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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at the Webster Groves Recreational Complex, located at 33 Glendale, at 7:30pm. Directions: Take the Elm Street exit off of I-44 and go south to Glendale.

Monthly Ring 1 Board Meetings are open to all members and are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 825 Norwich Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301. Meetings begin at 7pm!

August 2 – New Member Welcome Night & Ice Cream Social. New Members will perform a trick and then we eat some Ted Drews!

August 17-19 – Midwest Magic Jubilee – The Airport Hilton Hotel - Registration opens at 1PM on Thursday. First Event is at 6PM. Register online at www.mmjubilee.com or call (314) 232-4183

Sept. 8 - President's Banquet – Orlando Gardens. Great food, Great Entertainment and Great Times.



New Member Welcome Night

&

Ice Cream Social

August 2

Part I

Attention: All members that have joined since last August. On this night we invite all the new members to perform a little something for us. Whether it is stand up or close-up we would like to start off our first meeting of the New Year with your performance. It can be something big or small. It is totally up to you. If you don't feel comfortable getting up in front of the members you don't have to, we would still like to "officially" welcome you to the club at the meeting. This meeting and at any meeting is a great chance to try out a new effect or routine, and get some feedback as to what you may want to improve or maybe the response will be "that was great, I wouldn't change a thing". We are all there to help each other. So come on out and enjoy the fun.

Part II

I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

Boy, just when did this catchy phrase come into play? Maybe you'll win a prize if you can answer that question at the Ice Cream Social on August 2nd. Along with our new members performing on this Hot August night, there will be ice cream on hand and all the toppings. Ok what do they call the sprinkles that go on top of ice cream? (Jeff, Chuck, Brain, Steve Z, and Terry can't play this one) Bring the family and enjoy the evening of good friends and good magic! Everyone is invited!

2006 Ring 1 Stage Contest!

On June 25th Ring 1 held its annual Ring 1 Stage Contest at the beautiful West County YMCA Community Theatre in Chesterfield, MO. The event was publicized as a fund raiser for a local food pantry where the admission to the show was only a can of food. This food was donated to a St Louis food pantry that helps families all over the St Louis area.



The contest was organized by George Van Dyke, who produced a great show. George had a great crew to work with. Joe Hardin, stage manager, with the help of Steve Buesking, kept everything running smoothly behind the curtains. Doing a fabulous job in the booth was Steve Levit on lights and Alan Zibits on sound. The show went off without a hitch due to the dedication of the crew. Of course what would a contest be without qualified judges? Filling those spots were Steve Bender, Chuck Levy and Steve Zuehlke. One lay judge was selected to judge appearance, entertainment and Stage Presence/Audience Appeal.



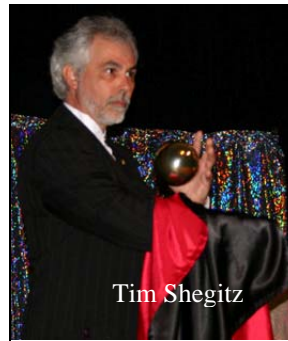
Going over last minute details form left to right: Alan Zibits, Joe Hardin, Ben Stuparits and George Van Dyke.

The show started off with Ring 1's President, Terry Richison welcoming the audience, thanking them for their kind donations and explaining how a contest show works. Terry then introduced last year's winner and this year's emcee, Ben Stuparits, who did an outstanding job. The contest started off with Tom Westerheide, who mystified the audience with several "miracles" ending with a flawless Card Warp. Next was Tim Shegitz. Tim presented a nice floating zombie ball followed by his own Axtell talking board routine that had the



Tom Westerheide

audience spellbound. Next was junior member Grant Ives. Being the first time on a stage, in front of a group of non-magicians, Grant did a great job. Larry Minth was next with a couple of Mentalism effects. The audience was astounded when Larry revealed his predictions. New member Josh Roth was up next. Josh had put together a classic bumbling character routine with such greats as Professor Cheers and color changing wands. A very good act choreographed to music. We will be looking for great things from Josh. Next up was Ron Perez whose story book character persona had the kids and adults all laughing throughout his entire routine. Closing the contest portion of the show was Terry Richison. Terry presented a hilarious Bill in Lemon routine followed by a hilarious Card on Forehead bit with one of his volunteers.



