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June 10, 2008 Meeting - 296 Lafayette St, Salem, MA

President's Message

Well, we're half way till Christmas! (Yes I can hear you moaning.)

Cheryl and I are back from Florid. It was a fun but tiring trip, and yes we saw Mickey!

This month we are going to our mini classes. Jim Braier will be showing us a magic effect, Broosaloonitic, um... I mean Broosalooniey will teach a balloon and I haven't secured a 3rd person as of yet. (If you'd like to show something e-mail me at jthec clown@verizon.net.)

Clown Day (August 2) is right around the corner, so as I remind you every month, mark your calanders. The club only asks for your help once a year, so please don't book anything on that day. Yes I know its hard to give up \$\$,but the club needs you too!

I hope everyone enjoys the summer, and perhaps a vacation, you all deserve it!

See ya next week!

"J"

Secretary's report 5/13/08 Meeting minutes.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Clown Day will be Aug 2, 2008. Please hold the date.

Royal was at the Salem Benefit at the Gulu-Gulu Cafe on April 18. He was the only clown who attended. He did his balloon show, which was very well received. There was also a DJ and a 'living floor.' He brought a fold out bed of nails, and invited 30 people to stand on him. His girlfriend (about 120 lb) jumped-roped on him. He invited people to staple dollar tips to his skin. Bruce wondered what he does for an encore. Jim said he must sell band aids.

NEW BUSINESS

Twist & Shout is presenting a face-painting seminar on June 1 at the Marriott in Burlington. The instructor will be Gary Cole of Snazaroo.

There will be a Magic Banquet on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30 at the Mandarin Super Buffet in Salem. That is where we have our Chinese Night. Call J if you would like to attend.

J introduced Bill Towne of SAM as our guest instructor for the evening.

SUNSHINE

J spoke to Perky. His spirits are good. He finished a round of chemo. He will have a CAT scan soon, then radiation bombardment. He would welcome a visit from the alley.

Dana's half-brother passed away. The Alley sent a card.

Bill Towne spoke to Juju. He's eating solid food. He gets tired at night, and can't come to meetings.

Cheezo spoke to Charlie Sable. He's tube fed on a special mush diet. He's getting his energy back, and feeling better. He's talking some.

Jean Rowe has a new grand niece.

Mary Connelly attended the meeting for the first time in a long time.

Cheezo tripped on a vine and badly dislocated a finger.

SHOW & TELL

Connie showed a neat little folding bag. It looks like a square shopping bag from an upscale department store, but it opens up to a cube about 4 x 4 x 4 inches. It has pockets on the outside for brushes. It can hold water for facepainting. It costs \$4 or \$5 at an art store.

Bruce showed his \$2000 balloon powered wooden toyboat. Deborah bought it for him on her school trip to France. She paid \$5 or \$10 for it, but Bruce paid \$2000 to send her there.

Royal has some RIFCO 6 foot balloons available.

Deborah had a fun encounter with a twister at Quincy Market.

J reported that Alan's show was fantastic. It featured a motorcycle on stage. The next shows will be 'Divas Under Construction.'

J's voice might be featured on Six Flags commercial. He videotaped a friend on a \$.25 horse in front of market basket in Danvers and provided commentary. Six Flags found it on YouTube.

Royal told about Todd Neufeld's appearance on The Letterman Show. Todd made a sculpture of Biff the stage hand. For some reason, they wanted it in blue. Cheezo said you can see it on Letterman's website.

J mentioned that Naomi Greenfield was on the Clifford the Big Red Dog show, making balloon dogs.

Meeting adjourned.

When I was thumbing through the Calliope, it hit me that I didn't send in an obituary notice for Joe Carey. I never worked with Joe, and I only knew him for the few short years I have been a member of the Alley. Rie and Cheezo provided most of this information. Please get back to me with your additions or corrections, and I'll send it along.

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Joe 'Joko' Carey of Lynn, MA, COAI # 1490, passed away in November of last year.

Joe Carey started his career as a professional boxer. He gave that up when he saw the lights on the ceiling of the old Boston Garden a few too many times.

His boxing career later became part of his performance. He would be part of a skit that was performed at real boxing matches. Joe would enter the ring rather pompously. He would be cocky and over confident. Of course he would be 'knocked out' in just a few seconds. Then the comedy would begin. There would be a 'slow motion' instant replay of the bout. Joe would roll his stomach and chest muscles with every punch. The unfolding of the expressions on his face would also be very funny.

Joe's first taste of show business was as a stand up comic in burlesque.

Another one of his specialties was his swimming pool act. He would swim his way through the air as he was diving off the board.

Joe was a founding member (PLEASE VERIFY) of Greater Boston Clown Alley #54 in Salem, Massachusetts. He was the first member of our alley to twist balloons. He taught Royal Sorrel his first balloons. (Royal has since gone on to run Twist & Shout, the balloon convention. He is one of the world's best twisters.) Joe also taught pantomime.

Joe was a judge for COAI. At one convention he came all bandaged up after surgery. He didn't want to let the alley down by not showing up.

In later years he volunteered as a comic at senior citizen shows. He also served as a crossing guard for many years. He would have gifts for all of his students at holidays throughout the year.

Joe's 9 to 5 job was driving a trash truck in Somerville, Massachusetts. He was proud that he pulled many of his props from the trash.

Everyone learned something from Joe. His "Uncle Looney" skit is a staple of our Clown Day show.