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November 2nd: Magical Turkeys

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Well, Thanksgiving is next month. In honor of that weird-looking bird that we all love so much, we want you to dig deep in your magic sock drawer and pull out your magical turkeys to our next meeting on Wednesday, November 2.

What is a magical turkey you ask? All of us at some time anxiously anticipated the arrival of the most recent magic trick ordered out of the catalog that we thought would turn us into the next Lance Burton or David Copperfield. Maybe you saw a street magic demo on the internet that blew you away. You thought David Blaine would have nothing on you.

However, those expectations were quickly dissolved once the item was examined and we discovered how impractical and/or difficult it would be to perform. Have any of you sent away \$100.00 for a trick only to get back the secret, a rubber band and a bobby pin? Maybe you spent big money on a trick just to learn the secret and have never performed it? These are your magical turkeys! We want you to bring them to the November meeting!

Talk about your experience even if the item ended up in the trash. If you still have the item and can perform it (no matter how poorly), so much the better. Who knows? Maybe that magical turkey will turn into a magical treasure with some pointers from the club membership.

Please let me know if you have something you plan on bringing, performing, or talking about at the meeting.

THANKS!!

Alan 314-705-0551

The agenda for the Sept 7th meeting is as follows:

6:30pm Magic 101 – My Cups Runneth Over

7 pm Break

7:15pm Regular meeting begins
Announcements

7:25 Magical Turkeys

See you there and bring a friend.

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President's Message: A Spooky Time of Year

By Terry Richison magictwr@charter.net

This is the season for the Haunting. Halloween is the season that I have the most fun with. Not only do we get to add those spooky effects into our shows that may not fit the rest of the year but many of us have a lot of fun scaring the little ghosts and goblins as they come to our home to trick or treat. Some very simple and some very elaborate. Take a moment this Halloween season and take some pictures of your decorations and write up a small paragraph of what you did and how it went as you scared the living daylights out of the little kiddies.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to perform at the Purina Farms Haunted Hayloft this year. We received a lot of good comments again from the Purina Staff so far. Everyone who did not perform, please take a moment to thank those who did so that we can continue to offer great lectures and events free to our Ring members.

Remember: "If everyone did a little, then no one would have to do a lot!" Performing this year was: Alan Zibits, Tom Westerheide, Terry Richison, Steve Zuehlke, Ron Richison, Harry Monti, Ron Perez, Steve Barcellona, Larry Skorepa, Larry Minth, Don Rataj and George Van Dyke.

Project Magic: Spreading Smiles with Magic

By Mike Hindrichs magicbymike@att.net

I would like to recognize Jackie Gallino as Ring One's featured performer for October. Jackie performed a total of three times this year at Shriner's Hospital. I would like to personally thank you for everything you do to make this program a success.

In November we have Ken Trokey, and Tom Westerheide heading up the entertainment for Project

Magic.

If your name is not on the list below, I urge you to sign up now (before Jackie takes all the best months). I will be passing around the official signup sheet at the next

**"No man is so tall, as when he
stoops to help a child"
Abraham Lincoln**

two meetings, or you can contact me. My goal is to completely book our 2012 season at Shriner's Hospital before the end of the year.

Performers already booked:

Nov. 16 Ken Trokey, Tom Westerheide
Dec. 21 Mike Hindrichs, John Skarin

Magic 101 November: My Cup Runneth Over

By Mike Hindrichs magicbymike@att.net

October meeting's "Devil's Contract" let me know and I will email one to you.

November's theme is My Cups Runneth Over. I will share a few

effects I planned on teaching this year, but simply did not have enough time during the meeting.

As always we start at 6:30, and be sure to bring a deck of cards.

Upcoming Class Topics:

Nov. My Cups Runneth Over
Dec. No Experience Necessary

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@magiconthemenue.com

Spotlight on Membership: Meet Charlie Myers

Photos By D.J. Gausling pixbychix@hotmail.com

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

My first memory of magic is of watching Mark Wilson's show on tv on Saturdays mornings. I never missed the show and always looked forward to it. Then going to the school library to check out all of the magic books.

