



**Upcoming Events**

Monthly Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at the Webster Groves Community Center at 7:30PM.

Nov. 3 - Regular Meeting "VINTAGE MAGIC NIGHT" with a Flea Market during Intermission.

Dec. 1 - Regular Meeting "COLOR MAGIC THEME"

Jan. 5 - Regular Meeting "TEACH-IN AND POKER RUN"

Feb. 4 - Stage Contest Contact Harry Monti to enter.

March 2 - Regular Meeting "Mentalism Night"

April 16 - Spring Show Contact Terry Richison or Ted Schnarre to help or perform.

May 4 - Close-Up Contest Contact Ray Belz if you are interested in performing.

May 7 - Central Ill. Get Together - Springfield, IL

June 1 - Regular meeting "How to be an Emcee"

**Classic St. Louis Magic!**



It was not uncommon for the St. Louis club to play host to performers like Harry Blackstone Sr. and Paul LePaul seated to the right of Harry.



**Special Announcement!!!**

**It's not too early to register!**

Call 314-791-9108

**The Midwest Magic Jubilee**

**August 11- 13, 2005**

at the Airport Hilton Hotel  
St. Louis, MO

**Special Announcement:**

**The first 50 registrants will receive a free registration for their spouse!**

**There are not many spots left!**

Prior to June 1, 2005	After May 31, 2005
\$110 - Adults	\$125 - Adults
\$70 - Juniors 16 & Under	\$80 - Youth 16 & Under

**Next Meeting**  
**November 3, 2004**  
**VINTAGE**  
**MAGIC NIGHT**

## Spring Show 2005

*We have already had several people inquire about performing. If you would be interested in performing in the **2005 Spring Show**, it's not that far away. We are building a great tradition of putting on great shows. We want to continue that tradition and you can be apart of it. We will be looking for acts to perform in the show. So start putting your act together or brush off one that is tried and true. If you would like to have your act considered for the show, please contact **Ted Schnarre 636-947-1517** or **Terry Richison 314-232-4187** for more information.*

### ***Mondo Magic is a Hit!***

Monday, October 4th was the date for **Korn's** new special "Mondo Magic" hosted by Chris and good friend **J.B. Ben** from New York. The show aired on A&E at 9:30pm central time and will continue for 5 more episodes. The magic was strong and the reaction from the crowds was outstanding! The first special was shot on location in New Orleans with a special appearance by Judge Harry Stone, **Harry Anderson**. The show was packed with original magic presented on the street in a "Blaine" like fashion. The special consisted mostly of card tricks and a few coin tricks all done on the street for real people. I have spoke to several people and they all have mixed reviews. I spoke to Chris the day the special aired and needless to say he and J.B. are very excited. As Chris pointed out, he has no say so as to what will air and what not will air so keep that in mind while watching the trick selection. I had asked Chris what his plans were that evening and he informed me that Moby (a famous musician) was having a preview party at his house in New York City for Chris and his friends. Needless to say, this reviewers name must have not made the "list." Another St. Louis magician makes it big! We should be very proud of Chris. I think the future of magic is in good hands with Chris at its helm. **Next shows: November 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30PM on A&E.**

IBM Ring 1 financials as of 10/13/04:

Checking balance	\$2,635.89
Savings balance	\$1,064.82
Investments (4 CD's)	\$21,620.01

# Trick Review

by Steve Zuehlke

## **"Magic I.Y.Q. Stickers"**

From White Rabbit Magic

It was suggested at the last board meeting by our President that all the board members review a trick. With that in mind, here is my review for the month of October. I recently purchased an effect by Jim Pace called "Magic I.Y.Q. Stickers." For those not in the know, I.Y.Q. means I like you in "clown talk". The basic effect is very similar to the "The Web" also by Jim Pace. With this in mind, the effect works basically the same way as the web but not as scary. The basic effect is that 3 cards are shown to have clowns on them holding a card that says I.Y.Q. After the magic happens, the 3 cards are shown again but this time the sign that read "I.Y.Q." has vanished. Upon the spectator turning over his outstretched palm, there is a sticker on the back of his or her hand that reads I.Y.Q.

In my opinion this trick is awful. The cards are cheap, the moves used to accomplish this effect are cheesy and you will need to buy refill stickers if you plan on doing this trick more than 30 times. This whole effect can be made on home computer with a good color printer. The effect cost me \$10.00 and of course I purchased 4 sets prior to knowing the secret. Save your money and invest in a good book. This brings me to my next point. Jim Pace was recently at the S.A.M. National this summer displaying his wares. One of the convention deals that he offered was that if you purchased \$60.00 or more from his booth, you could go to his website and buy an additional \$60.00 worth of material for free. He would even pay for the shipping! Such a deal! And a lot of magicians took him up on his offer. The reason being, he was closing his shop and going to an Internet Magic Shop. We live in a world of free trade so I cannot fault him for this. But if this trend continues, there will be no more "brick and mortar" magic shops left. Do yourself and magic a favor. Support your local dealer. If that dealer doesn't have you want in stock, ask him or her to order it before you go out on the World Wide Web and give the business to someone else. Just one man's opinion.

