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Glen Morphew Lectures at Ring 50

No Meeting in JULY - See you August 7th

June Meeting Highlights

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Vice President Craig Fifer

In the absence of our vacationing president, Stan Hillard, the June meeting was conducted by Vice-President **Craig Fifer** with 46 attendees. There were some quick reminders about SAM Assembly 6 Flea market on Saturday June 8th at the Magic Warehouse in Baltimore.

Also a reminder about **Reggie Rice's Fool of Illusions** show. You can stay up to date on Reggie's illusion show on his website <https://www.foolofillusions.com>.

Christophe Jelinski will be the guest performer at IBM Ring 94 annual banquet in Hagerstown, on June 26th.

Alec Negri is performing at the Stage Coach Theater Company in Ashburn, VA on Friday nights, and you can't miss him if you want to see some good magic (see more info on page 5).

Laurie Curry mentioned that **Jim Flanigan** wrote a book about his life, and that he welcomes anyone that wants to stop by to chat with him. Jim was the Magi-Gram Editor 2001-2009 and in 2009 he

was awarded the Ring 50 SABAR award recipient.

After all the many reminders, Craig updated the group about the possibility for a new location, so we are continuing to look for meeting locations that would accommodate the needs of our big group.

Craig proposed different committees for the new year, a program committee, a Magi-Whirl committee, Budgeting and Auditing, Bylaws, Dan Lacey, Membership and Membership outreach, and possible others (see page 3). Anyone who wants to volunteer and help with the operation of the Ring, please contact Craig Fifer or any other member of the board.

We got a final date for Magi-Whirl 2020, it will be again at the Rachel Schlesinger Arts Center on March 6 & 7.

Glen Morphew Lecture



Glen Morphew

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Glen Morphey

Lecture

By John Roberts
Photos by Mike Wolfson

Glenn Morphey was still enthused by his recent appearance on “Penn and Teller: Fool Us” when he came to lecture Ring 50 for its June meeting. Penn. & Teller claimed Glenn did not fool them with his cards to pocket routine (E=MC²) but sure fooled his Ring 50 audience when he performed it - and then he explained the same effect to his audience.

Glenn is a 40-year pro who specializes mainly in private parties, corporate events and trade shows. He says his goals in magic are performing, creating and teaching slight-of-hand magic and elevating it “above suspicion” in the hands of audience members. His achievement is a “Bulletproof technique that has been refined over the years in the real world”. Glenn has an added advantage – he looks like an average blue-collar joe, maybe a football coach (he was a wrestler) who knows a few tricks. This unaffected exterior hides a consummate performer and technician and his effects seem extra amazing because they come from such a down-to-earth guy.



Morphey with ring finger routine.

Glenn opened with a bewildering ring-on/off finger routine that he said was ideal for those situations where somebody calls on you to “show me a trick”.

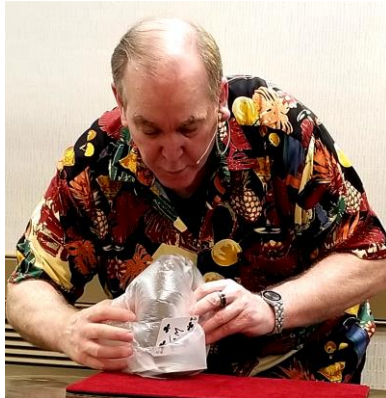
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In this case, the ring, worn on the left middle finger is always there are ready for use.



The rising card effect

Next up was a “set” of card tricks: “Viagra”, a rising card effect (of course), “Impossible Transition” where cards instantly change places as in a David Copperfield stage trick, “Mr. Stickman” (a figure drawn on a card does amazing magic), and “Houdini” which drew gasps from the audience.



Selected card penetrates plastic bag.

A chosen card was mixed into a deck which was placed in a filmy transparent bag. Glenn breathed into the bag to inflate it and the selection visibly penetrated the bag. In each case, Glenn explained each of his moves thoroughly, which, were greatly entertaining.

Glenn then moved on to one of his favorites “Perils of Playing the 3 shell game for money”. To him, it was great fun learning the trick (with Bob Sheets) and just playing with it in idle moments. He showed

his “Personal Security System” – a slimmed down version of “Extreme Burn” by Richard Sanders in which one dollar bills change to fives in the blink of the eye and back again. “It’s the Rules” was a very entertaining routine with two large dice which, unlike a tiger, changed their spots repeatedly.



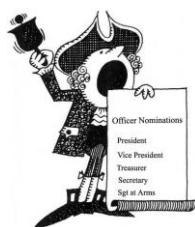
The Alien Ring

“The Alien Ring” was a superb ring-and-rope routine, doable by most members of the audience. It seemed natural to continue the alien theme with “The Twilight Zone” a card effect with Tom Key playing the role of Rod Sterling.

Glenn ended his lecture by returning to the paste-boards with another cards-to-pocket routine called “Four Magic Moves” which included tutorials on a one-handed top palm and a rub-a-dub move for vanishing a card. Then Glenn wrapped up with “Weight-Trix” – a marvelous 3-dimensional matrix effect done with small brass assayer’s weights that, under the bare cover of his hands, cavorted around the table like pinballs.

Glenn had a final word to his audience while performing: “Shift your focus away from the pleasure you derive from doing tricks, to the gift of magic you are giving others”. All the tricks in the lecture were for sale after the lecture. Afterwards, audience members felt that Glenn Morphey’s lecture was one of the best ever.

