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## Out of Your Wallet/Out of Your Pocket September 1st

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Have you ever been asked to perform something impromptu and had to say no because you were not prepared? Our next meeting hopes to remedy that situation. Out of your wallet/Out of your pocket focuses on tricks that you can carry with you at all times and **we are looking for everyone to participate.** Do you have a favorite effect in your pocket or a trick that you keep in your wallet that you can teach to the group? We are looking for things that use coins, bills rubber bands anything you might normally have on you. By the end of the meeting we want everyone to be able to perform 20 minutes out of their pockets with ordinary objects. If you have something you can teach please email [steve@magiconthemenu.com](mailto:steve@magiconthemenu.com).

The agenda for the Aug 4th meeting was discussed and decided as follows:

- 6 pm Youth meeting – Josh Routh
- 6:30pm Magic 101 – “Not Playing with a Full Deck” -Mike Hindrichs
- 7 pm Video break – Steve Barcellona
- 7:15pm Regular meeting begins
- Announcements
- Out of Your Wallet/Out of Your Pocket
- 9 pm Workshop / Social Time

See You There!!

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## President's Banquet: NEW Location and BOB SHEETS!!!

Buy your tickets now for the President's banquet on **Friday, September 24, 2010**. For only \$22 dollars you get A SUPER buffet with an open bar and after dinner entertainment from the one and only BOB SHEETS!

Don't forget that this year there is a new location.

The Orlando Gardens 2050  
Dorsett Village Maryland Heights,  
MO 63043-2208

When: Friday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm Cocktails and Close up

**The cutoff date for the Banquet is  
September 19 Get your tickets now!  
Don't wait for the last minute!!**

7:30 Fabulous Dinner Buffet  
8:30 BOB SHEETS

*Reservations:*  
Call Steve at 314-898-3545 or bring your check to the meeting. Or PayPal at this page  
<http://www.ibmring1.com/paypresbanq.html>

DON'T MISS IT!

# Thanks For A Great Jubilee!!!!

By Terry Richison    [magictwr@charter.net](mailto:magictwr@charter.net)

The 2010 Midwest Magic Jubilee is now just a bright memory of a great convention. I have received many emails and letters from the performers and attendee touting not only how much they enjoyed the convention but how great the St Louis magicians from Ring 1 and Assembly 8 were. The performers especially liked having personal assistants during the convention. Thanks to all those who helped out our performers. I also would like to take a moment to also thank all those who helped set up and tear down the staging, lights and

curtains. This is one of the mostly unseen tasks that make the Jubilee look as good as it does. Also a special thanks to Jerry Collins, Larry Skorepa and Dan Todd for all the hours they spent in the Registration office. Also a special thanks to Mike Niehaus who was a great help throughout the convention. Anything that was needed Mike was there to help. We had some great competitions that Mike Hindrich and Alan Zibits coordinated and pulled off without a hitch. Despite the fire alarms and power outages, it was a great

convention. If you did not get to register for next year, you can still register at the preconvention registration price by going to <http://www.mmjubilee.com/registration.htm> until September 30, 2010. Register now before prices go up.



## Here is Some Applause For The Jubilee

*"I just wanted to thank you again for having me at your convention. I thought the lineup was excellent, and that it was extremely well run.*

*I had a great time and hope that everyone enjoyed my magic."*

*Joshua Jay*

*"Thanks for inviting me to one of the best convention on this planet. I think being all together and not having any stars makes it a very special event. You and your associates did a stellar job. I will never forget all the special details, like being picked up at the air port and having a special helper. Bravo!"*

*Barrie Richardson*

*"I just wanted to drop you a quick line to let you know how much I enjoyed working at (and watching) the Jubilee this past weekend. (although I expect to struggle this week as I come down off my addiction to Bandana's.) Thanks for giving me a chance to be a part of*

*it, and good luck with next year's edition!"*

*David*

[www.davidacer.com](http://www.davidacer.com)

