

# Bumps in the Night!!!!

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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](http://www.tntparanormal.com).

## TnT Paranormal Happenings

The month of February in the year 2011 will always be remembered in history by bringing Chicago one of the worst blizzards on record, but also because it was probably the worst blizzard in American recorded history. One could label this weather event as paranormal, since it was not of the "norm". However, it is doubtful that ghosts or spirits brought on the weather. All we know is that it was an event we won't forget anytime soon.

Snow, sleet, and wind could not stop us in February, even if it did slow us down a bit. We were busy with client cases (new and existing), library events, writing magazine articles, and planning meetings for the paravan trip in June.

- We started off the month with a great client case that is rich in history and personal experiences. We hope to have some results to report very soon.
- On February 13<sup>th</sup> we had a meeting with Ghostland Society to plan our June trip to Ohio State Reformatory (OSR) in Mansfield, OH; nicknamed Mansfield. Mansfield is a former all male prison that is open, for a fee, to the public for tours and private ghost hunts. The case will involve 15 investigators, from a couple of local paranormal teams, and will be private event for our party. We plan to take all of the handheld gear with us, but do not plan to setup any stationary equipment for this case. Since this is a former male prison and only females are going from our team we expect to have some great experiences to share when we get back.
- On February 19<sup>th</sup> we kicked off the 2011 library program series in Romeoville with an attendance of 37 patrons. We have two programs scheduled for March, several in the fall, and hope to have more added to the calendar soon. To learn more about the Paranormal Library program, the dates/times, or locations go to: <http://www.tntparanormal.com/events.htm#614365348>.
- In February we submitted the draft of an article on the "Dangers of Trespassing" to a paranormal magazine, "The White Crow". We are not sure of the publish date, but once we have the details we will share them with you. To learn more about the magazine you can go to: <http://www.thewhitecrow.org/>.

We still do not have a date for when the "My Ghost Story" episode that we will be featured in will air. Once we hear we will send out an notification. In the mean time you can check the Bio Channel listing on your cable station or go to

<http://www.biography.com/video.do?name=myghoststory>.

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 ([www.tntparanormal.com](http://www.tntparanormal.com)), check us out on Facebook, or Twitter.

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### Paranormal "U"



#### Data Cross Reference Technique

by Melissa Tanner, TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC



Data Cross Reference, also referred to as Triangulation, is a technique we use during data review to cross-reference a data event that "is possibly" paranormal. Before we get too far into the technique, let's first define a few terms such as Data Event and Triangulation.

#### "Data Event" Defined

For us, "Data Event" means a piece of data that we found during a case data review that has a possibility of being paranormal in nature. These Data Events could be an EVP, a shadow on video, a light anomaly on video or photo, etc. Once the Data Events are reviewed closer and are deemed paranormal in nature we call them Paranormal Data (or some call evidence).

#### "Triangulation" Defined

The term "Triangulation" is defined by the Qualitative Reasoning Group at Northwestern University as follows: "Triangulation is a way of determining something's location using the locations of other things." (<http://www.qrg.northwestern.edu/projects/vss/docs/Navigation/1-what-is-triangulation.html>). We learned of the term from a friend of the team that worked for a cell phone carrier. They use the "Triangulation" technique on the cell towers to get a possible area, based on their cell phone usage, to search for a missing person and/or kidnapped victim. That gave us the idea to try to a similar process for data review.

For us, "Triangulation" means to cross reference data from several devices to try to prove (Paranormal Data) or disprove (False Positive or Debunk) a Data Event. We do this by reviewing other data files (audio, video, or photos) for an investigation to see if the Data Event was captured in another file as well. We try to review at least two other data files, for a total of three files, if possible. By locating that same point on another file it can assist us in identifying if the Data Event is possible Paranormal Data or a False Positive.

#### Data Cross Reference Technique

The technique starts by syncing the date/time stamp for all equipment used during an investigation. This syncing includes all cameras, DVRs, digital recorders (digis), and digital cameras. See the Time Syncing article in "Paranormal U" for more information (<http://www.tntparanormal.com/Articles/Article10-Time%20Syncing.pdf>).

The second step is to start all of the digis at the same time. That way they are all synced together. At the time of start we also state the time of the start, such as "Started at 7PM". We then log the time we started the recorders. Since the DVR, digis, and digital camera are synced in time stamps that makes them fairly synced for recorded time and easy to go between the devices. Also note we always have audio with every camera on an investigation, whether it's placing a digi with a camera or relying on the built-in audio for camcorders.

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#### "Triangulation" Technique

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The next step occurs during the review of the data. If a Data Event occurs, the reviewer should document the time stamp, as well as what happened, what was going on, who was present, and what they think occurred. A time stamp example for a Data Event will be something like 2:13:46, meaning at the 2 hour, 13 minute, and 46 second mark in the file.

