



Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at the Webster Groves Recreational Complex, located at 33 Glendale. Magic 101 begins at 6:30pm and the regular meeting begins at 7:30pm. Directions: Take the Elm Street exit off of I-44 and go south to Glendale.

Monthly Ring 1 Board Meeting is open to all members. February's board meeting will be Feb 19th at 825 Norwich Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301. Meeting begins at 7pm!

Feb 7 – Flea Market – Steve Zuehlke

Feb 17 – Spring show at Kirkwood Community Theatre

March 7 – Paper Magic

March 31 – Spring show at West County YMCA, Chesterfield, MO

April 4 - Magic in Business Steve Finkelstein

May 2 – Close Up Contest Joe Thomas & Terry Richison

May 20 - Stage Contest

June 6 – Stand Up Magic

Happy Valentines

FLEA MARKET NIGHT FLEA MARKET NIGHT FLEA MARKET NIGHT

What: I.B.M. Ring 1 & S.A.M. Assy.8 Flea Market

Date: February 7, 2007

Time: Magic101- 6:30PM, Flea Market- approx. 7:30PM

Where: Webster Groves Comm. Rec. Center, 33 Glendale, Webster Groves, MO

Our February 7th meeting promises to be a good one as this meeting will be a joint IBM/SAM meeting. Grab your favorite dog and cat and start gathering those fleas! OK, that was a joke. What you really need to do is clean out those old drawers and boxes and bring your old magic that you don't use anymore and turn it into cold, hard cash. All I.B.M. & S.A.M. members will be allowed one table (we may have to double up on space if we have a lot of participants) to display their old unwanted magic. You set the price and you keep the cash. To reserve a table you must email or call me. If you don't reserve your table, any available tables will be on a first come, first serve basis so make sure and get there early. Tables are available ONLY to members of the IBM/SAM so make sure to have your membership card with you as they will be checked at the door and the rules will be enforced. Check in with myself upon arrival and I will assign you a table. Don't forget that Magic 101 starts at 6:30 pm. After Magic 101 and a few announcements, we will immediately start the evening so there won't be a whole of time to setup so be prepared so let's be polite to those at Magic 101 so that we do not disturb them with any conversations. Hope to see you there!

Steve Zuehlke

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St. Valentine's Day Massacre 1929

Al Capone True Crime Story A True Crime Story of Guns and Gangsters

One February evening in North Chicago, seven well-dressed men were found riddled with bullets inside the S.M.C Cartage Co. garage. They had been lined up against a wall, with their backs to their executioners and shot to death. With the exception of Dr. Reinhardt H. Schwimmer these men were mobsters working under the leadership of gangster and bootlegger, "Bugs" Moran. Within a few seconds, while staring at a bare brick wall, these seven men had become a part of Valentine's Day history: the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

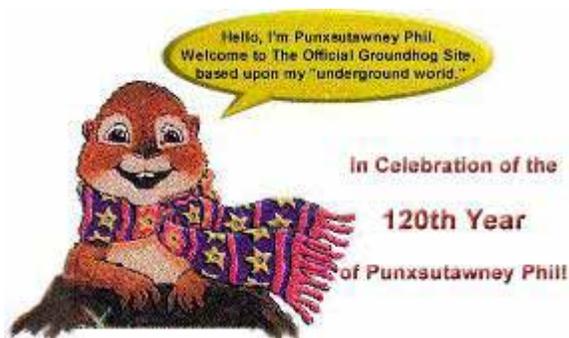


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Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day grew out of a mainly German superstition that if a hibernating animal casts a shadow February 2 -- the Christian holiday of Candlemas -- winter will last another six weeks. If no shadow is seen, legend says spring will be early.

The Roman legions, during the conquest of the northern country, supposedly brought this tradition to the Teutons, or Germans, who picked it up and concluded that if the sun made an appearance on Candlemas Day, an animal, the hedgehog, would cast a shadow, thus predicting six more weeks of bad weather, which they interpolated as the length of the "Second Winter."



Pennsylvania's earliest settlers were Germans and they found groundhogs to in profusion in many parts of the state. They determined that the groundhog, resembling the European hedgehog, was a most intelligent and sensible animal and therefore decided that if the sun did appear on February 2nd, so wise an animal as the groundhog would

see its shadow and hurry back into its underground home for another six weeks of winter.

The average groundhog is 20 inches long and normally weighs from 12 to 15 pounds. Punxsutawney Phil weighs about 20 pounds and is 22 inches long.

