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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!

Sept. 8 - President's Banquet – Orlando Gardens, 8352 Watson Rd, St Louis, MO. **6:30PM**

Reservations are required. Call Larry Skorepa to make your reservations early. (636) 394-2968. Great food, Open Bar, Great Entertainment and Great Times.

Sept 9 – Lecture -Gene Anderson – “Part-Time Pro” 1:00PM – Best Western Westport Park Hotel, 2434 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63034. Ring 1 members – Free, Pres. Banquet attendee – Free, I.B.M. non-Ring 1 member - \$10, Non-I.B.M. member - \$15.

Oct 4 - Bizarre Magic
Steve Finkelstein

Oct 20-22, 27-29 Haunted Hayloft At Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. Shows start at:
6:30, 7:30, 8:30 & 9:30 Fri & Sat
5:30, 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 Sunday
Call **Tom Westerheide** if you want to perform this year. **618-233-4329.**
Larry Skorepa & Tom Westerheide

New Start Time **7:00PM**

Beginning with our Oct. 4th meeting, the meetings will begin at 7:00PM. The first half hour will be used as a “novice” or beginners class. Each month will be a different subject. Then the normal meeting will begin at 7:30PM with a “teach-a-trick” before the announcements are made and the regular meeting begins. We will be looking for volunteers to teach a trick each month. So if you would like to be one of the presenters, please call Terry Richison at 314-232-4183.

President Banquet
80 Years of Magic!

September 8th

It's not too late to get your reservation into Larry Skorepa
(636) 394-2968.

This is the kick-off of Ring 1's 80th Anniversary and we would like everyone to be a part of the celebration. Activities start at 6:30PM with some great Close-up shows and an Open Bar.

Where: Orlando Gardens, 8352 Watson Rd, St Louis, MO
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Only \$22 per person- Includes **Dinner, Open Bar and a Fantastic Show** after dinner starring Gene Anderson, International I.B.M. President Fred Casto and Territorial Vice President Dennis Burks! In the past we have had over a 100 members and guests attend our

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Upcoming Events Continued

Nov 1 - Special Occasion Magic

Dec 6 – Holiday Party – White Elephant Exchange
Dave Snetsinger

Jan 3 - Poker Run

Feb 7 – Flea Market

March 7 – Paper Magic

April – 4 Magic in Business
Steve Finkelstein

May 2 – Close Up Contest
Joe Thomas & Terry Richison

June 6 – Stand Up Magic

Oct 20-23, 27-29 *Haunted Hayloft*

at the Nestle /Purina Farms.

Here is your chance to give back to Ring One. The Haunted Hayloft is our largest fun raiser of the year. You will need to have a good 10 to 12 minute act, that is “G” rated. Your audience will be mostly children. To get involved give a call to **Tom Westerhide** @ 618-233-4329. Tom will fill you in on all the particulars of what is expected of you that evening, and answer any questions you might have. Larry Skorepa is handling all the physical arrangements.

Special Limited Time

One last chance to pre-register for the 2007 Midwest Magic Jubilee. Read the article in this month’s *Spirit* for all the details as to how you can save a bunch of money by pre-registering before September 10th! **This offer will not be repeated!**

President’s Banquet cont.

banquet. I know of nowhere else in St. Louis where you can have dinner, drinks and a top-notch show for \$22.00 per person. This is a family affair so bring the entire family to enjoy the evening!

On Saturday, Sept. 9th, we will host **Gene Anderson’s lecture** at the Best Western Westport Park Hotel at the intersection of I-270 and Dorsett Rd in Maryland Heights. Read the details in the next article.

Help Ring 1 kick off our 80th year in style! Make your reservations today!

(636) 394-2968



“The Part-Time Pro”

Gene Anderson Lecture

The very first presentation of Gene Anderson’s “The Part-Time Pro” lecture was to the Academy of Magical Arts in Hollywood, and it earned him a nomination for Lecturer of the Year. That week’s performances at the Magic Castle earned him a second nomination, for Visiting Magician of the Year.

In the thirty-plus years since, Gene has lectured in eleven countries and performed magic professionally (means he was paid!) in twenty-one countries on six continents. He has truly walked the talk of a part-time pro, juggling performance schedules with those of his ‘day job’ as a global director at Dow Chemical. “The Part-Time Pro” lecture, like Gene’s act, is continually being revised, and repeat lecture bookings (eight times at I.B.M. and S.A.M. national conventions) are a testament to its appeal.

