THE BIG TOP

Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Newsletter July/Aug 2016

WARNING

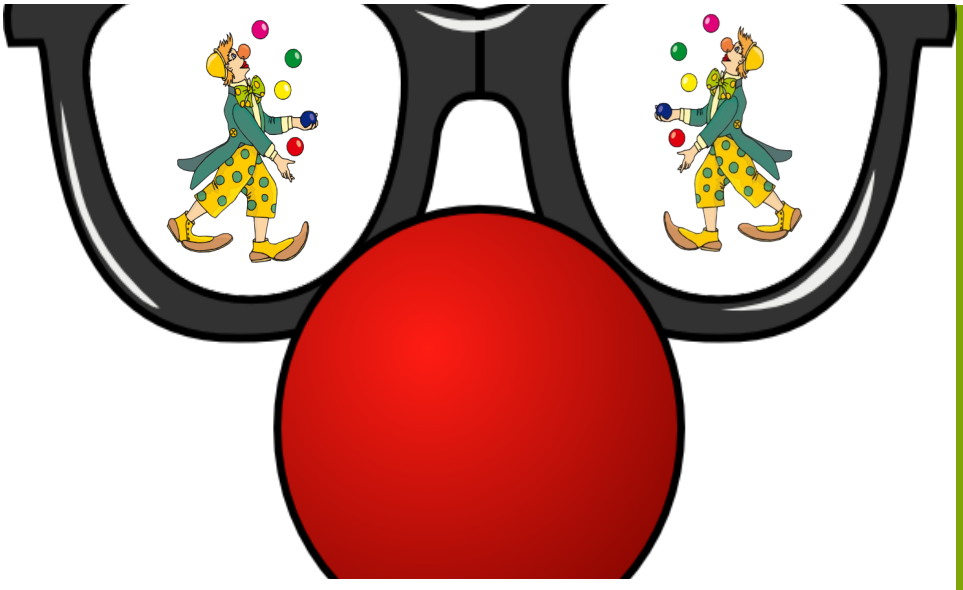
The 33rd MACA Convention is sneaking up on you.

November 9 - 13, 2016

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET ?

New Convention Information in this issue:

- Updated vendor listings
- Convention Schedule



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John "Kris Krunch" Kral
MACA President

Hello MACA Family,

Summer is here and it is fast approaching the end of the 2016 summer season.
It's been hot and humid with almost unbearable 90+ degree days. I hope those of you who had outside events took precautions to be safe while performing

As I type this letter it is the first day of "National Clown Week" (August 1 to August 7). Keep the art of clowning alive this week, if you can, by promoting clowning by making the general
public smile and laugh.

The 2016 33rd MACA convention is in the works, and I hope you are planning on going.
It is November 9 to November 13, 2016.
Information and registration forms can be found on our web site
www.midatlanticclownassociation.com

I know I write about the convention in my President Letters but it is important to keep the MACA organization alive and well.

This being "International Clown Week" hopefully there will be pictures and wright-ups of the events
you will be attending.
This is a great opportunity to submit pictures and an article about your clowning experiences from your "International Clown Week" and your summer entertaining events.

Again this year elections will be held at the General Meeting. There are positions being vacated this year and the organization needs a board of directors.
Please consider a position on the board to keep MACA going on to "Promote the art of Clowning".
If you are interested please let anyone on the MACA board know.

Again, thank you all for being clowns and bringing smiles to the world.

Take care and Keep e'm laff'n.
See you down the road

John 'Kris Krunch" Kral

Clown"

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

By Bill "SHOBO" Schober
MACA Chaplain

Thank You

Does another say "Thank you" anymore? A laf jeds hasd yeasd. Does anyone pay attention anymore to details? Wonder if you noticed if the gibberish sentence was an actual sentence. Sometimes I write articles for the 'Big Top' and I get a complement via email or someone will say…"I read your article". I see very experienced clowns not finding the time to write an article of what they have been through for the "Big Top" so other can learn from their mistakes. If we don't look back and review experiences and/or appreciate what someone did, then we see history repeat itself.

Recently I was at a funeral of the Pastor of my home church in Clarksboro NJ. Person after person came up and said what a kind and gentle person he was. He always looking at the bright side of a situation. One of his friends for seminary said Pastor Mark had a nick name in School. You know, those funny nick names that identify who you are. His nick name was Mark "Thank you" O'Sheilds..He was known for saying "thank you" to everyone and being appreciative of being with someone. Giving value to everyone he met. Today's world seems to be contrary to the "thank you" world Pastor Mark expressed. You see this on the Highways everyday. Everyone seems to be in a hurry to get to the next place. If your not a very defensive driver, you could be found on a guard rail on any given day. What's the rush people?

