



### Upcoming Events

**Monthly Meetings** are the first Wednesday of each month at the Webster Groves Community Center at 7:30PM.

**Aug. 4 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
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**Sept. 10 -President's Banquet**  
Friday evening at Orlando Gardens on Watson Road. Contact Larry Schorepa at (636)394-2968 for tickets.

**Oct. 6 – Regular meeting**  
**KIDS' SHOW MAGIC THEME**

**October Weekends – Haunted Hayloft** at Purina Farms

**Nov. 3 - Regular Meeting**  
“VINTAGE MAGIC NIGHT” with a Flea Market during Intermission.

**Dec. 1 – Regular Meeting**  
“Color Magic theme”

**Jan. 5 – Regular Meeting**  
“TEACH-IN AND POKER RUN”

**Feb. 4 - Stage Contest**  
Contact John Harness or Harry Monti to enter.

**March 2 – Regular Meeting**  
“Mentalism Night”

**April – Spring Show** (Date TBD) Contact Terry Richison or Ted Schnarre if you are interested in helping or performing.

**May 4 – Close-Up Contest**  
Contact Ray Belz if you are interested in performing.

**June 1 – Regular meeting**  
“How to be an Emcee”

### New Meeting Night and Place!

Please be aware that the meeting night and time has changed starting with the **August 4<sup>th</sup>** meeting. We are now meeting on the **First Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM**. The new location is the **Webster Groves Community Center** at 33 Glendale, Webster Groves, MO 63119. For directions, [Click here](#) or look it up at <http://maps.yahoo.com/dd> on the web. Board meetings are still at Keith Smith's house on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month and are open to everyone.

#### **August 4th Ice Cream Social**

**By Keith Smith**

The August meeting will be the first meeting of the “new year” with the new board and as is tradition, the night will lead off with the new board providing the entertainment. We will then break for refreshments and ice cream. The second half will then be opened up to all members to perform an effect or routine that they have put together or purchased within the last ninety days. A brief opinion will then be given by the performer. As has become tradition, three prizes will be awarded by a drawing of all who performed in this event. This event last year was a big success and a lot of fun, so arrive early! Don't forget that the meeting night and place has changed to **the First Wednesday night of the month and to the Webster Groves Community Center at 7:30**.

The first half will give brief performances from...

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	KEITH SMITH
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Ice Cream from Ted Drews and party planning by **Gene Schaeffer** and **Jackie Gallino**. A big thanks in advance goes out to Jackie and Gene for helping out again this year. Remember, there are still meetings that need help planning so if interested, then contact Keith Smith at 314-692-7206 or [Keithorth@aol.com](mailto:Keithorth@aol.com).

#### **IBM National Changes Youth Requirements**

The IBM National has change the term “junior” to “youth” as well as lowered the required age from 12 to 10 years old.

## Danny Archer Lecture and Show a Success

By Keith Smith

Thursday night began with a lecture packed with items and routines that fooled most magicians in the room. Practically all the tricks required little manipulation but appeared to be small miracles. Danny gave a high-energy lecture and those in attendance could really tell the passion he has for his magic. Danny presented some clever items and routines that sent many in attendance to his table for notes and new tricks. His notes are very detailed and easy to follow (unusual for magic lecture notes). For those not in attendance, I highly recommend getting a copy of the notes or visiting Danny's website.

Friday night then was our end of the year party for the members and their families. It was a fun night of camaraderie that allowed spouses to meet spouses and kids meet kids. Refreshments were provided by the club and Danny gave his stand up performance. Danny performed all different tricks than he did in the lecture which showed his versatility and vast knowledge of magic. The show was forty minutes in length and fooled many in the audience. Music was a problem for Danny, but he strongly recovered with his magic. It was a great way to end the year and meet the families of our strong membership. Looking forward to another great year.

### Upcoming Lectures

Stay tune for future announcements.

Ring One will be hosting **four lectures** by some Outstanding Professionals. They will be held at the Viking Hotel. Dates, Times and Lecturers will be announced as soon as the information is available.

## HAUNTED HAYLOFT

As the summer heat continues and we look forward to the cool fall days, we are not far off from Nestle's Haunted Hayloft (Formally Purina Farms).

This years event will take place the two weekends prior to Halloween, October 15, 16, 17 and 22, 23, 24. For those who have never performed for this event, you are missing a fun and exciting experience. We have three magicians each of the six nights and we perform 4 shows. This is a family event and outside. Magic must be safe, good taste and most of all fun for all ages. This is Ring Ones big event of the year that pays for a lot of our activities. So, if you want to show your magic skills and have fun with other magicians call early and get your name and dates reserved. Call **Larry Skorepa at (636) 394-2968**

## PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

Time is quickly approaching for our annual President's Banquet. This years event will be held on Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> at Orlando Gardens 8352 Watson Road. This is a beautiful, spacious location.

Our dinner will consist of a buffet and open bar. The event will start at 6:30 with close-up magic and appetizers. Dinner will be served at 7:30. Awards and a great show to top off the evening. Last years event was sold out and we had to turn members away so don't miss out on this year's event. There is limited seating so paid reservations are a must. Call and make reservations through **Larry Skorepa (636) 394-2968**.

## It's not too early to register!

Call 314-791-9108

### The Midwest Magic Jubilee 2005

August 11- 13, 2005

at the Airport Hilton Hotel  
St. Louis, MO

11 Great Lecture            3 Outstanding Evening Shows  
Close-up & Stage contests    International Magicians

### Special Announcement:

**The first 50 registrants will receive a free registration for their spouse!**

Prior to June 1, 2005	After May 31, 2005
\$110 – Adults	\$125 – Adults
\$70 – Juniors 16 & Under	\$80 – Youth 16 & Under



## The Midwest Magic Jubilee 2005

If you would like to be apart of one of the **Nations Finest Magic Conventions, Now is your chance! Get involved!**  
**The next meeting will be August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**  
**at EME Steel**  
182 Northwest Industrial Ct.  
Bridgeton, MO  
[Click here](#) or Call 314-514-0215 for directions.

