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'What's New' is set for February

Barry Taylor is promising some special deals and lots of extra surprises when he produces Ring 50's annual "What's New at Barry's" night at February's monthly meeting.

Barry and his wife Susan own and operate Barry's Magic Shop, a popular landmark for magicians in the Washington area since 1974, where both professionals and amateurs often hang out. The shop is located in Wheaton, MD.

As a professional magician, Barry is well known and has performed his magic both locally and internationally. He appeared in his own critically acclaimed "Psychic Ghost Theatre" production, along with Susie. Their act successfully entertained and mystified audiences for more than four years, from 1998 to 2002. The small, cozy theater above their shop also was used last year as a venue for magical performers who were honing their routines.

To see Barry perform, go to his website www.barrytaylor.com to view 5 video clips and to read his reviews from leading newspapers and well-known entertainment critics.

Barry's Magic Shop is one of the largest magic emporiums in the Greater Washington area. Barry's maintains an impressive stock of magic-related books, videos, and props for the discriminating conjuror.



MAGIC DEALER--*Barry Taylor welcomes IBM Territorial Vice President Jim Flanigan to the Psychic Ghost Theatre above Barry's Magic Shop.*

Its congenial atmosphere makes any visit a very positive and rewarding experience.

Both local and out-of-town customers consistently rate Barry's Magic Shop as the most helpful and accommodating magic store around. The shop carries a full range of magical supplies, including everything from the conjuring classics through the latest cutting-edge tricks on the market. Richard Kaufman, owner and editor of Genii magazine, says he always finds out-of-print books and the hard-to-find tricks at Barry's.

Ring 50's dues due

Ring 50 collects annual dues for the year in February of each year. Dues, by the terms of our by-laws, are not prorated in the year.

The annual dues of \$15 will be due at the February meeting for all members.

Rucj Uffelman, who is Ring 50's treasurer, requests that you pay your dues by check, as this eases the record keeping. If you do pay in cash, please,

at February meeting

have the correct change. Every year the dues paying process becomes a hassle, with members forgetting and procrastinating. It's really easy; just pay your dues at the February meeting and be done with it.

Between Magi-Gram issues, you can get the latest news on events and restaurant performers at the Ring 50 Web site www.IBMRing50.org

FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005
PIER 7 RESTAURANT
CHANNEL INN HOTEL
650 Water Street SW
Washington DC

6:00 Cocktails
6:45 Dinner
8:00 Meeting

Coming Events

Dave Shepherd Close-up Magic

Dates: Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Place: Mama's Italian Restaurant, 9715 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Va.
Contact: 703-385-2646 or 703-623-3952.
Web site: www.daveshepmagic.com

SAM Meeting

Date: Feb. 16
Place: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Theme: My first magic trick or "love at first sleight."
Contact: Ray Eyler at (410) 798-0176 or ceyler1026@aol.com

VMS Meeting

Date: Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p. m.
Place: Home of Larry Lipman, 223 Midvale St., Falls Church.
Contact: Larry at 703-237-1531 or email larryl@coxnews.com

Lectures at Denny's

Denny & Lee Magic Studio, 325 South Marlyn Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21221
Contact: 410-686-3914
or <http://www.dennymagic.com>

Check Denney's Web site for latest scheduled lectures.

Ricky Jay Show

With nothing more than a deck of cards, noted magician Ricky Jay transfixes audiences with his subtle and clever sleight-of-hand.
Dates: May 6-May 22, 2005
Place: The Studio Theatre, 1333 P Street NW (14th & P), Washington, DC
Cost: Check theater's Web site www.studiotheatre.org for prices, dates and times.
Contact: 202-332-3300 (box office)

2005 Magi-Whirl sponsored by the Ring 50 -- the National Capital Chapter of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Date: Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Place: Cedar Ridge Community Church, 2410 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, MD

Accommodations: Best Western Maryland Inn, 15101 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707-2957, located 3 miles from convention site.

Cost : \$30 via Web until June 20 or

check. After June 15, \$40 for all. Registration includes all events, including evening show. \$10 evening show only.

Features: Close-up magic lecture, stand-up magic lecture, dealers and public evening show

Saturday Morning at the Movies

Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD

The Publick Playhouse has brought back big screen weekend entertainment for children ages 7 to 12 plus Saturday morning movies featuring a half hour of live entertainment by musicians, magicians and comical clowns.

March 12 at 10 a.m.

Eric Redman's Magik plus Saturday morning Disney movie, "Lilo & Stitch," about a 5-year-old Hawaiian girl who adopts an evil alien disguised as a six-legged dog.

April 9 at 10 a.m.

James Wand Secret Agent Magic Show plus Saturday morning movie, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"

June 11 at 10 a.m.

Noland's Magic featuring Noland Montgomery plus Saturday morning movie "Muppet Treasure Island" with Kermit and Miss Piggy doing their version of Robert Louis Stevenson's famous classic about a band of wicked pirates.

Cost:\$5

Contact: 301-277-1710 (Box Office) or TTY 301-277-0312

IBM National Convention

Date: June 28-July 2

Place: Reno, NV. Hotel reservations can be made at Reno Hilton, 1-800-648-5080, using reference group code: IBM05.

Cost: \$145 for IBM members.

Contact: Roger Wicks, Convention Registrar, 9745 South Third St., Woodstock, OH 43084. Fax: 937-826-1133. E-mail ibmreno2005@yahoo.com.



