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PUTTING ON THE CHARM--*John B. Born sold books, DVDs and effects during a break from his lecture.*

John B. Born lecture sparks a big turnout

A two-hour lecture by John B. Born at the November meeting of Ring 50 offered members an entertaining evening of magic mixed with philosophy and presentation techniques. The charming and skillful performer emphasized how passion, intelligence and style can be combined for a knockout act.

"I want to create energy so I have a strong payoff," John explained to his audience. He pointed out that he has sometimes found silence is one of his strongest tools in captivating an audience.

The guest lecturer first focused on how advanced preparation will reap great rewards. He demonstrated ways to construct routines and use principles (instead of difficult sleight-of-hand) in such a way that the performer becomes so far ahead of his audiences that it is not even fair. This included work on the "Any Card At Any Number" plot as well as several other mental magic miracles appropriate for stand-up.

John later displayed his skills as a sleight-of-hand artist – especially in his handling of coins and cards.

"Holiday Magic" theme for December's meeting

"Holiday Magic" will be the theme for our December meeting. We will have a lineup of performers to put you in a mood for this season of the year. You won't want to miss this special show.

This evening will be a family-oriented program so you will want to invite kids of all ages to enjoy the entertainment. Bring your mate or a date. And be sure to join us for dinner.

If you want to perform, please contact a Ring 50 officer immediately. We have room for you now if you wish to join the magical lineup. Who knows, there also may a jolly old elf or two around.



Before the show, there will be an update on plans for the 2007 Magi-Whirl now set for spring.

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DECEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006

HOLIDAY INN
IN ALEXANDRIA

2460 Eisenhower Avenue

Alexandria, VA

6:00 Cocktails

6:45 Dinner

8:00 Meeting Show



Coming Events

Lectures at Denny & Lee Magic Studio

Lecture by Karl Hein

Date: Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20

Karl Hein, an amazing card handler from Florida known all over the world under the stage name of Karl Koppertop, also will go over some of the non-card routines he uses in birthday parties, restaurants and



public performances. Even more valuable will be his thoughts on performing and his tips on how to make a six figure income performing family shows.

Contact: Denny's at 410-686-3914 or email dennymagic@aol.com.

Michael Taggart Magician Extraordinaire will perform at a New Year's Eve First Night in historic Downtown Fredericksburg, Va.

Date: Dec. 31

Cost: Admission to this alcohol-free family event is \$10 for a general pass. They are available by contacting Fredericksburg Parks and Recreation Department or at the gate.

Special Note: Michael will be performing in the Fredericksburg Baptist Church Hall on Caroline Street.

Shakespeare's Magical Wizard Michael Taggart will blend magic and audience involvement playing a Renaissance sorcerer in Shakespeare's world.

Place: The National Theater's Helen Hayes Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Date: Jan. 27 at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Cost: Admission is free. Tickets are given



Mike Taggart

out 30 minutes prior to each show but get there early as the Saturday shows sell out quickly. This show is sponsored by the Washington Shakespeare Festival and the National Theater.

<http://www.nationaltheatre.org/saturday/saturday.htm>

The Theory and Art of Magic program at Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania Goes to Las Vegas

featuring Jeff McBride and Eugene Burger plus other major Las Vegas stars.

Dates: March 5-8, 2007

Cost: \$450 per person.

Place: The Orleans Hotel

Contact: Muhlenberg College Alumni Office at 800-464-2374. Dr. Larry Hass, director, the Theory and Art of Magic program

<http://www.muhlenberg.edu/cultural/magic/>.

"Illusions at Illusions" featuring Geo the Illusionist (Geoffrey "Geo" Weber)

Dates: Fridays at 8 p.m. Dec. 1, 15 and 29.

Place: Mark Center shopping center, 1472 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, Virginia 22311

Cost: Admission is free. To make reservations, call (703) 575-1999.

Contact: www.illusionsthai.com or <http://www.magicbygeo.com/>



Society of American Magicians (SAM) Larry West Assembly 28

Date: Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

Place: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC.

Theme: Helter Skelter (Beatles)

Contacts: Ray Eyler at 410/798-0176 ceyler1026@aol.com or James Munton at 301-322-5605 --

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FEATURED PERFORMER--Michael Lair will be one of the featured performers when Magi-Whirl 2007 is sponsored by Ring 50.

Magi-Whirl 2007 sponsored by I.B.M. National Capital Ring 50.

"The best little convention in the National Capital Area"

Dates: April 13-14, 2007

Place: Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria VA.

Cost: \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door.

Contact: <http://www.Magi-Whirl.org>.