What's the rush to see what hash tag is trending when you have a friend or date sitting right next to you during dinner. Just yesterday I saw 3 guys sitting outside at a nice restaurant in Philly. All 3 had their Cell phones out, oblivious to the friend sitting next to them. Sometime what you didn't notice is right in front of you.

Deassed maakss redssat. Did ya notice that? As clowns, we really need to be mindful of our surrounds. We can't have a set agenda of what we are going to do regardless of the crowd reaction or situation at hand. One of the many reason why I enjoy "care clowning", is each encounter with a patient or resident could be different and you need to be "on your Toes" to react. I think it has helped in my clowning skills. Some remarks or jokes work better in different situations. Sometimes your just there to listen. There are a ton of needs out in today's world and as clowns we have a very important job. To spread more cheer than gloom. At Kapo's gang clown alley, we recite the Clown Prayer before every meeting. It reminds us what we are clowning for. It reminds us to have more compassion for the ones in need. By showing compassion and appreciation with the simple act of just being around to hold a hand of the aged or sick, you actually get more back than you give. How can anyone be afraid of a clown with compassion? I really wish there more that went to Nursing homes , pediatric rooms and hospitals other than just seeing someone they know or how much they get paid. I've heard people say they just couldn't do that it, " the emotional pain would hurt me to much". Remember your not there for You!!. Just saying!! Arfeddsffoondd as dewsggoon. Just checking to see if your still with me or you left?? As clowns, we have the ability, latitude, and obligation to have an attitude of gratitude. No one wants to see a grumpy clown making demands on how their show is to go. No one wants to see a clown just stand there with a puppet in their hand with no interaction with anyone walking by. Remember we are clowning for others and not you.

Bump a nose and THANK YOU for reading this.

Shobo

"Humble And Kind"
by Tim McGraw

You know there's a light that glows by the front door
Don't forget the key's under the mat
Childhood stars shine, always stay humble and kind
Go to church 'cause your momma says to
Visit grandpa every chance that you can
It won't be wasted time
Always stay humble and kind

Hold the door, say please, say thank you
Don't steal, don't cheat, and don't lie
I know you got mountains to climb but
Always stay humble and kind

When the dreams you're dreamin' come to you
When the work you put in is realized
Let yourself feel the pride but
Always stay humble and kind

Don't expect a free ride from no one
Don't hold a grudge or a chip and here's why
Bitterness keeps you from flyin'
Always stay humble and kind

Don't take for granted the love this life gives you
When you get where you're goin
Don't forget turn back around
And help the next one in line
Always stay humble and kind

MACA Information Center

or Things you may not know about MACA

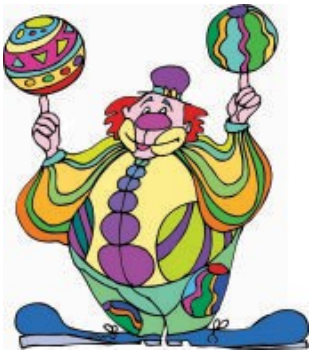
CLOWN SEARCH

Did you know that the Mid-Atlantic Clown Association provides a way for people to contact it's MACA clowns on our website?

We have a link on the site menu "**Clown Search**" where anyone accessing the site can find a clown in their area to perform. Your listing as a member is free BUT… You need to provide your information. We do not act as a booking agency. The information is there for contact purposes only.

If you would like your contact information to be published on the website, please send your information : Clown name
Email address
City , State
Phone Number

to the webmaster, Terry Slaymaker
buttonstclown@yahoo.com



MACA MEMBERSHIP

Looking for some help in your clowning career ?
Looking to meet some new and some well established clown ?
Join the mid-Atlantic Clown Association (MACA)
Our purpose is to promote the education in and the preservation of the ancient art of clowning.

To become a member, click on this link to apply for membership.

Changing the World One smile at a time

Send YOUR Alley News and items you may want to share with other members to the Newsletter Editor.

The MACA Newsletter is distributed bi-monthly and submission are due to the editor by the 20th of the month before publication. (Articles are due by June 20th for inclusion in the July/Aug newsletter).