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

I got involved in magic when I was about 11 years old from a monthly column that appeared in Boys Life magazine. Then I discovered Fabjance studios a magic shop in Bethalto which opened up a whole new world for me. I saw Karl Grice do a routine with a ball and a piece of paper at a show at Cor Jesus High School which got me involved in manipulation. I was busy doing magic till I was about 23 or 24 then I took a 20 year hiatus due to work and other priorities in my life. I got back into magic approx 10 years ago and so glad I did.

Editor: Tell us about your job? Do you find ways to bring magic to your work? How?

After retiring from the Madison County Sheriff's office after 20 years as a 911 operator I decided to open my own business. I am currently co-owner of PBC Photography and Creative Cafe in Bethalto, IL, a photography studio, coffeehouse and event center. I am in charge of the day to day operation of the business and booking the talent for our concerts and shows including magic shows and we are hoping to have a lot of magic shows. I keep tricks on hand for patrons that come in to the shop and I do a show for families every two weeks at our kids Coco Klutch event. I love performing for the kids and they are absolutely the greatest audience.

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

I play keyboards and bass and enjoy jamming with my friends. I also run sound for a local water ski club and my wife is the MC.

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

Currently I am performing family and kid shows and some school shows. I like the setting of a parlor or a small auditorium. I like the intimacy of a small crowd and the comments from the kids and the looks on their face are priceless. I like performing for charities. It is always nice to give back. I also enjoy doing close-up. People think they can't be fooled when they are that close to you. I tend to stick with the classics after all there is a reason they are classics.

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

If I were a magic prop I would be a square circle. It's simple, two shapes everyone is familiar with, it's fun and it's surprising. You don't know what is coming out next.



IBM Ring 1: September 2011 Ring Report

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

Mike Hindrichs led Magic 101. The featured topic, called "How Bizarre", involved magic with a Halloween twist. One trick was a repeat from last year's Magic 101, called Odd Card. The other trick was called Séance Key Card. Mike shared how he was able to "print" cards using a regular printer. The group was fascinated by this "easy" method, and all wondered why they hadn't thought of it before. It seems that Magic 101 participants are increasing each month. Both novice and experienced magicians attend, and all seem to learn something. Everyone appreciates Mike leading Magic 101. He also posts the directions of each trick he teaches on our website.

The president, Terry Richison, led the brief meeting. He made a few announcements; however, the group was anxious to listen to the lecture given by Diamond Jim Tyler. After a short break, the lecture began. Jim shared stories about himself, and he also shared magic. He said he discovered magic at the age of 5. He performed in high school and even put himself through college by performing magic. According to his website, his greatest triumph was being cured from Hodgkin's disease. We all could tell he loves magic, and is enthusiastic about sharing his magic with his audiences.

He shared several magic tricks with the group. Dia Monte was one of his favorites. According to his website, Jim has been performing this trick for more than twenty years. Three cards were shown—a Queen, sandwiched between two Jokers. At the end of the trick, all of the cards are Jokers.

He performed New Age Spellbound, which involved a dark glass stone. Magically, the stone changed into one that looked like ice. He did this several times, and few knew how it was done. He performed Soul Reflection, which was from his DVD entitled "Mirrors." The cards magically looked like they had mirrors on them. We were all amazed!

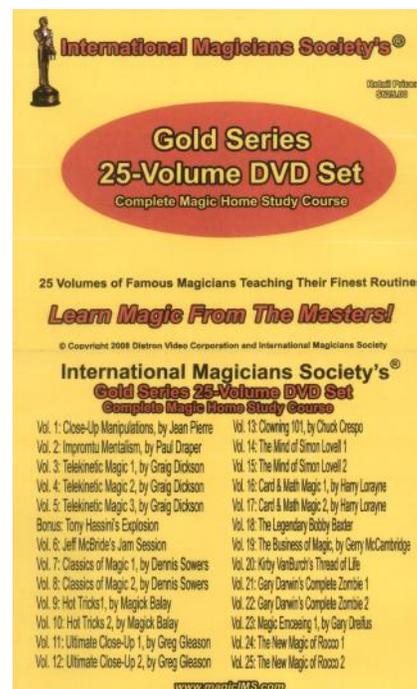
He also performed "How Sweet it is." We couldn't imagine why he needed sweetener packets until he finished this effect. How clever!! He shared many effects he performed with audiences. He published many of these in his "Bamboozlers" books. He performed Sentimental Postcards, which is a trick that involves a spectator who lands on a postcard. Without looking, Jim chooses the postcard the spectator had landed on. His drink even accompanied the effect. One had to be there to understand how clever it was. Jim had many of his books, DVDS, and magic sale. Ring 1 really enjoyed this lecture. Most learned practical effects they can perform from Jim. He made every effect effects for look so easy to perform; however, challenging for his audience to understand how it was done.

