

DELAWARE VALLEY CONJURER'S CLUB IBM RING NO. 6

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(Welcome to your semi-monthly newsletter. Remember, you were all warned!)

The next stated meeting of the Delaware Valley Conjuror's Club will be held on Monday, August 14th, at 6:30 post meridiem (please note time change). Annual Dine Out Night with the DVCC! (I, for one, am not entirely convinced as to the need for this. We spend 2 to 3 hours a month at meetings with each other - do we really want to watch each other eat?) In keeping with the Oriental theme of these annual events (we used to go to that Chinese place near our old meeting place), we will meet at the Hibachi restaurant (by Staples; just across 320 from the new meeting place). Let's start taking bets now - how long into the dinner before Eric Paul challenges one of the chefs to a juggling contest?

Hey, got an extra \$25 lying around, burning a hole in your pocket? I understand that the DVCC still has a few shirts for sale. Buy them while you still can - you ain't gonna find these babies for \$2 at Forman Mills.

Planning ahead: MAES in September (details at the meeting, as I lost my flyer), Bob Little in October or November (again, date available at the meeting from Someone Who Knows), and the DVCC is once again going to arrange for a block of seats for the Penn & Teller show that will be in Philly the first week of January.

Assuming I'm still doing this next month (yeah, like someone else wants this job), want a chance at getting this newsletter in a more timely manner? C'mon, it's The Aughts - most of you must have e-mail. Write back to me at musicman@pobox.upenn.edu and I'll get you on the DVCC e-mail list.

This just in (thanks, Pons): Don't forget the Magic Contest this Sunday August 13 in Smithville NJ. Located just outside of Atlantic City. Make-It-Magic magic shop will be hosting the event. Awards and prizes will be given to the winners of all categories. If you are considering coming down to spend the day either as a spectator or as a competitor, please give Betty a call at 609-748-0846 so she can reserve you a spot. This event will be open to the public and seating is limited. This will be a great way to see and perform in the New ShowBarn Theatre. This is a brand new facility that features Cabaret style seating. Its a wonderful way to see magic performed. Plan ahead and spend the day seeing wonderful magic in Smithville and then spend the evening in Atlantic City. We hope to see you there.

I hope most of you know this, and that I don't catch you by surprise with the bad news, but we lost one of our Brothers last month - George Spence passed away at the age of 53 on July 29th. Quite a few of the DVCC held the Broken Wand ceremony at the funeral home. George was quite the character, and he was always ready to entertain. I was amused that in the obituary that ran in the Inquirer that mention was made of George performing what might be considered his signature trick, the story of how King Midas would make money grow. George got more mileage out of Old Standards than anyone else. In fact, I recall his winning a competition with that Midas trick and the old Ashes in the Palm trick - others were busy doing knuckle-busting triple-lift center deals, and there was George just going along with tricks older than dirt, but winning with his charm - the big grin, hearty chuckle, and ever-present twinkle in his eye. George was also a sucker for the latest-and-greatest, and probably single-handedly kept several magic dealers in business. But he loved his toys, and if it's true that He Who Has The Most Toys Wins, if George is not in first place, he certainly earned a wild card spot in the play-offs. Godspeed, George - we'll miss you.

Next Month: September. Video Night at Casa DeSouza.