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APRIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

HOLIDAY INN
IN ALEXANDRIA

2460 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA

6:00 Cocktails

6:45 Dinner

8:00 Meeting/Show

Annual auction to feature bundle of bargains

Ring 50's annual "Spring Cleaning" auction will be held at our April meeting. It's sure to provide us with a bonanza of special bargains. You won't want to miss it.

We are running this year's auction in a very formal way. The basic reason is to streamline the method in which we keep track of who bought what for how much.

Ten percent of all proceeds will go to Ring 50. Payment for the items sold must be cash or check payable to IBM Ring 50.

The evening's auctioneers will be Dick Christian and Bill Wells.

Auction forms were being sent out by email. If you don't have email, they are available by contacting Ring 50 Treasurer Bob Patterson.



Paul Krendl will be our headliner for the evening show

April's Magi-Whirl ready

The curtain goes up on "The Best Little Convention in the National Capital Area" on April 13. Ring 50's Magi-Whirl runs through April 14 and is capped by a spectacular evening show. You won't want to miss the 2007 Magi-Whirl at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, Va.

Four lectures, plus two close-up performances and the big stage show, are expected to draw a wide-ranging crowd. Tickets are only \$45 until April 1. The price goes up to \$50 for everyone at the first of the month. You can register and pay on our website:

www.Magi-Whirl.Org

Participants will be able to hang out with people devoted to magic. You

may learn new tricks, ideas, presentations and, of course, see some great performances. You won't want to miss such great lecturers as Michael Lair, Tim Sonfelt and Eric Henning as well as a question-and-answer session with magic dealer Barry Taylor, and close-up magic with Scott Carroll and Larsen Eisenberg.

The Saturday night Gala Evening Show includes: The Magic of Krendl & Company, the Amazing Humorist Tim Sonfelt, Magic by Bob Sanders, the Magic of Michael Lair, Magician Extraordinaire Michael Taggart, DC Magician of the Year Dwight Redman and Magical Master of Ceremonies Bob Carnathan.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Ring 50-

Thanks to our performers at last month's meeting. Normally, we get a lukewarm response when we have "Mentalism" as our theme. I was pleasantly surprised by the favorable comments that I received after the meeting. Everyone enjoyed the show and more than one member said that it was the best meeting/show we've had. Standing ovations go to Noland Montgomery, Rucj Uffleman, Arnie Fuoco, Bob Carnathan and Dick Christian.

After the show, Dick Christian gave us the rare opportunity to see his "Pomeroy Prediction Chest" and we were told there were only 12 of these boxes made. Most of them were bought and taken out of circulation. Thanks Dick for sharing your prized collectible with the club.



Dwight Redman

Our attendance was down some because of the ice and snow but we had 35 people present. Our membership is continuing to grow. We accepted Maziar Namvar and Tom Baxter as new members and an application from Jeff Sobel.

We are no longer counting the months to Magi-Whirl. We are down to counting the days. All of the hard work we have been doing for the last year will come to fruition next month.

Everything is going as planned for the Ring 50 convention and the membership has done all that we have asked. Let's finish the race to this event with a good sprint. Remind families and friends to buy tickets for the gala evening show which will cap off the event. We need to fill as many seats as possible. I think we will have a successful convention and I hope everyone involved will feel a sense of pride and accomplishment when it's over.

One footnote: We still need a few volunteers to make sure Magi-Whirl runs smoothly. For after show cleanup, we need two more people to help put tables and chairs back. For security one more person is needed to insure

attendees have a badge so there are no freeloaders in the dealer room and lectures.

Next month is our annual "Auction". If you have any items you want to sell, contact Bob Patterson for the proper procedures to put your property on the sales block. We also have to nominate officers for next year. If you would like to be an officer in the club, let me know. See you in April.



MAGIC CASTLE REUNION--
Elaine and Mauny Murry, top, and Jerry Foster, a Ring 50 member who lives in Virginia, and his fiancé Suzanne Greywitt were at the Magic Castle in Los Angeles in February. Jerry proposed to Suzanne while there.. "It was very magical," he said. He plans to move to Simi Valley within the next year and a half. Mauny, a former Ring 50 member, and Elaine now live in Ventura, Calif.

