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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 6:30pm. 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!

Nov 7 - Impromptu Magic

Nov 19 – Midwest Magic Jubilee meeting – Ted Schnarre’s

Dec 5 - Christmas Party

Jan 9 - Steve Zuehlke Teach in

Feb 6 - Grab Bag Magic

March 5 - Flea Market

April 2 - Stage Presentation

May 7 - Close-up Contest

June 4 - to be announced

Midwest Magic Jubilee Meeting

Then next meeting for the Midwest Magic Jubilee will be held on Nov. 1, 2007 at 7:00PM at Ted Schnarre’s House, 825 Norwich, St Charles, MO. We will be giving a final report of the 2007 convention and discussion plans for 2008.

Coming up in Magic 101 **Magic and Math**

Get ready for the most amazing Magic 101 nights yet - Magic and Math. We will cover effects for both close-up and stand-up, for cards, Mentalism, & gambling, Math concepts are a very integral part of magic. You are able to perform miracles without any gimmicks or sleight of hand plus most are impromptu. Also, believe it or not, most math magic is very easy to learn which gives you a chance to focus on your presentation.

Because this is one of my favorite magic areas, I encourage everyone to not only attend the 6:40 to 7:15 regular session, plus plan to stick around from 9:00 to 9:45 to review and practice some of the effects.

This will be a great evening so be sure not to miss it. We will also provide an extensive list of reference material – books, websites, DVDs, etc.

We look forward to seeing you next month. Also, if you have any favorite effects please send an email to Steve Finkelstein, sfinkelstein1@sbcglobal.net.

Effects we plan to cover include:

Cards: Forcing one or more cards

Finding multiple cards selected – this is impromptu and is amazing. Spectators shuffle the cards.

Magic Squares: Regular
Forcing Matrix
Special Square

Mental Magic: Reveal a number someone is just thinking selected from a group of numbers
Predict a total

Gambling/Hustle Effects

Just for fun, try to answer the following question: How is a deck of card and a calendar similar? Go to the back of the Spirit for the answers, you will be amazed. Answers can be found on page 4.

It's Showtime

Coming up at our November 7th meeting

Our November meeting we are fortunate to have a DVD from Ring One member Stephen Levit son Jon Levit a former Ring One member. This DVD has not been viewed by anyone one else, we are the first to see it. The following is a short bio of Jon Levit. We thank both Steve and Jon for sharing this DVD with Ring One.

Jon Levit.

While living in St. Louis, Jon was a member of Ring 1. As a youngster, Jon participated in numerous Ring 1 Stage and Close up contests, over time taking 1st place in each category. Jon has also performed at a president's banquet and gave a lecture on close up magic to Ring 1.

Jon left the Ring when he began college, Syracuse University in New York.

Producing grabbed Jon's interest while in college, before leaving Syracuse, Jon was sent the inspiration he needed and would look back on it to give him the push to pursue his true interest. Bob Costas wrote Jon a note telling him to "follow your dreams... you can't go wrong." He still holds that note from time to time as a reminder. This was the spark Jon needed, as he loaded up his car and set out for Hollywood.

Upon moving to Los Angeles, Jon immediately dove into training at various acting studios. It didn't take long for him to get into his groove once again. His first appearance on television came in the form of a starring role, opposite Ricky Jay, on "The X-Files". This role would pave the way for an adventurous and successful life as an actor and television host.

While at home in Los Angeles, Jon continues to work as an actor, television host and voiceover artist and is a frequent performer at the World Famous Magic Castle in Hollywood

Jon has appeared in several movies, guest starred in several television shows and was the host for a number of TV specials and series. Currently he is

hosting a reality show series due for release on VH1 this coming year.

Jon has also been featured on the cover of "Genii" and "Magic" magazines. This evening we will be viewing the performance of "Palengenisia" featured in Genii.

As Will Rogers once said, "We are all here for a spell. Get all the good laughs you can." Jonathan is not only getting them, he's giving them. And he's having the time of his life.

Our October Ring 1 meeting was Bizarre!

By Terry Richison

Our October meeting started out with Magic 101. This month's topic was "restaurant Magic". Ted Schnarre started the evening with his favorite trick to do while strolling in a restaurant setting like "coin



Steve Finkelstein & Ray Belz

through a table" and the "Haunted Hank". Steve Finkelstein then came up when through several favorites. They included and impromptu Zombie with a dinner roll, spoon bending, a salt

pour that goes in one hand and out the other and finally how to get a wine cork out of a bottle.

Ben Stuparits and Josh Routh then put together a fascinating evening on Bizarre Magic. Ben started with a very eerie Tombstone (3 card) revelation that he had produced with his own name, year of his birth and DEATH! He also shared where to find some good stories and how to incorporate the stories around the



Ben Stuparits

tricks that you may already have. He also suggested spicing it up by using differently designed faces of cards.



Larry Skorepa & Josh Routh. Larry looks as if he is having too much fun.

Josh Routh then came up to show us his “Side Show” antics. He started by demonstrating how to pass a bean from his mouth or nose through his tear ducts and out his eye. That wasn’t as bad as when he drove a nail in his head through his nostril. As if that wasn’t enough he then took a full sized screw driver and did the same thing! OK,

now I was getting squeamish. He then set an animal trap and tripped it with his bare hand! Now, I am feeling his pain. But it was a demonstration of his “superhuman strength” or endurance. Just to make everyone cringe again he had Larry Skorepa break a cinder block over his head. I then got a headache. Josh started to close part of the evening by eating glass from a light bulb that he had someone break. As if that were not enough, he then demonstrated how to walk in a tub full of broken glass. Did I say walk? He jumped up and down to the groans and cheers of the audience. It was quite a spectacular thing to see! I don’t think too many people will want to put that in their show any time soon.