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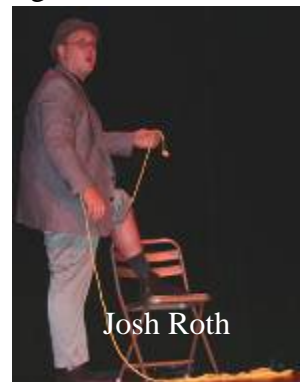
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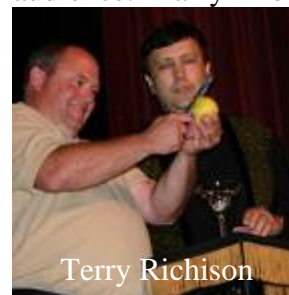
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As the ballots were being counted, Harry Monti appeared on stage to the delight of the audience. Harry filled the time with his comedy and



Terry Richison

magic as the judges tallied the totals to find out who was St Louis' Best Stage Magician of 2006. Coming in third place was Josh Roth. Second

Place was Tim Shegitz and First Place went to Terry Richison. A big thanks to everyone at Ring1 that helped put this successful contest show together.



Harry Monti

Thanks to Dave Snetsinger for all the photos.

President Banquet

September 8th

Ring 1 President's Banquet.

7:00PM at Orlando Gardens, 8352 Watson Rd, St Louis, MO Reservations are required. Special Entertainment to be announced. Call Larry Skorepa to make your reservations early. (636) 394-2968.

\$22 per person- Includes Dinner, Open Bar and a Fantastic show after dinner.

Among the special guests will be current IBM **President Fred Casto, Past IBM President Roger Miller and TVP Dennis Burks.**

In the past we have had over a 100 members and guest attend our banquet. I know of know where else in St. Louis where you can have Dinner Drinks and a top notch show for \$22.00 per person. We will be taking reservations at the August 2nd meeting. Invite your family and friends for this special night.

A SPECIAL RING ANNIVERSARY

Ring 1 celebrates its eightieth anniversary in 2007. Our Ring was founded in 1926 as the first Ring of the newly incorporated International Brotherhood of Magicians. Actually two Rings were added to the IBM at that time. The second located in Youngstown, Ohio is Ring 2.

St. Louis legend has it that St. Louis was named **Ring 1 vs.2** because of its first President, Andy Buel. Buel suggested to the IBM Board that the local clubs be named Rings vs. assemblies, clubs etc. The basis for this was the new International Brotherhood of Magicians brought and united the magical groups together as in the magical effect, the Chinese Linking Rings.

Eighty Years old! How does Ring 1 celebrate this special birthday? Since no Ring has done it before we need to find a good way to do so and maybe set a good example for others to follow. We can do some anniversary activities all during 2007 as well as at our Anniversary Banquet in September 2007.

Please help by sending some thoughts of activities or approaches that may be a little unusual but really standout, to make this anniversary a very special one for not only Ring 1 but the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Send your thoughts and suggestions to Dave Snetsinger, Chair of the Anniversary Committee, 420 Algonquin Pl. Webster Groves, MO 63119 or E-mail:Snetsing@aol.com

Miami IBM Convention Report

Coming in Next Month's issue.



Linking of the Rings (with humor)

Nashville Ring 37 Host St Louis Magicians

On July 29th, while most of the St Louis area was battling the 100 degree plus heat, some still waiting on their electricity to come on from the previous storms, three of St Louis' magicians fled the area in search of cooler temperatures. Terry Richison, Chuck Levy and George Van Dyke landed in Nashville Tenn. where the temperature was only 86 degrees in the shade. As part of Ring 1's "Linking of the Rings" program, the trio performed just about a 2 hour show for Ring 37 and the general public at the Charlie Daniels Amphitheatre.

The day started out with a 5 ½ hour drive through high winds, pelting rain with hail and even some blizzard conditions in the mountains (alright, none of this is true. It was mostly sunny all the way down and we didn't even get close to any mountains) But it did take 5 ½ hours. After arriving at the hotel, finding that they could not check in until 3pm and that the hotel was sold out due to a sold out show that was coming into town tonight they got excited at the possibility that it could be their show! Those hopes were quickly dashed as they were told that it was Tim McGraw and Faith Hill. But that didn't stop them. They just headed over to the amphitheatre to set up.



Upon arriving they found that Jerry Fraley, President of Ring 37, and Wayne Clemons and the Ring 37 crew, already had set up the stage and sound for the show and was putting the finishing touches to the decorations. Many members were also setting up for their picnic which had some of the best pulled pork BBQ. In fact President Jerry packaged some for the trio to take on their trip back to St Louis. Reports were that it didn't make it too far out of Nashville before George was making sandwiches for everyone.



Ring 37 President Jerry Fraley & Co.



