

# The Ghostly Gazette

## News

Well, we are finally starting to feel a change in the temperature as we begin moving into the Fall season. A break from the heat will be a welcome change.

Had a great investigation in Rogers where we caught lots and lots of orbs on the property. There were also taps and knocks heard inside the house.

The Clothesline Parade in Prairie Grove was fun and we even got some potential investigations out of it. Click on this link to see a short video of the parade.

[Clothesline Parade 2014](#)

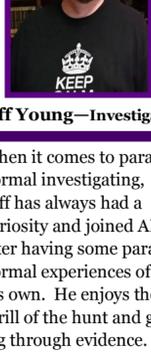
5News came and interviewed API at the Prairie Grove Battlefield. It will probably air the day before Halloween. After the interview, we stayed and did an investigation around the Borden House. Will be reviewing evidence on that soon.

## Upcoming Events

**September 27**—Investigation at a private residence in Rose Bud, Arkansas

**Myrtle's Plantation**—The team voted and we are planning a trip sometime next year. Please email Tammy with your choice of either late spring or early fall. Also, some have expressed an interest in spending a day or two in New Orleans. Let us know if you have any suggestions on ghost tours, etc. for us to do. Tammy's email: [apighosthunters@yahoo.com](mailto:apighosthunters@yahoo.com).

## API Investigator Spotlight

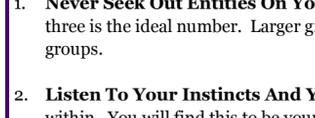


**Jeff Young—Investigator**

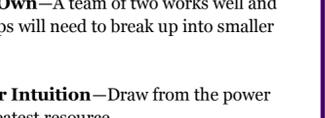
When it comes to paranormal investigating, Jeff has always had a curiosity and joined API after having some paranormal experiences of his own. He enjoys the thrill of the hunt and going through evidence. As a skeptic observer, he is able to find logical explanations for most experiences and focus on those experiences with no explanation.



## API Investigation Photos



**Local Investigation in Rogers**—Thousands of orbs around the house.



**Local Investigation in Rogers**—Orbs inside and around the vehicle.

### Research on this location—

This location is right on the Northern Route of the Trail of Tears. Also, during the Civil War, General Van Dorn's confederate troops marched through this area on their way from Fayetteville to Pea Ridge.

*(Research done by Carol Martindale)*

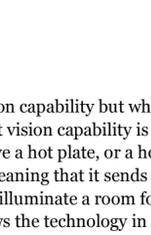
## API Ghost Hunting Tips

1. **Never Seek Out Entities On Your Own**—A team of two works well and three is the ideal number. Larger groups will need to break up into smaller groups.

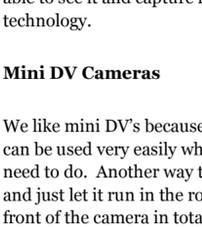
2. **Listen To Your Instincts And Your Intuition**—Draw from the power within. You will find this to be your greatest resource.

3. **Never Leave A Team Member Behind, NOT EVER**—Commit yourself to the task at hand until it's done. A combined effort makes the team a whole intricate working structure.

## Equipment Showcase



### Using a Digital Video Camera with IR Illuminator



*By Steve Gonsalves of T.A.P.S*

#### Introduction

During the course of an investigation, T.A.P.S uses lots of DV cameras, DV of course stands for digital video. They are possibly the most used piece of equipment we have.

#### Night Vision

Our cameras do have night vision capability but what you will find with most over the counter models is that night vision capability is pretty poor. If you find that it is poor, most DV cameras will have a hot plate, or a hot shoe so you can buy an IR illuminator. IR means infrared, meaning that it sends out an infrared beam that your eyes cannot detect. It does not illuminate a room for you. What it does is it sends out that infrared light and allows the technology in the camera to read the objects and actually brighten the room on the video. Just attach the IR Illuminator to the camera using the hot shoe and tighten it down. Now, with the external illuminator you will be able to see in pitch black. Night vision capabilities does not allow you to see apparitions or ghosts better, it just means that if you are in darkness and objects are moving or a mist is forming that you can't see because it is dark, you will now be able to see it and capture it on film because now you have all of this night vision technology.

#### Mini DV Cameras

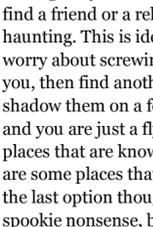
We like mini DV's because they are very compact. They are not cumbersome and can be used very easily while going up and down stairs or ladders or whatever you need to do. Another way to use the camera is to assemble it and put it on a tri-pod and just let it run in the room. This way you can capture anything that happens in front of the camera in total darkness while you are off investigating somewhere else in the location. You can either use one of the audio visual outputs to go into a larger screen for easy monitoring or you can just use the little pop out screen on the camera.

#### Reviewing Your Video

When reviewing your video, it is important to remember that you need to watch it in real time. Every second you roll you need to watch, with no fast forwarding so you don't miss anything. Things can happen in the blink of an eye and you don't want to miss getting that evidence.

