



The Spirit: The Monthly Newsletter of IBM Ring 1

February Meeting: 4 Corner Gambling Teach-In

At our next meeting the topic will be “4 Corner Gambling Teach-in”. In accordance with the survey we sent out, many members asked to spend more time learning. Also, many asked if we could have it be in levels. So we came up with a “four corner” formula, of two members teaching tricks at a basic level and two at an advanced/intermediate level. Members will get to pick where they would like to go. There will also be time if anyone would like to show a trick or ask for advice on a trick. See you there!

January Meeting Recap

This meeting was a “members perform” night and we had several eager members ready to go.

Josh Routh started out by performing a new multiplying Die trick that he had just bought at Ickle Pickle Magic in St Louis. He was not really performing but more like demonstrating and asking for performance suggestions based on this new and fabulous effect. Several people stepped up with their ideas. Next meeting I bet we will see a very polished and funny performance.

Secretary, Alan Zibits followed up with a great comedy vanishing bottle of Coke only to produce a full glass of Coke before vanishing the Coke bottle and wadding up the bag. Alan opened up the floor for suggestions for the routine. The routine was very solid, so people gave some handling tips to make it easier and an alternate way of producing the full glass of Coke.

Blake Douglass stepped up to show his mastery of the cards with an outstanding ace assembly with several added kickers and color changes. It was so impressive that instead of the audience throwing out their suggestions, everyone wanted Blake to demonstrate and teach

some of the moves.

Alex Shendberg, an amazing member of our youth club also did some fancy card moves. When I was his age I was still trying to figure out a coin slide.

Ray Belz whipped together a couple of great oldies but goody card effects that many of the younger members had never seen. With his quick wit and expert handling, Ray had them all fooled.

John Reider, our Project Magic Chairman, bought a back-lighted dry erase board. He showed how it could dress up your show or act. It made the normal prediction board look like a ho-hum prop. This would really spark up your act! He also brought in a very old toy that was used to make a prediction. It was a plastic replica of a Sphinx. Today, worth about \$10. He then showed what he had done to another one using \$6 of gold paint. He transformed that \$10 toy into something that looked like a very expensive prop.

Larry Minth closed out the evening by performing his version of a traveling hole that Tom Westerheide had shown him several years ago. A great piece for walk around. Larry opened up the floor for members to

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offer suggestions. Tom Westerheide had made several improvements since he first taught Larry over ten years ago. Tom proceeded to share his improvements to the delight of the members.

Terry Richison



Initiatives

The board has gotten some great feedback from the membership concerning the future of our club. We have heard your thoughts and have compiled them into some initiatives for the new year. Here is a spotlight on one of them:

"The board is committed, with the help of the membership, to grow our club by 25 new members this year."

This is a big issue for the future of our club. We have one of the

biggest and of course best clubs in the world. We also have a solid core group of members that come to most meetings. What we don't have is many new faces coming in each month.

We need new members to keep our club alive for many years into the future. Adding new members is a big part of sharing the joy of magic.

For the board to keep good on this initiative we are going to need your

support. Talk to your friends, neighbors, colleagues and let them know what magic and membership in the IBM has done for you.

We will be keeping track of all new members who join this year and the members who bring them in. We will present an award to the members who bring in the most new people at this year's President's Banquet.

Thanks for your support!

The IBM Ring 1 Survey Part 2

What are the top 3 things we should do to attract new members?

These are the most popular answers:

Provide a mentor: **66%**

Provide an approved magic course: **50%**

Provide access to a magic library of dvds and books: **37%**

Provide a free magic lesson: **23%**

Reduced membership fee for the first year: **17%**

Beginner's magic set: **17%**

Buy one membership get one free ie...join with a buddy or family member: **17%**

Some quotes from the survey:

"At public club events someone could be in the lobby before and after briefly explaining our work with charities and the work we do in the community."

"There should be a course that members go through. Like a course on rope they learn over a series of weeks and they perform for the club to 'graduate' to a coin course."

"Suggestions on magic for beginners would be helpful."

