Digital Or Analog Recorders Witch Do You Prefer.

Posted by Ocean County Paranormal Research - 29 Sep 2011 17:52

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Posted by tyrstag - 29 Sep 2011 19:38

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Posted by osty - 29 Sep 2011 19:50

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This would be why I prefer digital also. Plus I do not have to carry bulky tapes to change out. If I am doing a 4 hour investigation, I would need several tapes to carry with me, where as with digital I may need an extra micro sd card but that is easily portable.

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Re: Digital Or Analog Recorders Witch Do You Prefer.

Posted by crystalcross - 29 Sep 2011 22:46

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When I first went to go look for a digital recorder I was looking for a number of features. Your point about a microSD (or other card) is a great one. It enables you to not only have multiple media sets that you can easily plug/unplug if they're full. But also allows you to expand the available storage memory without having to purchase an entirely new product.

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So just out of curiosity what digital recorder do you have?

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Posted by crystalcross - 29 Sep 2011 23:59

I use the Olympus VN-8100PC. It has all the features with the exception of the microSD card slot. But for the cost I was willing to make that trade-off for the other features. Its lightweight so that if you drop it (which I know I will, given enough time) it will not just blast apart. So far its worked great for me, I bought a couple of them, and external microphones also. Although the internal works perfectly well.

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Re: Digital Or Analog Recorders Witch Do You Prefer.

Posted by Chris1GCPI - 30 Sep 2011 04:15

I guess I'm a bit old fashioned and use both types of recorders. If I'm going to leave a recorder just sit somewhere for a while with no one else in the room I will use a digital recorder. When investigating a very quiet area I will use my micro cassette recorder. I've even used both simultaneously.

If anyone would like to read and learn more about EVP work you can check out the Association for Transcommunication website. atransc.org/

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