



The SPIRIT | Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1

Meeting: Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 pm

There will be **NO** Magic 101

Our next meeting will be Wednesday May 6th, 2015 at the **Airport Hilton**. Jay Scott Berry will be lecturing, and the lecture is free to all Ring 1 members in good standing.

The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. with the yearly Ring Elections. The lecture will begin at 7:15 p.m. Please make sure your Ring 1 dues are paid, and your international dues. A \$20 fee applies if you are not a Ring 1 member in good standing.

President's Message

By: Mike Niehaus mrniehaus82@gmail.com

At the beginning of our May meeting, at the Airport Hilton, will be our yearly elections. Here is a list of those members running for the board:

President: Dan Todd
Vice President: Jason Stack
Secretary/Sargent At Arms: Alan Zibits
Treasurer: Sandy Wiese
Past President: Mike Niehaus

Board Members (Choose 4)

Harry Monti
Larry Corona
Marty Kopp
Columbus Smith
Terry Richison

Make sure you have registered for the **IBM JAM** on Saturday May 30, 2015. The event will be held at the Airport Hilton starting at 12:00 p.m. Remember you must be a paid International Brotherhood of Magicians Member to attend. To register go to <http://ibmjam.com>

Finally, remember to register for the **Midwest Magic Jubilee** August 13th – 15th, 2015 at the Airport Hilton. The registration fee for IBM Ring 1 members is \$120.00.

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Ring Report:

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

The Close-up Contest was held during the regularly scheduled April meeting. Since there were thirteen contestants, Magic 101 was cancelled and the contest started promptly at 7:00 PM. Steve Finkelstein, the winner of last year's close-up contest, was in charge of this year's close-up contest. Members, who wanted to compete, contacted Steve prior to the meeting. There were two categories—beginner/intermediate (6 contestants) and advanced (7 contestants). This is the first year the room was overflowing with spectators. Since it was such a huge success, the Ring has thoughts to move the contest to a larger room next year.

The Beginner/Intermediate contestants were as follows—Abraham Bellers, Michael Henry, Steve Queen, Robert Campbell, Jason Stack, and Joey Night. Abraham, one of the Ring's youngest members, cleverly told stories to accompany his magic effects. How creative and clever the routine was!! Michael Henry performed a card routine. He was able to change the color of the backs of cards and also burn a hole in all the cards in a deck except the selected one. Steve, who is a police officer, performed a routine by applying techniques he uses in law enforcement to a magic routine. The audience was captivated by the analogies he used to make the routine so interesting. Robert had a volunteer assist him since he was blindfolded during the entire routine. It was amazing how Robert, each time, knew what the volunteer wrote on a chalkboard. He also could find a selected card blindfolded. The audience still wonders how he did it!! Jason Stack performed a routine using five linking rings. Next, he performed a routine using green thimbles.

He cleverly could make them appear and disappear on his fingertips. Joey Night performed a "silent" routine that was accompanied by music. The facial expressions he used that went along with his magic were awesome!! He used thimbles, lights, sponge balls, cards and even cups/balls in his routine.

The Advanced contestants included the following—Dan Todd, Larry Lucy, Terry Richison, John Davit, Columbus Smith, Tom Westerheid and Larry Minth. Dan Todd performed his routine using a pirate theme. Dan, the Pirate, had volunteers assist him by placing trinkets in pirate bags. Each time, Dan was able to match the volunteer with the trinket he picked. How amusing!! Larry Lucy performed a card trick based on Ricky Jay's "Hustlers, Hoaxsters, Pranksters, Jokesters". Larry explained that he had watched the effect 15 times on YouTube but still couldn't figure it out. Therefore, he devised his own routine based on Ricky Jay's effect. He used a deck of cards and shuffled it throughout the effect. Amazingly, he was able to reveal cards by their number and suite even though he kept shuffling them. Terry Richison performed his routine by telling a story with accompanying "spooky" music. How his "magic" handkerchief found selected cards astonished the audience. He also performed two card effects—the first one involved Aces magically ending up on top of piles of cards and the second one involved cards changing in to other cards. John Davit explained that he would perform a card trick; however, a rope was in the card box rather than cards. He then used the rope to perform a routine. He then did a card routine in which he was able to find all the aces by cutting the deck with one hand. How amazing! Columbus shared that he would be performing one of the oldest tricks in books—cups and balls. However, Columbus creatively changed the balls in to little rubber ducks. He also magically revealed a stuffed rabbit under a hat. Tom had two volunteers assist him by placing and removing apples and oranges in to two baskets. How an extra orange appeared at the end mystified the audience. Was this based on a mathematical principle or did Tom actually produce an extra orange? Next, he performed a card trick in which the selected card actually was revealed in a bag. He also used brass rings, a handkerchief and rope to perform two other effects. Larry Minth sure knows how to tell "silly" jokes. He did an effect using an egg bag. Magically, the egg appeared and disappeared before one could even blink their eyes. He also performed an effect using a wooden paddle, which was very clever. Finally, he had a volunteer choose a button out of a bag of various colored buttons and magically he knew the color of her button.

There were three Magician and three Lay Judges. All of the contestants did a great job! However, the winners were as follows: Beginner/Intermediate—1st place-Steve Queen, 2nd place-Joey Night, and 3rd place-Abraham Bellers Advanced—1st place-Terry Richison, 2nd place-Larry Lucy, and 3rd place-Dan Todd.

Everyone enjoyed the evening, including the contestants and the audience. The winners will be recognized at the President's Banquet, which is usually held in September.

Sandy Weis

Schedule of Events 2015

April 1st
Meeting Close-Up Contest
No Magic 101

May 6th
Meeting/Lecture Jay Scott Berry
Airport Hilton

May 30th
IBM MINI JAM (Just About
Magic) Convention Airport
Hilton
Noon - 6:00 PM

June 3rd
Meeting TBD

July
NO MEETING

August 5th
Ice Cream Social

Just About Magic

The International Brotherhood of Magicians invites you to JAM
on Saturday, May 30th in St. Louis, MO

A FREE DAY OF MAGIC FOR ALL IBM MEMBERS

If you are a member in good standing of the I.B.M. you are welcome to attend a FREE one day magic event unlike anything before. It's a day where you get to share your magic, watch lectures and see a show, all for FREE.



FEATURING

Ice McDonald
Shawn Farquhar
more to be announced...

LOCATION:

Hilton St. Louis Airport
10330 Natural Bridge Road
St. Louis MO 63134.
Doors open at Noon and close at 6PM.
No early birds please!



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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 3rd 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(Hwy 40), I-44 or I-55:

Take I-64(Hwy 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) Go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the right.

This Just In...

Title: HELP NEEDED

DJ is still in need of magicians for Project Magic.

The dates open are:

1 Person is needed for: June 17 & December 16

2 People are needed for: July 15, August 19 & September 16

Please email DJ at isay1000@yahoo.com if you are available to help.

CONVENTION CORNER

*AbraCORNdabra Des Moines, IA May 15-17 www.abracorndabra.com

*87th Annual IBM Convention Jacksonville, FL July 15-18 www.magician.org

*Midwest Magic Jubilee St. Louis, MO August 13-15 www.mmjubilee.com

*Genii The Conjurors' Convention Orlando, FL October 1-3 www.geniiconvention.com

*15th Annual Daytona Festival of Magic Daytona Beach, FL November 6-8 www.daytonamagic.com