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The Ovilus?

By: Angie Miles

What the heck is an Ovilus? That was my question after watching an episode of Paranormal State. They were using some kind of device that was talking with an electronically generated voice, and I was wondering what it was.

So I did a little research and found out very little about this cool paranormal investigative tool. However, I did find several forum discussions about it, some good and some not so good!

This device is designed to communicate with the dead by translating environmental factors, such as temperature and electromagnetic activity, into speech. The Ovilus is similar to the Digital Dowser, doing a bit more, and it's got a price tag of \$199.

Features Include:

Speech Mode: Using the environment to pick the words to say.

Phonetic Mode: Using the environment to create words phonetically.

Communication Mode: Using Speech Mode and Phonetic Mode.

EMF Mode: Talking EMF Mode.

Yes/No Mode: Ask questions and get a Yes or No answer.

Level Mode: Watch the energy change in the environment.

Dowsing Mode: Works like a pair of dowsing rods!

- * Single 9v battery for simple fast charge
- * Headphone jack
- * Record jack with attenuated output
- * Light weight (7oz with the battery installed)
- * Simple one button operation

Here is a link to the picture of the Ovilus:

www.digitaldowsing.com

I even found one person who has posted some audio of her sessions with the Ovilus.

You can check them out at:

www.esnips.com/-t-/ovilus

Time to Vote!

If you are wish to be nominated or wish to nominate someone else for Office, you need to e-mail the North Central Regional Director, Heather Stenger, at igt.northcentral@gmail.com by the end of November. We will vote for Officers in December. The positions available are: Director, Treasurer, Secretary, PR Director, and Trainer.

To vote or run for Office you must be current on your membership dues.

Only members who attend the December meeting will be eligible to vote.

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ARKANSAS TRIP

BY: BETH WREN

Shannon Simpson planned a road trip hunt to Booneville, Ark. Angela Smith, Chris Settles and myself signed up to go along with Elaina Haverstick-Mundt, Adam Haverstock (son of Elaina), Shannon and Kelsey Simpson (daughter of Shannon).

We rented a car from Hertz and left at 8:30 the morning on the 25th. The weather was good, Chris was driving and we were all excited.

Somewhere along the way we ran over what we thought was a rag in the road. We traveled a long way before a service truck with a lady driving told us we had a flat tire on the drivers back side. Thankfully, there was an exit right there so we drove off. YEP! It was flat. So I called HERTZ road side assistance. We establish we were in BLYTHEVILLE, ARK and the lady on the phone proceeds to tell us we have to change our own tire and drive to Memphis to change out cars...umm NO! At this point she is talking to Chris and hears me say what about AAA, she basically tells Chris no to AAA. I am a member so I call them and they sent out Mr. Glenn. He changed our tire and sends us on our way.

We drive hours more and finally reach the end of the world...Booneville ARK. As we traveled the dark lonely road, I swear you could hear banjos playing the deliverance song the deeper we drove into Ark.

We arrived at our hotel about 9-10 o'clock in the evening, we unload the car and settle in all asleep by 10:30. We were worn out. We got up around 9, get dressed and check to see if Shannon and her group have arrived. They had! Not without incident either. They were hit by an ambulance on the way! Chris, Angel and I went to breakfast at the Bear Claw Diner and then we headed off to the "Hill" (Nyberg TB hospital).

We walk around the grounds taking pictures. The grounds look like a college campus. It was very beautiful!

As we explored we head towards another building. I think it was used as the children ward. We see a man wandering towards us and Angela and I were very scared because he was demanding I take a picture of him with Angela and Chris. Of course Chris was walking on toward the house, so I yell at him to come back and get his picture taken with this man! Chris hurried back and the photo was taken and David was thrilled. Come to find out the house we were headed to was originally used by the staff and is now used as a mental patient dorm.

As we talked to the Director of the house, she

told us stories about the hospital and than took us on a tour of the old staff residence. It was very cool!

We left and went to explore down town Booneville, all two stores, went back to the hotel, watched football, snacked and napped until it was time to go to dinner and head out to the hunt.

We left for the hospital around 10:30 and met up with Shannon and her group. We started the hunt. This place was big and very dusty. I think we got more activity on the tour than we did in the actual hunt. As we toured we saw a couple of full body apparition walking across the hall. We got to the 5th floor on the tour where the devil pigeons live in the ceiling. Tina (our hostess with rvpri) opened the door to the roof landing and one of the devil pigeons attacked me and YES I screamed like a girl! Seems I'm not afraid of ghosts, however, I am afraid of devil pigeons!

