



### Upcoming Events

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

- Dec. 1 – Regular Meeting**  
“COLOR MAGIC THEME”
- Jan. 5 – Regular Meeting**  
“TEACH-IN AND POKER RUN”
- Feb. 4 - Stage Contest**  
Contact Harry Monti to enter.
- March 2 – Regular Meeting**  
“Mentalism Night”
- April 16 – Spring Show**  
Contact Terry Richison or Ted Schnarre to help or perform.
- May 4 – Close-Up Contest**  
Contact Ray Belz if you are interested in performing.
- May 7 – Central Ill. Get Together**  
– Springfield, IL
- June 1 – Regular meeting**  
“How to be an Emcee”

**Remember**  
*Dues are due Jan 1!*

### Next Meeting

**COLOR MAGIC NIGHT**

December 1

**Prizes to be given out at Color Magic Night!**

Last Meeting of the year before the Holidays! Don't miss it! This will be an OPEN meeting so bring our friends and family. Refreshments will be served. All of those who perform will receive a nice prize for their performance. Contact Steve Zuehlke to reserve your spot!

Our December meeting is set for **Color Magic Night!** You may be asking yourself "What is Color Magic Night?" **Color Magic Night** is your chance to show off your latest colorful magic trick. It could be silks, a flashy colorful prop, feather flowers, a colorful fanning deck.....etc...I think you get the idea. This is just a fun night where everybody will have a chance to perform. If time permits, Steve Zuehlke is going to do a short talk on silk magic covering some simple effects, a few tips on how to produce and care for your silks, etc. So bring your favorite colorful effect and a few silks and come and enjoy the fun. If interested in performing, please contact Steve at 314-574-8232. **Color Magic Night** Dec 1, 7:30PM, Webster Groves Community Center.

**Happy**  
**Holidays!**



## Spring Show 2005

*We have already had several people inquire about performing. If you would be interested in performing in the **2005 Spring Show**, it's not that far away. We are building a great tradition of putting on great shows. We want to continue that tradition and you can be apart of it. We will be looking for acts to perform in the show. So start putting your act together or brush off one that is tried and true. If you would like to have your act considered for the show, please contact **Ted Schnarre 636-947-1517** or **Terry Richison 314-232-4187** for more information.*



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# Trick Review

by Todd Zeigler

Heirloom

Jamie Badman and Colin Miller

The Underground Collective

Available for about \$35 from YFD or from The Underground Collective ([www.underground-collective.com](http://www.underground-collective.com))

Are you looking for an easy to do, direct, presentational masterpiece that you can carry around with you? Heirloom might fit your bill. It is one of those tricks where presentation is everything. Minutes after watching Harry Anderson perform Heirloom on *Mondo Magic* episode one, I purchased it.

The effect is quite simple: In casual conversation you might be asked how you got into magic. You then start to talk about your great uncle Charlie and how he was a bit of a scoundrel and how he was superstitious about his card playing and about a certain lucky card. You then give the spectator the chance to guess what your great uncle Charlie's favorite card was. After a card is named, you open your wallet and take out a picture. It's an old looking photograph with a picture of your great uncle Charlie holding the card they just named.

Heirloom is the only authorized version of Kenton Knepper's Kolossal Killer. In Kolossal Killer as well as in Heirloom, there is an "out" that you will need to use about one third of the time. The out in Heirloom is ingenious and sets it miles apart from Kolossal Killer. The out is a letter you produce from your

wallet the same time you produce the picture. The letter is penned by your great uncle Charlie saying that his lucky card was off by one.

Will this trick fit into any wallet? With some finagling, yes. Since I use a Real-Man's wallet, I had to shrink down the pictures from poker playing card size (which is sent with the trick) to a size less than that of a credit card. I also had to buy another wallet with a bill divider so that I could add it to my Real-Man's wallet. However, there is a wallet that you can buy which is examinable at the end of the trick (Heirloom Wallet \$49.95 at [www.hocus-pocus.com](http://www.hocus-pocus.com)). In order to make the note that came with the trick look more authentic, I bought an old book (from the 30's), ripped out the cover page and hand wrote the letter in pencil. After these modifications the total for this trick came to about \$60.

Of the handful of times I have done this trick, I have been asked for the wallet once where I had to resort to my tried and true Jedi mind trick: "You do not need to see this wallet. These aren't the outs you are looking for. Move along...move along."

I am having fun with heirloom. I didn't realize it would cost so much, but I am quickly regaining what I financially lost with incredible entertainment value.