"It takes a long time for new members to feel they are a part of the group. At meetings sometimes people get in small groups and ignore new members."

"Everyone should perform on a regular basis"

"Stress more working together outside of the formal meeting environment."

"Many of the more professional members should realize that the rest of us are not trying to steal secrets or money by learning new ideas/tricks"

"Some of us might be willing to donate tricks to beginners."

Service Opportunities

JDRF

Dear ring 1 members,
We are proud to have been invited to participate again this year at the JDRF Conference on Feb. 20th 2010 at the Millennium Hotel in down town St. Louis. The event runs from 12pm-8pm but we are asked to perform from 1:30 - 2:30 for all the kids while the parents are in classes. We usually have two groups of magicians to perform for ages 3-9 and ages 10-16 with 4 to five magicians per age category. We also have a booth in the vendor area to teach simple tricks, hand out IBM and Ring 1 literature, just entertain the families. This is

a great event and you walk away feeling great that we gave back to the community. If you are interested in helping out we need performers and help manning the table. Even if you can put in a small amount of time we would be grateful. Please contact Larry Skorepa or Steve Finklestein for additional information or to commit to help out. This is a great event and you will have fun.

Thank you
Larry Skorepa
636-675-6470
Steve Finklestein
314-409-6869

PROJECT MAGIC

Project Magic takes place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. 2-3 magicians are needed; each member is expected to participate at least once per year. This is a great opportunity to try new material, and to give back to those who may be confined for months at a time.

Please arrive @ 6:30pm with the performance starting promptly at 6:45pm. The show is 45 minutes and it can be divided as needed by the performers. Bring a simple beginners magic trick to teach/give the kids after the show.

contact: John Reider
jvreider@gmail.com

Trick Corner: The Lincoln Force

This trick is based on Bob Longe's 'Penny Move'. His version used a penny and six dollar bills. Bob also credits John Fisher as the stunt's creator and improved by Tony Griffith.

Effect: A spectator has a free choice of moves and yet always ends up with the item that you want them to have.

Props: What you need is 7 items. 1 valuable from a spectator, ie their wallet, a wedding ring, a watch etc. And 6 junk items like an old chewing gum wrapper, a banana peel etc.

Secret/Presentation: Borrow a wedding ring. Place the ring on the table next to the junk items. Ask the spectator if they would like to play a game. Hopefully they will say "yes".

Tell the spectator you would like him or her to arrange the items in a line in front of them, in whatever order they choose.

Tell the spectator that they will make a certain number of moves. A move constitutes switching their ring one place to the right or left with the item next to it. If the ring is on an end it only has one possible switch, the one directly next to it. There will be switching and even

the taking away of items.

Their goal is to have the ring be the last item standing. If not, you keep the ring and the spectator keeps whatever is left, a gum wrapper etc.

In your head count the items from the left (spectator's pov). The ring must be placed in an odd spot and not an even spot. If it's in an odd spot, proceed. If it's in an even spot, explain that you would like to be sure they understand what you mean by a "move". Have them demonstrate one. This will put the ring into an odd spot.

Step 1: Make one move

Step 2: Remove the two end items

Step 3: Make three moves

Step 4: Remove the two end items

Step 5: Make one move

Step 6: Remove the item on the left

Step 7: Make one move

Step 8: Remove the item on the left

Step 9: One item left! The ring!

Thanks to Donald Keyhode for this trick.

Got a trick for the trick corner?
Contact club President Josh Routh
circuskaput@gmail.com

Tricks for Sale

ARM TWISTING ILLUSION



In this illusion you will place your arm or the arm of an assistant in a beautiful box that has been finished in Formica. You or the assistant will grip a rod that goes completely through the box and twist the other person's arm completely 360 degrees. The arm is turned backwards to restore its original position.

This effect really looks eerie and like the head illusion seems impossible. This is the perfect illusion to present in a parlor and absolutely no set up is required. Brand new never used. **Retailed for \$175 and will sacrifice and sell to IBM Ring 1 member for \$110 or best offer.** Contact me to get additional info or to see. Larry Skorepa 636-675-6470

Remembering: Conrad Dunn

Conrad Dunn passed away Thursday, January 21, 2010.

