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## Upcoming Events

**Monthly Meetings** are on the first Wednesday of each month at the Maryland Heights Community Center, 2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043 Youth meeting at 5:30pm, Magic 101 at 6:30PM and Regular meeting at 7:30PM.

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

- **June 4 – Grab Bag Magic**
- **No Meeting in July**
- **July 21-28, 2008 – I.B.M./SAM Combine Convention – Louisville, KY**
- **Midwest Magic Jubilee – Aug 7-9 . St. Louis Airport Hilton**
- **Aug 18 - Ice Cream Social / New Members Night**
- **Sept. 19 - President Banquet – Orlando Gardens**



The time to register is now!  
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## Ring 1 Grab Bag Magic Night June 3 Maryland Heights Community Center

Imagine, if you will, that you are stranded on a desert island. You have nothing but the tattered clothes clinging to your back. You're surrounded by saltwater, sand, and beach debris. Suddenly, over a towering sand dune, descends a band of birthday cake sugar-crazed children. There's a glazed look to their beady little eyes. They want entertainment, and they want it now! What would you do? Ring 1's Grab Bag Magic Night could prepare you for just such inevitability.

Exercise your creative side, and your magical knowledge, with other club members to produce miracles from flotsam and jetsam. Share laughs and ideas as you try to create magic from the most unmagical material.

Here's how (it'll) it works. We'll break up into groups of experienced and less experienced members. Each Group will get a bag containing random objects (don't expect any ghost tubes!). There also will be shared supplies like tape, scissors, glue, etc. Forty-five minutes later, you better have turned that junk into a Vegas-worthy magic routine, because an elected member or members will perform your effect for everyone. Yea! Ring 1 Grab Bag Magic Night should be fun, educational, entertaining, and quite possibly, life-saving. After all, in magic, you never know what might be over that next sand dune.

## Midwest Magic Jubilee Organizational Meeting

Open to All I.B.M./SAM Members!!!

**If you would like to be a part of one of the  
Nation's Finest Magic Conventions,  
Now is your chance! Get involved!**

The next meeting will be 6 PM, **June 16, 2008**  
825 Norwich Dr, St Charles, MO



## **The Midwest Magic Jubilee – Talent Assistant Opportunity!**

The Midwest Magic Jubilee is going to offer a personal touch to the performers coming to the Jubilee. Each performer will have his or her own personal assistant for the convention. The following are the minimum expectations for the assistant position:

- Meet the performer at the airport, assist with luggage, and take to hotel (probably Thursday, August 7th).
- Handle hotel check-in for the performer; rooms are pre-assigned prior to arrival, and paid for by the Jubilee.
- Set a time to meet with the performer before their lecture, meet them at their room 1 hour before the lecture (or separate time arranged between the performer and you) to assist in moving props, lecture notes, etc., to the lecture room.
- Assist in setting up after-lecture sales, if asked. If you are uncomfortable handling money in the after-lecture sale, Chuck Levy will be available as a back up.
- Assist the performer in moving materials back to the room/storage facility.
- Ensure the performer is at the evening lecture or stage show in a timely fashion.
- Take the performer back to airport on Sunday, if flying out of St. Louis.

At this time, we do not know who is flying to St. Louis, and who is driving. We will know the transportation arrangements, as we get closer to the convention. In other words, some assistants will meet their assignment at the hotel.

To qualify for the position, you need to do the following:

- A) Be a paid registrant of the 2008 Midwest Magic Jubilee.
- B) Contact Josh Routh at 314-803-2403 and tell me whom you want to assist. If you have a list of preferences, please list them in order. Assignments are on a first come, first served basis.
- C) Do not solicit any of the performers for “freebies”. You are volunteering because you wish to help, and the access that may provide.

This is a great opportunity to get to know some of the top entertainers at the Jubilee on a more personal level. The entertainers are:

Jay Scott Berry - Tony Chapek - Mark Mason - Justin Miller - Steve Daly - Stoli & Ekaterina - Jimmy "Cards" Molinari - Jonathan Levit - Tom Craven - Dan Fleshman - Peter White - Carroll Baker - Bizzaro - Joseph Young - Tony Noice - Jason Andrews - Joe Lefler - Michael Baker - Koz - Ken Domash - Shawn Michaels - Tim Bone - Geoff Williams - Tony Miller

**June 16**

### **Ring 1 Organizational Meeting.**

An Organizational meeting for the 2008-2009 Year will be held on **June 16<sup>th</sup>** at **7PM at 825 Norwich Dr, St Charles, MO**. Items to be discussed will be topics for monthly meetings, lectures, Spring show, Haunted Hayloft, Spirit articles and any other topics that needs to be discussed for the upcoming year. Chairmanships will be discussed for all the various committees. Now is your time to become more involved if you would like. If you have any ideas or suggestions, call Ted Schnarre at 636-947-1517 so that they may be put on the agenda. Everyone is welcome to participate in the meeting. The more input the better.

