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At TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC our primary mission is to help the client with their paranormal concerns. We research the background of the property, gather data during an onsite investigation, review that data to determine if any paranormal evidence was captured, and provide the client with a report of our findings. We also use this time to educate our clients on the paranormal field and helping to ease their fears.

We would love to assist you with your paranormal needs. If you would like to know more about our services, ask us questions, or to request an investigation please go to the www.tntparanormal.com.

TnT Paranormal Happenings

The year of 2011 shows a lot of promise and excitement for the team. We started the year off with a client investigation on New Year's Day. We are currently in the process of reviewing the data for that case and hope to have the results on the website soon.

We took on a few new clients in January and conducted the interviews for their cases. We also closed out a few cases and asked a couple of clients for a second investigation at their home. We are so excited to work on these new and continued cases.

On January 18th we participated in a Paranormal Seminar hosted by Windy City Paranormal (WCP) at the Streamwood Library. The seminar consisted of WCP and TnT Paranormal showing participants how to use some of the equipment and techniques that we use during paranormal investigations. Some of the topics that were included were: **DVR / Camera Setup** - An area will be set up with a DVR and IR cameras to simulate what an actual investigation setup will look like; **Digital Audio Equipment** - An area will be set up as a mock EVP session to show the best way to conduct EVP sessions; and **EMF Detectors** - An area will be set up to show how to perform an EMF sweep of a location, as well as how to log the results. We had close to 40 participants show up and we all had a great time. TnT Paranormal would like to thank WCP for asking us to participate in this event.

Then on January 22nd we paravanned (term we coined to describe a caravan of paranormal investigators going on a distant investigation) to downstate IL to investigate what is being dubbed "S-121". This case was at a former mansion that was a one time morgue and is now a business. In the early days of the building, when it was a home, several deaths were documented there, including the original owner and some of his children. We had a blast on this case and can't wait to see if we captured anything while on site. We are currently in review and will publish findings on the website as soon as they are available.

We are in the process of gearing up for the 2011 library program series that kicks off in February. The first library program is Paranormal 101 in Romeoville on the 19th and then we have another one on March 10th in Naperville. To learn more about the Paranormal 101 program, the dates/times, or location go to:

<http://www.tntparanormal.com/events.htm#614365348>.

Additionally a few new articles have been published on the website and we are working on being featured in a nationally known paranormal magazine. We will keep you posted as more details are available.

That's all for this issue, but not all, by any means, for us and what we are up too. To learn more go to our website, check us out on Facebook, or Twitter.

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Tips for Audio Data Gathering

by Melissa Tanner , TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC



The practice of gathering audio evidence is an important part of all paranormal investigations. The following information is meant to be a rule of thumb for such evidence gathering:

1. First and foremost talk in a normal voice and do not whisper or talk loudly. It will be hard to distinguish between an investigators voice and a paranormal one.
2. It is best to remain stationary if you are holding the recorder. The movement and footsteps will be picked up by the recorder and could be confused with something paranormal.
3. Be careful not to bump or rub the recorder during the session. It is best to set the recorder down on a flat surface during audio sessions. If you can not, then hold it firmly in your hand, with your hand as far from the microphone as possible.
4. If possible start the recorder before you enter the investigation site. Several investigators have reported catching EVPs like "Shhh, they are coming" or "Shhh, be quiet they are trying to find us" as they enter into rooms at haunted locations. Lucky for those investigators they had their recorder on already and hadn't waited until after they entered the room. The rule of thumb we use is to have one running 100% of the time from entry into the property until we exit.
5. When you turn on a recorder pause for 20 to 30 seconds before you begin to speak. There is a theory that most EVPs happen within the first few minutes of turning one on. If that is true you just might be talking when the first EVP comes in.
6. After the desired pause, announce the date/time, location, and who this is. This is important to distinguish one investigator or area in an investigation from another.
7. Take a baseline reading of the investigation space and of the investigators. That is done by allowing the recorder to run in the environment at least 20 to 30 minutes with no one in the area. Also if possible, have all investigators speak their name and a key phrase into the recorder as well (or at least one on the site), such as "Can you tell us your name?". That way you get a baseline of the sound of the environment, as well as one of each investigator's voice.
8. Make sure to call out all noises you as an investigator make and/or any noises you can identify the cause for. That way the reviewer of the audio evidence will know that it is nothing they need to review further. For instance, if you move a chair or open a creaky door, call it out. If you use your flashlight or other equipment and it makes a noise, call it out. Even if your stomach growls, call it out. This will save you a lot of wasted time during the review and possible embarrassment.
9. During the Question and Answer segment of the audio data gathering make sure to speak clearly and at a normal speed and tone. Be sure to pause at least 30 seconds between questions. This pause will give the spirits time to answer. The theory is they have to manifest energy to communicate so it might take a few seconds to do so.
10. Make sure the recorder has fresh batteries before you start the investigation. During an investigation there is nothing worse, than batteries dying on a key piece of equipment. You also should check on the equipment throughout the night to make sure they are still working.

