

Ring Report Ring #170 “The Bev and Alouise Bergeron Ring” SAM #99

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President David Freeman called the meeting to order with 27 people present. We had a guest, Malek Santos and return guests, Phil Kaiser, and Kayla Adams.

The Board of Directors has awarded life-time members Bob and Val Swaddling and Ed McGowan the honor of being “Lifetime Members” for their service to the club and the magical arts. Also given awards were Craig Fennessey and Ryan Stiner for their past service as presidents.

President Freeman led us into a discussion about recalling the first magic trick that we did. The Svengali Deck seemed the most mentioned.

Phil Schwartz presented number 105 in his series Magic History Moments on Thayer Marketing. He showed how Vermont-born magic maker and dealer, Floyd Thayer, impressively promoted his company’s magic with unique and creative efforts. Phil showed Thayer souvenirs given at SAM (1914) and IBM (1927) gatherings, pocket-sized catalogs, book catalogs and Thayer publications including the Thayer Magical Bulletin (1914-1925), Thayer Ballygram (1925-1943) and the Trick of the Month Club (1931-1934). Phil also showed several of Thayer’s famous turned pieces — a Nikko silk ball, a dye tube, a ball vase and a rice vase. Our club historian also did a little magic himself. He poured rice into the Thayer rice vase and changed it into an orange.

The meeting show began with Bob Swaddling showing his amazing ability to cut to any card names in the deck. He then went into a tribute to his friend, the late Tommy Cooper of England by wearing and using a fez and many of the classic Cooper comedy lines. He concluded with a coconut appearing under the fez.

Dennis Phillips and Dan Stapleton teaming up with adaptations of the classic Binary Cards. Dan had an interactive method of revealing the unknown number by having the audience stand up and then sit down if he correctly revealed the secret chosen number. Dennis

Phillips did a mind reading effect, using the same method, but hid the simple mathematics by using word lists rather than numbers.

Paul Thomey had a clever 5 cards to pocket routine done one at a time. Kayla Adams and Phil Kaiser did a mind reading effect using a long strip of paper with dozens of popular song titles. A spectator chose where to cut the paper and Kayla was able to get a mental impression of the song. Greg Solomon filled us in on his recent lecture tour of Scotland and has a collection of funny gags. One effect had a spectator select one of 5 cards but somehow all the cards became the same one and a fan of cards instantly became all different size cards.

Mike Flanigan combined a reveal of a selected card and the classic seated “Slick Tie” rope escape. He got a great response. Ryan Stiner did a show-and-tell with his collection of Tarot cards. Phil Kaiser finished out the show with metal bending of a fork and a great presentation of Dan Harlan’s “Hold it Buster” which is a family story of a card game used to get a boy to do family chores.

Dennis Phillips



Bob and Val Swaddling



Craig Fennessey



David Freeman

Ryan Stiner



Phil Schwartz with Thayer Props from his lecture on Thayer and the Thayer Marketing Methods

(Photos by Craig Fennessey)

Meeting policy:

Face masks, if you wear one, will not be ridiculed. We are understanding that some people may be immunocompromised. We also respect your personal choices.

Stay prepared, healthy, and informed about current Public Health issues and contagious outbreaks.

Be respectful of others and if you suspect you have any contagious illness , avoid group contact.



Dennis Deliberations ... Ring # 170, Assembly #99

“The Bev and Alouise Bergeron Ring”

First of all, its coming soon in just a few days ! We are back in the swing. It has been a while and so far we have had an incredible amount of interest and swap tables are almost sold out.

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A young Bev Bergeron (our Ring namesake) in Baytown, Texas in the 1940s.



I have a big favor to ask from my magic friends! It will cost you nothing

PLEASE WATCH and Click on “Like” and “Subscribe” on this and Mark O’Brien’s other clips.

You will see a lot of his original and unique illusions and routines.

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I worked on this film and was an assistant director .

My long-time friend Mark O’Brien is a You Tube presence, and you can enjoy all his posts and videos with magic and illusions.

This clip, from his feature film , “Walking Though Fires”. You will see his biographic magic background .

He continues trying to find out who committed arson on his property and destroyed hundreds of thousands of dollars of his illusions and production equipment in two storage sheds in two fires.

The fires, in 1999, crushed his dream of creating a magic attraction on I-Drive, Orlando. The movie is a compelling mystery with corruption, and the worst aspects of cutthroat showbusiness.

Watch and subscribe



Scenes from the movie



Daytona Magic Convention cancelled for this year.

Dan & Ana Peterson



Daytona Magic Convention news

I wanted to write a personal note to everyone regarding this year's Daytona Festival of Magic convention scheduled for November.