## 2005 SAM National Convention Review

By Ted Schnarre & Steve Zuehlke

St. Louis was host to over 600 magicians from all over the world for the annual SAM National Convention. This year was also very special, as our very own John Apperson was sworn in as our SAM National president. There was a great dealers room with over 30 dealers from all over the world. They had everything that a magician would want or need. When time permitted, most of the magi could be found in the dealers room pondering what to buy next. Many new great effects and lots of faces that you only get to see when attending a national convention.

**The events during the day** were very disappointing to say the least. There was entirely too much down time and too few lectures. A few more lectures would have been great to fill the long gaps. Only so much time could be spent in the dealer's room.

**The Close-up contest.** We were disappointed that we were only 5 close-up contestants and 4 stage contestants. The close-up contest the acts were good, entertaining and different. Being a national convention, expectations were high. We have local magicians just as good though. The fill in acts between the contestants left much to be desired. More competitors would have been better.

**The Thursday evening show** was the stage contest which was also a little disappointing. With only 4 contestants, the show moved rather quickly with the winner coming from the US. Everyone must have had to be a manipulator to be selected for the contest. One would think that there were other magicians, who were rejected, that could have been more interesting and entertaining to watch. As a special surprise after the contest, we all got to see the **Amazing Mirko**. This young man has won virtually almost every magic award given and now we know why. A hard act to describe but besides some great magic, Mirko transforms himself into a clown and does a self levitation that blew everyone away. He deservedly received a standing ovation!

**Friday Night's Show** was definitely the highlight of the convention. It featured **Topas from Germany**. Topas is truly a great showman and an awesome performer. If you didn't see the show you missed one of the best, before you knew it the 90-minute show was over and you thought you just sat down. A couple of us local magicians were tapped to work with Topas. Topas and Roxanne were very warm and genuine.

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They were willing to discuss everything from magic to life in Germany. All we can say is "what a great couple". **Topas and his lovely wife Roxanne** performed their full evening show to a much deserved standing ovation. One of the highlights was Topas' **special guest, Axle S**. This young man is one of Europe's premier jugglers and he showed us why. Hard to describe but it was simply amazing. Axle also received his own standing 'O' and rightfully so! A great evening of magic!

**Saturday's evening show** was entertaining as well with funny man **Steve Bargatze** as MC. Steve kept the show moving with acts like **Danny Cole, Kohei** from Japan, **The Gleasons** from Branson and our own **Mike Douglas** who now lives in Las Vegas. After the evening show, the SAM has a real special treat in store for us right outside the theatre doors. We were treated to treats from the 1904 Worlds Fair. Treats included frozen custard from Ted Drews, hot dogs, pretzels and cookies. A first class Worlds Fair affair.

How about the St. Louis people involved. **Joe Hardin**. Every time you went pass the registration desk, there he was telling John "we can handle it, go be president elect". **Dennis Hample's** great display of St. Louis Magic. How bout **Steve Buesking's** having 250 kids appear for the early morning Silly Billy magic show. Then having **Terry Richison** getting the convention on the front page of the St. Louis Post for 2 consecutive days. Our favorite uncle **Steve Corbitt** and **Shep Hyken** as the MC of the evening shows, and yes **Ronald McDonald**. Hey, I don't believe Ronald is an actual member of the SAM or the IBM. I know Randy is but not Ronald. That would look great on our rosters! Hats off to John and Virginia who did an outstanding job and really took care of our local magicians from St. Louis. Congrats on your new position John. We know the club will be in good hands for the next year!

### *Classified Ads*

We are going to start a classified ad section. Anyone who wants to list a magic item for sale, for trade, or for Free, is welcome to submit them to The Spirit classified section for publication. You will be limited to 3 items and The Spirit will have the right to edit your description if needed for space purposes. You must include your name, address and phone number with your ad. Send to [magictr@aol.com](mailto:magictr@aol.com).

**Thanks  
to the Performers For  
Project Magic  
at Shirners Hospital!!!**

**July Performers:  
Henry Schaper, Sr.  
John Davit  
Larry Minth**

**Next Show  
August 18, 2004**

**It's Your Turn!  
Call Henry Schaper (314) 487-8263 or Jerry  
Novak (314) 991-1441 to participate!**

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2005 Officers and Board Members of  
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**Spring Show** – Terry Richison, Ted Schnarre  
**Stage Contest** – John Harness, Harry Monti  
**Close Up Contest** – Ray Belz  
**Presidents Banquet** – Henry Schaper, Sr., Dave  
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**Haunted Hayloft** - Larry Skorepa, Ray Belz  
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**Meeting Chairpersons**

**Ice Cream Social** –Jackie Gallino, Gene Schaeffer  
**Kids Magic Night** – Steve Bender, Keith Smith  
**Color Magic Night** – (TBD)  
**Teach-In** – Chuck Levy  
**Mentalism** - Steve Finkelstein  
**Project Magic** – Jerry Novak, Henry Schaper, Sr.  
**Emcee Night** – Shep Hyken, Keith Smith

**Who's Performing Where??**

Where can we go to see you perform? The Spirit is starting a new section where we will list where people can come to see you perform. If you have steady restaurant jobs, special performances that are open to the public, let us know. We will also list other shows that might be in the area. Email your information to: [magictr@aol.com](mailto:magictr@aol.com) or call 314-232-4183.

**Ice Cream Social  
Webster Groves Comm.  
Center**

**Next Meeting is  
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New Location!**