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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at the Webster Groves Recreational Complex, located at 33 Glendale, at 7:30pm. Directions: Take the Elm Street exit off of I-44 and go south to Glendale.

Monthly Ring 1 Board Meetings are open to all members and are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 825 Norwich Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301. Meetings begin at 7pm!

Oct 4 - Bizarre Magic
Steve Finkelstein

Oct 20-22, 27-29 Haunted Hayloft At Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. Shows start at:
6:30, 7:30, 8:30 & 9:30 Fri & Sat
5:30, 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 Sunday
Call **Tom Westerheide** if you want to perform this year. **618-233-4329.**
Larry Skorepa & Tom Westerheide

Nov 1 -Special Occasion Magic

Dec 6 – Holiday Party – White Elephant Exchange

Jan 3 - Poker Run

Feb 7 – Flea Market

March 7 – Paper Magic

April – 4 Magic in Business
Steve Finkelstein

New Start Time

7:00 PM

Beginning with our Oct. 4th meeting, the meetings will begin at 7:00PM. The first half hour will be used as a “novice” or beginners class. Each month will be a different subject. Then the normal meeting will begin at 7:30PM with a “teach-a-trick” before the announcements are made and the regular meeting begins. We will be looking for volunteers to teach a trick each month. So if you would like to be one of the presenters, please call Terry Richison at 314-232-4183.

Bizarre Magic Bizarre Magic

Your host for this evening will be Mr. Steve Finkelstein

If you do not know what to expect at this meeting, the information below will clear it up for you.

Bizarre Magic, or Bizarre Magick, is a branch of [stage magic](#), or conjuring, like stage illusions, [sleight of hand](#), or children's shows. The major difference is that bizarre magic uses storytelling and word play to a much greater degree, and less emphasis is placed on the manual dexterity of the performer or the complexity of his equipment. It is more like watching small, intimate theater than a traditional magic show. Bizarre Magicians often use authentic and sometimes antique artifacts in their presentations. Unlike traditional magic where you may see many magicians performing similar effects, most Bizarre Magick is completely unique to each performer.

Among many people, there is the often times mistaken impression that bizarre magic must be ghoulish, ghostly, or ghastrly.

Upcoming Events Continued

May 2 – Close Up Contest
Joe Thomas & Terry Richison

June 6 – Stand Up Magic

Oct 20-23, 27-29
Haunted Hayloft

at the Nestle /Purina Farms.

Thanks to everyone who signed up to perform at the Haunted Hayloft. The schedule is full and Tom Westerheide and Larry Skorepa would like to thank everyone who graciously volunteered to perform. If you never have been to the Haunted Hayloft take your family and see what it is all about, as you can see the show spots fill up quick.

The logo for Project Magic features the words "Project Magic" in a colorful, stylized font. "Project" is in purple, "Magic" is in blue, and the letters are outlined in white. The text is set against a background of horizontal lines that create a sense of depth and shadow.

Shriner's Hospital

Show starts at 6:45 PM

Thanks to September's performers:

Jeff Lefton, Ted Schnarre

Jim Buffaloe & Steve Buesking

October 18, 2006

John Reider, Mike Sheehan, Jim

Holmes and Ed Stephens

No man can stand so tall as to stoop to help
a child in need

Ring 1 Ambassadors Needed

We are looking for individuals that will pair up with new members to help show them all that Ring One has to offer and to be their "go-to" person if they have any questions. This is something that we hope that everyone will participate in. Please contact Dave Snetsinger at snetsing@aol.com or (314) 968-3442.

That is not necessarily true. Bizarre magic can be funny, comical, and downright slapstick. It can also be emotionally touching and philosophically provoking. The key feature is that it must touch the audience on a deeper emotional level than ordinary magic. To that end, many find it easier to lean to the occult, or darker, side.