*"I have seen and heard the many accolades you and the staff have received for this year's Magic Jubilee. I too wish to add my thanks to you and Staff. Barbara Said that the evening shows were the best she has seen at the Jubilee. Again thanks."*

*Dave Snetsinger*

*"This year's Midwest Jubilee was the best I've been to, and I cannot imagine a better convention anywhere. World class talent, great dealer selection, some of the best assortment of lectures ever, not so big as get yourself lost in the crowd. Great job - to you and the entire staff and membership."*

*Russ Yonda*

*"The Jubilee was as hot as the weather. I have a suggestion for next year. Make the font on the seat number labels larger so the*

*golden geezers can read them."*

*Dave Gast*

*"Carole and I are home and settled down following our great week at the Midwest Magic Jubilee.*

*We want you and your entire Committee to know that we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and that we truly appreciate your kind hospitality. Your event always provides a great "cap" to our summer of magical activities, and we'd hate to miss it.*

*Please convey our sincere thanks to all who contributed to the success of this event. It was one of the best managed conventions that we have attended in years."*

*Jack K. Greenberg  
Past President of the  
International Brotherhood of  
Magicians*

# Magic 101 September: Not Playing With A Full Deck

By Mike Hindrichs [magicbymike@earthlink.net](mailto:magicbymike@earthlink.net)

If you haven't been to a Magic 101 Meeting before, what are you waiting for? You are missing out on a lot of fun and some great easy to do magic tricks.

We will be working on some of my favorite packet tricks at the September meeting. Some of these effects I use at every strolling

gig I do. Plus I found a really great variation of an Ed Marlo card trick. All of these tricks can be made from a regular deck of cards, so you don't have to buy special gimmick cards. So bring a deck that can be cut, taped, and mutilated into some great packet tricks.

## Upcoming Class Topics:

- Oct. All the world's a stage
- Nov. Strange decks
- Dec. My cups runneth over
- Jan. Ring and string fun

## Have You Signed Up For Project Magic?

By Mike Hindrichs [magicbymike@earthlink.net](mailto:magicbymike@earthlink.net)

I would like to thank everyone who signed up at the August meeting, with a special thank you to Mike Niehaus who stepped up at the last minute to fill a last minute vacancy in August. For those still interested in performing check out the list of open dates below and contact me.

For anyone who is nervous about performing, this is the best way to gain experience, boost confidence, and have some fun. If you like I can partner you with a more

experienced performer so you can learn from them in a low pressure environment. This opportunity is what every amateur magician needs, a great audience in a casual atmosphere to hone your skills.

**"Everyone needs to get involved in this very rewarding opportunity to spread the magic."**

Performers already booked:

- Sept. Charlie Myers
- Oct. Brian Boyd
- Nov. OPEN
- Dec. Mike Hindrichs
- Jan. Josh Routh, Harry Monti
- Feb. OPEN
- Mar. Gene Schaefer
- Apr. OPEN
- May OPEN

## President's Message: Who's Club Is It Anyway?

By Steve Barcellona [steve@magiconthemenu.com](mailto:steve@magiconthemenu.com)

As I was chatting with a board member about the club the question of goals came up. What were my goals for the club? My first thought was this is not "my" club, it belongs to the members. So the question really is what are our goals? I would think our first goal would be to have as many members involved as possible. This spirit is a good start. There are contributions from Mike Hindrichs, Mike Niehaus and a ring report for Marty Kopp with pictures from Alexa Richison. Thanks for your contributions and support.

This month's meeting is another great opportunity for members to participate. I hope many members step up to teach us all a trick or two.

After 30 years as the club's scribe, Harry Machin has decided to retire. He wrote and submitted the ring report every month for 30 years without fail. What a tremendous contribution he has made to his club. Sandy Weis has stepped up to support her club and take over as scribe. Although she has some mighty big shoes to fill, I can think of no one better to take on the challenge.