Ring 50 Officers Elected



Election was Held June 5

The following officers were elected to the Ring 50 Executive Committee for 2019-2020.

President: Craig Fifer
Vice Pres: Danny Selnick
Secretary: Larry Lipman
Treasurer: Mike Peckham
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Magi-Gram Ed: Marc Carrion

Board of Directors

Sr. Director: John Roberts
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The new officers will be inducted into office by the **Territorial Vice President, Dwight Redman**, at the August 7th meeting and take office immediately.



Laura Marvel -	31-Jun
Kevin McGuire -	1-Jul
Thomas Cushing -	4-Jul
Doug Jarman -	11-Jul
Alfred Albers -	30-Jul
Dwight Redman -	13-Aug
Matt Hiller -	13-Aug
Herb M. Hughes -	16-Aug

Ring 50 Needs You!



As an all-volunteer organization, Ring 50 relies on its members to help make our meetings and events a success. If you can help with one or more of the following committees, please email:

craig@ibmring50.org:

Program

Recommends programming for each Ring 50 meeting, including guest lecturers and performers, member performances and teach-ins, and other activities.

Magi-Whirl Committee: Plans and executes Ring 50's annual convention and public gala show.

Budget Committee: Prepares an annual Ring 50 budget for presentation to the Executive Committee.

Auditing Committee: Audits Ring 50's financial records and makes a report to the Executive Committee.

Sam Shapiro SABAR Award Committee: Recommends potential recipients for the Sabar Award, which is given in some years when warranted to a current Ring 50 member for exceptional performance or service over an extended period.

Dan Lacey Award Committee: Organizes Ring 50's annual contest to determine the Magician of the Year, who will also perform at the following year's Magi-Whirl public gala show.

By-Laws Review Committee: Reviews Ring 50's Constitution and By-Laws and recommends any necessary changes to the Executive Committee.

Membership Committee: Plans and conducts activities to attract and retain a diverse Ring 50 membership.

Facilities Committee: Identifies and assists with logistics of potential venues for Ring 50 meetings and special events.

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



RING 50 MEETING LOCATION

Holiday Inn

2460 Eisenhower Ave
Alexandria, VA.

6:00 Counts of Conjuring
6:00 Dinner
7:30 Meeting

Other Conventions & Shows

July 10-13, 2019
International Brotherhood of
Magicians (I.B.M.)
Scottsdale, Arizona

August 4-7, 2019
MAGIC Live!
Las Vegas, NV

August 7-10, 2019
Abbott's Get Together
Colon, Michigan

August 21-24, 2019
KIDabra
Atlanta, GA

August 30 - September 1
Midwest Magic Jubilee
St. Louis, MO

Counts of Conjuring Meets August 7th 6:00 pm



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.

See you there!

August 7, 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:

Barjorobts@comcast.net



Edited by
John Roberts

June Quickie

Nine Card

(Marc Carrion's Tarot version of
The Nine-Card Problem by Jim
Steinmeyer)

From a shuffled deck, the spectator removes nine cards and mixes them. You deal three piles with three cards each then the spectator looks at one of the bottom cards and remembers it. Put that packet on top of another one and the two of them on top of the third. Their selection is now third from the top. Ask him to name any card in the deck in the deck and to spell it. Ex: Ten of Hearts. Deal T-E-N and place the remainder on top. Then O-F and do the same thing. Spell H-E-A-R-T-S and place rest on top of the others. The selection is now fifth from the top. Believe it or not, this works with any card named. Now you can spell M-A-G-I-C or whatever five or four letter word you like to reveal the selection. Marc's contribution is to use Tarot cards to talk about the game with death himself and finding your destiny. Nine cards from the Tarot are used and the words "WHEEL OF FORTUNE" or the card itself is used for the spelling part (it works with the pattern) and "DEATH" for the final reveal. The death card must be the third from the top at the outset of the trick BYFM. Direct any questions to Marc at MarcCarrion@gmail.com.

John S. Roberts
Quickie Editor



The 2019 I.B.M. convention
will be in Scottsdale, AZ,
July 10 – 13, 2019.

Registration \$329.00

Spouse \$210.00

Youth I.B.M. Member \$150.00

Register TODAY!

Online Registration closes July 1.

See you there!

**Reserve your Talking
Stick Resort room early!!!**

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 is attached to Magi-Gram email.**



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.

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ATTEND THE MEETING



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.



Check Ring 50's Website

You can always check the latest Ring 50 scheduled event at:

www.IBMRing50.Org.

If you find yourself in a photo and would like an electronic copy, please e-mail Bob Patterson (Magic.Bob@Comcast.Net) and he will be happy to send you a copy in jpg format.

Magicians' Alliance of Eastern States Convention



September 5-7, 2019. The MAES convention will be held at the **Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill**,

2349 West Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002. Featuring: Kyle & Mistie Knight, Stuart McDonald, Torkova, Craig Diamond, Carisa Hendrix, Erik Tait, Erick Olson, Michael Trixx, Denny Corby, Ryan Edwards, and Tucker Rudo.

See www.maesonline.org

REMINDER

NO Ring 50 Meeting in JULY 2019

IBM Ring 50 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

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

Sep 4 ... TBA



Sly's Magic Show Dates 2019

June 15 July 13
August 2 September 13
October 11 November 8
December 13



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