Please, no hand written articles. Pictures may be blurred if the megapixels are not high enough.

Send articles to Editor: Thom Stevenson at tnpstevenson@verizon.net

MACA CLOWN ALLEY NEWS

Freestate Clown Alley Presents:

Circus FUN!!!

John Ringling North II and Poppo

Steve and Ryan at Circus World.

Circus wardrobe from Circus Museum in Peru, IN

v *Just chillin' waiting for the big convention in November!*

Human Volcano >

Keith and his dad at Kelly Miller Circus >

< Third place ribbon from 4th of *July parade For Novelty units!*

Cirque Italia >

Universoul!

Ryan Holder and Zuri

Kapo's gang

We are busier than ever with many different Charity events this summer and up coming fall. Each month we enjoy sometime of skill to learn at our monthly meeting at our new location in Maple Shade NJ.
Recently we attended one of our favorite events Call Mario's Fight. "little" Mario has 5 inoperable brain tumors and each year his family runs a Alex's lemon aide stand to fight Childhood cancer. Each year his goal is 50,000$ this past year was his 6th stand and was the biggest ever. A few years back BonJovi joined in with the cause
We also got to help out with the JDRF Walk in Wildwood NJ. We just Love helping out the ones in need to spread a little Joy for these great causes

Last walk around

Gone too soon...making smiles in the Big Top in the sky.

Kenneth L. Horsman, aka Ken-Zo the Clown in the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus who later established a South Baltimore magic shop and entertainment center, died of melanoma cancer May 12, 2016 at his Federal Hill home. He was 58. The Freestate Clown Alley and The John Ringling North II/Steve and Ryan Tent #178 had just thrown a freeroll for the Ringling Red Unit six-weeks before. Kenny and his son Spencer were wonderful hosts at their Illusions Theater.

Happy Jack
(Jack Martin) and
Kenny in March 2016

Pat Cashin— Clown in the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus . On Sunday July 25, 2016— Pat Cashin one of the world's most beloved American Circus Clowns passed away suddenly. As an historian & founder of Clown Alley.net he was an amazing resource for anyone & everyone interested in American circus clowning. He was 49. The Freestate Clown Alley and The John Ringling North II/Steve and Ryan Tent #178 met Pat at the Worldwide Circus Summit in July 2016.

Pat, Robin, Karen, Ward,
Gary, Amy, Katie
(Cheezer) July 2015

2016 MACA CONVENTION

Convention news

The contract is signed! Dealers and Lecturers are committed!

It is time to register for the most "Xtreme" Convention ever!

The Mid-Atlantic Clowns will be gathering for seminars, competitions, sales, jams, buffets and awards beginning November 9, 2016 at the Red Lion Hotel 4751 Lindle Road Harrisburg, PA 17111. 717-939-7841.

The hotel is a large older resort type hotel with many different types of meeting and conference rooms. We will have access to a ballroom with a built in stage, a large vendor room, a lecture room and a double suite hospitality room which will also house the photographer. Guest rooms are over sized and comfortable. Many open onto the court yard.

The hotel is accessible and pet friendly. There is a restaurant and a bar along with billiards, ping-pong, game room, business office, indoor and out door swimming, hot tub and plenty of room for jamming.

Rates are $85 for single and $95 for doubles. These rates include breakfast tickets. You can have up to 4 people in a room for the double rate, HOWEVER, you will only receive 2 breakfast tickets. Breakfast in the restaurant starts at $12.00 for those individuals or for anyone not staying in a guest room

If you make reservations through Sunday the 13th, and check out early, you will be subject to a $50 early check out fee!

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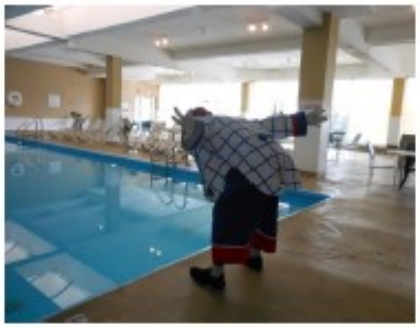
You can call the hotel for reservations and tell them you are with MACA or you can use the following links to go immediately to the website and register.
(control + click to go to website)

Click here to book: MACA Conference DBL Occupancy

Click here to book: MACA Conference SGL Occupancy

<Your President signing the contract!

Check out the hot tub Sweetie!>



<Dive right in!

Or just snooze!>

Convention registration—download the form and mail to Sandi—address and details on the form!