Bizarre magic is normally done as close-up magic, for a few people at a time, but it can be done as a club show or even as a stage act, depending on the routine, the props, and the performer

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Magicians Wanted

Part Time, After School Magic Instructors Wanted

Would you like to start kids off in magic? IBM member, **Jeff Lefton**, will teach you the curriculum of simple tricks, and will furnish the supplies. Classes go for 6-8 weeks, 1 day/week for an hour after school. He'll try to line you up with a school close to you. Pay is \$25/class. For more info, please contact Jeff Lefton 314-608-6547 jlefton@q4solutions.co

Peoria Magicians Assembly

IBM Ring 48 - SAM Assembly 51 Peoria, IL
www.geocities.com/peomagic

Richard Sanders Lecture

RICHARD SANDERS [Click here for Web site! www.thatsimpossible.com](http://www.thatsimpossible.com)

Saturday, September 30, 4:00 P.M.

Holiday Inn Express, 3615 Kelly Ave. Pekin, IL \$15 [Click here for map](#)

Saturday, September 30, 2006, 4:00 P.M., Pekin, IL, Holiday Inn Express, Kelly Avenue across from Wal-Mart and East Court Village on East Court St. (Rt. 9) - \$15

Richard Sanders is a bona fide, underground treasure. His material has appeared in [The Magical Arts Journal](#), [New Directions](#), [Genii](#), and [The Magic Menu](#).

David Acer wrote, "When Richard Sanders picks up a deck of cards, the cards quite simply sing. He has that ability to bring a technique to life in greater abundance than anyone else I've ever known! Add to that an excellent sense of theatre and a dynamic performing style and you've got one exceptional magical entertainer."

"One of the best kept secrets in magic!" -Jay Sankey

"One of the best lectures I have seen in the last 10 years!" -Marc DeSouza

Featuring devious methods and effects from one of Canada's busiest professionals. Richard's new lecture features revolutionary new work on Bill Switches and "Super Commercial" Card Changes, an amazing 5-minute walk-around rope routine, plus routines with pictures, markers, chewing gum, limes, pocket change, business cards, and a whole lot more.

Slow Burn - From Richard's "Hot" DVD - a visual bill change where both sides of four bills are shown before changing. "Slow Burn has got to be one of the most visual variants I have ever seen! You literally pass your hand across the bills and they slowly change, just like real magic. This is a very strong effect. -Steve Brookes, themagiccafe.com

Super Cards - A brand new system for amazing card changes that can be utilized in many different ways. Four cards change into four other cards in the spectator's hands! Witness one of the most visual packet tricks you will ever see. Spread the deck revealing that all the cards are blank except for the spectator's thought of card!

Trick Photography - A selected card vanishes from a spectator's hand and reappears inside your hand in a picture!

Behind My Back - A selected card vanishes from the deck held behind the performer's back and reappears in the performer's mouth! No sleight-of-hand!

Mr. Stickman - A drawing of a stickman vanishes and reappears on the backs of different cards in a pack ending on the signed selection.

The Double Bill Switch - A borrowed bill changes denominations twice and is given out for examination.

Cramped, The Bill in Marker Cap - A borrowed bill vanishes and reappears in the marker that the spectator is holding. The spectator removes the bill from the marker cap.

Trident - Borrowed bill is found inside a gum wrapper within a sealed pack of gum!

Shaken - Watch as the spots on the back of a playing card visually rearrange themselves to form an outline of the selected card!

Come enjoy a memorable experience in close-up magic! Feel free to join us afterward next door for a casual sit-down meal at Kelly's Restaurant.

2006 President's Banquet Review

What an evening . . . packed full of fun, great entertainment and awards! The best place to start would be at the beginning of the evening so as not to slight anything that happened that night.

Everyone was greeted at the door by Larry and Sherree Skorepa. Our thanks to them for the decorations and the two wonderful cakes made by Sherree. The bar was open and the close-up magic began. Joe Thomas, our close-up contest co-winner this past year, and Jim Buffaloe, who is getting ready to tour with his new lecture, were our close-

up performers for the evening.

Just before dinner, President Terry Richison introduced some special guests that were with us that night. First were SAM National Past President John

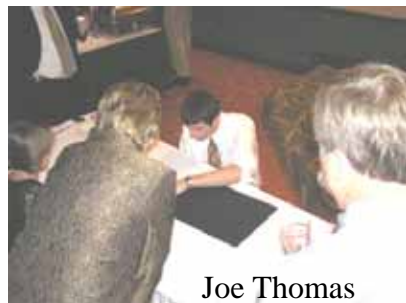
Apperson, IBM Territorial Vice President Dennis Burks, I.B.M. International President, Fred Casto, and the master of the newspapers,

Mr. Gene Anderson. The invocation before dinner was given by Brad Barton and a fabulous dinner was served.

