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## Meeting: Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Poker Run

Our next meeting is planned for Wednesday April 2, 2014 at the Maryland Heights Community Center. This month we will be having several people teach in small groups. We have a great line up of magical magicians who will teach all kinds of secret plans and clever tricks. As usual Magic 101 will begin at 6:30 p.m., and our regular meeting will start at 7:15.

**MEETING AGENDA** 6:30 Magic 101  
Quiet please if you are not involved with Magic 101.  
 7:00 Refreshments  
 7:15 Poker Run

Following the meeting- Workshop and Fellowship till 10PM

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## Scenes from the 2012 Poker Run



# Performing For Real People

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Gene Schaffer and Cameron Jones performed a magic show for little girl. Gene donated his magic abilities for the dinner auction held at our church.

The family who "won" his basket asked him to come and perform for their daughters 8th birthday. Gene was kind enough to ask Cameron to join him in performing. I've attached some pictures of their performance. Great job Cameron and Gene!



# Ring Report: March 2014

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Terry Richison volunteered to lead Magic 101. He reviewed with the participants how to use a key card to find a selected card. Next, he demonstrated how to perform "The Ten Card Trick". The card selected happens to be a card of a different color than the other nine cards. Lastly, he demonstrated how to perform the "Imaginary Coin Prediction." All effects were simple to learn; however, they will baffle and entertain an audience. Terry even had handouts to share with the participants.

Mike Niehaus, the President, held a short meeting. The April meeting would be a teaching meeting consisting of four different stations that the members can rotate to. In May, the elections for officers for the upcoming year will take place. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, a lecture featuring Josh Jay will be held at the Airport Hilton. The members are very excited about this lecture. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, the President's Banquet will be held at the Orlando's Event Center in Maryland Heights. The featured magician has not been confirmed, but there will probably be a lecture on the following day. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, the Ring will host a Charity Show at the Kirkwood Theatre. Nonprofit groups will be invited at no cost to them. The Ring is looking for sponsors to pay for the rental of the theatre.

The close-up contest had three participants in the beginner--intermediate category, and three participants in the advanced category. Alex Jiang was the first to perform in the beginner--intermediate contestant. He is from China, but is attending SEMO as a mechanical engineering student. He performed a sponge ball routine using music. It was a very clever and entertaining act. The next participant was Jason Stack who used storytelling to perform several effects using his "rabbit". Everyone thought his "rabbit" was very entertaining. The "rabbit" was even able to find a selected card using his glasses. The members hope his "rabbit" will return again and perform more effects for the Ring. The last contestant in this category was Columbus Smith. Columbus's theme featured Magic with Metal. He first performed a routine using Chinese Rings. Next, he was able to do amazing effects with forks. Then he used spoons to perform more effects. It was amazing to see how Columbus can bend the forks and spoons so easily. The members were impressed with his ability to do this. The members agree that all these participants practiced countless hours to be able to perform their routines.

The first contestant in the advanced category was Steve Finkelstein. He used a chain that was an endless loop. He made two figure eights with the chain. He had a participant play an "easy" betting game with him. However, the participant always lost. Then he played a three shell game using one pea. Again, the participant had no chance to win the bets. The lesson learned—never play a betting game with Steve. Next, Terry Richison performed a few card tricks. He used physics to perform an effect using three simple cards (one red and two blue). He was able to make the red card pass through the blue cards. Then he used a deck of cards and had participants choose numbers. Magically, smoke appeared and he ended up with a Royal Flush based on numbers the participants had chosen. Finally, Larry Lucy performed effects using special cards he said he brought back from Last Vegas. He tried to convince the members that he was banned from Las Vegas because he always won at Blackjack. Therefore, he decided to switch to poker. He performed several effects using these cards to end up with winning Poker hands. He concluded by telling the audience two lessons—don't stack decks in Vegas and don't play Poker with Jimmy Molinari.

## Schedule of Events 2013 - 2014

*August 7*

Ice Cream Social at  
Abra-Kid-Dabra

*August 15 thru 17*

Midwest Magic Jubilee at the  
Airport Hilton

*September 4*

Magic Flea Market

*September 27*

Presidents Banquet at Orlando  
Gardens (Maryland Heights)

*October 2*

Surprise Meeting by Steve Levit

*October 6*

JDRF in Forest Park

*October 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27*

Purina Farms Haunted Hayloft

*November 6*

Roy Zaltsman Lecture Maryland  
Heights Community Center

*December 4*

Holiday Party

*January 6, 2014*

Members Perform

*February 5, 2014*

Members Perform

*March 5, 2014*

Close Up Contest

*April 2, 2014*

Poker Run

*May 7, 2014*

Election of Officers

## Ring Report Continued...March 2014

The winner in the beginner—intermediate category was Columbus Smith. Steve Finkelstein won in the advanced category. The audience enjoyed all six performers and complimented them on a magnificent close-up contest.

The Spring Parade of Magic, held at the Kirkwood Community Theatre, was a huge success. The IBM International President, Bill Evans, (from Springfield, Missouri), was the special guest emcee. He shared with the audience that he used to live in Kirkwood before he moved to Springfield. Steve Barcellona performed an upbeat routine featuring mentalism; a nice cut and restored rope effect, Chinese Sticks, and a very funny shackle type escape routine. Next Marty Kopp used music and a bit of patter to present a great comedy magic routine. Steve Zuehlke shared that Marty's version of the Six Card Repeat using five cards was the best he has ever seen. The third performer was Rusty Pliers (Mike Niehaus) who is a fun lovin', country bumpkin that does very funny magic. His magic is liked by young and old. Finally, Terry Richison performed three of his favorite effects. He performed the Bill in the Lemon, levitated a girl from the audience, and closed with the Floating Rose. What a great show!

The contribution of all the volunteers helped to make this year's show one of the most successful shows the Ring has ever performed. This includes the performers, the backstage and technical crew, and the house crew who spent endless hours to make this show one of the best ever.

The Ring is planning on hosting a special charity holiday performance at the Kirkwood Theatre in December. The Ring will offer free tickets to non-profit groups in the area. This is a way the Ring feels that they can promote magic in the area and also give back to the community.



From L to Right Cameron Jones, Terry Richison, Steve Barcellona. International I.B.M. President Bill Evans, Mike Niehaus, Marty Kopp, Jason Stack

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# Bring A Friend To A Meeting

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

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*This Just In...*

## Co-Editor Wanted for the Spirit

My schedule is getting busier and busier. If you add in a couple of overnight gigs a month and getting the Spirit out in a timely manner is getting to be more of a challenge. So I am looking for someone who can be the co-editor of the Spirit. If you are reasonably good with Microsoft Word and have some modest photo editing skills this could be a great opportunity for you to make a contribution to Ring 1. If you are interested please send me an email at [steve@stevebarcellona.com](mailto:steve@stevebarcellona.com) or give me a call 314-831-0310.