**COMING SOON!**

## **COLOR MAGIC NIGHT**

**December 1**

Our December meeting will be Color Magic Night. **Steve Zuehlke** is heading up the evening along with President **Keith Smith**. **Color Magic Night** will be open to all to perform. Bring along some colorful magic! You can show off your Feather Flowers, Silks, Colorful Props, etc. Sound equipment will be available if needed. Please contact Steve Zuehlke if interested in performing so we can allot the proper amount of time. You can contact Steve at (314) 574-8232. If time permits, Steve Zuehlke is going to do a small lecture on Silk Magic. Steve is very knowledgeable on this subject so if you have any questions feel free to bring them to **Color Magic Night**.

### **Classified Ads**

**Attention magazine collectors!!** I have numerous back issues of Linking Rings, Geniis, M-U-Ms and Sphinx. If you are missing any issues to complete your collection, please email me with your list and I will see if I have any duplicates. I am currently sitting on over 2,000 back issues of the above mentioned magazines.

Steve Zuehlke 314-514-0215

[stlsteve2001@aol.com](mailto:stlsteve2001@aol.com)

#### **Linking Rings Available**

For those starting in magic and would like to have some back issues of *The Linking Ring*, here is your chance. The last ten years' issues 1994-2003 are available free. Contact Dave Snetsinger at 314 968-3442 or via E-mail at [Snetsing@aol.com](mailto:Snetsing@aol.com). If more than one call comes in there will be a drawing.

#### **Dan Harland's Premium Blend Set of 6 DVDs**

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- 3) Games Per... Play
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#### **Dean Dill's Video Tape with accompanying book**

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#### **"A Life of Magic" videos by Jerry Andrus**

Set of 3 tapes. \$30.00

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### **The Midwest Magic Jubilee Organizational Meeting**

**Open to All IBM Members!!!**

**We want your help!!!**

If you would like to be a part of one of the **Nations Finest Magic Conventions**, **Now is your chance! Get involved!**

**The next meeting will be**

**January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**

**at EME Steel**

182 Northwest Industrial Ct.

Bridgeton, MO

**Call 314-514-0215 for directions.**

[www.mmjubilee.com](http://www.mmjubilee.com)

### **Haunted Hayloft was a Huge Success!**

By Terry Richison, Don Rataj and Steve Zuehlke

Another successful event to help raise funds for Ring1. "Twenty-four fantastic performances by some of the most talented magicians in the Midwest" was just one of the comments given by the Purina Farms staff. Special thanks go to Coordinator, **Larry Skorepa, Keith Smith, Terry Richison, Steve and Megan Zuehlke, Don Rataj, Henry Schaper Sr., Don Burgan, Tom Westerheide, Larry Minth Harry Monti and Tony Rataj**. For those who have never been to Purina Farms, it's a very nice evening to spend with your kids.

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(Haunted Hayloft continued)

They have a theatre where they show cartoons, pumpkin painting for the kids, hayrides, magic shows, story tellers and a dog and cat show and a haunted hayloft. As well as a barnyard full of animals for the kids to pet and a demonstration on cow milking.



The crowds were great!

The crowds ranged anywhere from a couple hundred to just a few brave survivors who brave the cold weather for the late show. This is Purina Farm's 19th year bringing Ring One to perform at the Farm. Magicians are missing out not doing the wonderful Hayloft experience. Wow! Nothing but good comments from all who witnessed the magic. Don Rataj used a card fountain during his show. Every card was snatched up by the kids after the show. "To our surprise the kids then all lined up and asked for our autographs on the cards. Now to you well seasoned magicians this is no big thing. But to us, we were amazed" Don said. Just think if you had been giving out business cards. Your phone would be ringing off the hook. **Dave Glover from 97.1 Talk FM** was on hand Sunday night and gave a rave review of the magic he witnessed on his Monday radio Show! How's that for some free advertising! Mark your calendar for next October & join us in the fun!



