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IGT NEWS

Final submissions for t-shirt designs—Voting at June meeting

photos and stories from the group's previous overnites: Roberts Hotel, Hannah House & Orr Mansion

share. Our meetings aren't just for business, but also for the fun and interesting things the members can bring to the group.

The Hall of Justice for our Halloween Party—Saturday, October 28th

Any paranormal photos from the April or May hunts??

Sheila Reed has compiled a wealth of info on the paranormal and haunted locales. Hopefully, she will share bits & pieces at our future meetings.

Pictures, EVP & video wanted for IGT website. Simply submit to the Webmaster.

Thanx to Pat Ferrell for the photography primer at May's meeting!

Orr Mansion fundraiser still in development...this could be a great find for our Chapter.

Looking for any paranormal

Bring your **ghost stories** to the monthly meetings to

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DEADLINES

Ghost Sightings on a Whaling Ship

Compiled By Jennifer L. Mojica

Visitors from Massachusetts, Arizona and New York touring the ship had reported seeing what appeared to be a man in 19th century clothing working below deck. The

know each other) visited the ship within a week's time of each other and gave the same account to the paranormal researchers, leading to the investigation.

Specialists in paranormal research investigated whether a historic whaling ship might be home to the ghost of a long-ago seafarer. A five-member team from the Rhode Island Paranormal Research group visited Mystic Seaport (Connecticut) on April 21st to spend time on the Charles W. Morgan, a wooden whaling ship where several visitors have reported seeing the apparition. During its 60 years of use, the Morgan made 37 ocean voyages in search of whales with about 1,000 men.



man is said to have nodded, while smoking a pipe. When questioned by the visitors, a museum interpreter said no work was being done below and no one was assigned to the boat that day. The three different groups (who do not

The investigators spent a few hours on the ship, with permission from the museum, and determined enough paranormal evidence existed to warrant a return investigation with sophisticated equipment. One team member, who describes herself as a sensitive, says she felt the presence of a seaman named Gerald. Museum employees were not surprised by the possibility of the ship being haunted. Dawn Johnson, who was once assigned to the Morgan, said, "It was creepy down there at night. It's cold & clammy. You hear moans & creaking and you wonder what it is."



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THE OFFICE

The Calm Before the Storm in IGT Land

By Wendy Deiotte



Spring has sprung, and we are coming out of our slow season. Before we know it, our busy season will be upon us. During the upcoming months our chapter will be very busy planning for future events.

Speaking of spring, it is the perfect time to give area cemeteries some TLC. Not only the Cemetery Restoration Committee, but any members can coordinate a cemetery clean-up day. A major part of

IGT's purpose is to provide community service. Showing our care and respect for cemeteries puts us in a positive light within the public eye. Feel free to share your cemetery clean-up ideas and plans on the website or at meetings!

The Northwest Chapter will have two booths at the Porter County Fair this summer. The fair dates are July 20-29. This is the perfect opportunity to share what we're all about with the public. This event also attracts new members, acts as a fundraiser where we sell IGT merchandise and promotes our October events. In addition to educating the public and boosting membership and finances, we can find out about haunted locations from those who visit our booth. People are eager to share their stories with us! We will also receive many requests for investigations. There is no doubt that our Fair Committee will put together one of the best booths at the fair this year! All members are encouraged to participate in

the planning and running of the booths.

October comes quick, and is our busiest time of the year. In the past our chapter's haunted bus tours have been a major success. It is time to start planning for October events and fundraisers, since they are promoted at the fair. Plans are in the works for our Halloween party. With our very own Divine Mrs. M (Jennifer Mojica) at the helm, this party will be awesome! A lot of hard work and planning goes into setting up this event. Volunteers and creative ideas are being accepted!

Yes, there is a lot of work involved in doing these events, but we reap so many benefits. And, it is so much fun just to get together with IGT friends and do things related to our passion for ghost hunting. Every member's contributions to our chapter are highly appreciated and valued; it shows great pride in our chapter, and in IGT as a whole!

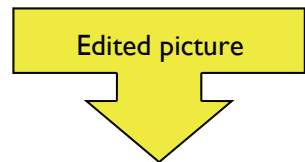
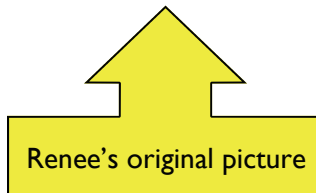
The Viewing Room

This picture was submitted by Northwest IGT member Renee. It was taken at the now demolished Porter County Home in Valparaiso.