Mike Hindrichs stepped up to take on Magic 101 and Project Magic last year. Josh Routh put in his effort to try and build the youth meeting. People are stepping forward to help their club everywhere.

Where is your opportunity to support your club? Could you help out with Project Magic? JDRF? Maybe you could write an article for the Spirit. The more members we have participating the better our club becomes. No one is as smart as all of us. Who's club is it anyway?

## Spotlight on Membership: Meet Mike Niehaus



**Editor : What is your first memory of magic or a magician?**

I was 8 years old when I saw my first magic show at Six Flags over Texas. At that moment, I knew I wanted to be a magician. Since I had no magic tricks, I begged Santa Clause to give me a "magic set" for Christmas. I was a very good boy that year, so Santa Clause granted me my Christmas wish. Immediately, I had to ask my Dad for some help because the instructions were extremely difficult to read. Then, after ten minutes of practice, I was ready to perform. Honestly, my success with magic was not immediate.

**Editor: How long have you been involved in magic and how did you get started?**

My first major performance was with my cousin Gary (a clown) in Cincinnati Ohio, on Thanksgiving Day 1977. The sequestered audience was packed into Grandma's sitting room, waiting for the dinner bell to ring. The show was so successful, Gary and I were booked for the next 2 years for the annual pre-dinner "Thanksgiving Day Show".

**Editor: Tell us something interesting about yourself that we might not know?**

My acting career began at the age of 4. My first big role was playing an "extra" on the popular children's show "Uncle Al" on channel WCPO in Cincinnati Ohio. In 1968 the Uncle Al Show was a big deal. Unfortunately, I had to share the spot light with my sister, two cousins, and 50 other children. My cousin Gary still brags about standing next to Uncle Al for the picture.

**Editor: Tell us about the magic you perform or would like to perform, Where? How often? What kind?**

While watching the TV sitcom "Soap", Chuck (Jay Johnson) and Bob inspired me to become a ventriloquist. Unfortunately, I was on the wrong "list" that year, and unable to ask Santa Clause for a puppet. Therefore, drastic measures were required to purchase a puppet. I found myself shoveling a lot of snow off driveways that winter. But, after a lot of back breaking work, I purchased my first ventriloquist puppet.

In 1982 I was fortunate to work as a magician at Abra-K-Dabra. This gave me plenty of practice performing children shows. Dan Ladd encouraged me to read David Ginn's book "Children Laugh Louder". That book significantly changed the way I entertained children.

Ventriloquism has become the most powerful illusion in my show. The audience knows the puppet is not real. But through effective characterization, manipulation, and lip control the puppet becomes real. The audience always prefers the puppet more than the magic.

**Editor: If you were a magic prop, what prop would you be and why?**

My favorite magic prop is the "Change Bag". The magician places an item in the bag, opens the bag, and the item has vanished. The magician closes the bag, opens the bag, and the original item has completely changed. The audience has forgotten the past, and now only focused on the present.



# IBM Ring 1: August 2010 Ring Report

By Martin Kopp [martin.kopp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:martin.kopp@sbcglobal.net)

Photos by Alexa Richison

Our August meeting is our annual ice cream social and began with Mike Hindrichs leading Magic 101. Mike's teaching has become very popular and the number of members participating seems to be growing. It was noted that the notes for everything that Mike has taught each month can be found in the member's only section of Ring 1's website. So in case you missed a meeting, you can find out what was taught.

Steve Barcellona, Ring 1's new president, started the business part of the meeting with news of our President's banquet on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Special guest performer will be Bob Sheets. He will also present a lecture the following day.

The board members for the coming year were also introduced. They are as follows: President: Steve Barcellona, Vice President: Marty Kopp, Treasurer: Larry Skorepa, Secretary: Al Zibits, Sergeant At Arms: Mike Hindrichs, Board Members: Josh Routh, Terry Richison, and Harry Monti.

