

National Capital Area Skeptics presents

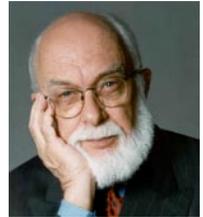
SKEPTICISM 2002:

BEYOND THE BASICS

April 6-7, 2002

Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

Special Guest **James Randi**



Sure, you're a skeptic...you understand why **ASTROLOGY** belongs on the comics page and why **HOMEOPATHY** is watered-down medicine. You wouldn't touch **DOWSING** with a ten-foot rod.

But are you up to speed on the **MARS EFFECT**?

The latest in "**DIGITAL BIOLOGY**"?

HIGH-TECH GIZMOS based on **IDEOMOTOR ACTION** and marketed to law enforcement?

NCAS presents a workshop where you can delve into the advanced issues and most up-to-date twists on topics that just won't seem to go away. Speakers include Chip Denman, Jim Giglio, Paul Jaffe, Marv Zelkowitz, author of *Voodoo Science* **Bob Park**, and very special guest **James "the Amazing" Randi**.

Saturday, April 6, 9:30am - 5:00pm

Sunday, April 7, 9 - noon

Advance registration is required.

Registration fee: \$40 -- includes conference fee and handouts

Please send name(s), address, telephone number, email and check for \$40 per person to:

NCAS

PO Box 8428

Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

Hotel information -- please make hotel arrangements directly with hotel.

Hilltop House Hotel, 400 East Ridge Street

Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

1-800-338-8319

Double: \$85/night per person, Single: \$105/night
Hotel **INCLUDES** meals and snacks.

Guests registering for Friday & Saturday get Friday dinner, 3 meals Saturday, and Sunday breakfast/lunch.

Guests registering for Saturday only get dinner, and Sunday breakfast/lunch. Saturday lunch is an additional \$8.

Conference attendees not staying in the Hilltop House should consult the hotel regarding meal options.



National Capital Area Skeptics Weekend Workshop

Everyone welcome - members and non-members. Advance registration required.

For more information call the 24-hour NCAS Skeptic Line recording at (301) 587-3827

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Shadow of a Doubt

THE MONTHLY CALENDAR OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA SKEPTICS

MARCH 2002

MARCH NCAS MEETING

Because of the need for advance planning, this Month's *Shadow* advertises the April workshop in Harper's Ferry. However, there WILL BE a regular monthly meeting on March 30 at 2pm in the Silver Spring Library. Mr. Banash previously spoke to us on pseudoscience and the US patent process. Full details in the April *Shadow*. He also writes science fiction and serves as the producer of the audio series "The Funnt File" which often deals with skeptical themes:
<http://members.aol.com/tharsispro/series1.html>

APRIL UFO, BIGFOOT AND GHOST CONFERENCE

The first annual Pennsylvania Paranormal Conference will be held April 13, 2002. It is the first of its kind in Pennsylvania and will feature lectures on UFO's and Bigfoot sightings in Pennsylvania as well as ghosts. Registration is \$85.00 per person plus tax and includes admission to the conference, lunch and a walking ghost tour. Investigation of a haunted site for the first 25 people who register. Seating is limited to 70 people and reservations are required by calling the Railroad House at (717) 426-4141. Registration begins at 8:15 AM Saturday April 13 and conference begins at 9:00 AM. This event will be held at the Historic Railroad House Restaurant Bed & Breakfast in Marietta, Pennsylvania on Front & Perry Streets. Guest speakers include Stan Gordon, Eric Altman, Rick Fisher and Karl Silvius. For more information see <http://home.supernet.com/~rfisher/para.html>

GETTYSBURG GHOST CONFERENCE: VOICES FROM THE PAST

You will find no hollow "psychic" babble but an honest, scientific approach to validate paranormal happenings. Too many novices ignore sound scientific protocols and tools that can measure and record physical changes that can validate or contradict their psychic feelings. Join Dave and Sharon in their Fifth Annual International Ghost Hunters Society Gettysburg Ghost Conference in May of 2002. The Conference theme is Voices from the Past and will focus on the scientific approach to EVP and the best EVP software on the market for evaluating the voices. They will demonstrate how clear EVP voices are as compared to the digital static many confuse with EVP. They are set for PayPal orders by going to the Gettysburg web page at <http://www.ghostweb.com/2002conf.html>.

SHE DIDN'T SEE IT COMING

FTC shuts down Miss Cleo's psychic hotline for fraud. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A9812-2002Feb14.html>. Go to www.csicop.org/misscleo to get the latest scoop on the legal plights of Access Resource Services, Inc., the company responsible for the Miss Cleo enterprise and accused of bilking callers out of thousands of dollars by attorneys general across the United States.

WINNER OF DARWIN DAY ESSAY CONTEST

<http://www.darwinday.org/aaronson-essay.html>

TIME TO RENEW?

Check your mailing label. If the renewal date has passed, please send \$30 (for 1 person) or \$40 (for 2-member households) for a one-year renewal to the NCAS address below, or you will be dropped as a member.



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