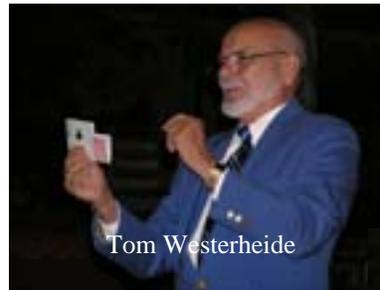
Haunted Hayloft



At
Nestlé's Purina
Farms in Gray
Summit

We would like to thank all the performers who

help make the Haunted Hayloft the success that it was. The shows were well attended even though it turned a little cool the last day; it’s always a fun

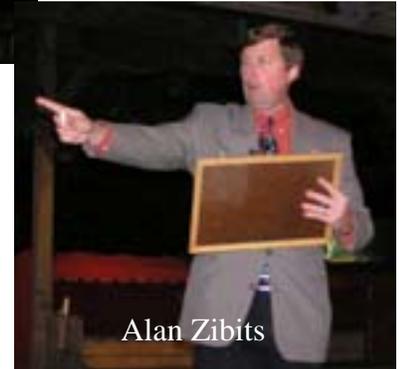


Tom Westerheide

experience

This year’s events began with a bang. Tom Westerheide and Alan Zibits were well

received. Tom delighted the audience with his Card warp and Alan mesmerized them with his version of the Mental Epic. Terry Richison and Steve Zuehlke continued the fun on Saturday with large crowds for all 4



Alan Zibits

shows. Steve got the crowd going with his pop off wand and Teddy bear trick and Terry continued with his comedy rope and money routines. On Sunday Larry Minth and Tom Westerheide kept the kids in stitches. The next week, Chuck Levy and George Van Dyke did a wonderful job with some beautiful weather. The next day also had beautiful weather for the shows.



Steve Zuehlke

Keith Smith, Don Burgan and Larry Skorepa headlined Saturday night with huge crowds for the shows. Ray Belz and John Apperson closed out the season on Sunday with



Terry Richison

some very funny stuff. Thanks to all the magicians who came out to support Ring 1.



Larry Skorepa, Keith Smith & Don Burgan

People have already been asking about next year. Keep your eyes open for next year’s sign up to perform.

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Project Magic

Shriner's Hospital

Show starts at 6:45 PM

Thanks to September's performers:

Charlie Meyers and John Reider

Next Performance

November 21, 2007

November's Performers

Alan Zibits, Larry Minth and Mike Hindrichs

December 19th

Larry Skorepa and Ted Schnarre

January 16, 2008

Ron Perez, Larry Minth

Please contact John Reider at (314) 614-4549 to have your name added to a specific month or the alternate list.

[No man can stand so tall as to stoop to help a child in need](#)

Answers:

How is a deck of card and a calendar similar?

Deck of Card

Calendar

52 cards in a deck

52 weeks in a year

4 suits

4 seasons, 4 quarters

13 cards in a suit

13 weeks in a season, a quarter

At least one Joker

April Fools day

Other interesting similarities:

If you spell every card in the deck, ignoring suites, the total number of letters is 52. Ace, Two, Three.....King.

If you add every card pips in the deck (e.g. 10 is 10, 5 is 5, jack is 11) the total is 364 plus 1 for the joker equals 365.

New Meeting Place

Starting in January 2008

Starting with our January 9th meeting in 2008 we will be meeting at a new facility in Maryland Heights. It is call the Maryland Heights Centre located at 2344 McKelvey Road, Maryland Heights, MO. Magic 101 will still start at 6:30pm with the regular meeting at 7:30pm. We will meet in meeting room #3.

Directions and a map are located on last page.

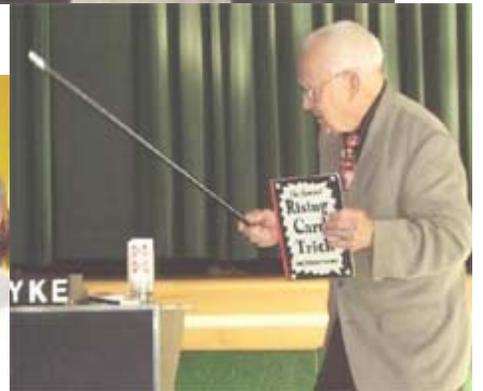
Magical Monday

Dan Todd, S.A.M. Assy. 8 president, set up a fundraising show for the Human Development Corporation of Metropolitan St Louis on October 29th. It was an hour and a half show starring two of I.B.M. Ring 1's members, George Van Dyke and Terry Richison. Also on the show was Assembly 8 members Steve Corbit and Dan Todd.

Dan emceed the event leveling smooth and entertaining transitions between the acts. Steve Corbit was first up with many of his zany and magical acts including a comedy cut and restored rope routine, his pom pom bar and hilarious silk magic. VanDyke stepped up next with the help of his lovely wife Judy. George got the kids and adults all howling with laughter as his production of milk from the elbow and the vanishing silk to lemon tricks. Terry Richison closed out the show with a great bill to lemon and fire insurance tricks. He closed the show with a floating rose. Everyone had a great time for a great cause. Pictures are on the next page.



Steve Corbit



George Van Dyke



Terry Richison

New meeting location starting January 9, 2008



DIRECTIONS TO MARYLAND HEIGHTS CENTRE

