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September 7th: What Did You Get At The Convention?

Hey everyone, it has been a fast and furious summer. Lots of conventions: the I.B.M. in Dallas, the SAM in Pittsburg, Magic Live and of course the best of them all the Midwest Magic Jubilee!

So where did you go, what did you see, who did you see and what did you buy?

The September meeting is going to center around all of that. We would like to hear your stories, see your pictures and see what you bought! So come prepared to share your experiences and show off what you may have purchased over the summer or at the conventions. We would like it if you would perform you newly acquired tricks and illusions. So give Terry a call at 314-791-9108 or email him at magictwr@charter.net and let him know that you would like to perform or give a review of the conventions.

The agenda for the Sept 7th meeting is as follows:

- 6:30pm Magic 101 – Free Lecture Notes
- 7 pm Break
- 7:15pm Regular meeting begins
- Announcements
- 7:25 What Did You Get At The Convention?
- 8:20 Workshop / Social Time

See you there and bring a friend.

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President's Banquet Sept 16th

This year's President's Banquet will be held on Friday, Sept 16th at the Orlando Gardens Banquet Hall located at 8352 Watson Rd, Webster Groves, MO 63119. This year the cost is only \$25 per person which includes Carved Roast Beef w/ au jus, Chicken Spedini, Roasted Garlic Chive Mashers, Medley of Vegetables, Ziti Bolognese, Italian Garden Salad and an OPEN BAR!

We would like to invite your family and friends to the banquet to enjoy a great evening of food, fun and magic! We will start off with Close up magic during the cocktail hour beginning at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be at 7:30 PM and then after dinner, we will have the installation of officers and then a great show that everyone will love. We will be announcing the surprise guest perform in the next week or so keep checking your email.

We want this to be a grand way to start of the "New Year" for Ring 1. It will be an evening to remember. You can make your reservations by going to www.ibmring1.com/PresidentsBanquet.html or call 314-791-9108 to register.

President's Message: If Everyone Does A Little...

By Terry Richison magictwr@charter.net

Hi everyone. As the summer begins to wind down and we start a new year with Ring 1 we need to look at what magic has given us. To many it has given us hours of entertainment, the pleasure of seeing the smiles on our audiences face. To some it has given hope and reason. A reason to continue to excel at the magical art that we love. We continuously learn, improve and hone our skills as we strive to be better with each performance.

Ring 1 is very fortunate in that we can bring in lectures for our club at no cost to the members. We can have the club bring in a great performer for the president's banquet. We have a great sound system and microphones, back drops etc. How did we get them? From a lot of members hard work before us. We need to be sure to continue to keep that hard work going.

We need performers to help with the Haunted Hayloft, a significant portion of our budget. We need people to help with Project Magic each month. We need members to step up and ask what they can do for their club to help make it better, stronger and to grow. Take a moment and think about what you can bring to the club. You might be able to help organize a meeting, perform at the Haunted Hayloft or Project Magic. You might be able to bring the refreshments to the meetings, help sell tickets to the Spring Show. I would like to talk with each one to find out what you might be willing and able to do for the Ring in this upcoming year. If we all do a little, then no one has to do a lot.

Project Magic: Spreading Smiles With Magic

By Mike Hindrichs magicbymike@att.net

I had two club members ask me at the Jubilee last month. "How can I get more experience with a live audience?" Hmmm... let me think. Seriously, you need to sign up for project magic. Call me I can help you get started on the road to becoming the performer you want to be. Jackie Gallino was Ring One's featured performer for August.

Thanks Jackie for helping make a child's hospital stay a little better.

The September show is already filled by Larry Minth, and Gene

Schaeffer, but there are plenty of opportunities in the coming months.

Performers already booked:

Sept. 21 Larry Minth, Gene Schaeffer
 Oct. 19 Jackie Gallino
 Nov. 16 Ken Trokey
 Dec. 21 Mike Hindrichs

**"No man is so tall as when he
 stoops to help a child"
 Abraham Lincoln**

Magic 101 June: Ready or Not

By Mike Hindrichs magicbymike@att.net

First I would like to thank Steve Finkelstein for teaching Magic 101 last month. Steve's enthusiasm for sharing magic with others has always been an inspiration to me to keep Magic 101 classes interesting and accessible to everyone.