My wife Ana was recently diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer and is currently undergoing treatment with surgery to follow. Unfortunately, her surgery is very likely to take place the same week as our convention. To add a further complication, a remodel delay issue with our chosen venue has just recently made the venue unavailable for our convention week.

Rather than try to force something into this year we have decided to postpone the convention into next year. This will allow us to deliver the kind of convention experience you have come to expect and deserve. Discussions are underway to bring an even bigger and better revamped convention than ever before, and we are confident you will be pleased when we roll out the details!

We thank everyone for their loyal patronage over the years and look forward to a great convention in the coming year. We will communicate more information, including new dates, location, etc. in the coming weeks with plenty of time for booking your travel and hotel arrangements.

Magical Regards,

Dan Peterson


President





Bondi advises, the Rocky Raccoon classic comedy gag is back!

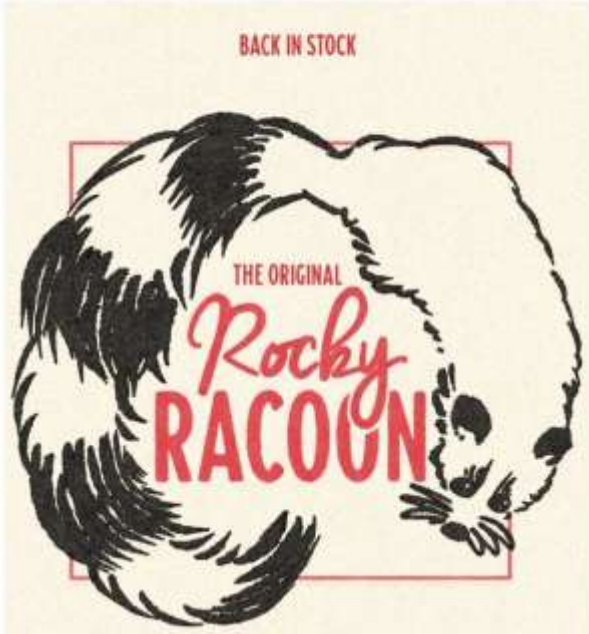
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The manufacturing rights and patterns were recently purchased, and now proper raccoons are available once again! These are authorized by Magic Masters and handle like a dream.

Dennis doing Family Magic



Martin Preston as John Calvert and the real Tammy Calvert at the last Magic History Conference.

I am on the left and Dan Stapleton is on the right in the photo.



LIST OF TOP 50 SONGS WITH THE WORD MAGIC OR MAGICAL THEMES

- Abracadabra – Steve Miller B&
- Dark Horse – Katy Perry
- Black Magic Woman – Santana
- Hocus Pocus – Focus
- Magical Mystery Tour – Beatles
- Could It Be Magic – Barry Manilow
- Could This Be Magic – The Dubs
- All The Magic – Natalie Imbruglia

- This Magic Moment – Drifters
- Puff the Magic Dragon – Peter, Paul & Mary
- Magic – The Cars
- Magic – Rivers Cuomo
- Magic – Olivia Newton-John
- Magic – Smash Mouth
- Magic – Colbie Caillat
- Magic – Coldplay
- Magic – Selena Gomez
- Magic – Pilot
- Magic Moments – Perry Como
- Magic Town – The Vogues
- Magic Bus – The Who
- Magic Time – Van Morrison
- Magic Power – Triumph
- Magic Dance – David Bowie
- Magic Stick – Li'l Kim with 50 Cent
- Magic Man – Heart
- Magic Fingers – Bela Fleck & the Flecktones
- Magic Carpet Ride – Steppenwolf
- The Magic Flute – Mozart
- The Magic Touch – The Platters
- Black Magic – Little Mix
- Practical Magic – Alan Silvestri
- Strange Magic – Electric Light Orchestra
- It's Magic – Doris Day
- Everything's Magic – Angels & Airwaves
- 24K Magic – Bruno Mars
- Love, Sex Magic – Ciara
- A Kind of Magic – Queen
- I've Got The Magic – Pitch Perfect

- Some Call It Magic – Raven-Symoné
- You Can Do Magic – America
- That Old Black Magic – Sammy Davis Jr
- Three Is A Magic Number – Schoolhouse Rock
- Do You Believe In Magic? – Lovin Spoonful
- If I Had Magic – Barbie (Soundtrack)
- You Made Me Believe in Magic – Bay City Rollers
- My Baby Must Be A Magician – The Marvelettes
- Three is a Magic Number – Blind Melon
- I Put a Spell on You – Screaming Jay Hawkins
- Witchcraft – Frank Sinatra

Dennis