The last step is to "Triangulate" using data from other devices in the area. If the digis in the kitchen is where the Data Event was captured we will look at the data files for the digis in the next room and/or next adjacent area. We will also cross reference data from different types, such as looking at the camera to see what was going on at that time in the room. By looking at these other data files it gives us a more holistic view.

#### "Data Triangulation" Examples

A few examples of how we have used this technique are:

- Several photos were taken in a room and some of leaves of a plant appeared to move for no apparent reason. The Data Event was logged and a data file for an IR camera was reviewed. What we found is that an investigator had walked into the room a little before the Data Event and had brushed against the plants causing the leaves to move back and forth. The photographer had not noticed the investigator had passed by, so was not aware during review. **Result:** False Positive.
- A faint whisper was captured on a digi during an EVP session where two investigators and the client where present. The Data Event was logged and a data file for another digi was reviewed. The second recorder more clearly captured that the client whispering under their breath. **Result:** False Positive.
- An office style chair in a room had moved for no apparent reason and was fairly pronounced lasting for several seconds. The Data Event was logged and a data file for another camera was reviewed. What we found was that an investigator in the room had bumped against the chair when passing by to look at something during the investigation. The investigator never came into view of the first camera so the reviewer had no idea that had occurred. **Result:** False Positive.
- A voice was captured on a digi during an EVP session where investigators and the client where present, but it did not sound like a voice of any of those present at the time. The Data Event was logged and a data file for another digi was reviewed. The second recorder more clearly captured that it was indeed a voice and what it said. Additionally, the Data Event was more closely reviewed in our audio software and it was in a frequency below the human ear range. **Result:** EVP.

#### Conclusions

As you can see from the examples using this technique has allowed us to get a better look at the Data Event and provide us with a better picture before making a decision. By not using this technique we might have provided data to a client that leaned toward the paranormal when it actually had an explanation of why it happened.

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### Famous Haunts

#### Waverly Hills Sanatorium, Louisville, KY

Official Website: <http://www.therealwaverlyhills.com/>

For some of the members of TnT Paranormal, Waverly Hills Sanatorium, also known as Waverly, is where we got our paranormal investigative feet wet and for others it was a "place I want to investigate". In any case the members of TnT Paranormal have collectively investigated the location on three separate occasions with one member going on all three, four members going twice, and one member going once. Two of the three occasions were as private investigations where we had the entire place to ourselves for eight hours.

You might be asking yourself...what is Waverly and where is it? Well if you have somehow happened to miss it on episodes of "Ghost Hunters", "Most Haunted", or "Ghost Adventures", it is a former tuberculosis sanatorium in Louisville, KY.

Waverly opened in 1926 and operated for over 35 years. It was the home and unfortunately place of death of thousands of Americans...both young and old.

In the 1960s and 70s, the building was used as a geriatric center called Woodhaven. In 1980, the state closed Waverly and it remained vacant for a couple of decades.

The weather, elements, time, and vandals have not been kind to Waverly. A lot of the original complex is gone and all that remains is the main building (five stories and close to 180,000 square foot in space), the laundry facility (now the visitors



Photos taken by members of TnT Paranormal during our Private Ghost Hunts at Waverly Hills Sanatorium in 2009 and 2010.

center), and an access tunnel (nicknamed the "body chute").

Waverly is currently owned and operated by Tina and Charlie Mattingly. In the time they have owned it they have undertaken a huge restoration that includes: clean out of the buildings; removal of debris, trees, and asbestos; and window (in progress) and roof replacement. With a building this size, restoration will take several years, a lot of money, and helping hands.

The owners host, for a fee, tours on the weekends, Private Ghost Hunts during the week, and a haunted house in the fall. All of the proceeds from these events and private donations go to the restoration efforts.

Unfortunately, it does not look like we will be making a trip to Waverly in 2011. Maybe in 2012.

Historical information obtain from the official website. To learn more about Waverly, "body chute", tours, hunts, or how to make a donation go to: <http://www.therealwaverlyhills.com/>.

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### Tools of the Trade

#### Mel Meters



One of the tools that we use for every investigation is the “Mel” Meter. The “Mel” Meter is a tool that gives us the ability to take both Electromagnetic Field (EMF) radiation energy and temperature readings at the same time. This tool is used at the beginning of an investigation to take baseline readings of the location, as well as during the investigation to see if we have any changes to the baseline readings.

#### What is an EMF?

All electrical appliances, electronics, wires, and power lines produce Electromagnetic Fields (EMF). There is much debate over whether health hazards are associated with EMFs, but it has been proven that prolonged exposure to EMFs can make you feel sick, get a rash, or even feel creeped out. This is another reason we take baseline readings, so we can tell if the environment is causing the feelings of the paranormal.