For those of you who did not attend

the Midwest Magic Jubilee (where were you? just joking). I have selected a few card tricks I have learned at past Jubilee lectures. As usual nothing too complicated, but strong enough to use in the real world.

Be sure to bring a deck of cards

and I'll see you at 6:30.

Upcoming Class Topics:

Sept. Free Lecture Notes
 Oct. How Bizarre
 Nov. My Cups Runneth Over
 Dec. No Experience Necessary

Do You Have Something To Sell Or Trade?

All members in good standing can advertise your item free. Just include a picture and description of your item along with your contact info to. steve@magiconthemenue.com

October 5th Meeting: Lecture With Diamond Jim Tyler

As we prepare for the coming cooler weather (I can't wait), we have a cool magician available to satiate their desire for practical magic. Author of "Pockets Full of Miracles" and the "Bamboozler" series, **Diamond Jim Tyler** will lecture at our October 5th at our regular meeting. Diamond Jim has toured and lectured all over the world having just completed a successful lecture tour of the Scandinavian countries. His book, "Pockets Full of Miracles" has just been picked up by Dover and should now be available in all popular bookstores under the title "Close-Up Magic".

Don't be fooled. This will be so much more than just a lecture on card magic. You can read a report of his lecture in New Zealand as published in *Magicana* magazine at:

<http://www.diamond-jim.com/magicana/> This will help give you an idea of his lecture. More material can be found at:

<http://www.diamond-jim.com/lecture/> for even more testimonials and info. He is intentionally vague about the exact effects that he will cover because like a good magic show Diamond Jim wants the audience to be surprised. His focus is *not just* on cards or close-up. He discusses and performs tricks with bottles, cans, mirrors, fire, coins, etc. Attendees can expect to learn some close-up, parlor tricks, bar bets, mentalism and more!

DIAMOND JIM TYLER

Diamond Jim will teach magic from his award-winning act, his new *Bamboozlers* books and his best-selling book and DVD *Pockets Full of Miracles*. He will also share new material and other reputation makers!

Spotlight on Membership: Meet Don Rataj

Editor: What is your first memory of magic or a magician?

Don: Sneaked into the dealer room at the Magic Jubilee in 1964 & bought a Fox Lake Svengali deck. (I still have it)

Editor: How long have you been involved in magic and how did you get started?

Don: Performed card tricks behind the bar while working my way through college for tips.

Editor: Tell us about your job? Do you find ways to bring magic to your work? How?

Don: Have been doing magic with my Architectural clients for over 26 years, & continue to do tricks during meetings.

Editor: Tell us something interesting about yourself that we might not know?

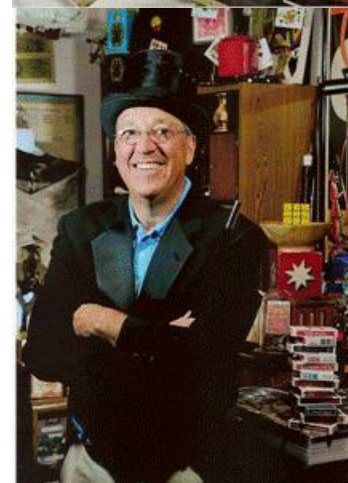
Don: Started to play the drums also in 1964, played in several rock bands & still continue to play at several St. Louis drum circles.

Editor: Tell us about the magic you perform or would like to perform, where? How often? What kind?

Don: Now I only do a few card tricks with un gimmicked deck when asked, but do still find some stuff in the magic room to perform now & then. Most of the time now I only do magic for charities, however I really like to tear up cards & restore.

Editor: If you were a magic prop, what prop would you be and why?

Don: Die Box! Simple but Classic.



