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The Amazing Carl Andrews Lectures at Ring 50

MAGI-WHIRL APRIL 12 & 13, 2019

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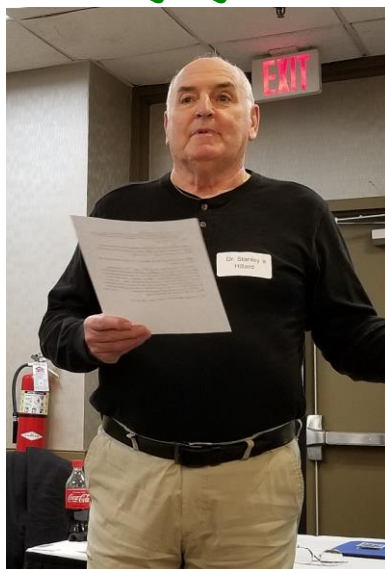
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March 6th Meeting Highlights



President Stan Hillard

There were 52 magicians and guests that braved the bitter cold to attend Ring 50's monthly meeting on March 6th. The main attraction for the evening was a lecture by master magician **Carl Andrews** from North Carolina, described by Ring 50 President **Stan Hillard** as a "consummate professional". But first a few Announcements.

Ring 50 President Stan Hillard welcomed guests **Julie Potyraj** and **Thomas Koslewski** and also new members **Adam Stone** and **Brian Zimble** who were voted in unanimously.

President Hillard reminded the audience there will be no regular meeting in April due to the staging of our annual Magi-Whirl that month. The May meeting will be devoted to the Annual Dan Lacey Competition for "Magician of the

Year". The 50/50 drawing was held in two parts: The wad of cash going to **Julie Potyraj** and a second drawing for a Hexagonal Ellis Ring was won by **Thomas Kislewski**.

Coming up next few months: April 12 & 13 will be Magi-Whirl 2019, and May 1 Dan Lacey Contest. Be sure to register for Magi-Whirl 2019. The earlier you register the more choices of assigned seating. See page 4 for additional Magi-Whirl 2019 information.

President Hillard made a strong plea for members to do their utmost in getting the word out about the coming Magi-Whirl and the need for maximum effort in selling tickets. The goal is an audience of 900 and sales are lagging.

Ryan Mulvaney Performs



Louis Meyer, Ryan Mulvaney & Adam Stone.

At the finish of the Ring 50 business meeting and before the lecture began, Counts of Conjuring member **Ryan Mulvaney** expertly performed the *Stack of 5* trick he had learned at the Counts learning session conducted by **Louis Meyer**.

Carl Andrews Lecture

(by John Roberts,
photos by Mike Wolfson)



Carl Andrews, Jr. is a professional with snappy routines developed and tested under fire in real life performance. He calls his performance “Mental Comedy”, a show that happens in your mind! Most important of all, there is some of the most straight-from-the-shoulder practical advice on making a living with close-up magic. His tips on booking and working restaurants are pure gold.

His mental comedy show has made him a favorite after-dinner entertainer for many top Fortune 500 companies. He is an International Award-Winning performer, lecturer, and author of several highly acclaimed books and instructional videos.



Julie Potyraj, Carl Andrews, and Caleb Rudow.

President Hillard introduced Carl Andrews who quickly won over the audience with his easy charm and humor. He invited

Julie Potyraj and her friend **Caleb Rudow** to join him at the table where they remained for the entire show. Julie and Caleb are lay people so it was fascinating to see their unrestrained shock and genuine amazement at Carl’s tricks.

During the course of his lecture, Carl blended practical advice, humor and greatly entertaining tricks which he explained in detail. Among them were: a copper-silver transposition with non-gimmicked coins; an effect called “You don’t know Jack” involving an origami frog that Julie kissed and turned into a (signed) prince; a superb Black Jack routine and a deceptively simple effect called “Teach me one” for those occasions when a spectator wants to learn a trick.



Carl Andrews and Caleb Rudow.

Along the way, Carl showed the audience special moves such as a friction toss with coins, a snap double lift, a pressure fan peek and Greg Wilson’s “Pit Stop”. This last one (hiding an object under your arm) came during his final trick of the evening which was a cups and sponge balls effect called “Eeny Meeny – no Mo”. Carl said sponge balls work just as well as the usual ones and are better than bulky fruit as final loads.



Julie Potyraj and Carl Andrews.

With that part of the lecture over, Carl went on to describe some of the ins and outs of walk-around and table-hopping magic, as well as working trade shows and cruise ships. During this and the first part of the lecture Carl mixed in humorous stories accumulated in his travels. Some of these involved performing magic for celebrities and the very wealthy, including the Fortune 500. He has performed in most of Europe and the U.S. including Las Vegas, Atlantic City and the Magic Castle. After Carl ended his presentation and the applause had died down, audience members donned their cold-weather gear and left knowing they had been well entertained and educated in magic by, as Stan Hillard said, “A consummate professional”

SEE YOU AT MAGI-WHIRL!