#### Why is documenting the EMF baseline important?

A theory in the paranormal field is that ghost will produce EMFs when they manifest (form). However, before you can tell if an EMF reading experienced is paranormal you have to know what the location’s normal EMFs readings are. Therefore we take these readings as part of our setup and document them for future reference.

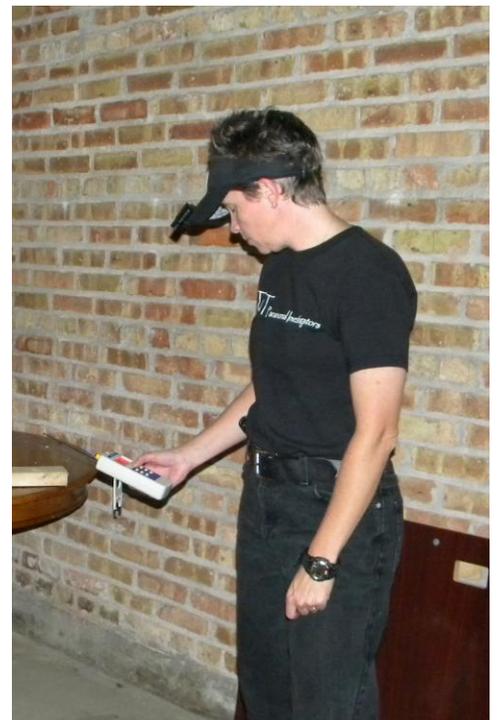
#### Why is documenting the temperature baseline important?

Another theory in the paranormal field is that a ghost will use the energy around them to manifest (form), thus taking energy out of the air which lowers the temperature around them. However, before you can tell if a temperature reading experienced is paranormal you have to know what the location’s normal temperature readings are. Therefore we take these readings as part of our setup and document them for future reference.

#### Which “Mel” do I buy?

The “Mel” Meter comes in many different models and have several models to choose from. In addition to the basic features of the EMF and temperature gauges, there are models that have a vibration sensor, some that have a KII, and some that have the red backlights.

We have two models: one with the KII meter and one with the vibration sensor. Both models have built in flash lights (with red filters) and a red back lights. The red light is used a lot in the paranormal field and is something we’ll address in a future Paranormal “U” article.



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### Ask TnT Paranormal

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

**I heard by daughter talking about “creeping” into a cemetery the other night. Do you know what “Creeping” is?**

There is a term in the paranormal field called “Creeping” that means that the person does not have permission to be in a location, but ignores that fact and investigates anyway. Creeping is the same thing as trespassing. I’m sure for some there is a thrill with creeping, but for us professionals it is a disgrace to the field.

One of the basic rules for TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC is that we will NOT trespass for any reason. For every case we work, whether it is a client or a popular haunted location, we have permission, from the owner and/or tenant, to be there and to conduct the investigation. In fact we get that permission in writing. We will not break that rule ever, for any reason.

**My friends have asked me to use a Ouija board with them, but I’m hesitant to do so. What are your thoughts on the use of them?**

That is a great question and gets asked of us a lot. In the paranormal field there are mixed thoughts and feelings on the use of a Ouija board as a tool to contact ghosts or spirits. We at TnT Paranormal do **not** support the use of a Ouija by amateurs. There are people that are trained and skilled with them and if they choose to use them that is up to them.

The belief is that the Ouija board is a tool to open a portal to the “other side” and allow ghost or spirits to communicate with them through the board. The risks are that you don’t know “who” will show up and unless you know what you’re doing you might know how to make them go away.

Our thought is that your concern on using it is valid and we recommend you leave the use of them to the professionals.

### What’s on Your Mind?

#### My Paranormal Roots

by Susan Haynes, TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC

What sparks an interest in the supernatural/paranormal in a 10 year old? Maybe it started when my big brother let me read one of his “House of Mystery” comic books, maybe it was scaring myself silly watching “Creature Feature” on Saturday nights. Who knows? For sure these things made up a big part of what I am now, an avid reader and watcher of any and all supernatural/paranormal shows and books.



I remember riding my Schwinn to the Clark Drug Store in Galesburg, IL (a round trip of 16 blocks) every week to get all the new issues of my scary comics. I was absolutely breathless with anticipation to see what was on the dusty old wooden rack that week. I’d take my treasures home and hole up in my room to read those comics cover to cover, usually in an afternoon. I kind of feel the same anticipation when the new Stephen King books come out now. I savor every word and often read them again in a couple of years.

My daughter laughs at the original Exorcist movie, but when that movie came out it caused near-riots! I was petrified, and thought it was the scariest movie I’d ever seen. Movies these days are so full of gore that kids are jaded and aren’t easily scared. That feeling of being scared is a tiny bit delicious to me, I really enjoy it, so I feel a little sad that today’s kids probably will never feel that sort of thrill.