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11. Check the settings of the recorder and make sure you are using the most optimum settings for the environment you are in. The recommendation is at the highest quality possible.
12. When you are done gathering evidence for the night, announce into the recorder that the data gathering session is complete. That way you avoid any confusion on why the recorder shut off when it did.
13. Make sure to ask simple, clearly worded, and concise questions. We still don't know much about this field and how spirits hear what we are saying. Breaking questions down into as simple of terms as possible is best and will reach a broader audience.
14. Try asking questions that may be relevant to the activity report and avoid questions that might not make sense to such activity. For instance, if the activity reported seems to be a child, then focus the questions on something a child would understand like: "Would you like to play with us" or "Do you like balls/toys?". However, if it is a soldier in a Civil War uniform and you are in GA you might ask questions such as "Did you fight for the confederacy?" or "Were you with the GA militia?". Make sure to avoid any slang or language that might not be understood.
15. Be polite. You will get more bees with honey than vinegar. That is true with real life and I have to believe it is true with the after life as well. If you were a spirit would you want to communicate with someone that is nice and pleasant or someone that is mean and gruff. Also, make sure to say thank you throughout the session.
16. Lastly, announce your intentions of what you are doing and what you are looking for. The spirit has been there longer than you and will be there past you're leaving. Just let them know you don't want to hurt them, affect their environment, and/or have them leave.

Ghostly Believe it or Not!

New House or Old Memories?

Story submitted by Bumps in the Night !!subscriber, Corrine M.

Our house is 63 years old and other than us has had only one previous owner. As soon as we moved in we began to experience strange occurrences in the house such as, unexplainable noises, smells and things going on that were not normal.

The biggest event was on a fall evening and our families were sitting by a fire in our yard. My mom got up to warm her tush and turned toward the back of the house. As she turned she witnessed a young woman at the back door and told us of her presence. However, no one else saw her. My mom said the woman went into the house and just disappeared. At the end of the evening, mom went home and she called us and gave us a full description of the woman.

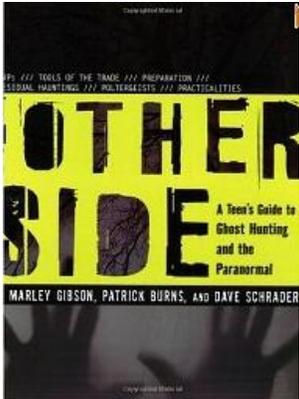
Since that first year we have witnessed shadow people, heard loud banging noises, had lights turn on, have had objects go missing only to be later found, smelt sulfur, and felt sensations of a woman in the bedroom. At one point this woman went as far as to touch and caress my husband. Additionally, I heard a voice whisper "get out".

We still live in the house and with every passing year we hope it gets better. In 2011 we plan to do a little remodeling of the house. . Will the remodeling cause the woman to RETURN and check it out as she has in the past? We do wonder.

TnT Paranormal would like to thank Corrine for sharing her story with our readers and hope it motivates some of our readers to do the same.

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From the Paranormal Bookstore



The Other Side: A Teen's Guide to Ghost Hunting and the Paranormal

It used to be you needed a crystal, a psychic, or a Ouija board to make contact with the spirit world. So who would think science would make it possible for just about anyone to experience a ghostly connection? Cameras, recorders, computers, magnetic field readers and other scientific means are now the tools of the trade. But there's so much available, how does the average teen weed through it all to create the best possible ghost hunting team? Here to help sort it all out are three of today's leading investigators of the field. Together, Patrick Burns, Dave Schrader, and Marley Gibson have more than ten years of experience. They've put together this guide to impart their knowledge and wisdom on to the next generation of ghost hunters.