John Pyka

The evening started off with some of the Ring 37 close up magicians entertaining the crowds prior to the show. John "Cool Daddy" Pyka, from Ring 37, was the emcee for the show. John even showed off his golden voice during one of his segments by singing while performing a very flawless linking ring routine. Chuck Levy got the show rolling and the audience wound up with his very funny comedy magic routines even after being stung by a wasp only minutes before the start of the show. It was a little touch and go as to whether Chuck was going to be



Chuck Levy

able to perform. But after some ice and a pep talk about the Ring 1 Spirit and doing it for all the Ring 1 members that were back home sweltering the heat, Chuck arose to the occasion and put on an excellent performance for the crowd.



Van Dyke

Next up was Van Dyke performing his classics of magic. With a lot of audience volunteers as helpers, Van Dyke kept the momentum going. Of course having a good looking assistant named Kelly to assist him on stage during his routines didn't hurt either.



None the less, Van Dyke had the audience in stitches as he seemed to be getting milk out of a boy's elbow. Van Dyke was continuously being "interrupted" by a phone ringing during his performance. He would politely answer it but it was his agent, then his wife, all telling him what to do next in the show. It kept the audience howling every time it would ring.



Terry Richison & Declan Delaney

Closing the show was Terry Richison, Ring 1's President. Using several volunteers to help "make" the magic happen, lead to a lot of comedy when the magic didn't quite happen for them like it did for Terry. He presented several routines from his full illusion show including his award winning Bill in Lemon routine. Follow by a comedy cut and restored rope routine and even getting a standing ovation in the middle of the show after his very touching levitation of one of the children from the audience. (Maybe those people were just leaving at the wrong time, we are not sure.)



After the show, the likes of Steve Barbate, Dick Staub as well as many others express their appreciation of the show. What a great time was had by all. Ring 37 should be very proud of their members. Special thanks should be given to a former Ring 1 member, James Hargrove for taking all the pictures and also to everyone for making the evening a success. Thanks Ring 37!



James Hargrove



Wayne Clemons



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Project Magic

Shiner's Hospital

Show starts at 6:45 PM

Thanks to July's performers:

Steve Buesking, Eric Grossman and Tom
Westerheide

August 16, 2006

Ram Suntha, Michael Henry, Keith Smith-Don
Burgan

September 20, 2006

Steve Barcellona, Tim Shegitz, Ted Schnarre

October 18, 2006

John Reider, Mike Sheenhan, Jim Holmes and Ed
Stephens

"No man can stand so tall, As to stoop to help a child in need"



An American woman, **Nancy Johnston**, invented and patented the hand-cranked ice cream freezer (a similar concept to a butter churn, but with ice and salt packed around the outside) in 1843, and in 1851 the first ice cream "factory" (using manually operated churns) was set up by **Jacob Fussell** in Baltimore, USA.

The first commercial ice-making machine was invented in Australia in 1855, and refrigeration and mechanization of the ice cream manufacturing process took place in the 1880's and 1890's. The invention of the homogenizer by August Gaulin (France) in 1899 allowed a much smoother ice cream texture, and the brine freezer (1902) permitted faster freezing.

At the St. Louis (USA) World Fair in 1904, a Syrian waffle vendor named E.A. Hamwi is credited with introducing the ice cream cone, when he started rolling waffles into cone shapes for the benefit of an ice cream vendor in an adjoining booth.

The "Popsicle" is said to have been accidentally invented in 1905 when fruit cordial was frozen on a particularly cold night, with stirring sticks still in place.

Prohibition in the USA (1919) resulted in many bars being converted into ice cream parlours, and ice cream's popularity boomed.

Ice cream novelties as we now know them began to appear in the 1920's - the first chocolate-coated ice cream bar ("I-Scream Bar") appeared in the USA in 1919 (later re-named the "Eskimo Pie"), and the first ice cream on a stick was the "Good Humor Bar" (1920, USA). Both products are still on the market, as is the Popsicle!

The first mechanical horizontal batch ice cream freezer was invented by H.H. Miller of Canton, Ohio, USA, and about 1926 the first continuous freezer was commercialized by Clarence Vogt of Louisville, Kentucky, USA.

Many further refinements to manufacturing equipment have taken place since then, but by this stage the basic technology was in place to produce the ice cream that we know and love today.

Sources: *International Ice cream Association and others.*



The Midwest Magic Jubilee 2006

Last chance to Pre-Register!

Time is running out to Pre-Register for the Midwest Magic Jubilee. On line registration will be cut off on August 5th. After that you will have to register at the door. Avoid the rush and register online at www.mmjubilee.com.

Jay Sankey
Whit Haydn
Howie Schwarzman
Mandre
Bill Pryor
Julie Sobanski
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Jimmy "Cards" Molinari
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