



## The Spirit: The Monthly Newsletter of IBM Ring 1

# January Meeting: Members Perform

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At our next meeting the topic will be "Members Perform + Teach". This is in accordance with the survey we sent out. Many of our members asked for more opportunities to perform and learn. We look forward to seeing what the membership brings forward.

Something new we would like to employ is the opportunity for the members who perform to receive feedback. This is totally voluntary. If the member performing would like feedback then they can ask for it after they perform. The member

can ask for specific or general critique about their act. We ask that the members who provide critique would do so with respect.

Some performing members may decide that they have no interest in feedback. This is not a problem. They are welcome to leave the performing area after their trick has finished and they have received their applause.

Also, some members may just want to perform, some may choose to perform and teach a trick, or some may just want to teach a trick. We are open to

any of those options.

We will start to have prizes that will be randomly awarded to those members that choose to perform or teach a trick.

Every performing/teaching member will have one chance put in a drawing for an Ickle Pickle item.

We hope you come with something to perform. See you at the next Meeting!

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Members who perform or teach will have a chance to win an Ickle Pickle item!

## December Meeting Recap

Our December meeting was a lot of fun. We had many members come out for a great night of holiday fun.

Thanks to Blake Douglass for leading the Youth meeting and to Marty Kopp for leading magic 101.

Also thanks to our members who performed. You guys made it a good time for all.

After the general

announcements and we ate! And did we ever eat well!

Thanks to Larry and Shiree Skorepa for ensuring a great spread. Also thanks to all of the members who brought food paid \$5 in support.

After our bellies were full we got down to the present stealing fun of the white elephant game. Thanks to Terry Richison for facilitating.

The meeting ended around 10pm. Everyone shuffled out with their goodies and smiles.



SEASONS GREETINGS!

## 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 they are:

At each meeting we will set out the "Idea Hat". This is a hat that members can drop notes into to voice their thoughts, congratulations and concerns to the board. We will read and address them at the board meeting and results will appear in this column each month.

We are establishing more awards to honor members service.

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

We are creating a mentoring process, lending library (thanks to Don Rataj who has volunteered to be librarian) and teach-in levels to facilitate greater learning among our members.

And finally we will be changing the contest structure to reflect our members ability levels.

Let us know what you think! Drop us a note!



## The IBM Ring 1 Survey

### ABOUT OUR MEMBERSHIP

This is the first part of our survey results we are posting. It gives a good idea of who our members are.

These are the most popular answers:

No. of years involved in magic?  
30-40 26%, 50+ 15%, 26-30 12%

No. of years a member of Ring 1?  
1-3 21%, 4-6 18%, 30+ 18%

What is your gender?  
Male 88%, Female 12%

What is your age group?  
51-60 32%, 61-70 29%, 41-50 20%

How many Ring 1 meetings do you attend per year?  
10 29%, Random 15%, 6 12%

What category magician are you?  
Advanced Intermediate 38%,  
Intermediate 26%, Advanced 23%

Which categories best describe where you perform magic?

Presentations and meetings 50%,  
Birthday parties 47%, Charity events 47%,  
Scout Meetings 37%, Magic meetings 34%,  
Dinner parties 34%

Pick your top 5 areas of interest:

Stage 53%, Impromptu 50%,  
Close-up 46%, Mentalism 31%,  
Corporate meetings 28%,  
Children's parties 28%

## Service Opportunities

### **MIDWEST MAGIC JUBILEE**

The next Midwest Magic Jubilee Meeting will be held Feb 9, 2010 at the Airport Hilton Hotel at 7pm.

At this meeting we will be holding an election for a Vice Chairman for the convention to work with Terry Richison - chairman and Alan Zibits - Treasurer. The Vice Chairman aids the General Chairman in the overall convention. planning and operation and is fully conversant with all aspects of the MMJ committees.

Specific duties will be assigned based on need and could include but not limited to organizing the dealers room, overseeing registration, lectures, talent, front of house personnel, publicity, security, contests, stage and lights set up and many misc duties.

If you are interested in running for this position, Please submit your name to Terry Richison at [magictwr@charter.net](mailto:magictwr@charter.net) by Feb 3, 2010 or call 314-791-9108.

