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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 6:30pm. 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!

Oct 3- Side show effects and Bazaar Magic

Oct 19-21, 26-28 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
Bring your Kids and Grandkids!
Haunted Hayloft info: Call Tom Westerheide 618-233-4329.

Nov 7 - Impromptu Magic

Dec 5 - Christmas Party

Jan 9 - Steve Zuehlke Teach in

Feb 6 - Grab Bag Magic

March 5 - Flea Market

April 2 - Stage Presentation

May 7 - Close-up Contest

June 4 - to be announced

All of the above is tentative, if you would like to see a different theme please let us know your thoughts.

Side Show & Bizarre Magic

October 3rd Meeting

Your host for this evening will be Josh Routh & Ben Stuparits. If you do not know what to expect at this meeting, the information below will clear it up for you.



Ben will be handling the Bizarre side of the magic world, and Josh will be taking us back to the years of the side show magic shows. They have put together a evening of entertainment you won't want to miss.



Sideshow Magic is not always the freaky and disfigured individuals that you might find at the circus. It is the unexplainable mysteries of how some of the stunt and magic is actually performed.

Bizarre Magic, or Bizarre Magick, is a branch of [stage magic](#), or conjuring, like stage illusions, [sleight of hand](#), or children's shows. The major difference is that bizarre magic uses storytelling and word play to a much greater degree, and less emphasis is placed on the manual dexterity of the performer or the complexity of his equipment. It is more like watching small, intimate theater than a traditional magic show. Bizarre Magicians often use authentic and sometimes antique artifacts in their presentations. Unlike traditional magic where you may see many magicians performing similar effects, most Bizarre Magick is completely unique to each performer.

Among many people, there is the often times mistaken impression that bizarre magic must be ghoulish, ghostly, or ghastly. That is not necessarily true. Bizarre magic can be funny, comical, and downright slapstick. It can also be emotionally touching and philosophically provoking. The key feature is that it must touch the audience on a deeper emotional level than ordinary magic. To that end, many find it easier to lean to the occult, or darker, side.

Magic 101

With Steve Fickelstien

Dinner Table Magic



If you have ever been out to dinner and it is boring and you wish you could make the dinner a little more memorable, you will not want to miss our next topic Dinner Table Magic. The things you can do with dinner napkins, dinner rolls, sugar packets, and salt & pepper shakers. Hopefully you have been working on your coin moves we showed you last month; we can show you how to put a coin thru the table, and so on. P.S. please don't bring you appetite for food this night, just your appetite to learn some great magic.

Oct 19-21, 26-28

Haunted Hayloft

at the Nestle/Purina Farms.

Thanks to everyone who signed up to perform at the Haunted Hayloft. The schedule is full and Tom Westerheide would like to thank everyone who graciously volunteered to perform. If you never have been to the Haunted Hayloft take your family and see what it is all about, as you can see the show spots fill up quick.

2007 Presidential Banquet

80 Years of Magic!

Review

Well, for those of you who missed the 2007 President's Banquet, to quote one of the Ring 1 members, "WOW, this was outstanding."

We had about 100 members, family and guest attending this year's banquet.

The evening started off with some great close up by Close Up winner, Ted Schnarre and Steve Finkelstein for the first hour. The banquet room looked very



Ted Schnarre performing Close up magic.

elegant as usual because of the decorations made by Larry and Sherree Skorepa. Before dinner, emcee Ken Domash welcomed everyone and introduced all the distinguished guests. Fr Gary Gebelein presented the invocation and then the feast was on. Carved roast beef, chicken breasts, assorted veggies and that great St Louis style salad. We topped off the meal with a very special 80th anniversary cake that Sheree had made for the event.

After dinner, Ken introduced The Stage Contest Chairman, Terry Richison who started out the evening's agenda by recognizing all the Merlins, Merlin Sheilds, Merlin Excaliburs, and Merlin Excelsiors that we had in the audience. Terry then presented the awards to the winners of the Ring 1 Annual Stage Competition. The First Place Winner was Ken Domash, Second Place went to Josh Routh and Third Place when to Brian Boyd. For the first time in a while, we also had a Youth Stage Competition. First Place was



Ken Domash – First Place Winner for Stage.



