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Magi-Whirl Draws Closer

The time is NOW to buy your tickets and make your reservations for our 2007 Ring 50 Magi-Whirl. The big event is fast approaching. It will be staged April 13 and 14 at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, Va. The most important "thing" you can do to help is to participate in this event.

Get your tickets early and save some money off the admissions price. We have 780 seats for the Gala Show at \$10 per ticket. Tickets are a real bargain.

Do you belong to other fraternal or professional organizations? If so, perhaps some of these folks would like to come to the show as a group. Get them while they are still available.



RING MASTER--*Noland Montgomery shows an audience assistant some smooth moves with a 13-inch set of magical rings. He performed at our January meeting. See photo layout on pages 4 and 5.*

Have you bought your program ad yet? Ring 50 Treasurer Bob Patterson needs your program art to get the layout done in time for the show.

Vice President Mike Taggart, who is coordinating the weekend convention, will be calling more people to volunteer over the next week or so. If you have a preference but have not indicated to him what you are willing to do please email or call him with your preference. Specific chair people will be



Tim Sonefelt set to lecture, perform. announced at the February meeting of Ring 50.

Magi-Whirl is shaping up to be an annual national event. We have received a lot of chatter on the internet that is very positive. Comments about Magi-Whirl have been posted on 17 magic-related forums on the Internet.

Updates or comments come in each week from The Magic Bunny, The Mad Hatter, The Coin Purse, Online Visions, The Magic Cafe, Zebulon Magic, Genie, PenguinMagic.com, Pine Belt Magic, Magic Video Depot, Magic Directory, Magic Talk, Club Magic, The Spook Club, Hocus Pocus Roundtable, Grand Illusions, Steve Johnson and Global Magic News.

Teach-in will offer help on sleights, moves

Have you ever wondered about some of those special sleights or moves with cards, coins and balls. You won't want to miss Ring 50's next meeting. A special panel will be there to help on everything from Elmsley counts to double lifts and more.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007

HOLIDAY INN
IN ALEXANDRIA

2460 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA

6:00 Cocktails

6:45 Dinner

8:00 Meeting/Show

Coming Events



The Theory and Art of Magic program at Pennsylvania's Muhlenberg College 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, Las Vegas
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/>.

Shakespeare's Magical Wizard Michael Taggart will perform his levitation and renaissance show at the Helen Hayes Gallery.

Place: National Theatre in Washington
Date: Jan. 27 at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Cost: Admission is free. Tickets are given out 30 minutes prior to each show.

Contact: <http://www.nationaltheatre.org>.

The 2007 MAES Convention sponsored by the Magicians' Alliance of Eastern States

Date: Aug. 23-25, 2007

Place: Trevoise, PA

Location: The Radisson Hotel, 2400 Old Lincoln Highway at US Route 1, Trevoise, PA 19053. Phone 215-638-8300

Lifetime dues for MAES are \$15. To join, fill out a membership form and send it to:

Joe Curcillo, MAES Secretary
3964 Lexington Street
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Lecture at Denny & Lee Magic Studio
325 South Maryln Avenue, Baltimore

Steve Reynolds, a close student of the late Brother John Hamman's work, will lecture on the late magical master's work.

Date: Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20

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

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



Paul Krandl

Daily Magic in Ancient Egypt

Place: Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore

Dates: Occurs every week on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday continuing through Nov. 18, 2007.

Time: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost: Admission free.

Contact: <http://www.thewalters.org/>

Special Note: This small exhibition features 46 amulets, scarabs, figurines and ritual objects associated with the belief in the power of magic in ancient Egypt.

"Illusions at Illusions" featuring Geo the Illusionist (Geoffery "Geo" Weber) on Friday evenings.

Dates: Jan. 26, Feb. 9 and Feb. 23 at 8 p.m.

Place: Illusions Thai Cafe (formerly Haad Thai), Mark Center shopping complex, 1472 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311

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

Society of American Magicians (SAM) Larry West Assembly 28

Date: Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

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

Theme: "All You Need is Love"

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

james@jamesmunton.com.

David Ben at the Smithsonian

Join renowned sleight-of-hand performer and magic historian David Ben for a special evening with theatrical recreations of stellar feats of legerdemain and illusion created by such luminaries as Charles Bertram, Harry Houdini and Dai Vernon. Author Daniel Stashower is host.

Date: Thursday, April 19.

Place: Location at the Smithsonian to be announced.

Cost: Smithsonian Resident Members, \$18; Seniors, \$16; General Admission, \$28.

Contact: Tickets are available at the Smithsonian Resident Associates Office, (202) 357-3030 M-F 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The Arts Barn in Gaithersburg

"The Comedy and Mystery Society" offers family-friendly entertainment and sleight-of-hand for ages 10 and up with a different show each time. Mark Phillips, Bob Sheets, Alain Nu and special guests perform.

Dates: Feb. 28, March 21, April 13, May 9 and May 25 at 8 p.m.

Place: Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, MD

Cost: \$15 residents, \$18 nonresidents on Wednesday nights; \$18 and \$21 on Friday evenings..

Contact: Telephone 301-258-6394 or www.gaithersburgmd.gov/artsbarn.