IBM Ring 1: August 2011 Ring Report

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

Ring 1 does not meet in July; therefore, the first meeting of the “new” year was held on August 3, 2011. Magic 101 was led by Steve Finkelstein. There were approximately twenty members who participated. Steve taught the group, which consisted of beginners all the way to the highly experienced, card magic. All participants enjoyed the class and everyone felt confident they could perform these tricks. Steve and Mike Hindrichs both are great teachers of magic. They are both so patient with the members and are also very knowledgeable about magic.

Terry Richison, the new president, led the regular meeting. He announced that the President’s Banquet will take place on September 16th at the Orlando Gardens on Watson Road which is located in Webster Groves, Missouri. Previous Ring 1 banquets have taken place at this facility so the members were very pleased that this location was selected. He encouraged the members to bring their family and friends to this event.

Steve Finekelstein announced that Ring 1 has paired up with the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired. This agency’s 100th anniversary convention is taking place in September. The agency has asked Ring 1 members to assist at their picnic on September 17th. Members are encouraged to bring magic to entertain the adults as well as the children.

Several Ring 1 members have already volunteered but more are still needed.

The Midwest Jubilee was also discussed. This annual convention takes place on August 11th, 12th, and 13th. It is sponsored by both the St. Louis chapters of IBM and SAM. Members were encouraged to register for the convention and also volunteers were requested. Terry informed the members that the performers, both close-up and stage, were some of the best magicians in the country.

After the break, several members performed magic. Board members were all encouraged to perform and then several members volunteered to perform. Terry purchased magic from Ickle Pickle and drawings were held.

Several members won some very nice magic from Ickle Pickle.

Then, thanks to Mike Niehaus who went ice cream shopping, all those attending enjoyed Ted Drewes frozen custard. Ted Drewe’s is famous for their delicious frozen custard. Therefore, if you ever come to St. Louis, you need to visit Ted Drewes which has two locations in South St. Louis. Just ask any Ring 1 member for directions.

Ring 1 members socialized during the annual “ice cream social.”

Ring 1 members are excited about the new year. Terry and the Board have planned exciting events for the year.

Schedule of Events 2011 – 2012

Aug 3th – Ice Cream Social
Sept 7th – What did you get at the Jubilee
Oct 5th – Diamond Jim Tyler Lecture
Nov 2rd – Movie Night
Dec 5st – Holiday Party, White Elephant, Holiday Magic
Jan 4th – 4 Corner Poker Run
Feb 1st – Member Lecture
Feb 18th – Parade of Magic
Mar 7nd – Close Up Contest
Apr 4th – TBA
May 2nd – TBA
June 6st – TBA
July – NO MEETING

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We now have a Facebook page! Join us at

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/IBM-Ring-1/137745769621072#!/pages/IBM-Ring-1/137745769621072?sk=wall>

If you are not a member of Facebook it’s free and it gives us a simple way to share pictures, videos as well as information and ideas. If you have any pictures from meetings or the Jubilee please share them here.

What I Saw at the 55th Midwest Magic Jubilee

By Don Rataj, Ring 1 Historian donrataj@rkai.net

It was a wonderful weekend of Magicians, Friends, & amazing magic.

The shows & lectures were great, but the card work of Richard Turner was outstanding!

Seeing Howie doing cards in the bar is always a treat, but hearing the old magic stories from Chris Rayman, & other magicians was fun. Seeing Bud and Audrey in the Presidential room before the big show & learning more about the 1957 MMJ.

I find it hard to believe that I did not see one dove act, shows that the magical art appears to be turning more to cards.

It is just over and I find myself already looking forward to next year, great job to all who helped put this together.

Here are a few of the photos I shot while there!



55th Midwest Magic Jubilee Just The Facts

By Michael Niehaus

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The 55th Annual Midwest Magic Jubilee was held on Thursday, August 11, to Saturday, August 13, 2011 at the St Louis Airport Hilton Hotel. The Jubilee was three days packed with 10 lectures, a close up and stage contest, magic dealers, close up show, and three evenings (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) of outstanding magical stage shows that were open to the public. This year the impressive list of world famous magicians included: Paul Gertner, Eugene Burger, Arthur Steed, Shawn Farquhar, Richard Turner, Simon Lovell, Dan Harlan, Eric Buss, Chris Rayman, Scott Wells, Andrew Goldenhersh, Mike Niehaus, and Marty Kopp.