The lecture focuses on getting your act together, both figuratively and literally. Its underlying premise is to update magic principals and frame them in modern guise. The effects will likely fool you, but more importantly, they will first entertain you, and then make you think. Newspaper magic is almost synonymous with Gene Anderson, and in addition to demonstrating newspaper’s magical possibilities, this section emphasizes the broader applications of showmanship and visual comedy. A ‘ten steps’ framework for developing your own show makes this a lecture experience that will inspire you to bring creative approaches and novelty into your own routines and presentations.

Sept 9th – 1:00PM at the Best Western Westport Park Hotel at 2434 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO. Admission is Free to all Ring 1 members and anyone attending the President’s Banquet. \$10 for all other I.B.M. members and \$15 for everyone else.

2006 Ice Cream Social and New Member Night

Photos and Text by Harry Machin Jr.



Ted Schnarre organized the evening.

membership some stand-up or close-up.

Many of our new members stepped up to perform, some for the very first time. Among them were close-up contest winner Joe Thomas with his polished Traveling Coins

Our annual "New Member Welcome Night and Ice Cream Social" was held at our August meeting, the first meeting of our new year. On this night we officially recognized all new members and invited them to perform for the rest of the



Charlie Myers

The other familiar face was Eric Grossman, and his skillful

sleight of hand was seen as he performed a variation of Silent Mora's "One in the hand, two in the pocket." (Or is it Two in the hand...) A transparent black net, held by Bud Dietrich and Eugene Schaefer, was used as the pocket, making the trick more effective. Ron Perez's little daughter, Mischa, got



Shane Delon

Eric Grossman to assist her in a card trick. Marty Zangaro was the first new member to perform, and his "Coins Across" was well done. Marty was followed by Charlie Myers who presented a nice routine with a yellow



Marty Zangaro

nice routine with a yellow beaded chain and a five-inch silvery ring. Josh Routh used the biggest cups and balls I've ever seen to do the "Rub A Dub Dub."



Eric Grossman

the "Rub A Dub Dub."



Kenneth Trokey

Ken Trokey, Sr. performed a somewhat abbreviated Gene Anderson Torn and Restored



Joe Thomas



Ron Richison

Newspaper. Steve Barcellona fooled Gloria Wilkerson and the rest of us with "Marked," a great card trick. Youth

member Ron Richison presented a four ace location.

The Ice Cream Social then quickly got underway, with members digging into St. Louis' most famous ice cream from Ted Drewe's Frozen Custard. Our thanks to Ted Schnarre for bringing the ice cream and various toppings and organizing the entire evening. Another fun filled evening with Ring 1.



Josh Routh



Steve Barcellona

Ring 1 Ambassadors Needed

We are looking for individuals that will pair up with new members to help show them all that Ring One has to offer and to be their "go-to" person if they have any questions. This is something that we hope that everyone will participate in. Please contact Dave Snetsinger at snetsing@aol.com or (314) 968-3442.

Magicians Wanted

Part Time, After School Magic Instructors Wanted

Would you like to start kids off in magic? IBM member, **Jeff Lefton**, will teach you the curriculum of simple tricks, and will furnish the supplies. Classes go for 6-8 weeks, 1 day/week for an hour after school. He'll try to line you up with a school close to you.

Pay is \$25/class. For more info, please contact Jeff Lefton
314-608-6547 jlefton@q4solutions.com

Last Chance Pre-Register for 2007 Midwest Magic Jubilee

For those that did not get a chance to pre-register for the 2007 Midwest Magic Jubilee you have one last chance. Until September 10th we will be accepting pre-registrations for the 2007 convention at the 2006 convention pre-registration price of only \$100. We will also extend the special offer of giving you a FREE registration for your spouse. You can take advantage of this great offer by register online at www.mmjubilee.com/registration.htm or call 314-232-4183. Deadline for this price is September 10th.



Magicians at the St Louis County Fair

Corporate Magician for Anheuser Busch, **Rick Gerber, Bret Daniels** and local magician **Tim Shegitz** will be appearing at the St Louis County Fair and Air Show Sept 4th. If you get a chance, go out and see them. Schedules are below but subject to change.

Bret Daniels – Sept 1, 7PM – Bud Zone

Rick Gerber – Sept 1, 5-10pm – Bud Zone

Sept 2, 10am-8pm– Bud Zone

Sept 3, 10am-8pm– Bud Zone

Sept 4, 10am-6pm– Bud Zone

Tim Shegitz – Sept 1, 7:30-8pm - Main stage area

Sept 2, 5:30–6pm – Main stage area

Sept 3, 5:30–6pm – Main stage area

I got Teller to talk!