John S. Roberts

**NO RING 50 Meeting
for April.**

**Be sure to attend Magi-Whirl April 12 & 13.
Hope to see you there!**





The Ring 50 Magi-Whirl 2019 convention will be held in a new venue, Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Dr, in Alexandria, Virginia which has ideal facilities including a 981-seat theater for the Gala Show.

Time is running out to register for Magi-Whirl 2019 on April 12-13, the best and longest-running magic convention in the region!

Our 2019 event will feature lectures by illusionist **Gustavo Raley**, children's entertainer **Christopher T. Magician**, coin master **David Roth**, and I.B.M. international president **Michael Finney**.

Each convention registration includes admission to all lectures, the dealer hall, close-up shows, and one Gala Show ticket. You can purchase additional Gala Show tickets for friends and family.

In addition to master of ceremonies **Michael Finney** and performances by **Gustavo Raley** and **Christopher T. Magician**, our show this year will feature performances by magical entertainer **Jessica Jane**, comedy juggler **Niels Duinker**, and D.C.'s magician of the year **Christophe Jelinski!**

Registration is just \$85 for Ring 50 members and \$100 for non-members in advance. Prices go up \$10 at the door, so be sure to register **NOW** at www.Magi-Whirl.org.

We have topnotch entertainers, lecturers, and magic vendors for Ring 50's premier event of the year. Magi-Whirl Co-Chairmen
March 2019

Danny Selnick and Craig Fifer are anticipating a huge turn-out for this event.

Please tell your magician friends about the convention and everyone you know about the Gala Show -- all the details are available at www.Magi-Whirl.org!

President Stan Hillard emphasized that we must make an all-out effort to publicize Magi-Whirl and for each member of Ring 50 to sell 10 Gala show tickets to ensure it is a financial success. See www.magi-whirl.org for current information. Registration is online only. Do it TODAY!

Dan Lacey Competition to Pick-Title Holder "Magician of the Year"

Sharpen up your skills and compete at the **May 1st** meeting for the Dan Lacey Memorial Trophy and the title "**Magician of the Year**". The winner will receive a rotating trophy, a spot to perform at the 2020 Ring 50 Magi-Whirl, and a free convention registration.

All paid-up Ring 50 members both new and veteran members can seek the title. A panel of judges will declare the winner.

The late Dan Lacey was a president of Ring 50 (1999-2000) who inspired others--especially newcomers to magic--to hone their skills. The contest provides an opportunity to recognize the exceptional magic skills of our members. The contest was started in 2003 to honor the deceased magician.

Contact President Stan Hillard: President@IBMRing50.Org or call 703-430-4534 if you are interested in being in the competition.



Dan Lacey

Keep Your I.B.M. Membership Current

You must be an active member of I.B.M. to belong to Ring 50. If you haven't already, don't forget to keep your membership active in the International Brotherhood of Magicians to enjoy the benefits of membership. Send dues to: International Brotherhood of Magicians, 13 Point West Blvd, St. Charles, Missouri, USA 63301



Other Conventions & Shows

March 15 & 16, 2019
Max Major Mentalist
National Harbor
<http://maxmajor.net/dc>

March 22-23, 2019
**Abbotts 40th Close-up
Convention**
Colon, MI

April 24-27, 2019
Fechter's Finger Flicking Frolic
Batavia, NY



Alan Anderson -	14-Mar
Dan Miller -	15-Mar
Drew Owen -	15-Mar
Bob Greenwald -	20-Mar
John Roberts -	25-Mar
Robert Brantner -	1-Apr
Jacob M. Miller -	1-Apr
Gil Jackson -	4-Apr
Mitchell Marovitz -	9-Apr
Michael N. Leggett -	18-Apr
Bob Weiman -	18-Apr

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



It's All In The Numbers

A couple of years ago two of my then high school grandkids decided that they were going to do long distance running. In discussing the sport with them I told them that setting an "appropriate" pace early on was important and, at the end of the race, they needed to have the stamina and ability to produce a strong finish. Finishing strong would be the result of terrific conditioning, but the former would be dictated by paying attention to the evolving numbers during the race and how the competition was running the race. It was not just setting a pace that was comfortable for them and then trying to sprint at the end to make up for a misguided pace early on.