Barry's Magic Shop plans relocation soon

Barry Taylor and his wife Susan, who own and operate Barry's Magic Shop, are currently in negotiations to relocate to a revitalized shopping center just off Rockville Pike in Rockville. They hope to move in June.

Their present shop in Wheaton, Maryland, has been a popular landmark for magicians in the Washington metropolitan area since 1974. However, the building is being condemned for a controversial county sidewalk project.

As a professional magician, Barry is well known and has performed both locally and internationally. He will be interviewed about his experiences and memories as a special guest at the Ring 50 Magi-Whirl convention in April.

Magi-Whirl 2007 Schedule

"The best little convention in the National Capital Area"

Friday, April 13, 2007

- 5:30 PM Dealer Set Up Begins
- 6:00 PM Registration Opens
- 7:00 PM Eric Henning Lecture -
"Killing a Restaurant with Magic"
- 9:00 PM Dealer Showcase
- 10:00-11:00 PM Dealers Room Open

Saturday, April 14, 2007

- 9:00 AM Registration Opens
(Badges must be worn at all times.)
- 9:00 AM Dealers Room Opens
- 10:00 AM Michael P. Lair Lecture -
"Stand-up Magic"
- NOON - 1:30 PM Lunch Break
Dealers Open
- 1:30 PM Tim Sonfelt Lecture -
"Grab Bag - Something For Everyone"
- 3:30 PM Close-Up Magic
Room A--Scott Carroll
Room B--Larsen Eisenberg
- 4:30 PM Q & A with Barry Taylor
- 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner Break
- 6:30 PM Theater opens. Strolling
and Close-up magicians in lobby.
- 7:00 PM Dealer Room Closes
- 7:00 PM Seating for Gala Evening
Show
- 7:30 PM Evening Show
- 9:00 PM Sessions in Lobby
- 10:00 PM Party moves to Houlihan's,
Hilton Hotel, Springfield, VA

Mentalism Night

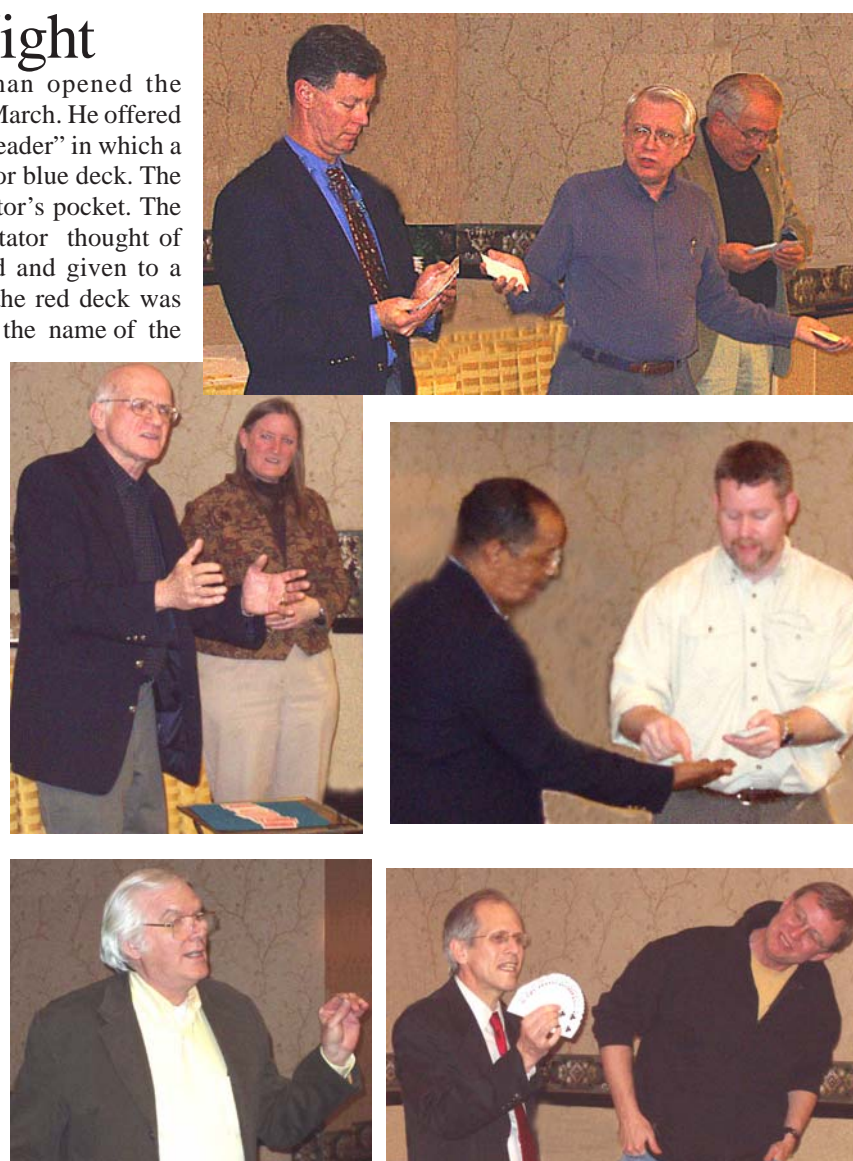
Ring 50 President Dwight Redman opened the performances for Mentalism Night in March. He offered his version of “Magician Versus Mindreader” in which a spectator was given the choice of a red or blue deck. The chosen blue deck was put in the spectator’s pocket. The red deck was then spread and the spectator thought of one card. When the deck was shuffled and given to a spectator, he named his card. Then the red deck was dealt one card for each letter to spell the name of the thought of card. The last letter was the card selected. The blue deck was then removed from the spectator’s pocket and the cards were dealt spelling the name of the thought of card. Again the last card was the right one.