By Don Rataj

I just returned from seeing the latest Penn &

Teller Show in Las Vegas. When they tell you to get there early, do it. You are invited on stage to sign an envelope and exam a box, while a jazz piano and



Penn, Don Rataj and Teller

stand-up bass player performed. I noticed the bass player dressed in a black trench coat and black hat had 1 painted red finger nail. It was Penn jamming on the bass, we made eye contact, and he winked that I discovered him. The lay people had no idea.

The show is full of typical Penn & Teller over the edge stuff, crossing many lines, but still entertaining. Don't expect rabbits out of hats, but rabbits into wood chippers.

Afterwards I met Penn and Teller, and even got Teller to talk (note: if you are an attractive young woman, and you ask Teller nice, he will give you his signature tie.) I told Penn he played a wonderful bass line, and if he ever needed a drummer to sit in, I was available. He said "I will get back to you".

Tom Westerheide Vanishes Elephant at Shriner's Children's Hospital

Bad weather didn't stop Ring 1 magicians from performing at the Shriner's Children's Hospital. At the July Project Magic, Eric Grossman started the evening off with some great close up and Steve Buesking kept the kids entertained with one effect while Tom Westerheide was setting up. As Tom began, all the lights went out in the hospital due to Tom's magical powers or the storm (we don't know which). The kids missed Tom's appearing and disappearing elephant trick. But not to worry, we have a picture of it. We and the children were moved into the hallways due to weather (tornado warning). As a result, the rest of the show was canceled.



Tom Westerheide and the Elephant.
Sorry the flash did not go off.

A Gift to Ring 1

By Terry Richison

Last week, I received a call from Marty Ginsberg. He told me that his mother was moving and had a lot of magic "stuff" that she would like to give the club. It turns out that it belonged to Greg Ginsberg that was a member of Ring 1 in the 1970's. Many of our current members may remember him. Greg was quite an accomplished performer and took off to California soon after finishing high school to study with Marian Chavez of the Chavez school of magic. Even though he didn't get a chance to finish his magical schooling due to the death of Marian, Greg continued chasing his magical dreams. Today Greg works for Warner Brothers Studios but has little use for all the old books and apparatuses that he left in St Louis. He and his family have graciously given them to Ring 1 to help further our membership's learning. I will be inventorying everything so that we can publish a list and decide where and how they can best be put to use for the club and for magic as a whole. We would like to thank Greg, his mother and brother Marty for their kindness in helping promote others magical dreams.

Ring 1 The Oldest Ring in the World!

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.

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 it 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 stand out, 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

The logo for Project Magic features the words "Project Magic" in a colorful, stylized font. Each letter is a different color: P (purple), r (red), o (orange), j (yellow), e (green), M (blue), a (purple), g (green), i (yellow), c (orange).

Shriner's Hospital

Show starts at 6:45 PM

Thanks to August's performers:

Keith Smith & Don Burgan

September 20, 2006

Steve Barcellona, Tim Shegitz, Ted Schnarre

October 18, 2006

John Reider, Mike Sheehan, Jim Holmes and Ed Stephens

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

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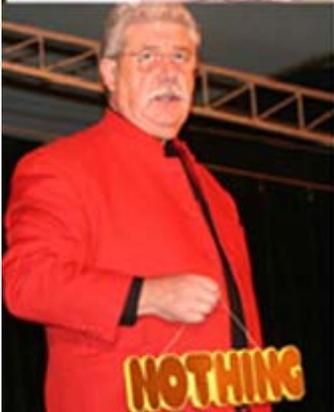
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Midwest Magic Jubilee

In Review

“...Best Value Convention going.” “I have never had so much fun at a magic convention!” “...one of the friendliest conventions I've ever attended. It is also very well organized.” These are just some of the comments made about the 2006 edition of the Midwest Magic Jubilee. One convention attendee summed it up as “the best Jubilee since the one 25 years ago when Lance Burton won the stage competition”. That's saying something!



The convention went off without a hitch, other than having the fire alarm go off twice on the opening day. Luckily the activities had not started yet. We had a great crew, headed by Ron Perez to put up the stage. Ted Schnarre and company took care of the side curtains and backdrops and Tom Westerheide headed up the construction of the front curtain. Many of the Ring 1 and Assy 8 members stepped up to help out with what ever was needed. Jerry Collins, Dave Snetsinger and Larry Skorepa took the registration duties early Thursday morning. Registration went smoothly and efficiently as did the dealers room, headed by Steve Bender.