Following dinner, the stage and close-up awards were presented. Ted Schnarre presented the stage awards. In 3rd place was Josh Routh, 2nd place winner, Tim Shigetz and 1st place winner, Terry Richison. Ray Belz presented the close-up award winners; 2nd place Steve Finkelstein, and 1st place co-winners, Joe Thomas and Terry Richison.

President Terry Richison then presented the Presidential Citation awards to the following for their significant contributions to make the Ring the success that it is. The Presidential citations were awarded to Dave Snetsinger, Harry Machin, Eugene Schafer, Ray Belz, Larry Skorepa, Steve Buesking, George Van Dyke, Chuck Levy, Tom Westerheide, Steve Zuehlke and Ted Schnarre. A new award was given this year by Terry. It was for a new member that has shown great enthusiasm and drive in their first year. That award was given to Joe Thomas.

Dave Snetsinger then presented President



Joe Thomas



Jim Buffaloe



Joe Thomas, Ray Belz & Terry Richison



Sister Therese caught in the act!



Harry Machin Jr.-Steve Buesking-Ray Belz- Eugene Shaefer-Ted Schnarre-Steve Zuehlke-Larry Skorepa



Terry Richison & Fred Casto



Dave Snetsinger
Terry Richison



Terry Richison, Dennis Burks and International Pres. Fred Casto

Terry Richison with the highest award a Ring One Member can receive from his peers, the Harold Theper Award, given only to those members who have gone above and beyond any expectation to promote Ring One and make it successful.

President Richison then presented IBM Ring One Recognition Awards to I.B.M. International President Fred Casto and Territorial Vice President Dennis Burks. Dennis Burks then presented Ring One with the highest honor any Ring can receive from the International Office, The Quality Ring Award.

Terry graciously accepted the award on behalf of Ring One from



Terry Richison-Dr. George Ulett Bob Arenz, Dave Snetsinger & Fred Casto

Dennis and International President Fred Casto.



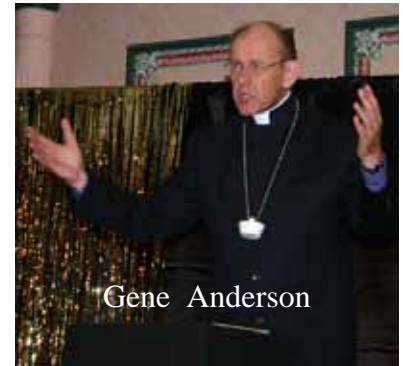
Dennis Burks

President Terry Richison then recognized the members with the different levels of the Order of the Merlin, from 25 years to 65 years of consecutive membership. Dr. George Ulett and Bob Arenz received special recognition for their over 60 years of membership. We took a short intermission and then it was SHOWTIME!

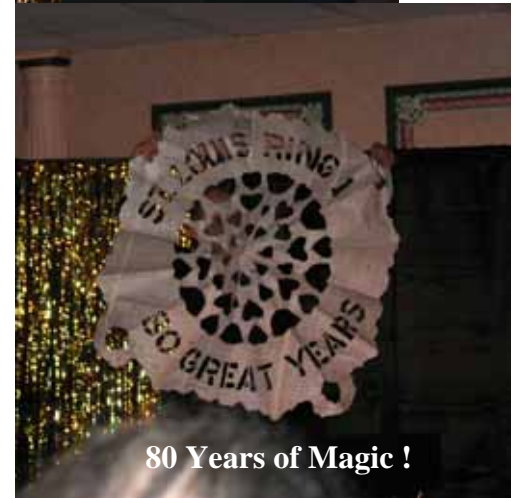
Steven Shields was the M C for the evening's show. First up was International President Fred Casto who did a mind-blowing Sympathetic Blocks. Next up was Territorial Vice President Dennis Burks who used different colored silks to describe the different Rings located in the Missouri area and transformed them into a single large silk. Next he had a little trouble getting his rabbit here and required the help of Don Burgan's wife, Barb. She helped pump his rabbit back into shape. Closing the show was the master of the newspaper magic Mr. Gene Anderson. Gene's paper magic is very entertaining and at times baffling. I know I especially enjoyed the preacher interpretation of "Old Mother Hubbard". Gene finished with a tribute to Ring One and their 80years of Magic!