Arnie Fuoco tested the mentalism capabilities of the audience by offering them a chance to win a large sum of cash. He told the crowd that one of five envelopes contained a lot of cash--a BIG BILL. Four audience members selected envelopes and left Arnie with the fifth one. After much byplay it was discovered that the \$100 bill was in the envelope that Arnie kept—proving that the audience’s mentalism skills weren’t on the money. Arnie then had Noland Montgomery certify that a deck of cards was not gimmicked and handed out a large envelope with a prediction inside. Becki Wells was called on to select one of the cards and when the large envelope was opened the prediction was right on target.

Rucj Uffelmann performed Any Card, Any Number that he modified from the recent Ring 50 lecture by John Born. He then took a newspaper clipping and cut it at a line selected by an audience member. He then had his helper pick a word from one of the top three lines. Using mental skills he correctly identified the selected word.

Bob Carnathan demonstrated his mentalism skills by having a deck of cards shuffled and three spectators each select a stack of the cards. He then named each of the cards the spectators held.

Noland Montgomery showed a deck of cards that were blank on both the front and back. Faces of cards began to appear one at a time and then the backs appeared. A spectator selected a card from the deck, returned it and



MENTAL MAGIC--Ring 50 members who probed into the minds of spectators at the March meeting were (clockwise from the top) Bob Carnathan assisted by Larry Lipman and Rucj Uffelmann; Dwight Redman doing “Magician versus Mindreader”; Noland Montgomery fanning cards for a spectator; Dick Christian; and Arnie Fuoco.

the deck was put into a paper bag which was shaken up. Noland stabbed the bag with a pair of scissors and impaled the chosen card.

Dick Christian passed a wooden box around that had one large die in it. The person with the box was instructed to rotate the die and remember the number on top before passing the box to someone else. While the box was passed to three different people, Dick handed out four thick novels to different spectators. The first person was told

to turn to any page. The next person was told to turn to the named page and pick a word in the first line.

The third person was asked to turn to any page and the fourth person with a book was told to turn to that page and pick the first long word on the page. Dick then told each person who memorized a number from the die what number they thought of. He then told the two people who picked the words exactly what word they chose.

-- Bob Patterson

The Stars Are Out Tonight

Magi-Whirl 2007, Washington, D.C.
"The best little convention in the National Capital Area"

April 13-14, 2007



Eric Henning



Michael P. Lair



Bob Sanders



Susie and Barry Taylor



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Bob Carnathan



Michael Taggart