

# GHOSTLY NOTES

## TERRE HAUTE CHAPTER INDIANA GHOST TRACKERS

### Last's Month Meeting Info

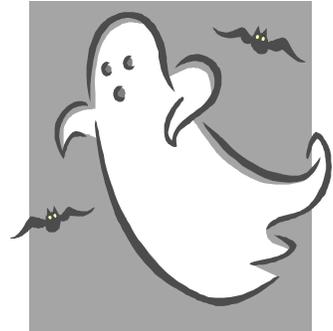


Due to the nature of this hunt no pictures can be published so I have placed this picture for your viewing enjoyment.

The January meeting was held on January 21st at the Pizza Hut on 3rd St. and Voorhees. During the meeting Lloyd had made arrangements for John Camp from Moore Photography

come talk to us about Digital Cameras and low light situations. He was very informative and congrats to Lloyd for setting this up. We continued with the meeting and discussed the possibilities of new t-Shirts for our group. We then proceeded with each committee leader discussing a little of what they would like to see from the group. We are still in need of people setting up hunts and investigations. As well as articles for the Research committee and for the Newsletter. After a meal at Pizza Hut we journeyed to Parke county for our informal investigation. Even though the geomagnetic field was quiet, the solar activity was normal, and the moon phase a waning

gibbous,(59% of full), the place was loaded with activity. We got numerous EVP's and other evidence even though there wasn't much in the way of pictures. All the evidence was compiled and was given to the owner on 1-28-06. All in all it was a very good night. The next meeting will be held at the Vigo Co. Library. Thanks to Carolyn and Lloyd M. they have reserved it for us all the rest of the year. The meeting will start at 2:00pm and then we will break for supper. Meeting up again to head to Sullivan for our hunt. It will be inside but we may also have a couple of outside locations to hit depending on the weather. Hope to see everyone there!!!!



### Special points of interest:

- **Last Months meeting and Informal investigation.**
- **IGT Mission Statement**

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### IGT Mission Statement

Our goal is to gather and collect data that will lead to a better understanding of ghosts and hauntings. We consistently work to obtain real and solid evidence of ghosts and always strive to maintain a professional approach in the presentation of such evidence. In the process of pursuing that goal, we also wish to aid any individuals having

problems with or dealing with a situation. We hope to do this by educating them as to the true nature of their situation and giving them the information and understanding necessary to create a livable resolution for the individual's and the spirit(s). We will also assist people who cannot live with their situations or put them in contact with a trained

professional who can assist them. We are open minded to all theories and methods as this is still not an exact science. Everyone in the field of paranormal research learns as they go. Hopefully, in the end we will collect the necessary proof and field – tested theories that are vital to bringing the subject of ghosts into the mainstream of science.

## Member Bio

This months Bio is on our Hunt Coordinator Lloyd Morgan. He was born January 22,1954 in Vincennes, IN. He grew up as an Air Force Brat. His father was career Air Force stationed in Germany, Guam, Okinawa, and all over the United States. He graduated from his one and only year of school in Terre Haute at North High School in 1972. He joined the Army in 1973 and went into Military Intelligence. Later he was reassigned to Combat Engineers. He volunteered for Vietnam but got Germany instead ( God was looking out for him). Got out of the Military in 1976 and came back to Terre Haute. Worked at CBS Records until recession of 1982. Rejoined the Army in February 1983 Lance Nuclear Missiles. Reassigned to field artillery at the end of the salt talks in 1987. Stationed in Germany, Korea and Fort Sill OK. Also a veteran of Desert Storm. Got out again in 1996 and came back to Terre Haute. He now work at Great Dane Trailers Parts Dist. Center as a Parts Technician. Lloyd meet Carolyn in 1996, and married her in 1998(he says this is the best thing to ever happen to him). They have 7 children between them. He has an AS degree in Business Management from Ivy Tech and is slowly working on his BS in Computer Science at ISU. He is in his Junior year but has currently put this on hold. He did some freelance writing for the Lawton Star Newspaper and Fort Sill Cannoneer Post Paper while at Fort Sill. He has had 7 articles published — one reaching Army wide distribution. This paper was concerning Tactics of Rocket Units and their Effects in a desert environment. Lloyd has been very instrumental to our group. From day one he has stepped up to the plate and helped out with whatever aspect of the group he has been able to. We are so glad to have you . He joined the group in April of 2005.



If anyone knows of any Sullivan Co Ghost stories Please contact James at Tuckers303@yahoo.com. He is currently writing a book about Sullivan County Haunts.

## Brownie Trifle

1 (19 7/8 oz) package fudge brownie mix

1/4 cup water

1/2 cup vegetable oil

2 eggs

1 tbsp dry instant coffee

1 package chocolate flavor instant pudding and pie filling mix

2 cups milk

1 (6 oz) package English toffee bits( reserve 2 tbsp for garnish)

3 1/4 cups whipped cream

20 servings

4 hours 30 min/ 4 hrs prep

1. Heat oven to 350F degrees.

2. Prepare brownie mix as directed on package for 13 x 9 in rectangular pan, using water, oil, and eggs and stirring coffee into batter.

3. Bake and cool as directed.

4. Cut brownies into 1-inch squares.

5. Place half of the brownie squares in the bottom of a 3-qt glass bowl.

6. Prepare pudding mix as directed on package for pudding, Pour half of the pudding over

brownies in bowl.

7. Top with half each of the toffee bits and whipped cream.

8. Repeat with remaining brownies, pudding, toffee bits and whipped cream.

9. Sprinkle with reserved toffee bits.

10. Cover and refrigerate



# Myths, Folklore, Omens and Superstitions

by Tracey Beverly



While searching the internet this week trying to find ideas for an article, I kept coming across several sites listing the various superstitions people believe. Some of these are very old fashioned but some seem just as common today as they did many years ago. I couldn't possibly list all of them—it would take a multiple volume encyclopedia set to incorporate all of them, but here is a listing of some of the more common ones as well as ones I thought were interesting. See how many of these you have heard of—or how many you believe.