Josh Routh – Second Place Winner for Stage.



Ron & Alexa Richison – First Place Winners for Youth Stage.



Ted Schnarre – First Place winner for Close Up.



Robert Campbell – Second Place winner for Close Up.

awarded to Ron and Alexa Richison. Second Place went to Thomas Goforth.

Terry then introduced Alan Zibits, the Close Up Contest chairman. Alan thanked all the participants in the

Close up contest and the awarded the First Place Trophy to Ted Schnarre, Second Place went to and Third place to Steve Barcellona.

Terry Richison, out going president, then came up on stage to present the Presidential Citations. These citation are given to those who have done an extraordinary job above and beyond the normal. This year's recipients were John Reider for doing a great job continuing with Project Magic. Larry Skorepa and Tom Westerheide for their great organization of execution of the Nestle/Purina Farm's Haunted Hayloft. Ben Stuparits for all the great artwork he has provided for the Midwest Magic Jubilee and the Ring 1 Spring Parade of Magic as well as the great card back design for the deck of cards commemorating Ring1's 80th year of Magic! Everyone that attended the banquet received a souvenir deck of these extremely valuable cards. **For those of you that were not there, you will get your deck at the next meeting. So be sure to be there.** Last but not least was Alan Zibits for his extra fine effort with the Close Up Contest. Alan stepped in at the 11th hour to host and chair the contest. Terry gave out one more Presidential award and that was to Sr. Michael Terese Baur for being the most selected and best magician's assistant for oh so many years. Congratulations to all!



Steve Finkelstein receives the Theper award from Terry Richison – Ring 1

The Last award was the Harold and Marian Theper award. It is the highest award that can be bestowed on a person by Ring 1. It is for exemplary service to Ring

1 and Magic overall. This award is not given out every year and is only presented when a person has given there all to make the art of magic flourish. This year we were happy to give the Theper award to Steve Finkelstein for his great enthusiasm, long and hard work every month putting together Magic 101 for Ring 1. Congratulations to Steve!



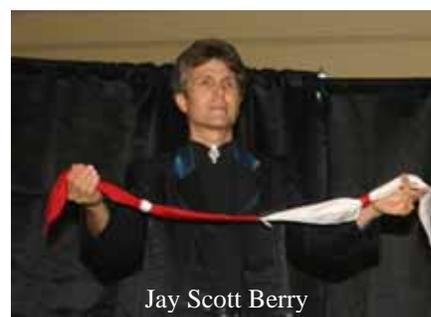
From left to right- Ted Schnarre, Steve Zuehlke, Dennis Burks, Jerry Collins, Larry Skorepa, Terry Richison, Josh Routh, Ben Stunarits. Harrv Monti and Marv Kobb.

Dennis Burks, our Territorial Vice President from Kansas City, took the stage and performed the induction ceremony, installing all the new officers and board members. Ted Schnarre, our new president then made his closing remarks and presented outgoing president, Terry Richison with his Past President Pin and a nicely engraved business card holder. Ted thanked, Ray Belz for putting together the programs for the evening, Jerry Collins for running the sound and lights, Ken Domash for providing the sound system and emceeing the evening, Terry Richison for setting up the lights and sound and Larry and Sherree Skorepa and Dave Snetsinger for setting up the room.



Ken Domash his son Garret.

Then the evening's entertainment began. Ken Domash and his son Garret, started off the show with an original act of street musicians being street magicians.



Jay Scott Berry

Out of these little boxes, Ken was producing huge items like bowling balls. Not to be out done his son produced the bowling pins to go with it. Ken also



amazed us with his manipulation abilities of not producing cards from thin air but he produces money! The act was a great start to the show. Up next was our headliner, Jay Scott Berry. Jay put on a great 40 min show that had everyone on the edge of

their seats wondering what was coming next. Using his own original music to set the tone for his unbelievable act.