Looking for:

**2008-9 Committee Leaders**

**Linking the Rings –  
Mentoring –  
Lectures –  
Spring Show –  
Close Up Contest –  
Presidents Banquet –  
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Award Review Committee –  
Project Magic –  
Emcee Night –**

If you were a committee leader last year and want to continue, just let Ted know.

### **No *Spirit* in July**

Just a reminder that there will not be a July issue of the *Spirit*. With the Midwest Magic Jubilee and the International convention in Miami quickly approaching, there is a lot of work to be done and we will be concentrating our efforts towards those ends. We want the Midwest Magic Jubilee to be the best ever!

# Project Magic

Thanks to John Davit, Harry Monti and Charlie Myers for doing another great job at the Shriners Childrens Hospital. Dave Snetsinger will be writing up a story and press release marking our 25 years of performing at the Shriners Children's Hospital. If you would like to add your 2 cents worth for this historic practice give Dave a call or email.

**Next show is on June 18th at 6:45pm.** Contact John Reider to choose the month you would like to perform for the KIDS!

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## Ice Cream Social

**Aug 18<sup>th</sup>**

### New Member Night

August 18<sup>th</sup> will be the first official meeting of the new year. We invite you to bring your families to this meeting. We will introduce the new Board of Directors as well as welcome all the new members that have joined in the past year. In addition, the Officers, Board and the new members will be performing. To top off the evening we will be having our annual Ice Cream Social with all the ice cream you can eat (sugar free for those of you who want it without sugar) and all the toppings and fixings that you can imagine. Truly an evening for the entire family.

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## Stage Contest To Be Held In July 13

By Ted Schnarre

Coming on July 13 will be the Annual Ring 1 Stage contest. One way to find out if you are good as you think you are, or maybe you don't want to know the real answer. The best reason to enter, would be to have people critic your act. Yes I have been there and done that, and I thought I had the angles, story lines, and moves down to a science, what could go wrong? Pick one of the above or add your own, it happens to all of us. The best lesson you will walk out of there with is the critique sheet you will receive from the judges, and the applause from the audience, for all

your efforts. The critique sheet will help you improve your magic whether it is slowing it down, blocking your audience views, improving a move or angle of a move. This information is given to not to put you down but to help you become a better magician. Yes, none of us like to be told what we have worked on needs to be improved, and those who use this information will become better magicians and those who choose not to will just be doing tricks!

So put your eight to ten minute act together and call Ken Domash at (314) 503-3682 or email him at [ken@domash.com](mailto:ken@domash.com). The contest will be held at the Chesterfield Community Theatre in the West County YMCA. We will be sending out flyers for everyone to put up at work and around your home area advertising this event as our annual food drive. Please help advertise.

## Directions to the Stage Contest, July 13

Direction to the West County YMCA in Chesterfield, MO.

From I-270 and Highway 40/I-64

- 1) Take EXIT 19A toward CHESTERFIELD PARKWAY and Stay STRAIGHT to go onto N OUTER FORTY DR. .5 Miles
- 2) Turn LEFT onto CHESTERFIELD PKWY N. .4 Miles
- 3) Turn RIGHT onto BURKHARDT PL. and go to **16464 Burkhardt Pl.** .1 Miles

From St Charles on Highway 40/I-64:

- 1) Take EXIT 19A toward CHESTERFIELD PARKWAY. .1 Mile
  - 2) Turn LEFT onto CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD. <.1 Mile
  - 3) Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto CHESTERFIELD PKWY W. .3 Miles
  - 4) Turn RIGHT onto BURKHARDT PL. and go to **16464 Burkhardt Pl.** .1 Miles
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## Five good reasons to register for the Midwest Magic Jubilee

- 1) If you have not registered for the Jubilee yet, you have until the end of June to do so and get a special registration deal. You could buy a set of lecture notes with the savings!

- 2) We have extended by popular demand the offer of a FREE spouse registration when you register. We don't know if we will be offering this after July 1<sup>st</sup> so there is reason number 2 as to why you should register now.
- 3) We presently have 8 Past I.B.M. & S.A.M. Presidents coming.
- 4) More lectures than the I.B.M. and S.A.M. national conventions combined.
- 5) There is no telling how many stars of magic that you might run into that are just coming to be apart of our great convention

And there are many, many more! Check out the web site for all the latest details!

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## Committees for the next year. Ring 1 Wants You!



It's time to make plans for the next year and fill the committee chairman and member slots. Below is a list of committees. Please call Ted Schnarre and let him know what committees you would like to be a member or chairman. Don't be shy; you can be on more than one.