## Superstitions & Bad Luck Omens

**Black Cats**– Black Cats have long been believed to be a supernatural omen since the witch hunts of the middle ages when cats were thought to be connected to evil. Since then, it is considered bad luck if a black cat crosses your path.

**Broken Mirrors**– An ancient myth our ancestors believed was that the image in the mirror is our actual soul. A broken mirror represented the soul being astray from your body. To break the spell of misfortune, you must wait seven hours one for each year of bad luck) before picking up the broken pieces, and bury them outside in the moonlight.

**Ladders**– In the days before gallows, criminals were hung from the top rung of a ladder and their spirits were believed to linger underneath. Common folklore has it to be bad luck to walk beneath an open ladder and pass through the triangle of evil ghosts and spirits.

**Owls**– If an owl looks in your window or if you see one in the daylight bad luck and death will bestow you.

**Salt**– At one time salt was a rare commodity and thought to have magical powers. It was unfortunate to spill salt and said to foretell family disarray and death. To ward off bad luck, throw a pinch over your shoulder and all will be well.

**Sparrows**– Sparrows are thought to carry the souls of the dead and it is believed to bring bad luck if you kill one.

**Unlucky Number #13**– The fear of the number 13 is still common today, and avoided in many different ways. Some buildings still do not have an official 13th floor and many people avoid driving or going anywhere on Friday the 13th.

Thirteen is significant to Christians because it is the number of people who were present at the Last Supper (Jesus and his 12 apostles). Judas, the apostle who betrayed Jesus, was the 13th member of the party to arrive. Christians have traditionally been wary of Fridays because Jesus was crucified on a Friday. Additionally, some theologians hold that Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden fruit on a Friday, and that the Great Flood began on a Friday. In the past, many Christians would never begin any new project or trip on a Friday, fearing they would be doomed from the start.

## Good Luck Superstitions

**Horseshoes**– To bring good luck, the horseshoe must be lost by a horse and be found by you, with the open end facing your way. You must hang it over the door with the open end up, so the good fortune doesn't spill out. Another origin of the "lucky horseshoe" is the belief that they ward off witches. Witches, it was once believed, were opposed to horses, which is why they rode brooms and pitchforks instead. By placing a horseshoe over a door, the witch would be reluctant to enter.

**Four Leaf Clover**– Clover is believed to protect humans and animals from evil spells and is thought to be good luck to find a four -leaf clover, particularly for the Irish.

**Rabbit's Foot**– These lucky charms are thought to ward off bad luck and bring good luck. You must carry the rabbit's foot on a chain around your neck, or in your left back pocket. The older it gets the more luck it brings.

**Wishbones**– Two people are to pull apart a dried breastbone of a turkey or chicken and the one who is left with the longer end will have their wish come true.

## Common Myths & Folklore

- If the flame of a candle flickers and then turns blue, there's a spirit in the room.
- If a bird flies through your house, it indicates important news. If it can't get out, the news will be death.
- If you feel a chill up your spine, someone is walking on your future grave.
- A person born on Halloween will have the gift of communicating with the dead.

- A bat in the house is a sign of death.
- If a bird flies toward you, bad fortune is imminent.
- Crows are viewed as a bad luck omen, often foretelling death. If they caw, death is very near. Many Romans wore lucky charms and amulets to avert the "Evil Eye".
- A hat on a bed will bring bad luck.
- Eat an apple on Christmas Eve for good wealth the next year.
- The superstition of knocking on wood for good luck originates from pagan beliefs in regards to trees.
- Never take a broom with you when moving house– buy a new one.
- If your ear is burning, then someone is talking about you. To determine whether what they are saying is good or bad, remember this rhyme– Left for love, Right for spite.
- If the palm of your right hand is itchy, then it foretells that money is coming to you, but don't scratch it as that stops the money from coming. If it's your left palm then scratch away, as that means that you'll soon be paying out money.
- Dropping a pair of scissors is said to warn that a lover is unfaithful.
- To cut bread in an uneven manner is a sign that you have been telling lies.
- To cross two forks accidentally is a sign that slander will be spread about you. To drop a fork foretells the visit of a women friend. To stir anything with a fork is to stir up misfortune.
- The dropping of a knife foretells the visit of a man friend in the near future.
- If you give anyone an empty purse, he will never be blessed with riches. Place a coin inside for good luck.
- Dropping a spoon means that a child or young person is going to call on you. To cross a spoon over a fork presages happiness cut short by grief.
- People once believed the soul could escape from the body when a person sneezed. To stop this from happening, people ask God to bless and so to protect the person who sneezes.
- An itchy nose means your going to have a quarrel with someone.
- Spit on your hands for strength. This originated from seeing animals lick their wounds, making people think saliva had some magical healing power.
- Do not lean a broom against a bed. The evil spirits in the broom will cast a spell on the bed.
- If the first calf born during the winter is white, the winter will be a bad one.
- A cat onboard a ship is considered to bring luck.
- Evil spirits can't harm you when you stand inside a circle.
- Dropping an umbrella on the floor means there will be a murder in the house.
- If you bite your tongue while eating, it is because you have recently told a lie.
- If you sing before seven, you will cry before eleven.
- To dream of a lizard is a sign that you have a secret enemy.
- If you catch a falling leaf on the first day of autumn, you will not catch a cold all winter.
- A cricket in the house brings good luck.
- If the bottom of your right foot itches, you are going to take a trip

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