Great food, great drink, great friends, and great magic! We could not have asked for more. For those of you not at the banquet this year.... A word to the wise, make your reservations early next year!

Project Magic

Shriner's Hospital

Show starts at 6:45 PM

Thanks to September's performers:

John Davit, Tom Westerheide and Steve Zuehlke

Next Performance

October 17, 2007

No man can stand so tall as to stoop to help a child in need

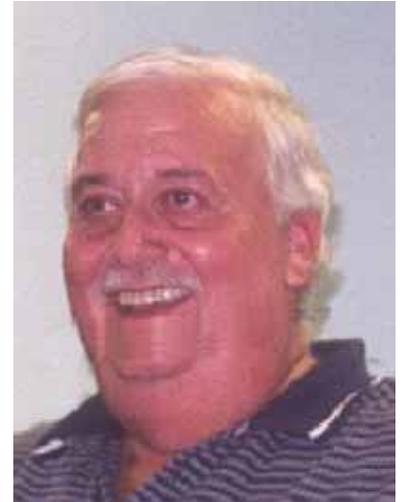
Ring 1 Ambassadors Needed

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.

GOOD FRIENDS

We have lost two good friends from Ring 1 in the last month. Please keep them in your prayers.

Michael J. Sirota died on Aug. 24, 2007. Husband of Marilyn Gold Sirota: father of Robin (Karrie) Sirota, Jason Sirota and Benjie Sirota: grandfather of Morgan and Riley Sirota: brother of the late Sandra Bernstein: brother-in-law of Sharon Gold, Marty (Charla) Gold, Bryan (Ann) Gold and Terry

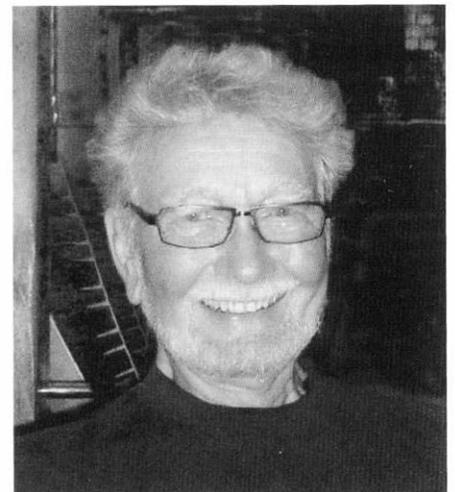


Bernstein: son-in-law of Dena and the late Irvin Gold: son of the late Ann and Stanley Sirota.

Mike was a long standing member of IBM Ring 1. He was one of the good guys. He loved to take his magic with him wherever he traveled and whenever he made a sales call. He loved to elicit laughter and awe. He enjoyed life and he enjoyed the fellowship of his fellow compeers. Mike was one of those people you simply enjoyed having around. He made you feel good about yourself and about life. He will be missed by all those in the club who knew him and he will be remembered for his smile and his laughter. (Steve Bender)

Thomas Marxer had been a member of Ring 1 since 1996. He leaves behind his wife and children who will miss him dearly. At Tom's funeral there was display of all his favorite magic posters and memorabilia. His memorial funeral was on Sept. 27, 2007

Thomas T. Marxer



*February 21, 1935
September 24, 2007*

New Members + Perform night

By Ted Schnarre

At our September meeting Steve Finkelstein started our Magic 101 session with some fabulous coin magic. Not only did he teach and demonstrate but also provided everyone several pages of reference material in case you wanted to learn more.



We had one new member and two new prospective members perform at the meeting, plus a few other energetic members. First prospective member Will Haenne had three cards selected and raised one from the deck in his hand, second one while the deck was setting on the table and the third card rose from the deck while in the hand and under the watch full eye of sister Michael Therese.