They, of course, being high school hot shots got none of my message. In discussing their first race with them I asked them what drove their early pace. They said it just seemed right for them. What just seemed right for them put them twelve hundred feet behind the leader with a quarter of a mile to go. I asked them if the numbers told them anything. Their pace had put them in a position which would require them to run twice as fast as the leader in order to catch him. Ain't going to happen.

I told them that the concept of "pace" and "end kick" were all sound but that they had to modulate both of these during any particular race in order to assure that they would be "there" in the end. Modulation is a hard concept to grasp and apply - easy to talk about sitting around the coffee table, but difficult on the track. I told them about the most dramatic example I was aware of regarding the modulation of pace and end kick by citing the running of Steve Prefontaine of the University of Oregon who was taken from us far too early in a violent car crash at age 24 in 1975. At the great displeasure of his coaches "Pre" would often set a pace that was extreme. And his final thrust always left it all on the track. He once said, "Somebody may beat me, but they are going to have to bleed to do it".

With Magi-Whirl 2019 I feel that we are in a race that we may win or we may lose. We have put ourselves out there this year with a stellar set of performers and lecturers, and a quality venue. But our numbers of tickets sold and magicians attending at this point in the race are not as good as we require. Can our "final kick" do it for us. Our ability to have a Ring 50 program that entertains and teaches us, and provides us with all the magical opportunities we want from perhaps the most incredible Ring in the IBM depends on the success of this one event.

It is time for the "final kick" from all our membership. I don't know if our pace in putting together this year's Magi-Whirl was brilliant but we now have a little less than a month for our "final kick" to make it all a success - a win. You have recently received a short note from me and an attachment of our public Gala Show flyer. Please do your share by printing off flyers and get them to people that might enjoy this wonderful event. Families,

friends, neighbors, strangers on the street are all eligible candidates to whom we might sell tickets. Much depends on it. Please be proactive in your efforts. As "Pre" once said "To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift." Ring 50 is a gift to us all. The quality of our program and efforts is high - something we don't want to sacrifice. Please step up and make this year's Magi-Whirl incredible. I count on your help.

Magically yours,

Stan Hillard,
President, I.B.M. Ring 50

RING 50 MAGIC FOR SALE

Ring 50 has great magic items and DVDs from the Paul White collection for sale. The proceeds go to I.B.M. Ring 50. Price is HALF of the current retail price (retail price marked on package).

Some are new, some are nearly new, and some are slightly used. Most have been reviewed and all pieces have been assembled and sealed in the packaging. Be sure to review the URL listed at the right side of the spreadsheet for explanations of the items.

Send the Ring 50 Curator Bob Patterson an email at: [Magic.Bob@Comcast.Net] and we can work out delivery. **The magic and DVD listing for sale 10 is attached to Magi-Gram email.**



"Have YOU registered for Magi-Whirl 2019?"

Register online at:
www.Magi-Whirl.Org

Do it today!

Counts of Conjuring

Meets May 1st

6:00 pm

NO MEETING IN APRIL



The International Brotherhood of Magicians, National Capitol Ring 50, "Counts of Conjuring" meets first Wednesday of every month at the Holiday Inn at 2460 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria, VA. at 6:00pm. The "Counts" is a way for youths to learn about magic and the performance of magic.

Louis the Magician teaches the *Discover Magic* course. This is an amazing course that not only will teach the youths magic but will also teach them important "life-skills". This class is normally taught in after-school programs and summer camps and costs \$275 per child but will be FREE for the Counts of Conjuring (only cost is \$40 for the actual magic tricks).

Each month the youths will learn one new magic trick and have a chance to perform it. The Counts of Conjuring is for youths 8 to 17 years.

**Third meeting of 2019:
May 1, 2019, 6:00pm**

Magic Quickies Needed

Send John Roberts a short trick you would like to share with newsletter readers. He will pick the best one (in his judgement), one for each edition of the Magi-Gram. There are no guidelines other than the entry should be brief, simple, doable and fun; the offbeat and quirky are encouraged. Send to John:

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March 2019



A Magic Quickie

Edited by
John Roberts

March Quickie

YOU FIND YOUR CARD

By Lu Brent from Jean Hugard's
"Encyclopedia of Card Tricks"

This is one of my favorite tricks with a borrowed deck. Allow the spectator to shuffle the cards then divide them into two packets and give you either one "to make the trick a little shorter."

Tell him that while your back is turned he is to select any card from his packet from his packet, note (or sign) it and place it face down on top. While he is doing this, turn your back with your elbows pressed tightly against your sides to hide your movements. Reverse the bottom card and the second card from the top. When the spectator is ready, turn around and place your packet on top of his. "Now your card is somewhere in the middle – and you, not me, are going to find it". Tell him to put the deck behind his back, remove the top card and place it on the bottom "to keep things fair". Explain that a "chaser/finder card" is needed to find the selection. Tell him to reverse the new top card and slide it face up into the middle of the deck. When the deck is spread face down a face up card will be sitting to the right of the selection. Dramatically revealing it "proves" the spectator found it himself.

