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Get a Clue

This month's meeting subject.

UFOs & Aliens Close Encounters

Have you ever seen strange lights in the night-time sky? Spied a bizarre craft flying through the air in broad daylight? And have you wondered, "Could it be a UFO from an alien planet?"

Join us for a fascinating presentation about aliens and the group that collects information and investigates legitimate reports of UFOs. You will be surprised how many claims are made in our area!

Learn some of the ufology jargon and about the educational training MUFON agents must complete and continue to be a field agent.

You will be intrigued by riveting stories about UFO sightings in the south central Pennsylvania area and some of the evidence that has investigators stymied!

Please Welcome Our Guest Speakers



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Tracey Roy
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Alien Abduction? We've Got Ya Covered!

Alien abduction insurance is an insurance policy issued against alien abduction.

The insurance policy is redeemed if the insured person is abducted by aliens. Simon Burgess, Managing Director of British Insurance, well known for being involved in the bizarre end of insurance, said "Of course, the burden of proof lies with the claimant. Let's face it – insurance is so tedious that if I can enlighten my dreary life with a bit of humour every now and again, I will."

A policy normally costs around \$150 per \$1.5 million in coverage as of 1998. Policy offerings vary from \$10,000 to \$10 million. Some companies offer policies for alien pregnancy, alien examinations and death caused by aliens. More recently the Alien Abduction Insurance Corporation has launched the idea of abduction insurance certificates as a unique gift for a lifetime premium and sell it at \$9.95.

The very first company to offer UFO abduction insurance was the St. Lawrence Agency in Altamonte Springs, Florida. The company says that it has paid out at least two claims. The company pays the claimant \$1 per year until their death or for 1 million years, whichever comes first.

Over 20,000 people have purchased the insurance. The insurance is normally purchased by the "feeble-minded", according to Burgess, a former Lloyd's of London underwriter. Prominent policyholders have included Shirley MacLaine and a Harvard University professor who has written on aliens.

The Heaven's Gate religious group had purchased alien abduction insurance before their mass suicide. Their insurance company (London brokerage Goodfellow Rebecca Ingrams Pearson (GRIP) stopped offering alien abduction insurance after the suicide - having sold the policy to about four thousand people (mostly in England and the United States). At a cost of roughly \$155 a year the GRIP policy would pay about

\$160,000 to someone who could show that they had been abducted by a being who was not from Earth. The payment would double if the insured person was impregnated during the event. Men were also able to purchase the impregnation insurance for protection against the unknown capabilities of alien technology.

Information from Wikipedia.



Haunted Chickies Hike

On August 21st, Susquehanna Mysteries Alliance members and friends met at Chickies Park for lunch and a Haunted Hike led by our tour guide and president of the Paranormal Society of Pennsylvania, Rick Fisher.

The weather was perfect and the tales of the supernatural surrounding the park were plentiful--strange creatures, witch's curses and ghosts galore. Rick is a masterful storyteller and kept everyone interested and entertained throughout the entire hike. A few die hards even stayed afterward to enjoy the view from the overlook on top of the rock.

Stay informed of more fun, upcoming events by visiting the bookshop, attending meetings or visiting us on the Web at: susquehannamysteriesalliance.com.

A big SMA "Thank You" goes out to Rick Fisher for giving his time and energy to our event! You can visit his website and order his book "Ghosts of the River Towns" at paranormalpa.net. And appreciation to our special guest, Rosemary Ellen Guiley, author of more than 40 books on the paranormal. You can enjoy her web site at: visionaryliving.com.

If you missed our haunted hike event, you'll be happy to learn Rick will be our guest speaker at our meeting on November 24th. He will be lecturing on "Strange Creatures of South Central Pennsylvania." Register NOW--seating is very limited!



Haunted Hike attendees engrossed in the storytelling of Rick Fisher near the base of mysterious Chickies Rock.



SMA member Amy Yost takes a well-deserved break at the haunted railroad tunnel.



Our fearless tour guide Rick Fisher.