The Jubilee started with the "Kick Off" Thursday Night Stage Show with Emcee Scott Wells. Marty Kopp, Arthur Steed, and Eugene Burger performed a fantastic show. After the evening show, Steve Bender hosted the "Dealers Show". Each dealer presented a few items that were for sale at their table. Then, Dan Harlan started the lecture series with "Magic CPR". The evening closed late into the morning with The Scott Wells Show "Now You See It".

Friday morning started with the Stage Contest. This year's first place winner was Don Wiberg, second place was awarded to TJ Ketchmark, and third place was Larry Minth. The lecture series continued with Steve Bender "What's New in Magic", Paul Gertner "Original instructions NOT included", Eric Buss "Imagine Yourself - Some Tricks, Thoughts and Fun!". The winner of the "Close-Up Contest" was Steve Finkelstein, second place was awarded to Bill Walsh. Our Friday Evening Show "Magic Parade" had Dan Harlan as Emcee. Mike Niehaus, Tony Pezo, Simon Lovell, and Andrew Goldenhersh provided an incredible night of magic. After the show Arthur Stead continued the lecture series with "Give Your Act a Music Makeover". Finally, Simon Lovell finished the day with his lecture "Confessions of a Cheat".



We started Saturday morning with Richard Turner's lecture "Living on Jacks and Queens". Shawn Farquhar continued the lecture series with "Bread & Butter". Exhausted and overwhelmed the conventioners attended a mind-blowing "Close-Up Show" featuring Eugene Burger, Shawn Farquhar, Paul Gertner, Dan Harlan, Simon Lovell, Arthur Stead and Richard Turner. Eugene Burger then ended the lecture series with "Creating More Impact with our Magic". Finally, the convention came to a close with the Saturday Night Evening Show "The Stars of Magic!". Chris Rayman was the Emcee, Shawn Farquhar, Paul Gertner, and Eric Buss performed an amazing show bringing the convention to a close.



The Midwest Magic Jubilee Facebook Page has received several comments. Pete Walterscheid stated that "Always a great convention....one of the best. I've been to the last half dozen at least". Hal Scharf commented that "This was my first magic convention, and I thought it was well organized and topnotch".

Scott Wells said "I was pleased to be part of the Jubilee again this year". For more information on the Midwest Magic Jubilee, or to register for 2012, visit <http://mmjubilee.com>



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International Brotherhood Of Magicians

St. Louis Ring 1

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. (Except July) at the *Maryland Heights Community Center 2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043*. Unless noted in the schedule.

Meeting Agenda

6:30 Magic 101

7pm Announcements

7:15 Break

7:30 Meeting Theme

9pm Workshop / Social Time

Board Meetings held the 3rd Monday of the month. If you have something for the good of the club please contact one of the officers. All are welcome at the board meetings.

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)

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

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For the latest info:

This Just In...

Gallagher to Perform at PBC Creative Café

Not exactly magic but a cool variety performer none the less. Our friends at the PBC Creative Café will host the one and only Gallagher for one show Thursday October 20th. This is a great opportunity to see a legend of comedy up close and personal. Actually that might not be such a good idea because he will be featuring THE SLEDGE-A-MATIC!!! Cover up plastic or a poncho is recommended.

\$35 in advance

\$40 day of the event \$2.00 processing fee will be charged to tickets purchased with debit/credit.

Tickets purchased online will be available at will call 1 hr before the event.

Limited Availability!! Only 120 tickets to be sold!

You must be 21yrs+ to attend Doors open at 7:30pm Show 8:00-10:30 pm

Cash Bar (beer/wine) - No outside drinks allowed, Hots & brats for sale Free street parking.

*The show will be on the second floor. This historic building is not handicap accessible. Restrooms are on the first floor. PBC Creative Café is located at 128 West Central Street, Bethalto, IL. For ticket info call 618-377-3100

