating of ghostly happenings, including apparitions, hauntings and poltergeists. Covers the investigative process from the initial call and assessment to the on-site investigative techniques and technology. Deals with how to come up with solutions and resolutions--ways to get "rid" of the phenomena. Discusses

fraudulent cases and looks at other non-ghostly with paranormal explanations. Includes use of technology and the use of psychics in paranormal investigations and if anyone can prove the existence of ghosts. Finally, the book covers information resources and organizations that the new ghost-hunter and the person who encounters a ghost can find to learn more about the subject and for help with cases they're investigating or phenomena they're experiencing.

Philosophically Speaking: Data vs. Evidence

I frequently see and hear various teams talk about reviewing "evidence" collected during an investigation. A very wise and knowledgeable friend has commented to me that there really isn't any evidence until the review of the data is underway and subsequently analyzed. So what is the correct terminology?



At NSPIR we prefer to talk about data as information we collect during the investigation and evidence being what we present as potential proof of paranormal activity. Look for a more lengthy discussion of data vs. evidence in the next newsletter.

Contributed by George Matthis

EPICCON: Eastern Paranormal Investigators Co-Op Conference

NSPIR is proud to be a co-sponsor of the Eastern Paranormal Investigators Co-Op Conference, March 12-14, 2010, in Virginia Beach, VA at the historic Cavalier Hotel. There will be three days of lectures and presentations from experts in demonology, hauntings, and spirit rescue. During the lectures, there will be a first hand account of the Haunting in



Connecticut from the mother of the tormented family that lived through the ordeal, and from eyewitnesses that came to help them.

In addition, there will be an opportunity to see case presentation by local paranormal groups. Attendees will have the option of taking informal classes on Demonology and Spirit Rescue.

On Friday and Saturday evenings at 10:00 pm, ghost tours will be offered at either the Virginia Beach Oceanfront or the Ferry Plantation House.

For information about the Eastern Paranormal Investigators Co-Op Conference, please go to: <http://epiccon.com/>