### **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.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact:

John Reider - [jvreider@gmail.com](mailto:jvreider@gmail.com)

## Trick Corner: Hyrum The Flea

**Effect:** Hyrum, the Amazing Flea finds a spectator's chosen card, and the four aces in the process!

**Secret/Preparation:** Place the four aces face down on the table. On top of them, put any one of the fives face up. On top of this stack, put the rest of the deck, face down.

When the chosen card is returned to the top, and the deck cut, this bottom stack winds up above the chosen card in the middle of the deck: face up five, the four aces, then the chosen card!

**Props:** A deck of cards

**Presentation:** "Pick a card. (Spread the cards face down between your hands, inviting the spectator to take one. Be careful not to spread so far that she sees the face up five.) Show it to the audience. (Close up the deck & set it face down on the table.) Set it here (On top) and I'll bury it in the middle of the deck (Cut the deck and complete the cut, so her card is buried in the center).

(Reach in your pocket and pull our Hyrum, your 'imaginary' pet flea. Set him on top of the deck.) This is

Hyrum. He is my pet flea. He will look through the cards, pull your card out of the deck, turn it upside down, and put it back in, quicker than the human eye can see. Do you believe that?

(Pretend he does so; follow him with your eyes, as he flips the card over in mid air.) He did it! Did you see him do it? (They will probably say 'No'. Spread the cards, show the five face up, and cut it to the top. Proudly ask if that is the spectator's card. The spectator will say 'No'. Act disappointed. Then pretend that Hyrum whispers in your ear.)

Oh, Hyrum just whispered that it is an indicator card. The five indicates where the card can be found. (Starting with the card under the five, deal four cards into a face down pile and turn over the fifth card onto the table.) Was that your card? (It will be) Hyrum got it!

(Hyrum whispers something else in your ear.) He wants you to turn over the pile of four cards. (They are the four aces!) Hyrum wanted you to have a good hand to go with your card!"

Spread, revealing the face up five



Count down five cards to their card



Reveal the four aces



Big thanks to Jeff Lefton for this great trick!

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

## Ring 1 Youth Spotlight

IBM Ring 1 has consistently had a youth meeting as a part of our regular meeting for the past 2 years now. Much of the credit for this goes to Blake Douglass and Sandy Weis.

Attendance at the meeting has been up and down. Sandy usually brings a couple of young people from her school and other members bring grandchildren and children sporadically.

We need the support of our membership to bring more youth to the meeting. If you know of any

young people with an interest in magic send them or bring them by.

As a former member of our youth club, Blake Douglass was featured in the Linking Ring. I think this shows the potential for our club having the best magicians around.

One of our newer youth club members, Alex Schenberg has gotten quite good with cards and other apparatus. He regularly performs at our meetings and has progressed very far.

Who will be the next rising star of magic? Maybe someone from our youth club. Please support our cause!

*IBM RING 1 Youth Club Meets in the regular club meeting room at 6pm before the regular club meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month.*

Youth Club Moderator:

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## Event Spotlight

### *The Parade of Magic*

Day 1: Locations TBA.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2010, IBM Ring 1 will be hosting a different kind of Parade of Magic than we usually put on.

This year will be the first time we are producing it as an all day event.

The Parade begins with on Friday night March 19<sup>th</sup> with a special reception party featuring Doc Eason. Our club will be taking over a bar and Doc will work his magic.

Also, our other headliner Kainoa Harbottle will be doing a special lecture for those interested.

Day 2: Kirkwood Community Center

8:30am Flea Market

10:30am Kainoa Harbottle Lecture

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm Doc Eason Lecture

4pm Close-up Show featuring Kainoa Harbottle and Doc Eason

5:30pm Dinner

7pm Stage Show MC'd by Doc Eason

Registration: \$25 for Ring 1 members \$35 for non members.

Registration includes ticket to the stage show.

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

Meeting order of events:

6pm Youth Meeting

6:30pm Magic 101

7:00pm Announcements

7:15pm Break

7:30pm Meeting Theme

### **Meeting & Events for the first part of 2010**

Jan 6 – Members Perform + Teach *No Theme*

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(Hiway 40), I-44 or I-55:***

Take I-64(Hiway 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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