



Words from the Secretary

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The newsletter needs you. I need articles and news events written by you. You do not have to be a member of the club to send articles to be published. Send me emails(accolombel@zipcon.com) on what you would like to see in the newsletter and what you like or don't about the newsletter. Come to meetings and support your club.

No Meeting this month because of Covid-19, We will hold an online meeting using Zoom. If anyone knows of a cheap(free) venue for us to meet, until the libraries open for meetings, please contact me at accolombel@zipcon.com.

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RING OF FIRE LIVE
October 14th, 2021

Once again, we will hold the Ring of Fire Meeting on Zoom on October 14th at 7pm. We had a fun time last time

Info to sign in

Join Zoom Meeting

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Magic Review BY PAYNE

Comedy for Magicians and Others: Volume One

Robert Baxt

DVD 60 Minutes

Available From <http://www.robertbaxt.com/>

\$19.95

Reviewed by Payne

Robert Baxt is a funny man. At least that's what his business card says. It also appears that Robert Baxt is a generous man as he wants to help you be funny too. At least that's what it says on the back of his latest DVD "Comedy for Magicians and Others: Volume One."

Well actually, it says, "You Can Be Funny!" in large friendly letters. But you get my drift.

So of course, this does beg the question. Will you be funny after viewing this DVD?

To which the answer is. Yes, but only if you were funny before you started watching it.

To be honest. Being funny is something that cannot be taught. It can be learned and better yet honed to a razor like sharpness. But there isn't a 12 Step Program one can follow that, once completed, will assure you of being a Wild and Crazy Guy that's the Life of the Party. Becoming Funny is a process that can, for the most part, only be learned by doing. So, if you're not funny now, don't expect to watch this DVD and then be able to knock é m dead at your local Comedy Club on open mike night (which is every night isn't it?)

What you will find on this DVD is valuable information, information drawn from years of experience, all of it from an award-winning comic magician working in the real world.

Mr. Baxt discusses his philosophy on humor and delves into topics such as Character, Communication, Bonding with the Audience, Confidence, Props and Tricks as well as many insightful tips and advice on things to avoid. There are also many wonderful anecdotes including a marvelous tale about Al Flosso and Houdini's Wand.

Be forewarned, however. This is Mr. Baxt's philosophy on comedy and presentation. It is not the be all and end all. Not that Mr. Baxt ever claims it is. The advice he gives is what has worked out best for him over the years. Your results may vary.

But if you're just starting out on the road to comedy, or a beginner looking for a few pointers this DVD is a good place to start. Again, you should know that there are no tricks or jokes included on this DVD. Just advice.

For myself I would have liked to have seen a little more examples given to help illustrate some of the finer points covered in this recording. But that's just me. I also would have liked to have seen some discussion on the various types of humor and the basic tenants of what makes something funny. But then this is just volume one and there needs to be topics left over to talk about on the upcoming volumes.

September's Meeting Report

Once again, we had our meeting via Zoom, "Ring of Fire LIVE." Hopefully, the libraries will be open for meetings soon, before then if anyone have any ideas where we could meet that is cheap/free please let me know by replying to the email. The Portland Magic Jam will be happening March 25-27, 2021. Craig Colombel and Ralph Huntzinger let off the meeting with a discussion about their performing at the Ren Faire at Bonney Lake, WA. This continues into a discussion about performing at Ren Fairs and similar venues. Craig and Ralph are looking performing at a haunted house. There was a question about performing at casinos, gigs in the age of Covid. There was a question about two wall and four wall performance venues. Payne will be performing at a community event in the coming weekend. Monty Reed is working on a parlor and stage show to increase the number of gigs he can do. He performed at a senior center with about twenty-eight people. There was a discussion about performing for memory care centers. Tony Blei is working through a trick in Rubinstein's coin magic book. He told Payne that he liked Payne's YouTube channel. There was a question about making a promo video. It needs to be a "sizzle" real, at 2 min max. It needs crowd reactions, and one will need the members of the crowd to sign release forms. There is a release form app that includes head shots. Monty Reed mention that one should not depend on the venue for any equipment and have items one may need with you. Monty's magic table is a sewing machine table, which has a built in well for producing and vanishing items. Monty has work up two shows that he can divide into 15 min pieces. The shows are modular so he can produce different time shows by removing or adding modules. There was a general discussion on how to handle flubs and the unexpected in ones shows. Robert Van Voorhees and Monty Reed have been meeting about different venues for performing parlor/stage shows in Marysville, WA., as both live in the Marysville area. Third Place Books in Ravenna area of Seattle have restarted their Monday night magic.

Everyone had an enjoyable time.
Hope to see you soon.

See you next Thursday October 14th at 7pm on Zoom See [page 2](#) for info

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Remember, to visit the club's website, <http://www.nwringoffire.com> and visit the clubs Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pg/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire-429616737105973/posts/?ref=page_internal

Magic Shops in the Area

Below is a list of the Magic shops in the Area. None have paid for this listing and if anybody knows of others let me know and I will list them.

Seattle's Market Magic Shop

Pikes Place Market
1501 Pike Place #427
Seattle, WA 98101

www.marketmagicshop.com

(A store that many know about. In existence for 30 years)

Brian Cook's

WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM

Magical happenings

Check with each venue below to see if they are open and what are the requirements to attend.

Magic Monday! Magic Monday is an hour of magic, conjuring, & prestidigitation which stars magicians from the Northwest region on the second Monday of each month. Location: Ravenna Third Place Books in the Ravenna neighborhood of Seattle. 6504 20th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA. Time: 7-8pm Magic Monday is not only a wonderful place to see local magicians doing what they do best; it is also a suitable place for YOU to perform. It happens the second Monday of each month. If you are a local magician in the Puget Sound area and would like to perform at the venue, please contact Jim Earnshaw at jim@earnshawmagic.com. You can reserve a spot to perform months in advance and he would be happy to hear from you.

"That's Impossible Presents" (Seattle's Best Magicians)

That's Impossible Presents a Night of Magic, Mystery, and Comedy, with your host: Tim Flynn Magic.

2nd Saturday of Every Month. Hosted at Delancey's on 3rd in Renton. Doors open at 7:45, Stage Show begins at 9pm. Food & Drinks are available. Table-side magic before the show from real magicians!

Magic Lectures Return

I'm excited to announce that I have two live lectures booked for October and January!

October 19th: Joshua Jay

January 22nd: ??? 😊

And then... In March, I can say with relative certainty, that there will be another Portland Magic Jam (March 25 – 27), organized by founder Greg Moreland. Always a low key, low cost, very cool weekend.