Between Ring 50 Magi-Gram issues, check out the latest news events and performances at the official Ring 50 site edited by Eric Henning: <http://ibmring50.blogspot.com>.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings,

Thanks to last month's performers. The theme, "Ring" magic, could have been redundant but the performers brought a lot of variety. We saw magic using finger rings to linking rings and it all was great. Thanks to Larry Lipman, Noland Montgomery, Bob Carnathan, Rucj Uffleman, Kevin Sievers, Scott McDonald and Eric Henning.

Welcome to our two newest members, Matt Hiller and Richard A. Kahane.

We had around 45 people in attendance, including eight guests, at the January meeting. Don Freedman brought up a discussion on how the club could sponsor some youth members in order to help and encourage them to join.

I visited Bertie Backus Junior High School last week and talked to the principal about forming a magic club there. I have to have a police clearance and TB test before I can volunteer to work with the students. Hopefully, we can help some children to be better students and we can open their eyes to the joy of magic.

Magi-Whirl is almost here. We have been assigning members to committees. Larry Lipman is handling the advertising and Bill Wells is managing the box office. If these are areas that you can help with, please contact them to volunteer.

I hope to have a meeting with the executive committee before next month's club meeting so we can tie up any loose ends with Magi-Whirl. Have you purchased your discounted ticket yet? Have you been talking with your friends and family about attending the Gala Show?

Let's try to get as many advance sales as possible. Let's roll up our sleeves and get ready for the final push. We can make this a convention that Ring 50 can be proud of.

Thanks, *Dwight*



Dwight Redman

Barry's Magic to vacate site, go elsewhere

Barry's Magic Shop in Wheaton, Md., is expected to vacate its home of more than 30 years some time after April. The shop's owners are still exploring relocation possibilities.

The owners, Barry Taylor and Susie Kang, have rallied their customers and the general public for months to keep the site at 11234 Georgia Avenue in Wheaton open. However, Montgomery County has proceeded with an eviction action through the Wheaton Redevelopment Program to undertake a public works project.

The county has encouraged the shop to relocate at another site in Wheaton, but higher rental costs and the availability of appropriate buildings remain a hurdle. Meanwhile, the shop's operators have looked at other places outside of Wheaton including one at White Flynt Plaza which appears attractive and has parking. Keep your eye out for the next home for Susie, Frankie the Wonder Dog, and Barry.

Dues due in February

Ring 50 dues for 2007-08 are due by the February meeting. They are \$15 for the year. Make checks payable to **IBM Ring 50**. Cash will be accepted at the meeting providing you have the correct change. You can also send a check to Ring 50 Treasurer Bob Patterson's home at 3450 Wainscott Place, Lake Ridge, VA 22192.

Advertising being solicited for Magi-Whirl program

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.

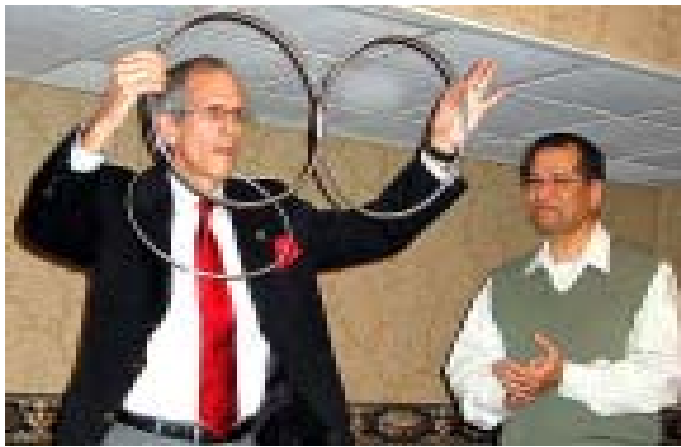
Magi-Whirl 2007 Schedule

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 Sonfelt](#) 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)



Noland Montgomery performed a rapid-fire, streamlined linking ring routine using three 13-inch rings with one member from the audience participating in the routine.



Kevin Sievers offered a routine to music combining parts of Aldo Colombini and Jeff McBride's linking ring set.



Scott McDonald did two rope and ring effects. The first was called Quicksilver. A single ring was removed from the rope even though a young spectator saw the rope was firmly wrapped around it right up to the point it seemingly melted through the cord. The second effect was Double Quicksilver. Two rings of different sizes were tied onto the rope. While an assistant held the ends, the ring of their choosing was removed.



Bob Carnathan did a multiple routine with knots on a rope that came off the rope several times. He then amazed us with a ring and rope routine.



Eric Henning borrowed a gold wedding band from one of two audience helpers. The ring was threaded onto a ribbon and the assistants held both ends as well as a wand. The ring magically left the ribbon and was seen merrily spinning on the center of the wand!



Rucj Uffelmann used a borrowed finger ring and made it pass through a rope. He ended his routine showing the ring was hypnotic and floated to a vertical position at his fingertips.



Lorenzo the Great (Larry Lipman) closed the evening's performances with a version of David Ginn's "Comedy Linking Rings" with the assistance of two young volunteers from the audience.



Ring 50 President Dwight Redman began the "Ring Night" performances with a ring and rope combination passing solid through solid.

Ringing in the new year!

Eight performers used everything from linking rings to finger rings to produce an excellent night of entertainment at the January meeting of Ring 50.