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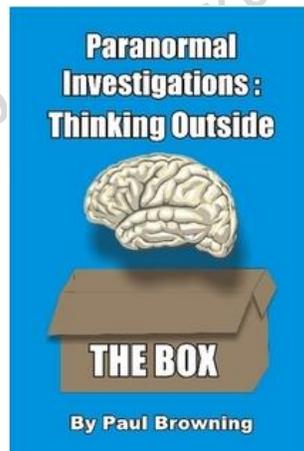
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Paranormal Investigations - Thinking Outside the Box

Tips, tricks and tactics that the Clarksville Ghost Hunters bring to their investigations in their pursuit to assist clients with their particular situations involving ghostly phenomena. There aren't any high tech gadgets one will need to buy and use to benefit from what's inside. We've spoke with investigators, some of which have been in the field for over 20 years, and they really enjoyed the "left field" approach to the author's way of thinking and problem solving. Readers should know that this book is not for the beginning paranormal investigator. Those who are just starting out should in the field should spend more time on the basics and do as much research as they can (including networking with others who have lots of experience and field time) before applying the techniques and information inside.



Author: Paul Browning

<http://www.lulu.com/product/paperback/paranormal-investigations---thinking-outside-the-box/5483780>

Ask TnT Paranormal

These questions were submitted by our readers, by our online subscribers, or in face to face meetings.

What does TnT stand for?

It is the first initial of two of the founding members last names. Tanner and Turner.

What is a Residual Haunting?

A *residual* haunting is not a spirit at all, but rather energy imprinted on the environment, much like information captured on a recorder, such as a tape or CD. This energy is a playback of some event from the past. The theory is that a *residual* haunting is caused by some traumatic or life-altering event that occurred either in that location or to the object it's tied to. A *residual* haunting will not interact with you. It will typically have a pattern to it's occurrence, for instance occurring at the same time of day or under the same circumstance. Most paranormal researchers believe this is the most common type of haunting.

What are Shadow People?

Since the dawn of time people have reported seeing Shadow People or Creatures. These are shadows seen out of the eye's peripheral vision. Some reports have them shaped like a person and other are animals. These shadows have been reported to be of a positive or negative nature. One form of a shadow person is something known as the "Hat Man", which is commonly reported as being evil.

How many classifications are there for EVPs:

There are 3 classes of EVPs (A – C):

- **Class A** - This type of EVP is loud, clear, of very high quality, easily understandable and does not need enhancement or amplification.
- **Class B** - This is the most common type of EVP and is of somewhat lower quality and clarity but still very audible.
- **Class C** - This is the lowest quality EVP and even the best enhancement and amplification may not be sufficient to make the voice audible or clear.



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Upcoming TnT Paranormal Events

- Paranormal 101 Program, Des Plaines Valley Public Library - Romeoville , February 19, 2011 at 1:30PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Nichols Library-Naperville, March 10, 2011 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Flossmoor Public Library, March 31, 2011 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Carol Stream Public Library, October 4, 2011 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 102 Program, Westmont Public Library, October 20, 2011 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Mt. Prospect Public Library, October 25, 2011 at 7:30PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, New Lenox Public Library, October 27, 2011 at 6:30PM

Upcoming Paranormal Events

- March 3 – 6, 2011, Stanley Hotel Investigation with GAC, Estes Park, CO (<http://www.darknessradio.com/>)
- March, 24th - 27th, 2011, Phenomenology 103, Gettysburg, PA (<http://www.phenomevents.com/index.html>)
- Apr 8, 2011 and April 9, 2011, Rose Island Lighthouse, Ideal Event, Newport, RI <http://idealeventmanage.com/tickets.html>)
- April 14 – 17, 2011, Mansfield Reformatory, Darkness Radio Event, Mansfield, OH <http://www.darknessradio.com/TRIPS/mansfield2011/index.html>

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Investigator Spotlight

Casper

Investigator / Chief of Security / "Goddess"

Casper grew up in a western suburb that borders Chicago. She is from a large family and is the bottom half of the line-up, as well as the youngest girl. Casper obtained her nickname from high school and into college because of her friendly outlook and her very fair skin.

As a kid she had a few experiences that spiked her interest in the paranormal. Since then her interest has grown and with the introduction of all of the paranormal TV shows she decided to pursue this field. However, she is, at times, still in the "paranormal closet" as she calls it.

Casper is also our team protector. She comes from a law enforcement background, so security and safety are always her highest priority. She is like "Joe Friday" and wants the facts (or data) to back up personal experiences. Her approach to the field is a blend of the scientific methods, data gathering, and the techniques of trying different triggers.

She is our team comic and jokester. She is always trying to make us all laugh and have a good time.

Casper is into sports, music, collecting antiques, the paranormal (of course), and her two beautiful Shih Tzus.