Mardi Gras History



Also known as "fat Tuesday," this pre-Lenten festival is celebrated in Roman Catholic countries and communities. In a strict sense, Mardi Gras, or Shrove Tuesday, is celebrated by the French as the last of the three days of Shrovetide and is a time of preparation immediately before Ash Wednesday and the start of the fast of Lent. Mardi Gras is thus the last opportunity for merrymaking and indulgence in food and drink. In practice, the festival is generally celebrated for one full week before Lent. Mardi Gras is marked by spectacular parades featuring floats, pageants, elaborate costumes, masked balls, and people dancing in the streets.

Mardi Gras originated as one of the series of carnival days held in all Roman Catholic countries between Twelfth Night, or Epiphany, and Ash Wednesday; these carnivals had their origin in pre-Christian spring fertility rites. The most famous modern Mardi Gras festivities are those held in New Orleans, La.; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Nice, France; and Cologne, Germany.

The first American Mardi Gras was celebrated near modern-day New Orleans on March 3, 1699. It wasn't until the mid-1800s did official parade organizations start to form with the Mystick Krewe of Comus in 1856 and the Krewe of Rex in 1872. The tradition is still carried on in New Orleans with many other krewes represented on floats in a myriad of parades. The official colors of Mardi Gras are purple, green and gold (representing justice, faith and power).

Mardi Gras celebrations can start as early as January 6, on the feast of Epiphany. The festivities end at midnight on Tuesday--the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Mardi Gras day falls on any Tuesday between February 3 and March 9. Like Ash Wednesday, the date Mardi Gras falls on depends on the date of Easter--always occurring 46 days before Easter.

Future Mardi Gras Dates: February 20, 2007

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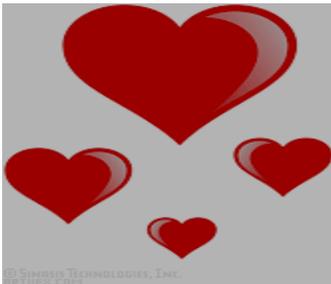
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Sick and Cheer

Mike Sirota informed us last month that he has developed lung cancer. His chemotherapy has begun and Mike is very optimistic of the outcome. Please keep Mike in your prayers and thoughts. He appreciates all your calls. You can reach him at (314) 680-2826.

Harry Machin is back home and doing much better. Harry also appreciates your calls as he continues his long road to recovery. You can reach Harry at (314) 849-8624.

Project Magic



By Steve Buesking

The January Project Magic was started with a bang by our emcee Larry Minth. Larry did a funny Miser's Dream with the kids while our first performer prepared himself.

Making his first appearance at Project Magic was Bob Hoelscher. Bob is no stranger to performing for children at Shriners, as Bob is one of the Shiner's clowns.

Steve Buesking followed up with a couple of effects, and then demoed the evening's trick to be taught, The Cut and Restored String.

The final act was Steve Zuehlke, and the kids went wild during Steve's act.

Normally, Project Magic finishes about 7:45pm, but we finished at 7:30. The magicians split among the kids and did close-up magic for the next 25 minutes. Steve Z had so much fun he asked to be on the February schedule as well.

Performers for February
Steve Zuehlke

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

Spring Show

February 17th 1:30 PM and 7:00 PM

We are still looking for front of house workers for the shows. Call Ted Schnarre 636-947-1517 to help out.



You could run but you couldn't hide, the room was small and the crowd was large. The Poker run was a great success. Even if you didn't come away with the winning poker hand you still came away a winner from learning from some great teachers. How many clubs have the



Jim Buffaloe



Jim Molinari



George Van Dyke



Chuck Levy

ability to say that they had Jim Molinari and Jim Buffaloe teaching in their club not to mention Chuck Levy and George Van Dyke! Jim Buffaloe instructed us in some coin moves that are very deceiving but yet very simple. Jim Molinari put some card moves that are sure to be in our arsenal of tricks. Chuck Levy, expounded on his expertise of the sponge balls, while George Van Dyke gave us some real life usable magic that he uses while calling on his customers. None of the effects need days and weeks of practice to learn and perform. Everyone was given a card at each training station. The fifth card was drawn randomly by

winner with the best hand went to Sandy

Weis! Congratulations to Sandy who took home a brand new DVD by Simon Lovell!

2007 Spring Parade Of Magic!

On Feb 17th at the Kirkwood Community Theatre, I.B.M. Ring One will present the annual Spring Parade of Magic starring some of the Midwest's top Magicians. Show times are 1:30PM and 7:30PM.