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## *The Magic Round Table*

For those not in the know, St. Louis have it's very own magic roundtable. Following the traditions of New York and Chicago, the St. Louis roundtable meets every Saturday at 1:00pm at Garavelli's in south St. Louis. This is an informal gathering of magicians who get together once a week to socialize, talk magic or work on new material. There are no dues, no membership and no politics. Just a good time and some great food. If you have never had a chance to make one of the meetings, I strongly urge you to go check it out. Kids are always welcome and it's always a good time.



## Vintage Magic Night

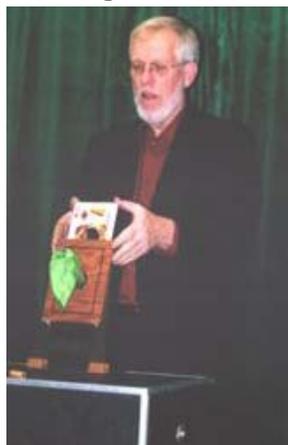
By Steve Zuehlke



Tom Westerheide's  
Blocks of Sanyen

Our November meeting was host to Vintage Magic Night. Host Ray Belz along with Don Rataj presented some outstanding effects from the days of yesteryear. While no secrets were exposed, it was

fascinating to see some of the vintage apparatus and the workings. In those days, craftsmanship meant everything as was evident with the selection of effects Ray and Don presented. After an hour or so of demonstrating some great effects, we took a 30 minute break and had a small flea market in the back of the room. It was a shame that only two members elected to display, but the deals abounded. After the flea market was finished, Don and Ray presented a few more effects along with Tom Westerheide. Our historian Roger Linden also gave a short talk on Eugene Liefendorfer, an Austrian native who settled here in St. Louis in the late 1700's. A very interesting evening, for all those who braved the nasty weather.



Ray Belz

### ***The Midwest Magic Jubilee*** **Organizational Meeting**

**Open to All IBM Members!!!**

**We want your help!!!**

If you would like to be a part of one of the  
**Nations Finest Magic Conventions,**  
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**The next meeting will be**

**January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**

**at EME Steel**

**82 Northwest Industrial Ct.  
Bridgeton, MO**

**Call 314-514-0215 for directions.**

**[www.mmjubilee.com](http://www.mmjubilee.com)**



### ***Holiday Note from the Editor***

With all the stress and turmoil in our lives and in the world around us, we as magicians help bring a little joy into everyone's life that sees us perform. There is nothing more rewarding that to see the smile, hear the laughter of those that we entertain. During this season of giving, we must not forget those who support us in our endeavors, everyday of our lives. We need to be sure to give a little joy and gratitude to those people. They might be your spouse, your children or even just a friend. They give up much more that we know. Make sure you let them know how much you appreciate them and all they do. Thanks to them, we can spread our magical joy to millions throughout the world. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

***Terry Richison***

Ring 1

*Spirit* Editor

### **Midwest Jubilee** **Positions To Be Filled**

The Midwest Magic Jubilee has several positions that need to be filled for the upcoming 2005 convention. Below is a listing of opportunities. Please contact [Terry Richison](mailto:Terry Richison) if you would be interested in a position.

- 1) **Performer/Lecture contact/personal assistant.** Several people will be needed. This will consist of greeting performers at the airport and assisting them with registration and explaining hotel layout as to where lectures and performances will take place and be their liaison for the convention. Steve Buesking will be the overall coordinator.
- 2) **Backstage help:** during the evening shows and stage contest.
- 3) **Set Up Crew:** start time would be 8 AM Thursday August 11, 2005 to aid in staging, curtain, sound and lighting set up.
- 4) **Tear Down Crew:** start time would be 8 AM Sunday, August 14, 2005 to aid in staging, curtain, sound and lighting tear down.

Contact [Terry Richison](mailto:Terry Richison) for further details.

# Joke of the Month

A magician was working on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. The audience would be different each week so the magician allowed himself to do the same tricks over and over again. There was only one problem. The captain's parrot saw the shows each week and began to understand how the magician did every trick. Once he understood them all, he started shouting in the middle of the show, "Look, it's not the same hat", "Look, he is hiding the flowers under the table" and "Hey, why are all the cards the Ace of Spades?" The magician was furious but could not do anything. After all it was the captain's parrot. One day the ship had an accident and sank. The magician found himself floating on a piece of wood in the middle of the ocean with the parrot at the opposite end. They just stared at each other with hate, but did not utter a word. This went on for days. After a week, the parrot finally broke the silence and said, "OK, I give up. Where's the boat?"



