**GROUP NEWS**

It’s official. We will be holding a Masquerade Ball at the Anchorage as a fundraiser for the restoration of the mansion. This ball will be held on August 27 from 8 pm until 11 pm. The plans have been ongoing but we have been officially told that we have permission to hold the function. There are a limited number of spaces for $25 each for this function and are now on sale.

More details will be announced as they are finalized.

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Dozens of familiar faces in the horror industry made their appearances at the **2011 Days of the Dead** celebration at the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel, one of which was our own Jim Moore from Friday, July 1, 2011 through July 3, 2011. We are glad he has made it back and hopefully will fill us in on what we all missed.

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The group website is temporarily down, but our <http://midohiovalleyghosthunters.weebly.com> is still up. Please check it out and give us some ideas and feedback on the site. Just remember this site has not been changed for a good while, but I hope to start updating it this week. Drop me a line for any suggestions. vlwohio@yahoo.com. Thank you.

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If you have not noticed, there is now a private group on Facebook which will be used as another way to contact members that attend our meetings. This group is not open to the public and has been made private for our use only. We will be posting information on hunts or cancellations of hunts. Feel free to start discussions in this group. Again this is only for those who are attending the meetings and not for public access.

**PARANORMAL NEWS**

Do you have any news suggestions? Drop me a line so I can add it to the newsletter.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Psychic Development with Guy Lockhart and Susan Sheppard & Sacred Way Astrologers is held every Tuesday at 7 pm at the Dils Center, 521 Market Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Parkersburg, WV. Cost is $5 per night.

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There are auditions being held at the Actors Guild of Parkersburg for the upcoming presentation of The Rocky Horror Show on August 13 and August 14. The performances will be held on beginning: October 28 and 29, November 4, 5, 11, 12, at 8:00 p.m., October 29, November 4, 5, 11 at 11:30 p.m., October 31 at 7:00 p.m., November 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Check out their website for more information. [www.actorsguildonline.org](http://www.actorsguildonline.org)

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The first Moundsville Zombie Walk is being held September 24, 2011, from 6 pm to 9pm. The cost for the walk is a non-perishable item. After the walk there will be a dance for those who wish to participate of Michael Jackson’s Thriller in the old cafeteria of the Penitentiary.

There will also be a Masquerade Party at 9 pm and the cost for it will be $10. These tickets are limited to 500 and will become available at a later date. Watch the Facebook page for updates.

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Check out the calendar for additional community activities for the month.

**JUST FOR A CHUCKLE**

I received an email from The Paranormal Research Society, a Yahoo group, concerning a great new item that every ghost hunter will desire to have. The new item is known as “Ghost In a Bottle: Ectoplasmic Entities For Sale” and only cost $20 each. Each set contains one ghost that was captured by the company’s trained ghost hunters and placed in the 11 inch tall, 3.5 inch wide bottle that have been sealed and contains the companies warning of “You may release the Ghost at your own discretion and at your own risk.” There are also stories about customers that have opened these bottles in their own homes. Each bottle also comes with a signed certificate from the capturing ghost hunter.

If you want to check this out go to [www.coolthings.com/ghost-in-a-bottle-ectoplasmic-entities-for-sale/](http://www.coolthings.com/ghost-in-a-bottle-ectoplasmic-entities-for-sale/)

**HISTORY AND GHOST STORIES OF SCHEDULED HUNTS**

(Please remember that all hunts are subject to the weather)

**Lowe Hotel**

The Lowe Hotel is located in Point Pleasant, West Virginia at 4th and Main Streets. The hotel was built in 1901 and was originally named the Spencer Hotel to honor a local judge, J. S. Spencer and was operated by brothers Homer & Griff Smith.

The Hotel was bought by the Lowe family in 1929 and they changed the name to the present Lowe Hotel.

The Hotel was bought in 1990 by Ruth and Rush Finley and they own it today.

There have been reports of unseen presences in the rooms, halls and the staircase to the 2nd floor.

Mrs. Lowe’s rocking chair has been seen rocking on its own.

There are reports of a riverboat captain being seen in the hotel, as well as a tall man being seen in room 314. Some say the tall man is actually a Sid Hatfield, a member of the famous feuding Hatfield’s and McCoy’s.

There are also reports of cold drafts and cigarette smoke appearing out of thin air.

**Ava Maria Cemetery**

A catholic cemetery that has about 119 graves in it, with the first burial in 1874 and the last recorded as 2009.

There have been several pictures of anomalies taken in the cemetery, several of them containing mists of some kind. There have also been several EVPs recorded in the cemetery. One individuals back pack was knocked off of a stone by unseen hands.

**Fort Boreman**

Originally called Mount Logan, it was renamed Fort Boreman after West Virginia's first governor, Arthur I. Boreman, a Parkersburg resident. A Union garrison from the 11th West Virginia Infantry was encamped there during the Civil War because of the promontory's command of the two rivers. Fort Boreman was also where Parkersburg held public hangings until 1868.

At one of our hunts at Fort Boreman, there were a couple of the group members that saw an unidentified light over head on top of the highest hill in the park.

**HUNT REVIEW**

Sorry there were not hunts since the last meeting to review.

**HUNTS IN THE COMING MONTH**

Moundsville Penitentiary

Twin City

**BOOK SUGGESTIONS**

# Tom Moore has suggested the book, The River Jordan: A True Story of the Underground Railroad. This book tells the story of an escaped slave, Jane and her family and their adventures in the local areas in Ohio and West Virginia.

# There are several reviews on Amazon.com concerning this book.

**MOVIE SUGGESTIONS**

Do you have any move suggestions? Drop me a line so I can add it to the newsletter.

**ARTICLE SUGGESTIONS**

# Do you have any article suggestions? Drop me a line so I can add it to the newsletter

**WEBSITE SECTIONS**

Do you have any movie suggestions? Drop me a line so I can add it to the newsletter.