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What will 2005 bring for IGT?

Let me begin by welcoming you to the first ever Indiana Ghost Trackers Statewide Newsletter! We have put a great deal of time and consideration into this letter making sure it is both helpful and informative to our members. Now with the electrifying growth and popularity of our field, we have become one of the most sought-after paranormal investigation organizations in the country. With this growth comes a new responsibility to innovation and technology. A responsibility that will continue to drive our dedication to perfection. As an industry leader in paranormal investigation we will continue to contribute to our community by providing our services at the highest ethical standards. Here is a small sample of what our organization is working on.

Chapter Restructuring
2005 will be a year of exciting new transition for our chapters. We are working with our chapter to strengthen them, which benefits our members. In turn if our chapters, the grass-roots organizations of our organization, are better, then our entire organization is more effective.

Leaders for Today and Tomorrow.
We are committed to training our incoming chapter Directors. For the past few years, we have held training sessions which include Leadership Training for IGT Management. Our investment in our leaders is already reaping benefits. Professional leadership is helping IGT build a strong foundation. They are working together and with our organization to build re-

sources for our members and to attract new members for their own chapters and for our organization.
Streamlining and Expanding our Organization.
We are continuing our efforts simultaneously to streamline how we fast we can respond to change and to expand our resources that benefit our individual members.
Strategic Planning for a Bright Future.
Having an effective strategic plan is the lifeline of IGT. Our chapters are getting stronger, building more ties and working in the best interests of our members. Our State leaders are listening to our Chapter Directors and our members, so all have a place and a voice in our organization.

Inside this Issue of IGT NEWS

- In this issue we asked a few of our members what their thoughts were on several topics dealing with IGT. Topics included:
- Local Chapter Goals for 2005
- Outstanding member shout outs!
- News about members (i.e. pregnancies, new babies, marriages etc.)
- What would you tell a skeptic about IGT
- What your most embarrassing moment is with IGT
- If you could investigate a famous haunting anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?



The Winchester House Captivates IGT Members

The Winchester Mystery House in San Jose California was built in 1884 by a very wealthy widow named Sarah Winchester. This Victorian mansion has been shrouded in mystery due to the many unexplained oddities, it supports stairs leading to the ceiling and doors that lead outside on the upper stories. We asked IGT members last month, "If you could investigate a haunting anywhere in the world, where would you go and why." Strangely enough the Winchester Mystery House was brought up more than once. Tim

McMillan, the public relations officer for our Muncie Chapter, had this to say about the Winchester House, "I would like to investigate the Winchester House, the house itself is a maze. It has doors that lead to nowhere. I've read books about it and it's supposed to have spirits in there." Deb Torres of our Ft. Wayne Chapter also had this to say, "I would LOVE to go to the Winchester Mystery Home." "I have always been intrigued with this home and Sarah Winchester. I have a lot of sympathy for Sarah and can understand why she was the

way she was." "As a sensitive myself, I would love to see what I could feel and hear in this magnificent home." Torres also adds, "It would be an honor to see 36 years of continuous 24 hour building." "Wow what a sight."

To learn more about the Winchester Mystery House visit www.winchestermysteryhouse.com/



Ghost hunters speak to skeptics.

We spoke with a few of our officers about what they might tell a skeptic about IGT. This is what Kristyn Bone Muncie Chapter Director had to say, "The main thing that I'd like a skeptic to know about us is we are searching for the truth. If humans, as a whole, are on this planet, then why is it so hard to believe that other things/beings cannot be out there someplace searching for us." Tim McMillan PR Director of the Muncie Chapter had this to say, "Basically tell them the truth about the group

and our cause. Tell them that their beliefs are more than welcome. It's always good to have a skeptic or two in a chapter. That not every place we go is going to be haunted." Misty Weeks, Director of Terre Haute had this to say, "Often in my profession I have the opportunity to share personal experiences with others. When I discuss my usual hobby I, like most other members, get a variety of responses. Most often people are truly intrigued by what IGT does. Others, of course, get a little hot under the collar. For those who are skeptical, I first ac-

knowledge their feelings by saying that being somewhat skeptical can help keep your senses grounded. However, in all aspects of life it is vital to be broad minded. I provide to the die-hard skeptics EVP, pictures and anecdotes gathered during IGT hunts that support "our cause". I do not ever tell the person they are wrong for not believing, nor do I push more than they are willing to listen. For some people, they have to have a paranormal experience before they can truly believe."

***If it's the
Psychic
Network
why do they
need a phone
number?
Robin Williams***

Website gets a Tune-up!