As we continued with our hunt we heard lots of disembodied voices answering our questions. I had asked if I could go into one of the dorm rooms and heard a very clear "sure". In the basement Shannon saw two orderlies standing down by the temporary morgue and doors slammed. Things like that happened all night long.

Chris shares his experience:

I had experience my first, I don't know what you call it, spirit pass thru. As we stood on the 2nd floor we were talking with 2 female spirits. During this, one of them passed right thru me. This has never happened to me before. I could feel all their emotions and was chilled to the bone. As the hairs on my entire body stood up I began to cry and felt very sad. I think some of our group may have pictures but I couldn't stop shaking and had to sit down and get myself under control. When we were leaving the fifth floor we came across a small room where some of the group thought there was a little girl. Why do I bring this up you ask? Because at the end of the night as we were leaving and I heard a little girl say "Bye". Later, as we came back to the hotel for a little sleep, I had what could have been a dream, or not, of a little girl in a white dress with dark hair standing beside my bed. Last night I couldn't sleep and I had the same dream, or feeling. Is this in my mind or do I have a new friend due to my experience at this place? You decide.

We got back to the hotel around 4 am, went to bed and got up at 9 to head home. We had a very long and thankfully uneventful trip home arriving in Indy around 9:30 pm.

Photos from the Arkansas Trip

Photos provided by: Beth Wren



From left to right:
Chris, Angela, Shannon, Adam and Kelsey.
Sitting down left to right:
Beth and Elaina



MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

What is your name? Kelli McQueen

What is your forum ID? Kelli21

When did you join IGT? November 2006

How did you hear about IGT? I had read about the group in a newspaper article, talked to members at Lebanon's Back to the Fifties Festival, and met a girl, Michelle Huff, in my local musical production who was a member of IGT.

How did you become interested in ghost hunting? I've just always been fascinated by the unknown and I love visiting historical places as well as traveling so ghosthunting allowed me to tap into all three of these things.

Where was your first IGT hunt? I went to Waverly Hills as a guest of Michelle's. My first hunt as a member was at an overnight at Hannah House.

Do you have a favorite IGT moment or hunt you would like to share? I loved going to Moundsville Penitentiary in West Virginia. I've been there twice and it is my favorite place so far to hunt.

Do you have any dislikes? I dislike rude people and people who are cruel to animals or children.

Do you have any other hobbies you would like to share with the group? I enjoy scrapbooking, singing and dancing, writing, reading, watching movies, and teaching children.

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www.indianaghosts.org

HUNT ETIQUETTE

During the October meeting Chris Garrison went over hunt etiquette. Below is a summary of Chris' presentation.

- Be Polite and Respectful (Not just to the owner of the property, but also to your teammates)
- Come Prepared: If you are going to go ghost hunting make sure you have the basics (flashlight, camera, voice recorder, notebook, pen, ect.)
- Listen To Your Team Leader
- Never Venture Off Alone!!!! (Always have someone with you where ever you go!)
- Don't Freak Out!
- No Smoking (Unless you are in a designated smoking area)
- Watch Your Language
- Wear Id Badges (This is so you can identify who you are and who you are with)
- No Cologne (Try not to wear things that will put off a scent, especially if there are places that are smelling roses, perfumes, ect.)
- No Pendulums or Dowsing Rods (These can not prove things scientifically)
- No Loud Clothing (Meaning, clothing that

can actually make noise, such as swishy sweat pants, clunky shoes, ect.)

- Before taking a picture always say "Flash"
- If you have long hair, wear it up and out of the way. This is so you don't take a picture of a piece of hair and mistake it as something paranormal.
- Please Keep Voices Down
- Please Do Not Whisper During EVP's
- Watch Where You Are Going (Try not to bump into people or walk in front of them while they are taking pictures)
- When doing EVP's, ask questions that are relevant to the place you are hunting.
- Always announce everything when you are doing EVP's (Such as burp's, stomach growls or rumbles, cough, sneeze, or if you FART!!!)
- When asking questions during an EVP, act like they are still living, they may not know they are dead.

Chris is trying to get everyone trained and has sent an e-mail out to everyone asking if they need Basic/Advance or Team Leader for Hunts. If you need training either one, you need to get with him so he can find a date that everyone can get together and do this.