Schedule of Events 2011 – 2012

Aug 3th – Ice Cream Social
Sept 7th – What did you get at the Jubilee
Oct 5th – Diamond Jim Tyler Lecture
Nov 2rd – Turkey night headed by Al Zibits
Dec 7st – Holiday Party, White Elephant, Holiday Magic
Jan 4th – 4 Corner Poker Run
Feb 1st – Member Lecture
Feb 18th – Parade of Magic
Mar 7nd – Close Up Contest
Apr 4th – Kid Show Magic
May 2nd – Movie Night
June 6st – TBA
July – NO MEETING

FOR SALE – International Society of Magicians Gold Volume DVD Set

International Society of Magicians Gold Volume DVD set, a \$625 value. 25 DVDs by various prominent magicians. The entire set for only \$50.00. What a Deal-Steal! Call Tom Westerheide at 618-233-4329.



Gallagher at the PBC Creative Café in Bethalto

By Terry Richison magictwr@charter.net
Photos By D.J. Gausling pixbychix@hotmail.com

First of all, Congratulations to Charlie Myer for having a sell out crowd at the PBC theatre when he hosted the hilarious comedy of Gallagher. I cant repeat a lot of what was said at the three hour comedy special, mainly because, I was laughing so hard, tears were running down my face. (also there were a few ~~some~~ ok, several blue moments in the show.) If you loved Gallagher in the 70s and 80's it was like taking a step back into the past. Charlie and his wife Jay, along with the help of many others spent hours preparing the theatre for the performance by lining the walls, floors and anything that was valuable with black plastic. All in anticipation for grand finale of the Smash-O-Matic. There was everything from Boston Crème pies to watermelons (several watermelons) that were Smashed into the audience who we well prepared by wearing ponchos to plastic garbage bags. I guess you could say the event was a Smash!

This is the same venue that Ring 1 will be putting on another performance in April as a fundraiser for the club. Charlie has even said that people are still talking about last years Ring 1 performance and wondering when we will be returning. So if you would like to take part in this upcoming event, please contact me at 314-791-9108.