Just some of the committees:  
 President's Banquet in 2008  
 Membership  
 Youth Membership  
 Lecture  
 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
 Stage contest  
 Close-up contest  
 Haunted Hayloft  
 Mentoring program  
 Project Magic  
 Spring Parade of Magic

# Happy Father's Day!

## Call for Nomination of Candidates for Magical Heritage Award

Candidates for this prestigious award will soon be considered by the Magical Heritage Award Committee. In addition to the committee nominating candidates, members of Assembly 8 and Ring 1 can also nominate individuals. To aid in the latter process a brief review of the award and criteria for selection follow.

Note that submission of any individual's name for consideration should also include the basis of why that individual should be considered for the award. The more detail that can be supplied to corroborate the contributions, the easier it will be review the candidate's potential for the award so be as thorough as possible. Here are the criteria for selection

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The Heritage Award recognizes St. Louis magicians who have through their outstanding contributions to the magical arts brought significant recognition to the individual magician, St. Louis and its magic community. There are two groupings of the Award recipients, **Living** and **Posthumous**. Required contributions to the magical arts are the same for the two.

\* Recipients must have lived in the St. Louis metropolitan area for at least five years. The recipient does not have to be, or have been, a member of Ring 1 or Assembly No. 8.

\* Recipients must have made excellent contributions to the magical arts and brought significant recognition to the individual magician, St. Louis and its Magic Community. His or her contributions to magical arts should be clearly self evident outside, as well as within the St. Louis area.

\* The award recognizes that such contributions and recognition in the magical arts may be in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to: excellence in performance; originality of magical thought and effects; historical collection and knowledge; teaching or lecturing; publication of magic related material, philanthropic contributions to magical arts and organizational and or administrative skills in enhancing and promoting magic. The total combination of all these facets of contributions to the magical arts of the candidates will be considered in selecting recipients.

A form to aid Ring and Assembly members in their nominations should be obtained from Dave



Snetsinger. It is advised that it be used for basic information. Call Dave at 314 968-3442 or E-mail, snetsing@aol.com for a copy. The attached form should be used to assist Ring and Assembly members in their nominations. Please send nominations to Dave Snetsinger via E-mail (snetsing@aol.com) or mail (420 Algonquin Pl, Webster Groves, MO 63119) by July 15.

## Close-up Contest Results

By Steve Zuehlke

May was the date for Ring One's annual close-up contest. This year's contest was hosted by last year's winner, President Ted Schnarre. Prior to the start of the contest the Ring was treated to a viewing of the



Blake Douglass

Spring Parade of Magic. This year's contest netted four performers, which included Blake

Douglass, Steve Finkelstein, Terry Richison and Mike



Terry Richison

Sheehan. The performers drew numbers to determine the line-up and Blake

had the honors of going first. Blake opened with several four ace routines, a king and ace transformation and very nice version of translocation followed by a matrix effect ending with the production of two jumbo coins. Blake has amazing technical skill for such a young age. It should be noted that Blake is a teen member but competed with the adults. We expect to see some great things from this young man.

Up next was Terry Richison. Terry only performed two effects but both were very visual. Opening with an effect where four aces turned into four kings then back to four aces all done within the hands. Terry's second effect was my favorite. A card was selected,

signed and a yellow sticker placed on its back. The card then vanished and reappeared in his pocket minus the yellow sticker. Suddenly a green sticker appeared to the cards back only to then visibly change



Mike Sheehan

to yellow. The card was then given to the spectator as a souvenir. Mike Sheehan was up next presenting several rope effects including some unique knots and a nice cut and restored effect. Mike then told us a very interesting story about Gregorian knots. Mike had brought in several examples of these unique knots which he passed around after the show. Closing the evening was Steve Finkelstein. Steve gave us a "sneak



Steve Finkelstein

preview" of this Sunday's VH1 special, Celebra Cadabra. Steve presented several card effects that will be featured on this week's special. Each of these effects had multiple kicker endings and the audience showed their appreciation by awarding Steve first place. Second place went to Mike Sheehan followed by Terry Richison taking third place honors. All the participants are "winners" and should be applauded for their efforts.

Hats off to Ted for hosting this year's event. Ted did an excellent job and kept the ball rolling throughout the evening. Special thanks to our lay person judge, Ms. Barbara Langston and our judges Steve Zuehlke, James Molanari and Ken Domash.

The Ring was treated to snacks and liquid refreshments after the contest. As a bonus Steve Finkelstein stayed over and explained his award winning act to anyone who was interested. A very generous offer on Steve's part.

## Who is playing where?

Tim Shegitz-Magic Castle, Hollywood Ca, Parlour of Prestidigitation - June 16-22  
St Charles RiverFest - July 4-5.  
Franklin Co. Fair - July 12 - 7:00 9:00

Terry Richison- St. Charles High School, June 20 & 21 at 7:30pm and June 22 at 2:30pm. Proceeds will go to help the band and their marching competitions. They really need your support so please come out and help a good cause. This will be a full 2 hour illusion show. Tickets can be purchased at 636-724-6601.

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