Ice cream was served and then Steve Barcellona kicked off the performances with a very entertaining Chinese Sticks routine. Josh Routh did a hilarious rubber chicken monty routine. Harry Monti did a very nice steel ball production and an excellent color changing silk routine. Larry Skorepa managed to shove several umbrellas through his head without spilling a drop of blood. Steve Finkelstein performed a very nice "chance to win your money back" gambling effect and Terry Richison ended the evening with a card effect called "Premonition" which proved that volunteers Steve and Audrey Levit were truly soul mates.

Special guest for the evening was honorary member Betty Levine. Everyone left the meeting with full bellies and thoughts of the upcoming Midwest Magic Jubilee.

## [Schedule of Events 2010 – 2011](#)

**Aug 4th** – Ice Cream Social

**Sept 6th** – Out of Your Wallet / Out of Your pocket

**Oct 6th** – Side Show / Bizarre Lecture by Josh Routh

**Nov 3rd** – Turkeys! Your First, Best Or Worst

**Dec 1st** – Holiday Party, White Elephant, Holiday Magic

**Jan 5th** – Across The Coffee Cups, Dinner Table Magic

**Feb 2nd** – By The Book, Tricks From Your Favorite Book

**Mar 2nd** – 4 Corner Poker Run (It's Back!)

**TBD** – Parade of Magic / Day of Magic

**Apr 6th** – Cards and Coins

**May 4th** – Close Up Contest

**June 1st** – Just For Kids

There will also be 5 to 6 Guest lecturers to be announced.



Larry Skorepa



Josh Routh and Jay Meyers



Harry Monti



Randy Kalin

## **Do You Have Something To Sell Or Trade?**

All members in good standing can advertise your item free. Just include a picture and description of your item along with your contact info to: [steve@magiconthemenu.com](mailto:steve@magiconthemenu.com)

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2010 – 2011 Officers

**Officers**

President: Steve Barcellona  
Vice President: Marty Kopp  
Treasurer: Larry Skorepa  
Secretary: Al Zibits  
Sgt At Arms: Mike Hindrichs

**Board Members**

Josh Routh  
Terry Richison  
Harry Monti  
Randy Kalin

Board Meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. If you have something for the good of the club please contact one of the officers. All are welcome at the board meetings.

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*For the latest info*

# Bring A Friend To A Meeting

## International Brotherhood Of Magicians

### St. Louis Ring 1

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. (Except July)

### Meeting Agenda

6pm Youth Meeting  
6:30 Magic 101  
7pm Announcements  
7:15 Break  
7:30 Meeting Theme  
9pm Workshop / Social Time

All meetings will be at the Maryland Heights Community Center  
2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043.  
Unless noted in the schedule.

### Directions

#### **From the St Louis Airport:**

Take I-70 West to I-270 South, Take the Dorsett Exit, Turn Right onto Dorsett, Turn Right onto McKelvey Hill Rd (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd) Go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the right.

#### **From I-64(Hiway 40), I-44 or I-55:**

Take I-64(Hiway 40), I-44 or I-55 West to I-270 and go north.  
Take the Dorsett Exit, Turn Left onto Dorsett  
Turn Right onto McKelvey Hill Rd (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd)  
Go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the right.

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*This Just In...*

## BOB SHEETS LECTURE Sept 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm

### ***Just announced...***

We are in for a treat! Our first lecture of the year will be Bob Sheets, Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Quality in on Dorsett.

Bob will continue the hilarity with his lecture at 1pm in the auditorium. Bob lectures and performs for magicians all over the world including England, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Australia and India. It is free to Ring 1

members all others are \$10. That is a small price to pay for what promises to be a very funny and informative lecture.

**Where:** Quality Inn Auditorium  
Dorsett Rd (This is the same place we have had lectures in the past)

**When:** Sat Sept 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm

See you all there!!!