If you look closely at the window, you can see what appears to be an image of a male face.

Is this the image of Christ, a past patient from the hospital or is it just the reflection of Mike McDowell standing too close to the window?

You be the judge!



WHAT'S ON SLAB

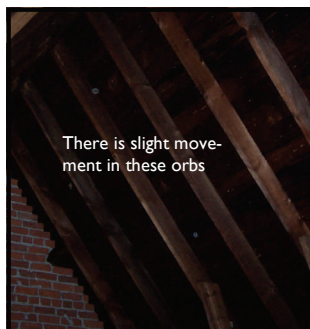
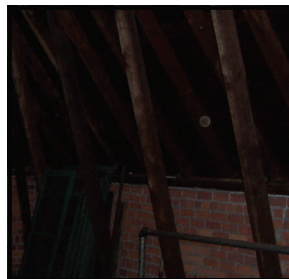
JUNE						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 IGT MEETING
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Notes: Meeting is at Langel's Pizza, Highland @ 4. As always, a hunt will follow. Dress accordingly for the weather. And don't forget all of your ghost gear!				

LOCAL HAUNTS

ORR MANSION

Submitted by Christopher Lee & Jennifer L. Mojica

The hunt following our May meeting was at the Orr Mansion in La-Porte. Special thanx to Mr. Dean White for his hospitality & allowing us free reign to explore what this home may have to offer.



Here are some photos of possible paranormal activity taken with our digital cameras.



Quote of the Month

"Personally, I liked the university. They give us money and facilities, we didn't have to produce anything! You've never been out of college! You don't know what it's like out there! I've worked in the in the private sector. They expect results."

Dr. Ray Stantz,
Ghostbusters (1984)

Eerie Facts

It was Bram Stoker's famed novel, *Dracula*, that first introduced the idea of vampire bats causing vampirism.

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SCREAMING ROOM

Demand to be Spooked

Comcast and Sony Corporation have announced October 31st as the official launch date of their new On-Demand Horror Network. The current unnamed channel will allow fans to order a variety of bone chilling movies from the MGM studio library. Sony, which recently purchased MGM, will initially offer 40 hours of horror films, but is expected to increase to 70 hours.

Pirates Invade Disney

For you *Pirates of the Caribbean* fans, Disney has announced that three new characters and several new elements from the soon to be released feature film *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* will be added to the timeless theme park adventure. The new additions will include Barbossa, the ghost of Davey Jones, and of course, everyone's favorite drunk pirate, Captain Jack Sparrow. In addition, new special effects and scenes will be incorporated. Currently, the rides at both Disneyland and Disney World are closed for the renovations and will re-open to coincide with the July 7th theatrical release.

A Nightmare in 3D

On October 20th Walt Disney Pictures will re-release Tim Burton's Halloween classic *A Nightmare Before Christmas* in theatres. What's special about this re-release you ask? Well, the holiday cross-over will be presented in 3D. Disney reps say that specially designed 3D glasses will uniquely represent the ambiance of the award winning stop-animation film.

GRAVESITES

www.chicagohauntings.com

Chicago ghost tours & pub crawls

www.whaleyhouse.org/haunted

One of the most haunted in the U.S.



Heiress to the Throne

The Queen of Scream has announced that she is seeking a possible "replacement" for her Mistress of the Dark persona. Cassandra Peterson, a.k.a. Elvira, says she will be shopping the idea to production companies as a future reality show.

Sneak Peek!

Here are a few soon to be released ghostly films. (Dates and information are subject to change)

The Omen (release date: June 6th)

Another classic film is being remade. 20th Century Fox has updated the classic film. Same story but with new actors and new effects.

Lady in the Water (release date: July 21)

Warner Bros. presents an M. Night Shyamalan film. A fairytale comes to life and is centered around an isolated apartment complex.

Monster House (release date: July 21)

From Columbia Pictures and Steven Spielberg. One of the best digital animation films ever to be created. Three young kids battle a haunted house.

Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (Oct 6.)

Like many others before it, this version will show viewers the origin of the film's main character.

Fragile: A Ghost Story (release date: TBA)

An MGM film about a nurse at a children's hospital and her struggle against a supernatural force.

Silence (release date: TBA)

A husband searches for answers to his wife's gruesome murder in a quiet little town. He learns the legend of a murdered ventriloquist that may hold the clue.

Ghost Son (release date and information: TBA)

www.hauntingstour.com

Savannah, GA—Possibly this country's most haunted city

www.honestinformation.com/ghosts

Good resource page