This is one event that you will want to be sure to attend to show your support for the club! Volunteers are still needed to help in various positions. You may call Ted Schnarre for details. Bring your friends and family. We are expecting another sell out crowd so you may want to purchase your tickets early by calling 636-947-1517. If tickets remain, they will be available at the door. Scheduled to appear from Ring 1 Current President, Terry Richison, We will have performers in the lobby also performing for the audience as they arrive. Adults are \$8 and children tickets are \$6. Help spread the word and support Ring 1! There will be encore performances on March 31 at the West County YMCA in Chesterfield, MO

(See attached ad)

Magic 101 at 6:30 PM

DON'T FORGET! MAGIC 101 begins at 6:30 before the Flea Market. This month we will deal with Bar Bets or Sucket Bets. Check out the web site at

www.ibmring1.com and you can even view several demonstrations and explanations of bets. Just click on the MAGIC 101 button on the first page.



Who's Playing Where?

Michael Henry - During the month of February will be performing in London and Manchester England.

Terry Richison – Will be appearing at Harrah's Casino in Metropolis, IL on Feb 10th for 2 shows. Tickets can be purchased by calling 1-800-935-0050.

- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – Feb 24th – Millennium Hotel 8:00pm – “It's Magic, Where Dreams Become Reality!”

Ron Richison – St Charles Borromeo Feb 2, 10:00am.

Steve Finkelstein

Larry Minth

Steve Zuehlke

Larry Skorepa – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – Feb 24th – Millennium Hotel 1:30pm – 5:45pm

A new magician is born!

Congratulations to Keith and Aimee Smith who are the proud parents of a healthy baby boy, Gavin Michael Smith, 6lbs 11 oz. 20 inches 8:32 AM born January 9, 2007.



Ring 239 Fundraising Show

February 3 (Saturday) - Springfield, IL IBM Ring 239 hosts An Evening of Magic at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. 6th St., Springfield, at 7:30 P.M. Tickets are \$12.50 and are available from any Ring 239 member and at <https://tickets.scfta.org>. or call (217) 523-2787. Featured will be FISM & IBM Gold Medal winner Arthur Trace, Gordon Snow, Eldon Roark, Comedy Juggler Troy Roark and Ventriloquist Rick Fisher. The Hoogland Center is located in downtown Springfield near the Capitol. Free parking deck & on-street parking are located nearby.

(See attached flyer)

Election Time is near!

Here is your chance to become involved with the club. We are looking for people who would like to help Ring 1 keep the momentum moving forward with ideas on how to always improve. Elections for all officers and board members is coming within the next few months and we would like to offer a slate of people who can keep the positive energy still moving. Offices are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt at Arms as well as Board members. You may say that you have no experience but this is how you get that experience. Don't let the club down. Step up and help it go forward. Please submit your name and your interest to Terry Richison at 314-232-4183 or Terry@magicofterryrich.com.

JOIN THE RING 1 PARADE

As Part of the 80th anniversary, Ring 1 is developing a "Parade" section for *The Linking Ring* As you probably know a Linking Ring Parade is where individuals or Rings submit ten to twelve original magical effects or articles for publication in an issue of *The Linking Ring*. The Parade is an opportunity to show off our members original effects and brag a little about the Ring and our membership in this special year. Those who contribute useable effects/articles will be recognized with a brief biography next to their submission and probably a group photo of all contributors.

What is needed: Submitted effects must show originality whether as a new effect that you have developed or one that you significantly modified and/or improved from some one else's base. If you have something that shows that new twist and originality, do submit it. It may have some original patter in addition to the effect itself. Generally just original patter to a standard effect will not be enough to get accepted but there are exceptions, Illustration of critical moves in an effect can be added by drawings and/or photographs. Help on this will be provided.

Selection: A Ring committee will make an initial review of the submissions, to see if they meet necessary criteria and/or can be improved. They will also obtain biographies and help with the art work. An editor of *The Linking Ring* will make the final decision on acceptance.

How to Submit: The best approach is to submit the information using a computer disk or an attachment to an E-mail. Include photos or sketches of critical areas where possible. If

your material is used, a professional artist will eventually create a printable version of your photos or drawing illustrations for the Parade. Give or send submissions to one of the persons below: Also contact them for any questions you might have.

Submission Deadline is March 1

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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 239 PRESENTS AN EVENING OF MAGIC

 Comedy Juggler Troy Roark	 Arthur Trace Gold Medal Winner International Stage Contest	 Ventriloquist Rick Fisher and Riley
 Comedy Magician Gordon Snow	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2007 7:30 P.M. HOOGLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 420 S. 6TH STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL ADMISSION \$12.50	 The Magic of Eldon Roark

to purchase tickets stop by the Hoogland Center for the Arts Box Office or call 217/523-2787
Tickets are also available from any Ring 239 member
For Additional information contact:
Jeff Harpring at 217-496-2462



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Coming to the
Kirkwood Community Center

111 S. Geyer Rd

Saturday, February 17, 2007

Show times 1:30 and 7:30

Tickets: \$8 /Adults & \$6/children

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Theater Box Office



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