Conrad was 54 and is survived by his wife Linda.

"He had Severe Diabetes and was dealing with many health problems. He was in and out of the Hospital often over the last couple of years.

He was a Hypnotist, Magician, and Owner of various Magic shops over his many years. Our best wishes are with his wife Linda and the rest of his family."

- Randy Kalin



You can leave and read remembrances of Conrad at the following website:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/stltoday/obituary.aspx?n=conrad-dunn&pid=138803127>

"I had great admiration for Conrad. He was a man of time and now added to the ages. He was my instructor in magic as well as a friend."

- Jack Thompson

"I went to grade school with Conrad but I haven't seen him since his days at West Port. He was so sweet, smart and funny. So sorry for your loss. I will always remember how kind he was to me and others."

- Kim McCormack Adams

REMINDER!! DUES ARE DUE!! Send \$15 to Al Zibits 532 Dartmouth Crossing Dr. Wildwood, MO 63011

Event Spotlight

Don Burgan

Don and Barb Burgan will be performing at the Kirby Vonburch theater in Branson Feb 6, 2010 at 7pm. This event produced by IBM Ring 325.

JADOO

Josh Routh is performing 3 benefit performances of his one-man show for the West County YMCA's Strong Community Campaign – this is how the YMCA provides free memberships, aftercare and camps to people who can't afford it.

Tix are \$5 for seniors/kids, \$7 gen admission. Sat 2/13 1p & 7p and Sun 2/14 3p. West County Family YMCA 16464 Burkhardt Place Chesterfield, MO 63017 phone (636)532-3100

The Parade of Magic

On March 19th and 20th 2010, Headliners [Doc Eason](#) and [Kainoa Harbottle](#)

March 19th evening reception and party – Crestwood Court

March 20th All day magic event – lectures, stage/close-up shows and flea market - Kirkwood Community Center

Registration: \$25 for Ring 1 members \$35 for non members. Registration includes ticket to the stage show.

For the public: IBM RING 1 SPRING SHOW MARCH 20th TIX: \$10 for adults \$6 for kids. Acts TBA

MIDWEST MAGIC JUBILEE

August 12-14 2010 at the Airport Hilton Hotel 10330 Natural Bridge rd St. Louis, MO

Registration until March 1st: Adults \$130.00 spouse free, Youth 16 and under \$70.00

After March 1st: Adults \$145 Spouse free, Youth \$75

After July 1st: Adults \$155 Youth \$80

After July 31st: Adults \$165 Youth \$85

Acts TBA

www.mmjubilee.com

Meeting Info:

Magic Club Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30PM. (Except July)

Meeting order of events:

6pm Youth Meeting

Meeting organizer: Blake Douglass (314)452-5383

6:30pm Magic 101

7:00pm Announcements

7:15pm Break

7:30pm Meeting Theme

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www.IBMRing1.com

Meeting & Events for the first part of 2010

Feb 3 – Four Corner Teach-in “Gambling”

March 3 – Members Perform + Teach “Ropes and Cards”

March 19/20 – The Parade Of Magic

April 7 – Four Corner Teach-in “Fooled Ya!”

May 5 – Members Perform + Teach “Thumbtips and Coins”

June 2 – Close-Up Competition

TBA – Stage Competition

All meetings will be held at:

The Maryland Heights Community Center
2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043. Unless noted in the schedule. Guests are always welcome so bring a friend.

Directions

From the St Louis Airport:

Take I-70 West to I-270 South

Take the Dorsett Exit

Turn Right onto Dorsett

Turn Right onto McKelvey Hill Rd (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd)

Go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the right.

From I-64(Highway 40), I-44 or I-55:

Take I-64(Highway 40), I-44 or I-55 West to I-270 and go north.

Take the Dorsett Exit

Turn Left onto Dorsett

Turn Right onto McKelvey Hill Rd (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd)

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