International President Fred Casto



Gene Anderson



80 Years of Magic !



Gene Anderson Lecture

What better way to add to a great weekend of magic but to have the guest of honor from the President's Banquet to give a lecture. Gene showed up with his ever-captivating smile on his face to share his knowledge and ideas to Ring 1. Gene went through his entire show step by step explaining all the subtleties and secrets. From all his paper tears to his "Heavenly" die box and all the moves in between. It was a lecture that will be hard to top. Thanks to Gene for a great lecture and visit to St Louis!

Halloween Legends



Witches have had a long history with Halloween. Legends tell of witches gathering twice a year when the seasons changed, on April 30 - the eve of May Day and the other was on the eve of October 31 - All Hallow's Eve. The witches would gather on these nights, arriving on broomsticks, to celebrate a party hosted by the devil. Superstitions told of witches casting spells on unsuspecting people, transforming them into different forms and causing other magical mischief.

It was said that to meet a witch you had to put your clothes on wrong side out and you had to walk backwards on Halloween night. Then at midnight you would see a witch.

When the early settlers came to America, they brought along their belief in witches. In America, the legends of witches spread and mixed with the beliefs of others, the Native Americans - who also believed in witches, and then later with the black magic beliefs of the African slaves.

The black cat has long been associated with witches. Many superstitions have evolved about cats. It was believed that witches could change into cats. Some people also believed that cats were the spirits of the dead.

One of the best-known superstitions is that of the black cat. If a black cat was to cross your path you would have to turn around and go back because many people believed that if you continued bad luck would strike you.

A burning a candle inside a jack-o-lantern on Halloween keeps evil spirits and demons at bay.

If a candle suddenly goes out by itself on Halloween, as though by breath or wind, it is believed that a ghost has come to call.

Gazing into a flame of a candle on Halloween night will enable you to peer into the future.

It is believed that if a person lights a new orange-colored candle at midnight on Halloween and lets it burn until sunrise, he or she will be the recipient of good luck.

To cast a headless shadow or no shadow at all is still believed by many folks in the United States and Europe to be an omen of death in the course of the next year.

A person born on Halloween can both see and talk to spirits.

Knocking on wood keeps bad luck away.





Haunted Hayloft

At

Nestlé's Purina Farms in Gray Summit

It is that time of year again when ghosts and goblins roam free at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO. Make reservations for family-style tricks and treats in Gray Summit. Kids can paint pumpkins, watch cartoons, listen to storytellers, witness Fantastic Magic from Ring One Members, pet a barnyard full of farm creatures and, of course, crawl around in a creepy hayloft. Plus it is told that some of St. Louis' greatest magicians will be appearing and disappearing for 4 shows each night! Check the schedule to the Who's Performing Where Article! Located 45 miles southwest of St. Louis in Gray Summit, Mo., Purina Farms is handy to reach from Interstate 44. Simply turn north at the Gray Summit exit (Exit 253) on Interstate 44, and travel two blocks on Missouri Highway 100. Go left on County Road MM, and the entrance to Purina Farms is one mile on the left.

314-982-3232 – Reservations



Who's Performing Where?

Nestles Purina Farms Haunted Hayloft Oct 20-22 and 27-29

Friday, Oct 20th - Shows at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 Starring **Tom Westerheide** and **Alan Zibits**.

Saturday, Oct 21st - Shows at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 Starring **Terry Richison** and **Steve Zuehlke**.

Sunday, Oct 22nd - Shows at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:40 Starring **Jerry Novak** and **Brian Boyd**.

Friday, Oct 27th - Shows at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 Starring **John Apperson** and **Van Dyke**.

Saturday, Oct 28th - Shows at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 & 9:30 Starring **Don Burgan**, **Larry Skorepa** & **Keith Smith**.