Secret: When he reverses the top card he is simply restoring it to a face down anonymous condition that is lost when inserted into the deck.

The face up card to the right of the selection is the card on the bottom of your packet you originally turned face up at the beginning. Since it is the only face up card in the spread, the spectator assumes it is the same one he reversed himself. Be sure to point out that the spectator did all the work in finding his own chosen card. I hope you enjoy this "Quickie".

John S. Roberts
Quickie Editor

Ring 50 Treasurer Collecting Dues



The Ring 50 annual dues of \$20 for 2019 were due by 28 February. To stay current you may mail your dues to the Ring 50 Treasurer, **Mike Peckham**, Make checks payable to **IBM Ring 50**.

Send a check to his home address at 901 15th Street South, #1515, Arlington, VA 22202-5041. Or you may pay by PayPal to: [\[payments@ibmring50.org\]](mailto:payments@ibmring50.org). Be sure to indicate that the money is for 2019 dues.

Enjoy your Ring activities and the Magi-Gram throughout 2019 by paying your dues soon.

Thanks!

RING 50 MEETING LOCATION

Holiday Inn

2460 Eisenhower Ave
Alexandria, VA.

6:00 Counts of Conjuring

6:00 Dinner

7:30 Meeting

Ring 50 New Members & Applications

New members are always welcome at Ring 50. You must be interested in magic (full time or part time performer, hobbyist, collector, etc.)

You must join and be an active member of International Brotherhood of Magicians to belong to Ring 50.

Be sure to keep your membership active in the I.B.M. to enjoy the benefits of membership. Send your I.B.M. dues to: International Brotherhood of Magicians, 13 Point West Blvd, St. Charles, Missouri, USA 63301

Membership

Have YOU brought a prospective member to the meeting? They must be interested in magic and be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Applications are available from the Secretary Marc Carrion.

The 2019 I.B.M. convention will be in Scottsdale, AZ, July 10 – 13, 2019.
 Registration \$299.00 (until April 1, 2019)
 Spouse \$210.00
 See you there!

Reserve your Talking Stick Resort room early!!!



What is Irish and comes out in the Spring?

Ans: Paddy O'Furniture

Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

Ans: Regular rocks are too heavy.

How did the Irish Jig get started?

Too much to drink and not enough restrooms!

O'Reilly went to trial for armed robbery. The jury foreman came out and announced, "Not guilty." "Oh my!" shouted Reilly. "Does that mean I get to keep the money?"

Knock-knock!

Who's there?

Irish.

Irish who?

Irish you a happy St. Patrick's Day!

NO RING 50 Meeting for April.

Be sure to attend Magi-Whirl April 12 & 13. Hope to see you there!

Ring 50 Shirts for Sale



There seems to be an interest in doing the Ring 50 shirts again. If you are interested let Bob Patterson know [Magic.Bob@Comcast.Net]. The anticipated cost is \$30 (2XL & 3XL add \$3). Sizes available are: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, & 3XL. The shirts will be light blue made of easy care material with button-down collar. The sharp look is complete normally with a box back pleat and patch pocket. Minimum order is 8 shirts. If we get that many requests I'll order them.

Have you paid your Ring 50 dues for 2019?



IBM Ring 50 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

Apr 12 & 13 **MAGI-WHIRL**

May 1 Dan Lacy Contest

Jun 5 TBA, Officer Election

July No meeting in July
 See you at the I.B.M. Convention Scottsdale AZ.
 July 10-13, 2019.

Aug 7 Past Presidents Perform, & Installation of Officers



Michael Finney



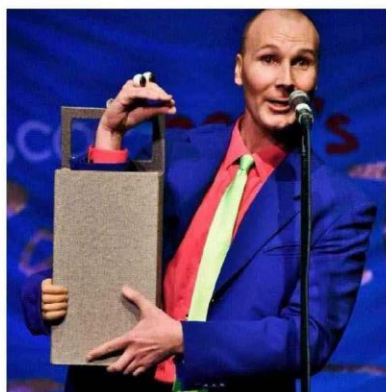
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Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center,
4915 E. Campus Dr, in Alexandria, VA
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Jane



Christophe
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Michael
Finney

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center
4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria Virginia

Close-Up Magic starts at 6:00 pm
Stage show starts at 7:00 pm

Tickets start at just \$20 in advance for adults and \$15 for children
Tickets at the door for an additional \$5

Purchase your tickets today at www.magi-whirl.com