With these cameras, you will be able to pick up objects moving, mists forming, orbs and light balls. I have captured all kinds of things and you will too.

## Getting Started in Paranormal Investigation



*By Grant Wilson of T.A.P.S*

#### Introduction

Ok, I am drowning in the emails asking questions like:

"Grant, how do I get started in the field of paranormal research?"

or

"I am starting a group, man. You got any tips?"

or

"I tootally wanna b a ghost hunter. If U can tell me were 2 go 2 school 2 learn dat, dat wood be gr8."

So, I hope you will forgive me for not being able to take the time to reply to them all. I try to make time to help but the time-making skill is rapidly escaping me. Therefore, I must kill 326,456 birds with one proverbial stone.

Here's the stone:

#### 1. A career?

Paranormal investigation doesn't pay squat. In fact it costs a lot. Equipment, gas, tapes, batteries, cool jackets with your group name on them, etc. So, don't expect to get into the field to get rich.

#### 2. Schooling

If you want to take up paranormal investigation as a hobby, then go to school for something that can pay the bills, AND be of use in the paranormal research field. Forensic science, psychology, or construction are some good ones, along with maybe some computer, film, or, heck, even plumbing knowledge will give you the skills that will both, put food on the table, and make you valuable to your group.

#### 3. Grave Stomping

Sure it seems logical that ghosts would be found in graveyards.... I guess... but often people make the mistake of thinking that if a lot of people died in a location that there HAS to be ghosts. While that CAN be true it isn't a fact. Here's a question: How many people do you know that have actually died in a graveyard? Not many. Most people are dead for around 3 days before they are buried.

#### 4. Stay Legal

Most of the time, it is illegal for anyone to be in a cemetery after dark. And just because no one lives or works in a building, doesn't mean it is fair game for investigation. If you get caught trespassing, your time as a respectable paranormal investigator is over.

#### 5. How Do I Start?

Since graveyards are out, then how the heck do you get started? The best way is to find a friend or a relative of someone in your group that feels they might have a haunting. This is ideal because you can practice your techniques without having to worry about screwing up and upsetting a client. If this scenario is not available to you, then find another group in your area and see if they are willing to have you shadow them on a few investigations. If you do this, remember that it is THEIR case and you are just a fly on the wall. If THAT is not available then there are often public places that are known to be haunted where trespassing is not an issue. Also, there are some places that will allow you to take a "ghost tour" for a nominal fee. This is the last option though, as you often have to weed through a lot of oobie-doobie spookie nonsense, but at least you get the chance to try out your equipment.

#### 6. Equipment? What Do I Need?

Don't get blinded by the equipment you see us using on the show. All you really need to get started is a camcorder with nightshot or infrared. An additional infrared illuminator that attaches to the top of the camera will help out greatly. An audio recorder of any type will help too. Make sure that if you get an analog recorder (one that uses a tape) that you also purchase an external mic. Otherwise you'll get some nasty noise from the gears in the machine.

What? No EMF detector? Nope, that can wait. EMF detectors don't find ghosts. They find false positives. We scan areas that claim to produce spooky feelings with an EMF detector in order to find a legitimate electromagnetic field. Fields with a really high reading can produce effects in people that mimic paranormal activity. For instance, paranoia, dizziness, nausea, and that general creeped-out-I-don't-wanna-go-in-there feeling.

Aaaaand no still camera? Camera's are great and all, but claiming you have paranormal activity caught in one still photo is like reading one paragraph of a book and pretending you know the whole story. You just don't know what led up to that picture being taken.

#### 7. Pick Me!!

How do you get your groups name out there? Well, most importantly, by doing a friggin good job. If you are professional and down-to-earth your name will spread fast enough. Other than that, make a well thought out web site. One that is professional, not filled with bloody fonts, creepy music and flying skulls that is you. Think about it, if you were genuinely terrified in your home and you needed help, do you think you'd be comforted by a barrage of flaming skulls?

#### 8. Salt, Lots of Salt

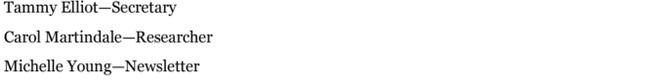
Don't believe everything you hear. There is very little fact in this field. It is populated primarily with theories. Face it, you can't recreate this stuff in a lab, yet. So, you have to study it when you can, and that is not often.

Therefore, there aren't any experts. There are a lot of people who will claim they are experts, but that is another story. We just can't guarantee that there is one person who is doing it 100% correctly. In other words, gather information from where ever you can, filter through your own ideas and ideals, take the good and leave the bad. And take it all with, not a grain, but a huge friggin' block of salt.

Well, there you have it. Some decent tips to get you started in the field of paranormal investigation. I hope they help you out.

Rock on, and please do everyone, who is already out there investigating, proud.

-Grant (TAPS)



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