Halloween Mysteries

From Murder, Mystery, Mayhem Blogspot

- Albert, Susan Wittig - **Witches' Bane** (Cozy / Amateur)
- Atherton, Nancy - **Aunt Dimity Beats the Devil** (Cozy)
- Bain, Donald - **Murder She Wrote - Trick or Treachery**
- Bradbury, Ray - **The Halloween Tree** (Sci-Fi/Juvenile)
- Braun, Lilian J. - **The Cat Who Talked to Ghosts** (Cozy)
- Brown, Rita Mae - **The Hunt Ball** (Mystery/Amateur)
- Burley, W. J. - **Wycliffe and the Scapegoat** (Police)
- Childs, Laura - **Frill Kill** (Cozy/Scrapbooking Mystery)
- Christie, Agatha - **Hallowe'en Party** (Mystery & Detective)
- Collins, Michael - **Lost Souls** (Mystery/Crime/Noir)
- Crawford, Isis - **A Catered Halloween** (Cozy/Culinary)
- Doherty, P. C. - **Ghostly Murders** (Historical Mystery)
- Evanovich, Janet - **Plum Spooky** (Mystery/Humor)
- Grabenstein, Chris - **Hell for the Holidays** (Thriller)
- Graham, Heather - **Deadly Harvest** (Romantic Suspense)
- Fluke, Joanne - **Fudge Cupcake Murder** (Cozy/Culinary)
- Haddam, Jane - **Skeleton Key** (Mystery/Amateur)
- Hart, Carolyn - **Southern Ghosts** (Cozy & Amateur)
- Hillerman, Tony - **The Fallen Man** (Police Procedural)
- Isaacs, Susan - **Long Time No See** (Mystery/Romance)
- Jackson, Shirley - **The Haunting of Hill House** (Suspense)
- Mayberry, Jonathan - **Dead Man's Song** (Thriller/Horror)
- McBain, Ed - **Tricks: An 87th Precinct** (Police Procedural)
- Montanari, Richard - **The Violet Hour** (Thriller)
- O' Nan, Stewart - **The Night Country** (Horror/Mystery)
- Page, Katherine Hall - **The Body in the Moonlight** (Cozy)
- Peter, Ellis - **Flight of a Witch** (Historical Mystery)
- Roberts, Gillian - **A Hole in Juan** (Cozy/Amateur)
- Wolzien, Valerie - **All Hollows Evil** (Cozy/Amateur)

Halloween Movies

- The Hollow
- The Legend of Lucy Keyes
- Rose Red
- Bell, Book, Candle
- Witches of Eastwick
- The Sixth Sense
- Ghostbusters
- Sleepy Hollow
- The Haunting
- 13 Ghosts
- The Haunting
- I've Been Waiting for You
- The Uninvited
- Pet Semetary
- Monster Squad
- Dracula
- Candy Man
- Ernest Scared Stupid

- Disney Movies:**
(NOT just for kids!)
- Hocus Pocus
 - Tower of Terror
 - The Scream Team
 - Under Wraps
 - When Good Ghouls Go Bad
 - My Mom's Dating a Vampire
 - Don't Look Under the Bed
 - Halloweentown
- Classics:**
- The Ghost & Mr. Chicken
 - The Uninvited
 - The Ghost & Mrs. Muir
 - The Haunting
 - House on Haunted Hill
 - Ghost Breakers





2010 Meetings

- October 27** Area Haunted Locations
History of Halloween
- October 29** Halloween Costume Bash!
- November 24** Strange Creatures in Pennsylvania
Guest Speaker Rick Fisher
- December 22** Holiday Gathering

Announcement:



John Cusack has announced via Twitter that he has signed on to play iconic horror writer Edgar Allen Poe in The Raven!

The film, directed by James McTeigue, will reportedly be a fictionalized account of the author during his last days alive as he hunts down a serial killer who uses his stories as inspiration for his murders.

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2011 Susquehanna Mysteries Alliance Meetings

You won't want to miss ANY of these fascinating presentations!

January 26
The Original Masters of Mystery~
Meet Whicher & Vidocq

February 23
The Case of Dr. Schoeppe of Carlisle
Guest Speaker: Mark Podvia

March 23
Spontaneous Human Combustion
Guest Speaker: Larry Arnold

April 27
Saving the Negley Park Graves
& Local Historical Cemeteries
Guest Speaker: Cookie Grugan

May 25
History & Mystery of Stoney Valley
Guest Speaker: Brandy Watts

June 22
Strange Pennsylvania
Guest Speaker & Author: Patty Wilson

July 27
Local Unsolved Murders

August 24
Curious Railroad Tales of
Pennsylvania

September 28
Sherlock Holmes
Back by Popular Demand!
Guest Speaker: Bill Barrett

October 26
Local Haunted Restaurants

November 23
History & Cases of the Ouija Board
Guest Speaker: Rick Fisher

December 28
Holiday Gathering

Space is limited--register early!