Sunday, Oct 29th - Shows at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:40 Starring **Ray Belz** and **Ron Perez**

Terry Richison

Oct. 8th – **Missouri History Museum** – Forest Park, St Louis, MO – Show begins at **2:00pm**

Oct 15th – **Lincoln Theatre** – Belleville, IL – Show begins at **2:00PM**

Oct 27th – **The Thaxton** – 1009 Olive, Downtown St Louis – Shows begin at **7:00PM**

Brian Boyd

Oct 12-14 – **Grant's Farm** – 10501 Gravois Rd, St Louis – Doors open at **6:00PM**

Oct 19-21 – **Grant's Farm** – 10501 Gravois Rd, St Louis – Doors open at **6:00PM**

Oct 26-28 – **Grant's Farm** – 10501 Gravois Rd, St Louis – Doors open at **6:00PM**

Next meeting is November 1st – Magic For All Occasions

Contact Terry Richison if you have a favorite routine for a specific occasion.

MAGIC 101 meeting begins at **6:30 pm** (prior to our regular meeting. Anyone is welcome!

Other Upcoming Events:

CIRCUS HARMONY: GLISSANDO

at City Museum (701 N. 15th St. , 3rd floor circus ring)

Oct. 6, 7 and 8th, 2006

This year's show is titled **Circus Harmony: Glissando** and features a great deal of magic--- including a levitation and sub trunk--- all presented by our youth circus performers. Other acts include juggling, double trapeze and partner acrobatics. **Circus Day Foundation's** inspirational work gives hope. Hope that people from different neighborhoods and cultures can work and live and perform together in a constructive, cooperative way to create harmony. Through our teaching and performance of circus arts we help people defy gravity, soar with confidence and leap over social barriers, all at the same time. If you realize that having someone stand on your shoulders accomplishes both of you standing taller, then you start to change and then you can change the world! Come witness the transformative power of circus!

When: Fri. Oct 6 at 7 PM, Sat. and Sun. Oct. 7 & 8 at 1 PM

Cost: \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors/children

For Tickets and information: Call 314-436-7676 or visit www.circusday.org

Ring 1 member, Michael Henry might have solved the Mystery of the Lady in White!

ST CHARLES GHOST TOURS

Main Street St Charles seems to have more than its share of mysterious

manifestations. Just glimpsed glows, unexplained noises, and flitting shadows at the edge of vision. Lights, sights, sounds and even ghostly smells have been reported along here.

From 1789 to 1853, St. Charles Borromeo cemetery was located in what is now the 400 block of South Main. According to church records, the graveyard was closed in 1853 and the stones were moved to the new graveyard (the current location) on Randolph Street. However, there are no records to indicate any effort was made to move the bodies to the new location.

Block 28 – between Jackson and Tompkins – is also the site of another ambitious project. An attempt is being made to reconstruct a copy of the Old (original) Borromeo Church, a building that will not “rest in peace.” The log church is being rebuilt on its original location and seems to be drawing interesting visitors even before it is finished.

The Lady in White, a young woman in what seems to be a wedding dress has been seen here a few times. She stands quietly, with her head down almost as if in prayer. Who is this mysterious visitor? Items in the research collection of Dr. Michael Henry could provide an explanation.

A letter written by Hiram Berry (of St Charles), dated September 1822, tells of “a nice-looking woman that lives on the same march with me.” He tells of a new son, born healthy, but she died a short time later. According to Hiram, “she was buried in her wedding dress, cream trimmed in white lace, the only nice dress she owned. She looked beautiful with her head turned to one side and a smile on her face.”

In April of 2006, Dr. Michael Henry began to offer guided tours of Main Street St Charles. A life long resident of St Charles he has been investigating the paranormal for more than 30 years. He has written 3 books and more than two hundred articles. He has been a teacher for more than 25 years and currently teaches at Lindenwood University.



Michael Henry

To potentially meet (or smell) something cold in the night, sign up for one of the Friday or Saturday excursions by calling 314-374-6102 (reservations are required); tours cost \$20 (\$16 for seniors), and they depart from outside the Saint Charles County Historical Society (101 South Main Street) at 7:00, 9:30 and Midnight.