## **PROJECT MAGIC**

**Thanks to**

**Jerry Novack, Henry Schaper Sr.,  
Don Rataj and his son Tony**

**For their performances at the Shriners Hospital!!**

Next Show is on

**December 15, 2004 at 6:45 PM**

**Call Henry Schaper Sr. (314-487-8296 to participate!)**

## **For Sale**

### ***Classified Ads***

**Attention magazine collectors!!** I have numerous back issues of *Linking Rings*, *Geniis*, *M-U-Ms* and *Sphinx*. If you are missing any issues to complete your collection, please email me with your list and I will see if I have any duplicates. I am currently sitting on over 2,000 back issues of the above mentioned magazines. Steve Zuehlke 314-514-0215

[stlsteve2001@aol.com](mailto:stlsteve2001@aol.com)

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## **Linking Rings Available**

For those starting in magic and would like to have some back issues of *The Linking Ring*, here is your chance. The last ten years' issues 1994-2003 are available free. Contact Dave Snetsinger at 314 968-3442 or via E-mail at [Snetsing@aol.com](mailto:Snetsing@aol.com). If more than one call comes in there will be a drawing.

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- **"Intimate Miracles" Dean Dill's Video Tape**  
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## **2005 Committee Leaders**

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**Stage Contest** – Harry Monti

**Close Up Contest** – Ray Belz

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**Upcoming Lecture** by Dirk Losander



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Mascoutah, IL

For info: (618) 566-2442 or

[www.magicinstitute.homestead.com/LOSANDERLECTURE.HTML](http://www.magicinstitute.homestead.com/LOSANDERLECTURE.HTML)

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**Video Review**

By Steve Zuehlke

**Show Off With Cards** by Magic Makers

I had the pleasure of visiting **Dennis Hampel's** magic shop this past weekend (11/13) for his BBQ. I think most of us received an email concerning this event. If you didn't receive a invitation, contact Dennis and have him add you to his mailing list. He has lots of great things planned for the upcoming year. While visiting the store, my name was entered into a drawing and guess what? I won! I won a DVD entitled "Show Off With Cards" by Magic Makers. This DVD is AWESOME! The disc is broken up into several sections. The sections are entitled beginner, intermediate, advanced, expert and show off. Even the show off material is within reach of most of us with just a little practice. The material contained are flourishes. NO tricks, just some real cool cuts, shuffles, color changes, etc. The disc is well produced and very well explained. If you are looking for something different to spice up your routine, I highly recommend this disc. Contact Dennis and order yourself a copy today!

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-Dai Vernon

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\$125 July 1st and after.  
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\$70 until July 1st,  
\$80 July 1st and after.

**Magicians listed:**  
Johnny Thompson, Joshua Jay, Jimmy "Cards" Molinari, Duane Laflin, Michael Lair, Tony Miller, Danny Archer, David Williamson, Jessica & Shayna Reed, Chris Korn, Nate Kranzo, Ken Garr, Tony Chapek, Phillip Kaiser

**Note: This Ad will be Published Nationally in January. Please take advantage of the Early Registration Special while there is Still Time!**

## *2005 Ring 1 Stage Contest*

It's that time of year again....time to get your act ready for the annual Stage Contest. This is your chance to show off your act, a new routine, or maybe a work in progress. The stage contest is designed NOT to see who wins 1st place but to gain valuable insight and advice on your act. With the right set of judges, the score sheets are worth their weight in GOLD! Besides, you get to perform on full stage with lights, sound and curtains. For those who do stage work, I am sure you are aware that securing a stage for practice is next to IMPOSSIBLE! This really is a chance of a lifetime. Although some of us think of stage magic as being illusions, birds, pretty dancing girls, etc., this is only a small portion. A birthday party show would fit into this category too! A stand-up show would also fit this bill. With so many members of the club, we should have no problem coming up with enough contestants to participate. Best of all the show is open to the public. And remember, the public are the people that pay our bills. If anything else, think of the free publicity! You can mail invitations to your clients, make it a thank you gift for friends and clients, a chance for your relatives to see you perform, etc. And best of all is the price....FREE. That's right, NO charge. We will as in the past, be taking a donation of a can good(s) that will go to a local food pantry. If interested in performing or helping out, contact [Harry Monti](mailto:Harry.Monti@ibmring1.com) (636)394-4191. We also need light and sound people, backstage help, ushers and ticket sellers.

*May your Holidays be Magical!*

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