This leads to the ghost hunter of today. I am still seeking the thrill, and hope to find some solid evidence one day. Enough to convince me, and enough to convince all the doubters out there. That’s the way I hope my story will end.

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### Ghostly Believe it or Not!

#### Protector or Not?

*Story submitted by Bumps in the Night !!subscriber, Mary O.*

Several years ago I had some very unusual experiences with someone or rather something we nicknamed "Blue Eyes". The nickname came because of the piercing blue eyes this presence had. "Blue Eyes" looked very much like a living, breathing person, much like you and I and was in the male form. However, we still aren't sure if it was a spirit, angel, or person.

"Blue Eyes" came into my life when my friends (and co-workers), Katy and Linda, and I started using a Ouija board to try and communicate with specific spirits on the other side. At first "Blue Eyes" would just stop in to say hi (on the board), but then he started showing up, in form, when something bad was about to happen to one of the three of us. Almost as if to warn or help us.

One instance happened on a late night when I was working the late shift at a convenience store I managed. I was not scheduled to work that night but Katy called in sick. A little before closing time, I received a weird call at the store asking for Katy. When I told the caller that Katy was not there, the person hung up. Shortly thereafter I began to hear loud bangs and pops coming from various places in the store. After this went on for a bit I hurriedly finished the nightly books and bank deposits and left the store.

The next morning I heard a knock at the door of her apartment and it was Linda looking for me. They had been trying to reach me by phone all morning, but kept getting a wrong number message. We headed to the store only to find out that the store had been broken into the night before. When we called Katy to tell her, she told us that "Blue Eyes" had been at the store only the day before.

To this day we do not know if "Blue Eyes" was the one that called or his appearance the day before the robbery was a warning. We would see him from time to time and then about a year after this incident he left and we haven't seen him since. No matter how you look at what happened, we can tell you first hand that we had experiences using the Ouija board and don't recommend it.

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### Featured Affiliation

#### Eastside Validating Paranormal

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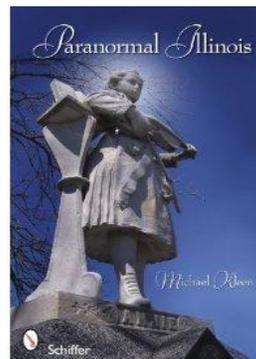
Eastside Validating Paranormal is a Paranormal Research and Investigation Team based just outside of Seattle, Washington. Our main goal is to validate paranormal activity and to help our clients to the best of our ability. We don't charge for any of our services which are available throughout the Pacific Northwest. We are professional investigators with experience. We investigate businesses as well as private homes.

We are not only a paranormal team we are also a support group. We support our clients by offering ways to help them cope with paranormal activity. We provide a history report on the land and the location that we investigate, along with an evidence report from the investigation.

We have a well trained team of investigators and use equipment such as DVR night vision cameras, audio recorders, digital cameras, night vision mini DVs, and full spectrum cameras.

A dream investigation for Eastside Validating Paranormal would have to be Waverly Hills Sanatorium. We have always wanted to investigate a place that has many untimely deaths.

### From the Paranormal Bookstore



Author: Michael Kleen

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#### Paranormal Illinois

Why did hundreds of people line up bumper to bumper in rural Illinois to catch a glimpse of a scantily clad phantom along Kennedy Hill Road? What is the real history behind Independence Grove and Devil's Gate? This painstakingly researched book leaves no ghost unturned.



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### Upcoming TnT Paranormal Events

- 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, Lemont Public Library, September 29, 2011 at 7:00PM
- Chicago Ghost Conference III (hosting a booth), Portage Theater, Chicago, IL, September 30 – October 1, 2011 (<http://www.chicagohauntings.com/conference.html>)
- Paranormal 101 Program, Carol Stream Public Library, October 4, 2011 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Lisle Public Library, October 6, 2011 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Three Rivers Public Library, October 13, 2011 at 6:30PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Downers Grove Public Library, October 18, 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

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### Upcoming Paranormal Events

- 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>
- Chicago Ghost Conference III, Portage Theater, Chicago, IL, September 30 – October 1, 2011 (<http://www.chicagohauntings.com/conference.html>)

### Investigator Spotlight

#### Melissa

#### Founder / Lead Investigator

In 2009 with the help of Annette and Casper, Melissa started TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC. Before starting TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC, Melissa had investigated with several other paranormal teams, as well as at several of the most haunted places in America. She has used those experiences on honing her skills as an investigator.

Melissa has held an interest in the paranormal since growing up in Southwest MO and being exposed to many civil war battlefields and mining sites that all had reported paranormal activity. Melissa is part skeptic and part believer and loves to try to debunk reported sightings.

Melissa is very grateful to her partner and two dogs for allowing her to follow this passion. Some other hobbies for Melissa include movies, music, reading, Halloween, and playing the guitar.