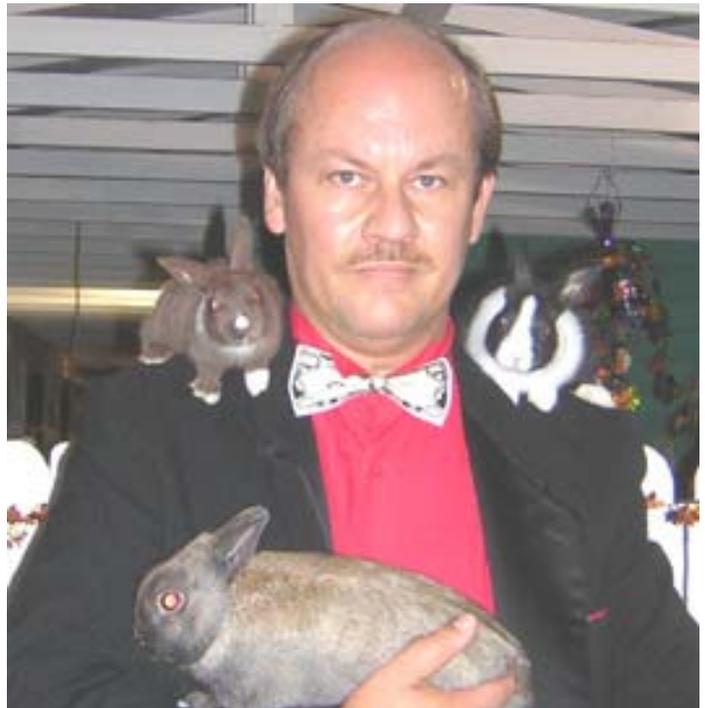
**Terry Richison** vanishes his volunteer's \$100 bill.



**Steve and Megan Zuehlke** show off their haunting powers.



**Keith Smith** doing an amazing chair suspension.



**Larry Skorepa** and his "evil eyed" bunnies. **Larry wants to thank all the performers who donated their time and effort!**



Don Rataj trying to bribe his volunteer before he actually amazed her.



Henry Schaper Sr. with his infamous Robin Hood Routine.

## Midwest Jubilee Positions To Be Filled

The Midwest Magic Jubilee has several positions that need to be filled for the upcoming 2005 convention. Below is a listing of opportunities. Please contact [Terry Richison](#) if you would be interested in a position.

- 1) **Performer/Lecture contact/personal assistant.** Several people will be needed. This will consist of greeting performers at the airport and assisting them with registration and explaining hotel layout as to where lectures and performances will take

place and be their liaison for the convention. Steve Buesking will be the overall coordinator.

- 2) **Backstage help:** during the evening shows and stage contest.
- 3) **Set Up Crew:** start time would be 8 AM Thursday August 11, 2005 to aid in staging, curtain, sound and lighting set up.
- 4) **Tear Down Crew:** start time would be 8 AM Sunday, August 14, 2005 to aid in staging, curtain, sound and lighting tear down.

Contact [Terry Richison](#) for further details.

## Kid Show Magic Night

By Ray Belz



For those of you interested in doing magic for children, birthday parties and other miscellaneous youth groups----this was the meeting to attend. All facets of performing for this age group were masterfully explained, demonstrated and discussed by our current president, **Keith Smith** and local magic dealer and performer extraordinaire, **Steve Bender**. It was a fast paced lecture of what kind of magic to do for children and why, as well as, how to routine it in order to create a story in which the children can get involved which is critical when performing for children. Keith and Steve both performed some of their favorite children's effects and answered any and all questions about anything you could possibly ask about performing for children, including some guidelines on what to charge and how to facilitate increasing your potential bookings in this venue. If you were not there you missed a great lecture.

## Project Magic: GIVING BACK

By Keith Smith

It was once said that the measure of one's love or passion for something is not what he has to show for it, but rather it is what he gives back. Being President, I have witnessed many great magicians that make up our Ring. I've seen many entertaining acts and witnessed the great pleasures many audiences have taken home with them from **Ring 1** performances. I then look to what our club is giving back. Many people have given enormous amounts of time and energy planning and participating in club events. I am looking toward our club to extend this dedication to what we are giving back to the community. **Project Magic** is one way that we as

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magicians can give back to the community. The kids at Shriners really enjoy the magic evening and all performers that I have worked with have walked away with a special feeling in their heart. **Jerry Novac** and **Henry Schaper Sr.** have, for years now, dedicated an enormous amount of time and energy into their passion of giving back to the community by organizing these evenings. Henry also spends tireless energy in the recruitment for the event. I would like to think that all would be open to performing. I truly believe that the real difficulty for most of us is simply scheduling the time. I am proposing to take the membership and select three names for each month for the next year and setting it forth as the calendar. I am writing to all to receive feedback before I make this list. The point is not to add to someone's things to do list, but rather it is to establish our club as a strong part of our community. If anyone has any reservations about being on this list of performers please call me at **314-692-7206** or email me at [Keithorth@aol.com](mailto:Keithorth@aol.com). The calendar will be set and if one cannot fulfill the obligated time, then all one will have to do is **contact Henry Schaper Sr.** prior to the event so as Henry can find a replacement. I look forward to this endeavor and hope all will share in my enthusiasm.