Thursday night began with some great close up by Dan Fleshman, Jimmy “Cards” Molinari, Joe Thomas and Tony Miller. That led into the opening show that was kicked off by I.B.M. International President, Fred Casto and S.A.M. National President Andy Dallas co-presenting a citation to I.B.M. Ring 1 President Terry Richison and S.A.M. Assy.8 President Jerry Collins to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Jubilee which is sponsored by both clubs. Next there were citations presented by Steve Zuehlke and Terry Richison to Bud and Audrey Dietrich for being part of the original founders, Harry Monti for being an event chairman of the first Jubilee and Sally Silverstein was presented a citation for her parents, Harold and Marian Theper and their role in the Jubilee for so many years.

The Thursday evening show, emceed by Kansas City Native Terry Elton, started with Ring 1 member and his sister, Ron and Alexa Richison. You don't normally see a 7 year old doing a dancing cane. Following them was Larry Taylor from Ohio with his illusionary manipulation





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and dove act. Bill Pryor and his Medicine Show Pitch act followed with a lot of comedy. Terry Elton performed his award winning "Something for Nothing" act before Terry Richison closed the evening with a small sampling of his grand illusion show. Immediately after the show was our first lecturer, Whit Haydn. As anyone would expect, Whit delivered a spectacular lecture with a little of something for everyone. Terry Elton closed out the evening with his late lecture. There was a little "something for nothing" in it.



The next morning started off with a great close up contest. We are happy to say that 2 of the top three contestants were from St Louis. Congratulations to first place winner Christopher David, Second place Frank Martin and third place Steve Finkelstein. The rest of the morning and afternoon were chocked full of lectures by Jimmy "Cards" Molinari, Tom Frame, Steve Bender, Tony Miller, Shep Hyken and Seth Kramer. Some how, in between all that we managed to pull off a close up show with the likes of Hide from Tokyo, Jay Sankey, Jason Dean, Howie Schwarzman, Jania Taylor, Shep Hyken and Seth Kramer! And wow what a show it was! Believe it or not there was even time to visit the dealer's room. Many conventions don't have that much going on let alone packing it all into one day. Of course we weren't finished, there was till a stage show and two more lecture before the night was through. The Evening show started out with an opening welcome by radio legend, Smash from 97.1 FM Talk in St Louis. The show was emceed by another St Louis professional, Chris Rayman. Starring in the show was Whit Haydn's unmistakable comedy and magic, Troy Roark's hilarious juggling, manipulation by Julie Sobanski and closing





the show was none other than I.B.M. Gold Cup winner Oscar Munoz! Even though all the performers were great to

work with, special kudos are given to Oscar. He was so helpful during the entire convention. Words can not begin to express his generosity. After the show we had two great lectures by Aldo Colombini and Jason Dean. The Charm of Aldo followed by the close up expertise of Jason topped off a fabulous day!



Saturday morning came way too soon but it started with a bang. The stage contest had 5 contestants that made the competition fierce. All the acts were good but the top 3 were only separated by a couple of points. Placing third in the contest was Tony Dowell from Springfield, IL with a great manipulation and dove act. Second went to Tom Gibson from Arrington TN that started with his very funny mischievous rope routine. Taking the top spot was Steve Steiner of Blue Springs MO and his Genii in the bottle act. All the acts were crowd pleasers.



The lectures continued after the contest with Jim Molinari's advanced card workshop, Jania Taylor, Howie Schwarzman, Mike Powers and Jay Sankey. All that before 3PM! The second close up show with another all-star line up of Jimmy "Cards" Molinari, Tom Frame, Oscar Munoz, Whit Haydn and Mike Powers! Before we broke for dinner, the winners were announced for the contests and we had an autograph session with all the performers -- a nice way for the performers to say thanks to all in attendance.



Paul Harris from KMOX Radio welcomed the audience to the final show of the convention. And what a show it was. Emceed by the great Aldo Colombini the show started with the stage contest winner, followed by Whit Haydn, back by popular demand, the Human Calculator and juggler extraordinaire Al Stanger, Jania Taylor with one of the best Zombies to be seen and Mandre, who ended the show with a standing ovation.



What a way to end the evening...but wait, it wasn't over yet! Oscar Munoz's outstanding lecture followed the show. Scott Wells closed the convention with his talk show "Now You See It". Scott interviewed, to





the delight of the late night audience, Jubilee founders Bud and Audrey Dietrich, Whit Haydn and Aldo Colombini. It was a great way to end the convention. A special thanks to all those who helped put on the Jubilee. It was truly a team effort by Ring 1 and Assy. 8. Special Registration offer was given to those at the convention to pre-register for the 2007 Jubilee.



That offer is now opened to everyone until Sept 10th. You won't want to miss the 2007 Jubilee. It will be history in the making!



Pictures by Harry Machin and Mona Morrison

See You Next Year!

