



Upcoming Events

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

Sept 9 – Don Wiberg Lecture
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Sept. 10 -President's Banquet
Friday evening at Orlando Gardens on Watson Road. Contact Larry Skorepa 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
to help or perform .

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

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

Next – The President's Banquet! ***Friday, Sept. 10th***

There will be no general meeting this month. In it's place we will be hosting the **2005 President's Banquet!** It is not sure if we can top last years banquet but the banquet committee is determined to try! Contact **Larry Skorepa at (636)394-2968** for tickets and more information. The banquet will take place at Orlando Gardens at 8352 Watson Road. We had standing room only last year and expect an even bigger crowd this year so get your reservations in early. (Continued on page 2)

A Lecture by Don Wiberg ***Magic from the Dollar Store***

Outstanding Lecturer Don Wiberg will be presenting his lecture on **Thursday September 9th at 7:30PM** at the **St. Louis Senior Center at 5602 Arsenal Street, St. Louis.**

Don Wiberg applies over **50 years of Magical experience** to this lecture on **“How To Make Simple Magic From The Dollar Store”**. He was the Magic Demonstrator at Riley's Trick Stop in his younger days. He also spent time mentoring the junior Magic Club and working behind the counter at Magic, Inc. He was a long time Member of Ring 43 and in 1984-85 served as International President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He is Currently the International Secretary of the I.B.M. (continued on page 2)



Don Wiberg (Continued)

Through the years, Don has performed for the usual array of corporate functions. After dinner entertainments, Blue & Gold Banquets, Men and Women's Clubs, School and library shows. He performed as Corny the Clown for the Corn King Brand Meat company. He worked for Mark Wilson's Magical Productions and was a regular performer for Coronet Productions, a children's entertainment Company in the Chicago Area. In addition, he was a frequent performer on WGN-TV's Bozo Circus Show. He was also the resident performer for many years at Hillcrest Park, one of Chicago land's largest corporate picnic parks. In 2001, don was one of several magicians selected to perform close-up magic at the inauguration dinner for President Bush.

Don sees uses for thing that are, well Amazing! You could do an entire show for under \$10 with the routines that will be explained in the lecture. Don has a way of seeing uses for thing that are available in such places as Dollar Stores, craft stores, building supply stores and art supply stores. You'll learn how to make a great looking roll on table for a few bucks, create several mind baffling mental effects for pennies and a number of other tricks with goldfish, cards and other inexpensive items. Even if you're not a "do-it-yourselfer", you wont want to miss this entertaining and educational evening with **Don Wiberg**.

September 9th at 7:30 the St. Louis Senior Center at 5602 Arsenal Street, St. Louis.

HAUNTED HAYLOFT

We are not that far away from our annual shows at the Nestlé'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 **Larry Skorepa at (636) 394-2968**. There are only a few dates a times available!!!!

PRESIDENT'S BANQUET (continued)

Our dinner will consist of a buffet and open bar. The event will start at 7:00PM with close-up magic and appetizers. After Dinner, 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**.

Special Announcement!

It's not too early to register!

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Ice Cream Social

For those of you who missed last month's annual Ice Cream Social, here's the scoop! You missed a great time. Not only was the ice cream delicious, but we had some great magic as well. Ray Belz put together a great slide presentation that recapped 2003. Many of the new board members got up and dazzled us with their talents. But most of all we want to thank Jackie Gallino for all the great effort she put in creating the decorations, getting the ice cream and providing some of her comedic talents.

Dan Fleshman's Restaurant Magic

DVD Review

It is somewhat ironic that I was asked to write a review. There are many, if not all, of the magicians in the local that are far more experienced as a magician than I. Perhaps it is that lack of longevity that helps me to watch the three DVD performances of **Dan Fleischman's Restaurant Magic** as a spectator/magician, as opposed to someone who has seen thousands of versions of *The Professor's Nightmare*.

Dan has been a working professional in restaurants for over 20 years. Most of the techniques/sleights are doable (as opposed to some performers tapes you will never be able to duplicate - Jeff McBride, can you hear me?). The effects are short and concise, as the material was developed for use in a restaurant setting; at some point, you are going to be interrupted by the arrival of food, drinks, wait staff, tea. The longest effects are a table-side version of the Chinese Linking Rings, and a seated version of the Cups and Balls (video 3). The "typical" routine is perhaps 90 seconds in length, with some quick hits under 20 seconds. Throughout the videos, Dan appears to be a thoughtful guy trying to ensure his audience has a good time.