COUNT ON HIM--*Buddy Smith, right, stumped Mike Taggart in a counting effect at last month's Hall of Fame show.*

2005 Schedule (subject to change)

Feb. 2

What's New at Barry's Magic

March 2

Spring Cleaning Auction

April 6

Dan Lacey Trophy Contest & Mini-Lecture

May 4

Lecture by Danny Archer

June 1

New Officers Show & "Open Mike"

July

No meeting because of IBM national convention in Reno.

Mid-month picnic TBA

Aug. 3

Children's Magic

Sept. 7

Banquet/Cabaret Magic Teach-In

It recently was brought to the attention of Phil Willmarth, editor of Linking Ring magazine, that IBM members in many countries have not received the publication since last September. There are no back issues in the national office. Ring members who do not save their copies are being asked to bring them to the next Ring 50 meeting. These issues will be sent to IBM headquarters. The Linking Ring is often the major incentive for European IBM members to continue their membership.

Hall of Famers

Veteran performers entertain Ring 50 crowd at New Year's monthly meeting

Some distinguished Ring 50 honorary and life members as well as Order of Merlin inductees performed at our "Hall of Fame" show in January. Vice President Don Freedman opened by causing randomly selected alphabet cards to spell out "HALL OF FAME." Then emcee Bob Carnathan introduced our first performer, Territorial Vice President Jim Flanigan, who pulled a rhapsody of silk scarves out of a square circle before producing a 6-foot plush toy snake! Jack Nance followed with jumbo cards whose backs changed to the message "Ring 50 Will Thrive in 2005." Wayne Alan, a past FISM Grand Illusion Champion, did a parlor set, with silver dollars vanishing and reappearing one at a time under an upright glass. Stuart Finley did Gene Anderson's Torn & Restored Newspaper. Barry Taylor changed a cube into a thin square tube from which a 30-foot silk streamer and a beer bottle emerged. Former TVP John Roberts had us in stitches with a "6 Ball Juggling" gag complete with a red sponge nose and a propeller cap. Ring 50 Life Member Buddy Smith concluded the show with Fred Kaps' "Currency" presentation.



Jim Flanigan



Stu Finley



Jack Nance



Barry Taylor



John Roberts



Wayne Alan

Inaugural Magicians

Four Ring 50 members-- Eric Henning, Barry Taylor, Ken Norris and Dick Steiner--were among 10 professional magicians who performed at candlelight dinners for the second inauguration of President George Bush.

Eric, a former Ring 50 president, and Dick offered their magical talent at the National Building Museum along with Raj Madhok.

Ken, also a past president, and Barry, a longtime magic dealer and performer, were at the Washington Hilton on Connecticut Avenue along with Barry Wood and Karen Beriss.

Providing magical moments at Union Station were Mike Rose, Tim Hall and Bob Siepielski (aka Robert Priest).

Eric is the only magician in the world to perform at two consecutive presidential candlelight dinners. He has been performing his award-winning magic since 1975 including entertaining some of Washington's elite with his legerdemain

"We met up at at staging point at RFK Stadium around 4 p.m. and our driver got us to the Building Museum around 5," Eric noted. "At the Building Museum, security was extremely tight. They had everyone go through metal detectors and searched through all of our bags, which made for some humorous moments!"

Ring 50 officer seeking help in producing feature article

Ring 50 Sergeant-of-Arms Jason Goldberg is hoping to compile and submit to the Linking Ring magazine a Ring 50 Parade article. He would like to hear from anyone who is interested in participating.

"I'll compile, edit and so forth. I just need people willing to spend a little time writing up one of their routines that they'd like to share," Jason says.

Jason points out that the editors at Linking Ring have indicated that they would like to receive and publish contributions of magic tricks and stories.

"We took a few pictures, had a snack, loaded up and got to work," he said. "We worked the cocktail reception from about 6 p.m. to approximately 7:45 and then watched when the President and Mrs. Bush arrived around 8:30.

"People seemed to really enjoy the magic, and once the word got around the room that there were magicians, a crowd would gather whenever we started performing. We took different areas of the room, of course. By 7 o'clock it was packed with about 1,500 people! We left at the end of the event and had a great time."

Danny Archer's "On Target" lecture due at Ring 50 meeting

Danny Archer, a well-known magician whose home base is Denver, will deliver his "On Target" lecture at the May meeting of Ring 50. He has lectured all over the United States, Canada, Scotland, Wales, New Zealand, Australia, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden and England.

He has performed at conventions like the IBM national conventions in Kansas City in 2001 and San Diego in 2002, the British IBM national convention, Las Vegas Magic Invitational, Hank Lee's Cape Cod Conclave, Iowa State convention, LA State convention, Houdini Convention, Rocky Mountain Magic, Sydney Superday of Magic, the Scottish National convention and twice at the Tannen's Jubilee among others.

Danny specializes in magic acts for businesses. He performs at awards banquets, trade shows, company picnics, retirement parties, golf outings and special events. Archer customizes

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A magical trio at inaugural event

"Target" lecture due in May covers bases

his routines according to the event and even according to the type of business.

When he was 25 working in a tuxedo store in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., he met a professional magician working on a cruise ship. The encounter launched a whole new career as a professional magician.



Danny Archer

Danny's "On Target" lecture focuses on great practical magic with cards, coins, bills, photographs, wind-up animals and business cards.



LINKING RINGS -- Larry Lipman helps John Roberts perform a classic linking rings routine at a Ring 50 Hall of Fame presentation.