Our second prospective performer Tom Jomnes was able to transport four aces from one half of the deck to the other by invisibly palming the card and placing in the other deck.



Next new member Ron Richison has been learning the ropes of magic you could say. Ron has been working on some new rope routines that he picked up at the Midwest Magic Jubilee, and has added a

story line to go along with the rope effects, which keeps the spectators interest in what you are doing.

Ray Belz started us out with a nice routine which known as “need to find out what.”



Next up was Ring 1 board member Ben Stuparits who really has a stage presence he has developed over the years as a

renaissance performer. Ben took a simple finger chopper and really turned it into a very funny and enjoyable effect



Our treasure Larry Skorepa has been told by his doctor and wife that he to lay off of the chocolate chips cookies, you can see

why. Larry has quite a unique problem with eating these cookies requiring that he has 13 chocolate chips per cookie.



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Nestlé's Purina Farms in Gray Summit

It is that time of year again when ghosts and goblins roam free at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO. Make reservations for family-style tricks and treats in Gray Summit. Kids can paint pumpkins, watch cartoons, listen to storytellers, witness Fantastic Magic from Ring One Members, pet a barnyard full of farm creatures and, of course, crawl around in a creepy hayloft. Plus it is told that some of St. Louis' greatest magicians will be appearing and disappearing for 4 shows each night! Check the schedule to the Who's Performing Where Article!

Located 45 miles southwest of St. Louis in Gray Summit, Mo., Purina Farms is handy to reach from Interstate 44. Simply turn north at the Gray Summit exit (Exit 253) on Interstate 44, and travel two blocks on Missouri Highway 100. Go left on County Road MM, and the entrance to Purina Farms is one mile on the left.

314-982-3232 – Reservations

Who's Performing Where?

Nestles Purina Farms Haunted Hayloft Oct 19-21 and 26-28

Friday, Oct 19th - Shows at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 Starring **Tom Westerheide** and **Alan Zibits**.

Saturday, Oct 20st - Shows at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 Starring **Terry Richison** and **Steve Zuehlke**.

Sunday, Oct 21nd - Shows at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:40 Starring **Ron Perez** and **Larry Minth**.

Friday, Oct 26th - Shows at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 Starring **George Van Dyke & Chuck Levy**

Saturday, Oct 27th - Shows at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 & 9:30 Starring **Don Burgan, Larry Skorepa & Keith Smith**.

Sunday, Oct 28th - Shows at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:40 Starring **John Apperson** and **Ray Belz**

Oct 27th – **Terry Richison - The Thaxton** – 1009 Olive, Downtown St Louis – Shows begin at **7:00PM**

Oct 29th – **Terry Richison, Steve Corbit and George Van Dyke - St Louis Gateway Sports Faoundation** – Downtown St Louis -Showtime - **3:30pm**.

MAGIC 101 meeting begins at 6:30 pm (prior to our regular meeting. Anyone is welcome!



The Pure Magic Lecture

By **Jay Scott Berry**

Review

After seeing Jay Scott Berry's show the night before, now it was time to learn the magic behind the effects. Jay was a very good lecturer with his unassuming ability to connect to everyone at the lecture no matter what your level of skill happened to be. Jay started out with his Diamond Silk fountain production. Very beautiful as well as a fooler. He then went into his cut and restored ribbon that we had scratched our head about the night before. It was not just cut once but eight times! It is called Retrograde. He moved into his transforming sponge ball routine that again had everyone guessing. Jay stopped several times during his explanations to be sure the everyone had understood the methods he was sharing with us. His vortex streamer and Lighting Bill Switch took everyone by surprise, especially his finale to the bill switch. Jay's Chameleon Knots using silks were sheer magical poetry.

He moved to a simple coin routine called foiled again because he uses aluminum foil to visually create a silver coin. It vanishes and then reappears only to turn back into the foil.

Jay also taught us about his topit system. Even if you have never thought of using one after watching Jay use it you will want to have one installed.

The lecture was a very good and informative lecture and we hope to see him back it very soon!