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Ghost Hunters visit Mill Race

nFindings to be reviewed Oct. 24

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If you're into things that go "bump" in the night, consider attending Motor City Ghost Hunter's upcoming presentation at Northville's Mill Race Village. A group from the organization met at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 22 to perform an investigation for several hours at the historic village on Griswold.



Melissa Cooper, one of the Northville Historical Society volunteers who participated in the Aug. 22 Motor City Ghost Hunters' investigation of Mill Race Historical Village, shows the organization's guidebook.

"It's definitely active," said John McCormick of Dearborn Heights, founder and lead investigator.

With the motto, "Let us drive away your fears of the paranormal," the group investigates homes, commercial buildings and historical locations. The members perform discreet and professional investigations in the paranormal.

"We use a scientific approach to confirm or debunk paranormal activity," McCormick said. Many members of the group have more than 30 years of experience in such work. The group does not charge for any of its investigations. The Oct. 24 presentation will serve as a fund-raiser for Mill Race Village. The time and location in Mill Race Village for the event will be announced at a later date. Call Mill Race Village in October for the cost and more details.

Several volunteers from the Northville Historical Society also participated in the investigation. Volunteers and ghost hunters were divided into small groups, equipped with flashlights, video cameras, digital audio recorders, electromagnetic recording devices and other paranormal-activity-seeking equipment.

Ghost hunters wait, listen and watch, asking if there are any spirits present who want to communicate with them, informing them that they are not there to harm them.

While at Mill Race Village, different investigators spent about an hour in a building, then moved to another building.

"That way, we have all the eyes in every building," McCormick said. "There are very few places that we don't get evidence (of paranormal activity). There's normally something we come up with. Given the history that you have here, we should be inundated," he said prior to the investigation.



Photo by Pam Fleming/Northville Record John McCormick, left, founder and lead investigator of Motor City Ghost Hunters, and his team meet at the Cady Inn Aug. 22 before performing a paranormal investigation of the buildings at Mill Race Historical Village.



Some of the tricks of the ghost-hunting trade include children's toys, such as a beach ball, balloons and marbles, as well as candy to attract young ghosts; notebooks; motion detectors; electromagnetic field detectors; night-vision glasses; subsonic hearing devices; see-snakes to see what's in places humans can't get into; black lights; strobe lights; and temperature meters.

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