Features: Lectures by Michael Lair, Tim Sonfelt, Eric Henning and Barry Taylor, plus two close-up performances. Gala evening show includes The Magic of Krاندl & Co., Michael Lair, Tim Sonfelt, Magician Extraordinaire Michael Taggart, DC Magician of the Year Dwight Redman and a host of others.

Ring 50 Dues Due In February

Ring 50 dues for the Ring 50 year 2007-08 are due by the February meeting. However, Treasurer Bob Patterson will be happy to take your dues starting at the Dec. 6 meeting. Dues are \$15 for the year. Make checks payable to **IBM Ring 50**. Cash will be accepted providing you have the correct change. You can also send a check to his home address at 3450 Wainscott Place, Lake Ridge, VA 22192. Enjoy your Ring activities throughout 2007 by paying your dues.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Ring 50:

Happy Holidays to everyone! Can you believe how fast my term as President has reached the halfway point? Six months have passed and I must admit, it hasn't been as bad as I anticipated. I've had great support from all the members of the club and the problems have been manageable. I have to thank Mike Taggart and Bob Patterson for making my job easier.

Last month we had John Born as our lecturer and 65 people attended the lecture. Thanks to everyone who came for their enthusiastic support. The lecture was well received and I think we all benefited from the magic we learned. John's card and coin magic was outstanding and his presentation did not disappoint us. Thanks again to John Born.

The planning for Magi-Whirl is on schedule and we have most of the performers and dealers lined up. We are still waiting for some dealer contracts to be returned and we are finalizing our preparations with Bishop Ireton HS.

Meanwhile, we have put our first ad in the Linking Ring magazine for Magi-Whirl and we need you to start talking to your families and friends about attending the Gala Show. We have a lot of seats to fill and I know we can make this a success if we all do our part. Have you volunteered to help? We are ready to sell ads in the two programs we will have and if you know of anyone who wants to place an ad with us, let me or Bob Patterson know.

The holiday season is here and I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Thanks,

Dwight

Ring 50 member reinstated

Tim Cannon, 6202 Manchester Park Circle, Alexandria, VA 22310, was reinstated as a member of Ring 50 at the November 2006 meeting.

Magi-Whirl 2007 Schedule

Friday, April 13, 2007

- 5:30 PM Dealer Set Up Begins
- 6:00 PM Registration Opens
- 7:00 PM [Eric Henning](#) Lecture - "Restaurant Magic"
- 9:00 PM Dealer Show
- 10:00 PM T B A

Saturday, April 14, 2007

- 7:30 AM . Dealer Set Up Begins
- 9:00 AM . Registration Opens
(Badges must be worn at all times.)
- 9:00 AM . Dealer Room Opens
- 10:00 AM [Michael P. Lair](#) Lecture - "Stand-up Magic"
- 12:00 AM - 1:30 PM Lunch Break
Dealers Open
- 1:30 PM [Tim Sonefelt](#) Lecture - "Grab Bag - Something For Everyone"
- 3:30 PM Close-Up Magic
- 4:30 PM Q & A Session with [Barry Taylor](#)
- 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM .Dinner Break
- 6:30 PM Theater opens. Strolling, and Close-up magicians perform in lobby prior to show.
- 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 Location (TBA)



REPORTS EDITOR HONORED-- Territorial Vice President Jim Flanigan, left, presents an I.B.M. Board of Trustees certificate of appreciation to Roy Barnes, longtime editor of Ring Reports for Linking Ring magazine.

Ring Reports editor honored at meeting

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Roy Barnes at Ring 50's October meeting for his long service as the Linking Ring magazine's Rings Reports editor.

Territorial Vice President Jim Flanigan made the presentation on behalf of International President (2005-2006) Roger B. Miller.

Roy, who lives in Arlington, Va., served in the editor's position from early 1987 until last August. He also has compiled the index of The Linking Ring annually since 1963 and will continue to do it.

Roy does mentalism in an act called Mind Trek. He has presented variations of that show for more than 40 years for organizations throughout Southeastern Michigan, where he lived for many years, and later around Washington, D.C. He moved to Arlington 14 years ago.

Advertising for Magi-Whirl

If you want to place your own ad in the Magi-Whirl 2007 Gala Show program or in the Registration brochure, email Bob Patterson at: Magic.Bob@Comcast.Net. He will have samples and prices. You can also help support Ring 50's Magi-Whirl by selling advertisements to outside businesses. Ads accompanied with the money must be turned into Bob Patterson by March 23, 2007. Submitting ads earlier would be helpful.