This set provides some simple and some difficult close-up material that could be effective in anyone's repertoire (with the appropriate practice). The DVD set is broken down along a restaurant theme: #1 - Appetizers, #2 - Dinner and #3 - Dessert. To receive a complete listing of each effect on each DVD, I suggest you look at the L&Lpublishing.com website. The following are my highlights from the set.

The Appetizer DVD begins with a Professor's Nightmare, followed by Sponge Rabbits, a combination Ring Flight and Ring on String, then the remainder card effects. While it is likely few readers of this review will be astounded by the Professor's Nightmare, it was fun to watch Dan's version. Dan's interactions with the audience, the ability to be self-deprecating and maintain control of the situation, begin here and are continued

throughout the series. Dan is in control under the bright lights, and watching him perform is a delight.

For myself, the highlights on the Appetizer include the Ring and String Flight, and card effects Maxi Twist Twist (a four ace trick whose climax changes out the four aces for a royal flush) and the Three Card Trick (a spectator is asked to deal three cards into the hand, yet four cards are always counted. With the big finish, showing actually there are four cards, they all happen to be 3's.)

The Dinner DVD is all cards, and the variety of effects will appeal to those that enjoy the pasteboards. If you skip this section, you will miss Dan's presentation of his version of a Steve Freeman (Freeman Twist/Twilight Zone) and a Brother John Hammon (Twins) effect. Both effects are worth learning. One of the more clever effects for a layperson, and certainly the easiest effect on the three DVDs, is Oil Slick. This is a 4-card Oil and Water routine that is cleverly simple, yet quite entertaining. For the average magician reading this review, I would expect minimal effort to learn this effect.

Volume 3 is Desserts, which is a mix of magic classics without playing cards. Dan's Close-Up Linking Rings (with 4-inch rings) is well done, and by itself worth the price of admission.

The coin effects - Rollover Production of four half dollars, a 3-phase Matrix routine, and the Coins to Glass are well designed and taught. Of the coin effects, the Coins to Glass is my favorite simply for the audacity of the production of the first coin under the glass. For those of you that have a Cigarette through Quarter gimmick that has been tossed in a drawer somewhere, Dan's restaurant version of 'Crayon through .25' may inspire you to dust off the prop. The Michael Ammar's Cups and Balls Videos, volumes 1 and 2, are complete regarding moves for the cups and balls. Dan's Cups and Balls however is a lesson in showing how a final production can be visually attractive, resulting in an appearance of a bigger trick. The Fleshman Flash is exposed (that sounds bad), perhaps explained very well. Something not covered by the Ammar series.

The final section is a re-release of the video that accompanied the deluxe mini-rings marketed by Dan several years ago. I don't believe this adds to Dan's earlier explanation. Dan also performs in a restaurant (Mike Duffy's) some of the routines in this set, and you get to experience waiting for the wait staff like Dan. Fast-forward has never felt so good.

Overall, this is a set of DVD's for the workingman. Much of the material is practical, and learnable. The trademark high quality production values by L&L Publishing are there. L&L has set the standard to a high level, and I can only hope those producing their own material will set a similar standard. I would buy these for my collection.

-Steve Buesking

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

**August Performers:
Steve Bender
Mike Sheehan**

**Next Show
September 15, 2004**

**It's Your Turn!
Call Henry Schaper (314) 487-8296 or Jerry
Novak (314) 991-1441 to participate!**

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The President's Banquet

Don't forget to Register early!

**Sept. 10th , 7:00PM
Call (636)394-2968 for Reservations**

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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??

Steve Bender-Lectures

Des Moines on Aug. 31st. IBM Ring 29 Convention
Little Rock, Arkansas Sept. 24th and 25th, TCA
(Texas Clown Association) Dallas-Ft. Worth Sept. 30th.

Matt Hampel – The Big Show

September 3, 2004 at 7:00PM Highland Christian
Church, Highland Illinois

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