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NEWSLETTER ARTICLE for CNN Tour

....And a Good Time Was Had By All

Nearly 30 IFMA members turned out for the 4th and final tour for 2005 at the CNN Studios on October 18th. Our own Past President, Mitch Rabil of Turner Properties, Inc. hosted our private tour of the newly remodeled CNN Studios. Tour stops included, CNN, CNN Headline News, CNN International, CNN Internet and CNN Espanola. The recent upgrades featured the 48' diameter globe atop the still spectacular eight story escalator ride and really cool touch screen interactive kiosks.

Monte Townsend accepted our tour guide Stephanie's challenge to test his anchoring skills by learning to read the teleprompter queues. He was a real pro! We all learned the secret of Harry Potter's Invisibility Cloak as Stephanie demonstrated the 'green screen' used by on-air weathercasters. All were able to make funny faces at on-air broadcasters ___&_____ as they paused for commercials.

The tour ended with a brief shopping excursion into the CNN Studio and Cartoon Networks stores. Following the tour, the gang gathered for Happy Hour at McCormick & Schmick's restaurant sponsored by ASD, Inc. Thanks Mitch and ASD!