Thursday night Theme Buffet —American Heroes— and Gong Show!
Friday night Theme Buffet –M*A*S*H and Honoring the Military– and Dancing!
Saturday Awards Banquet - Red, White and Blue!

<Hotel restaurant!

Capital Diner right down the road!>

2016 MACA CONVENTION

Not only educational lectures but exciting presentations by

Barry Mitchell >

Joe Barney>

Mary Ann Ross >

Annette

Cheri Venturi >

Dealer–Peachey Keene - Steve Long

Dealer–Terry "Buttons" Slaymaker >

And picture perfect photography by Merilyn Barrett >

2016 MACA CONVENTION

MORE.....

Marcella “Mama Clown” Murad and Silly Farm >

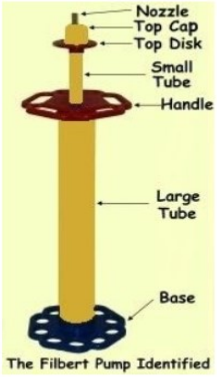
Tricia “Pricilla Mooseburger” Mauel >

Granny Smith>

Dave Hill >

Scott Correll>

Peter Glenck Filbert Pumps >



33rd Annual Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Convention

American Heroes

November 9-13, 2016

Red Lion Hotel

4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg PA 17111

To register, complete the form below by filling in the blocks on your computer, print out the form and send, with check made payable to MACA Convention, to: Sandi Smith 169 Buckingham Dr. Southampton, NJ 08088. Questions, call Sandi 609-801-2571 or email: dottheclown@comcast.net.

Full registration fee includes dinner Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Thursday theme - 4th of July and honoring American Heroes - the Gong Show
*Friday theme - M*A*S*H and honoring our military - Dancing with Hot Lips*
Saturday banquet - More RED, WHITE and BLUE - awards presentations
(Theme parties - award for best dressed for theme. Saturday banquet is business casual or dressy.)

Registration Fees:	Full - $185.00 thru 8/31/16	Daily Rates:	$60.00 per day (no meals)
	Full - $195.00 thru 10/31/16	Dinner Rates:	$50.00 Thurs. and/or Fri. each night
	Full - $210.00 after 10/31/16		$60.00 Saturday night banquet

Total registration fees: $

Hotel room rate - $85.00 single per night includes breakfast. $95 double per night includes breakfast for two. Additional persons in room do not get breakfast tickets. You must reserve before 10/26/2016 to be assured this rate. If you make reservations thru Sunday and check out earlier, you will be charged a $50 fee. (717) 939-7841.
Easy on line check-in available - control + click to go to hotel website
.Control + Click here to book: MACA Conference DBL Occupancy

Control + Click here to book: MACA Conference SGL Occupancy

*****Please note*****
$25 processing fee for cancellations before 10/01/16. No refunds after that date.
Face painting supplies and latex products will be used and sold at this convention.
All are welcome to attend, however, you must be an MACA member and have paid full registration to compete.