Submitted by Ron Garrison, Webmaster NWI Chapter Division I

Our organization has decided to move our website due to cost and space problems from Homestead.com. I am donating the space on my server at www.gevco.net as I have done with other non-profit companies in the past. This move will allow our organization to take advantage of the easy publishing capabilities of Microsoft FrontPage. Now all of our members will be able to take an active roll in

certain areas of the website. We are encouraging each chapter to have their own website, which we will link to the main site. If your chapter does not have the resources to have your own site, each chapter is welcome to create their own page on the company site. If you need help with designing your own chapter page please contact Ron Garrison at ron-g@gevco.net The new site will allow all chapters to post their newsletters, photos, EVP, and

accomplishments in one localized place for the enjoyment of everyone. The best feature of the new site is the navigational structure. This will allow all users to easily find and take advantage of all the Indiana Ghost Trackers have to offer. Our website is constantly changing and evolving, to get involved with your chapter site, or page on the company website, contact your chapter Director.



The Muncie Chapter

Submitted by, *JudyVanNatter Muncie Chapter Secretary*



Photo taken at the Hotel Roberts Feb. 13, 2005 during the Mock Investigation. Not all members shown.



The Terre Haute Chapter

Submitted by, *Misty Weeks, Terre Haute Chapter Director*

Terre Haute Chapter Goals for 2005...

Rebuilding. The Terre Haute Chapter of the Indiana Ghost Trackers will be in the process of rebuilding this year. We will work on gaining new members and strengthening our team as a whole. Another area that we will focus on restoring is our relations with the community.

Building bridges with a variety of media areas and local business connections will be of utmost importance. The most important facet of our rebuilding will be the bond between the brothers and sisters of the Terre Haute Chapter. A team is only as strong as its weakest link. When dealing with the paranormal we all need to be

surrounded by strong links.

Member Appreciation...

I would like to take a moment to thank the remaining members of the Terre Haute Chapter. They have stood strong and stepped up to the plate in this brief time of turbulence in the chapter. I know together we will bounce back. Thank you ladies and gentlemen!

“Goals for 2005... Rebuilding.”



Regional Director North Central Kris Baker

In 2002 Kris Baker was driving to work one morning when she heard an interview with the Indiana Ghost Trackers on the radio. When she got home from work she immediately searched the Internet for this group she had heard about. Kris contacted the directors of the Lafayette Chapter and has been

actively involved ever since. Kris was born and raised in Ontario, Canada and moved to the United States in 1998 to marry a man who she met in an Internet chat room in 1996. Kris and Mike currently live in Lafayette, IN. Kris became interested in the paranormal when she was a young girl living in Ontario, Canada. The interest has now become somewhat of an obsession as she is constantly researching and learning about the paranormal. Since ghost tracking and investigating the para-

normal is not an exact science there are several opinions and points of view to consider so you are never "done" learning. Kris works full time as a retail manager and has been at her current job since 1999.

In her spare time besides researching and studying the paranormal, she enjoys traveling, reading, fishing, and the great outdoors. Kris has enjoyed watching IGT grow and looks forward to what the future holds for this organization.



Someone you should know!

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New Moon
 First Quarter
 Full Moon
 Last Quarter



Indiana Ghost Trackers live with Sallie

Members of IGT had the honor of joining a team of investigators at the "Sallie House" in Atchison Kansas last month. The Sallie house has appeared on *Unexplained Mysteries* and *Sightings*. One legend says Sallie is the ghost of a small child that lived over a hundred years ago. One night Sallie became severely ill with abdominal pain and her mother rushed her to the local physician in town. The physician diagnosed Sallie with an appendicitis requiring emergency surgery. Sallie, very frightened, was held down while given ether to put her to sleep. Unfortunately for the small child the anesthesia had not taken affect when the

physician began cutting. Sallie woke and in her panic fought against the agony. Before her death it is believed that she looked at the physician with tremendous fear and hatred. This is the emotion that resides in the Sallie house till this day. Sallie has been known to torment the male residents of the house by running long piercing scratches along their flesh. Sallie also has a playful child-like manner where she scatters dolls around the house. Mike



Members of IGT, Ghostly Talk Radio and a psychic at the famous Sallie House in Atchison Kansas February 2005.

McDowell reported observing orbs in photographs as well as retrieving EVP. IGT is still busy going through video, tape-recording, and photos, for the home owner report.



A Nation-Wide IGT?

We asked some of our officers in IGT what their thoughts on IGT changing its name and changing its focus to a Nation-wide Organization might be. This is what Team Leader Scott Smith of the Ft. Wayne Chapter had to say, "If a name change does happen we should try to reflect that is this organization started in the Hoosier state, I would be for a name change as long as it isn't something to goofy, as far as going Nationwide I'm there with that, I have family in Ari-

zona that are following our group via the Web, and they have friends down there that are telling their personal experiences that they have had up in the northern regions of the U.S. most of my family are snowbirds live there during the winter and return here in the spring (must be nice), but the answer is yes to both questions polled to me."



Mike McDowell investigation at the Sallie House. Atchison Kansas February 2005.