### *To Change or not to Change?*

*By Ted Schnarre*

They say change is good. I have shuffled around the ideal of changing my act, for something different for quite sometime. I've tried to figure out what would I do. I never really felt comfortable about what I explored. So I have traded in and out a few effects just to make it a little different for myself. I really started thinking about the change when I read in a Linking Ring report that my act featured some of the classics of magic. Classics. WOW! Not that this is bad but when I started in magic they were the up to date effects on the market and now they are the classics.

I found my answer the other week when I visited Las Vegas for my first time. I went to the Lance Burton Show and within the first minutes of his act I heard Lance say "Magicians aren't supposed to be superstitious but I like to start my show with the act that put me where I am today." Yes, it was the same act that I competed against, at the Midwest Magic Jubilee stage contest at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel. How great to see him still doing it just like before. Next, I went to see Mac King. It was about the same

shows I've seen at the Midwest Magic Jubilee and the Funny Bone. Cut and restore rope, eating the worm, and thumb tie routine and about the same jokes. So I took this for my answer if they are starting their shows today in Las Vegas the same way they started out many years ago. Why change? Our audiences change, we very seldom do shows for the same clients and when we do repeat for them it is because they enjoyed what they saw and want their other friends to have the enjoyment they had when they first saw our show. They really do not want a different show or they would have booked another act. So thanks to Lance and Mac I'll just keep doing what I'm doing. If it isn't broke don't fix it.

### Vintage Magic Night and Flea Market

**Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

November's meeting will be an opportunity to see some of the history associated with magic in terms of the apparatus used. The apparatus will cover a period of nearly 100 years. The demonstration of the apparatus will also take you on a tour of many different manufacturers of magic. This will be an opportunity to see some magic apparatus that you have only heard or read about. Any and all in the club are invited to bring and perform some vintage magic besides the demonstrators already lined up. So please contact me (Ray Belz) if you would like to perform.

There will also be a flea market at this meeting. It will occur during the intermission of this meeting. All transactions will have to occur during the intermission. So if you have some magic that has been just sitting around, collecting dust or if you just want to get rid of some trick that doesn't suit your style or if you just want to make a few bucks---come to the flea market. But don't forget, this is also an opportunity to buy something you have been wanting, at just possibly that amazingly low price that you are interested in paying.



# PROJECT MAGIC

Thanks to  
**Henry Schaper Sr.**  
**Robert Campbell & Eugene Schaefer**  
For their performances at the  
**Shriners Hospital!!**

Next Show is on  
**December 8, 2004 at 6:45 PM**

**Call Henry Schaper Sr. (314-487-8296 to  
participate!)**

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**Stage Contest** –Harry Monti  
**Close Up Contest** – Ray Belz  
**Presidents Banquet** – Henry Schaper, Sr., Dave  
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**Color Magic Night** – Steve Zuehlke  
**Teach-In** – Chuck Levy  
**Mentalism** - Steve Finkelstein  
**Project Magic** – Jerry Novak, Henry Schaper, Sr.  
**Emcee Night** – Shep Hyken, Keith Smith

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## **Roger Linden**

### A Treasure Trove of History!

By Steve Zuehlke

I recently discovered that our own **Roger Linden** had written several historical manuscripts. 3 of the many he has written are about magicians from St. Louis. The first is The Quartet. This is a 40 page manuscript on the lives of **Paul LePaul, Roy Mayer, Bill Baird and Joe Scott**. These 4 gentlemen changed the face of magic and really put St. Louis on the map for a magical city. They also set standards that are still used today that most of us are unaware of.

The second set of notes for review is **Lindhorst-The Man of Mystery**. For those who don't know, Will was an assistant to **The Great Thurston**, ran a magic shop, traveled the country performing and was the original **Chandu The Magician**. These are a few of his accomplishments.

The last manuscript is on the life of **John Eugene Leitensdorfer**. Born in Austria in 1772 and eventually made his way to St. Louis. These notes tell a fascinating story of his travels as well as his magic. He later went on to become the first mayor of Corondelet where his family still resides.

I cannot stress that all 3 of these are a must read for anyone interested in magic and living in St. Louis. I rate all 3 with the highest marks!! Contact Roger by phone or look him up at the next meeting and pick up one or all 3!



DO THE SPIRITS  
COME BACK ?

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THE WONDER SHOW OF THE UNIVERSE