Name: _____ Clown Name: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

State: _____ First MACA convention?: ☐ No ☐ Yes

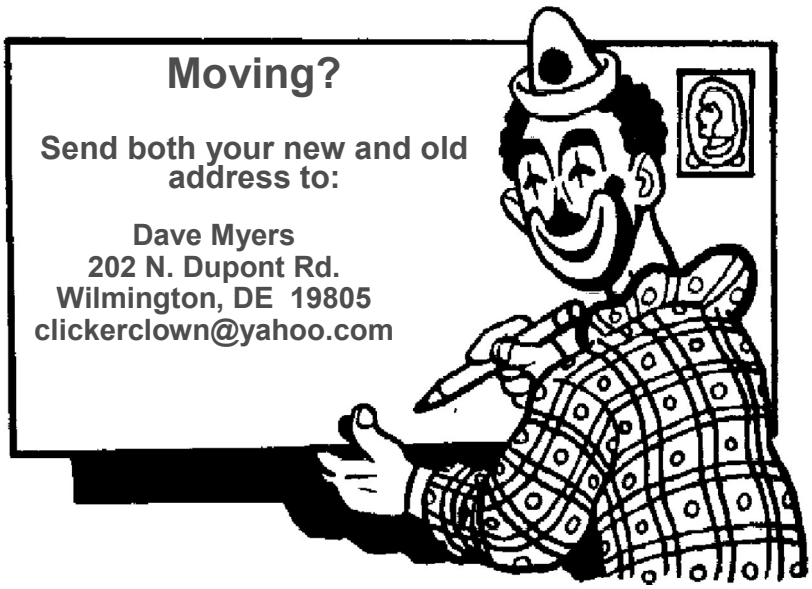
2016 MACA CONVENTION TENATIVE SCHEDULE

Day	Time			
Wed.	3:00	***Registration and Dealers Open***		
11/9/15	7:00	**Ballroom**		
		Welcome MACA President John Kral		
		Dealers Show		
		LAUGH YOGA with Bill "Shobo" Schober		
	9:00	Balloon Bash Face Painting Bash Magic Jam		
		Hospitality Room open afterwards with refreshments & lobby open for Jamming		
Day	**Time**	**BALLROOM**	**Time**	**LECTURE ROOM**
Thurs.	9:00	Marcela Murad	9:00	Merilyn Barrett
11/10/15	10:00	*Magic is in the Brush- Beginner Level Face Painting*	10:00	*Behind the Lens….secrets exposed!*
	10:15	Barry Mitchell	10:15	Annette Darraugh & Sandi Smith
	11:15	*Duh! Wish I had thought of that! Eye Popping Magic*		*Make Up Demo*
	11:30	Joe Barney		*and Hands On Workshop*
	12:30	*Birthday parties for all ages*	12:30	
	12:30	**L U N C H B R E A K**		
	1:30	Draw numbers for Make Up Competition	1:30	Cheri Oats
	1:45	***Make Up Competition***	2:30	*Music and Movement*
	3:15	Draw numbers for Paradeability	2:45	Pricilla Mooseburger
	3:30	***Paradeability Competition***	3:45	*Costuming for Clowns*
	4:30	***Single Balloon Competition****	4:00	Marcela 'Mama Clown' Murad
	5:00	***Multi Balloon Competition****	5:00	*Magic for Little Ones*
		**** Balloon competition location-Hospitality Room***		
	6:30	4th of July celebration - Red, White and Blue - honoring "YOUR" USA hero		
		followed by **The Annual MACA Gong Show** hosted by the MACA board of Directors		
		Hospitality Room open afterwards with refreshments & lobby open for Jamming		
Day	**Time**	**BALLROOM**	**Time**	**LECTURE ROOM**
Friday	9:00	Draw Numbers for Skit Competition	9:00	Barry Mitchell
11/11/15	9:30	***Skit Competition***	10:00	*Effective Gospel Magic for Clowns*
			10:15	Cheri Oats
			11:15	*Wigs and their Care*
			11:30	Marcela Murad
			12:30	*From Average to Amazing-Intermediate Face Painting*
	12:30	**L U N C H B R E A K**		
		Group picture in lobby-picture outside if weather permits		
	1:30	Joe Barney	1:30	MaryAnn Ross
		Holiday Characters	2:30	*Business Aspects of Children's Parties*
		Holiday Magic and Holiday	2:45	Pricilla Mooseburger
	3:45	Fun	3:45	*You look like a Clown…Now what are you going to do*
	6:30	**Dinner & Dance Party**		
		M*A*S*H - honoring our military		
		Dancing with HOT LIPS		
		Hospitality Room open afterwards with refreshments & lobby open for Jamming		

2016 MACA CONVENTION TENATIVE SCHEDULE

Day	Time	BALLROOM	Time	LECTURE ROOM
Saturday 11/12/15	8:30	***Sign in for Face Painting Competition***	9:00	Cheri Oats
	9:00	Cheek Art	10:00	*Storytelling*
		followed by	10:15	Barry Mitchell
		Full Face	11:15	*Pocket Magic for Clowns*
	11:30	Marcela 'Mama Clown' Murad	11:30	Pricilla Mooseburger
	12:30	*Birthday Party fun for little ones*	12:30	*Skits*
	12:30	**LUNCH BREAK**		
	1:30	Joe Barney	1:30	MaryAnn Ross
	2:30	Developing a Character that's YOU	2:30	*Basic Balloon Twisting*
	2:45	**Annual MACA General Membership Meeting**		
	6:00	**Presidential Awards Banquet - Dress semi formal/business casual and more Red, White and Blue Very Special Magical Entertainment by *Barry Mitchell***		
Day	**Time**	**BALLROOM**		
Sunday 11/13/15	9:00	***Clown Church Service*** *Chaplain Bill Schober*		

Even Our First American Heroes Attended A Convention



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