The Kokomo Chapter

Submitted by, Kelly Burgess, Chapter Director Kokomo

My time in IGT has been short, and my time as a Director even shorter. I have often felt overwhelmed and unprepared. I wonder what was I thinking when I agreed to do this. Yet when I talk to Kokomo's members and my Regional, I see what we have accomplished and what I have been able to do and I want to do more. I am continually focused on the goal of making Kokomo a stronger chapter and making it grow. I keep encouraging my members to be active in our group, make

this their group. One of our main goals should be to introduce IGT to the parts of Kokomo and the surrounding areas that have never heard of us. We should be focused on learning what we can, and helping to educate others. The Kokomo chapter is full of outstanding members. Everyone is excited to do more. Although I do need to point out that as of right now, those members that have filled out our Board deserve a gold star. Tracy Breons is outstanding for volun-

teering to head up research. I honestly believe that we couldn't have a better person for the job. Joel Hill lightened my load by volunteering to be the Secretary. I felt that I had a mess of paperwork and I needed his organization. I'm so glad that Brenda Rink, Dave Acosta, and Dave Burgess have all become Team Leaders. They enable me to trust that my members will go out on hunts and be safe. Without these outstanding volunteers, I certainly would be fighting an up hill battle.

NORTHEAST REGION

Submitted by, Jennifer Zamaites, Northeast Regional Director, Indiana Ghost Trackers

Spring is soon to be upon us and with the new life that is emerging from nature comes the renewed excitement of planning the direction we wish our chapters to take. As Northeast Regional Director, I am more than pleased with the care and attention Fort Wayne, Muncie and South Bend are taking in advancing toward the goal of unity with in the IGT family. I have learned through traveling

to the Northeast chapters that those in charge as well as members are all enthusiastic, open to new adventures and an absolute joy to be around. The one thing you can always bank on encountering when visiting our little corner of Indiana is a truly welcoming atmosphere as well as the joy of being surrounded by laughter and fellowship. In closing, I would like to extend an invitation to all members to reap the benefits of their mem-

bership and to come and experience haunted Northeast, Indiana with us. There are a ton of events being organized that will surely satisfy your ghost tracking needs. All you have to do is take the chance and expand your territory. Even if you don't walk away with the perfect evidence of ghosts you will surely walk away with new friends.



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Please be sure to check out the website calendars on www.indianaghosts.org and www.fwigt.org for upcoming event dates.

I hope everyone has a beautifully ghostly Spring!



The Bloomington Chapter

Submitted by, Shannon Simpson, Director Bloomington Chapter of IGT

My goals for the Bloomington Chapter are to increase membership, increase PR in Bloomington and for my chapter to be more involved statewide. Membership has always been strong in Bloomington, but I hope to double it by the end of the year. In regards to PR in Bloomington, I hope to make the community more aware of our group. Lisa and T.C. Bradley, my PR Directors, will be working on this with Shaun Burris, Regional Director. I have also discussed with my chapter, taking field trips to other chapter events. We will be attending various hunts and

activities across the state. As for my outstanding members in my chapter, I could not say enough about T.C. and Lisa Bradley. They are always there for me, and do not hesitate to offer their assistance on any activities. If I need something done, I know that I can always count on them. They are also expecting a new baby in July. Mother and baby are doing fine. When I'm approached by a skeptic, I discuss the scientific approach with them towards ghost hunting. I tell them that we appreciate skeptics, and welcome any opinions they may have on the subject of

ghost hunting. I really do not have any embarrassing moments that stick out in my mind. Maybe getting scared on a hunt or investigation. I sometimes feel like we're not supposed to get scared. All in all, I have enjoyed heading out the Bloomington Chapter this past year.





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Indiana Ghost Trackers, Inc. officially formed in July of 2000 to provide an open forum for those seeking information regarding paranormal activity, more specifically, Ghosts.

Our goal is to unite the paranormal investigation community, and advance public awareness of paranormal investigation.

We welcome anyone to obtain membership, with Chapters in Indiana and Chicago we encourage anyone interested to visit our webpage to learn more.

We provide no cost investigations for homes and businesses maintaining complete confidentiality. All investigations are performed by trained investigators.

The Indiana Ghost Trackers offer cemetery restoration services, as well as, present speakers to groups wanting to know more about paranormal investigation.

Future Ghost Hunters Spotlight



NWI Chapter Division I
Ron and Dani Garrison's
new baby boy.

Reported by Kelly Burgess Director Kokomo Chapter
"At the present time Mary Hicks is getting very close to having her baby. I've been keeping Mary in my thoughts and hoping that all is going well for her and the baby. Boy or girl? Have to wait and see."

Reported by Shannon Simpson, Director Bloomington Chapter
"T.C. and Lisa Bradley are expecting a new baby in July. Mother and baby are doing fine."



Most Embarrassing Moment

We asked our directors what their most embarrassing moment with IGT was. Kristyn Bone, Director of our Muncie Chapter had this to say, "Well, I have to say that I'm called the Notorious KB for a reason. If there is any embarrassing moment in the Muncie Chapter, you know that I'm going to be smack dab in the middle of it. Just ask my old Chapter (Ft. Wayne) about the investigation at the Israel Jenkins House. They say that pictures are worth a thousand words." "Well, I proved that one right!"

Ft. Wayne our readers are just dying to know more about this one!!!

Please send us the picture and the story!!