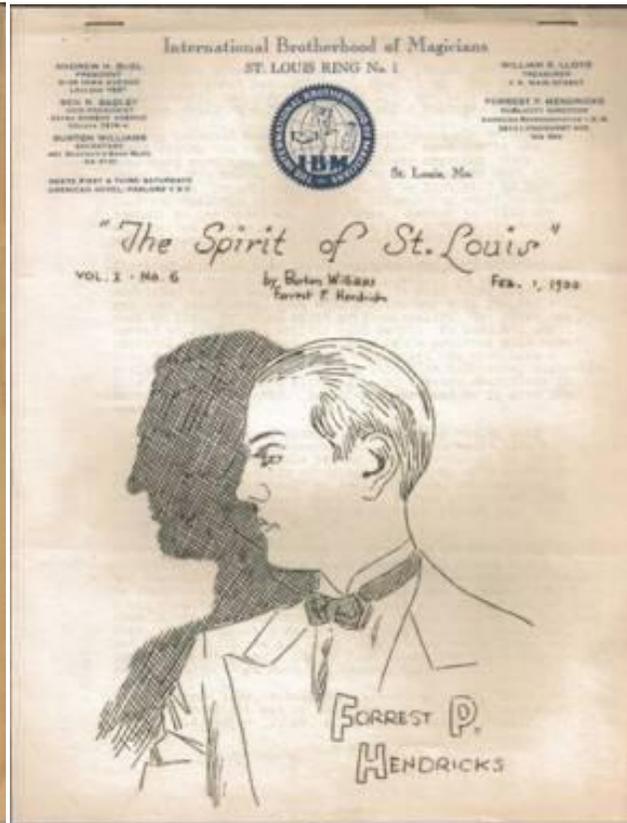
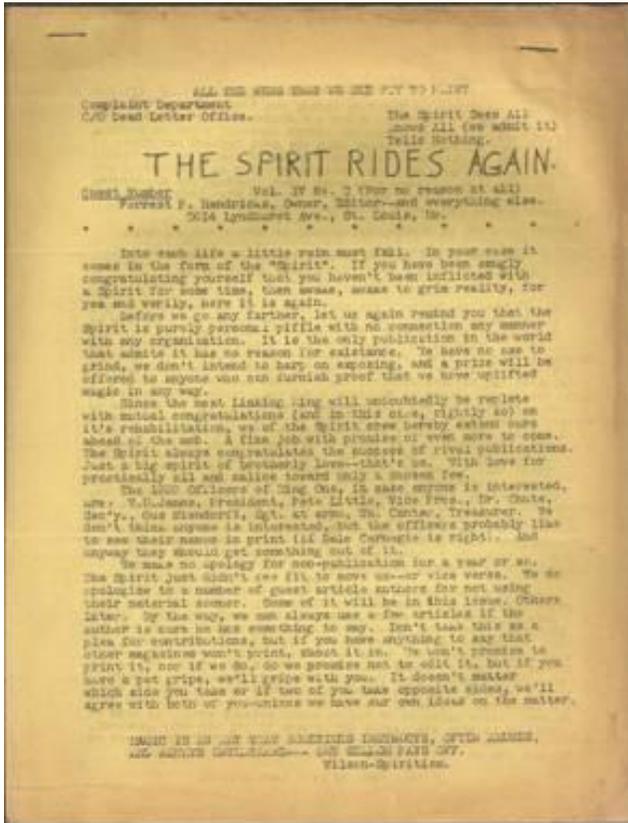
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By Don Rataj, Ring 1 Historian donrataj@rkai.net

The spirit of St. Louis newsletter has been around longer than most of us have been on the earth! Here is a 1930's copy volume 1 #6 cover that was mailed to all the member (remember the mail with a stamp) The editor was Forrest Hendricks, who also did some nice artwork for the cover with Burton Williams. Guess we need to get a new drawing of the Spirit editor?

The other sheet The Spirit Rides Again, is the 1939 Spirit with typical magician humor & It reads "The Spirit sees all, Knows all (we admit it) Tells nothing!

See you next month with more old stuff.



Some Photos from The Haunted Hayloft



A Message to IBM Ring 1 Membership

By Terry Richison magictwr@charter.net

At the last Midwest Magic Jubilee meeting in October, it was requested by the board of directors that the President of the SAM Assembly 8, Dan Todd and I, as the President of the I.B.M. Ring 1 draft a letter to our respective members to express the boards feelings in regards to a couple of situations that occurred during the Midwest Magic Jubilee this past summer.

During the last Midwest Magic Jubilee, it was observed that several fellow magicians, some who are Ring 1 members, had behaved in an inappropriate manner. Many Ring members considered this to be, contrary to I.B.M. code of ethics.

Specifically: A single day badge was altered to resemble an all event badge. While the altered badge was never actually used in the manner to which it was altered, the alteration itself was considered to be inappropriate behavior.

In addition, several fellow magicians who did not pay to attend the Jubilee, attempted to enter the dealers room. This behavior is also inappropriate as the rules of the Jubilee clearly state that only paid attendees are authorized to enjoy the benefits offered in the dealer's room.

Lastly, many attendees complained about non-paying magicians monopolizing interaction with the performers at the hotel bar area. This certainly is an annoyance to those who paid to attend the Jubilee with the expectation that one of the advantages of paid attendance is the ability to mingle with the performers and to learn from them. When non paying magicians come to the hotel and interact with the performers, that act diminishes the paying attendee's Jubilee experience. This activity on the part of non-attendee club members from the SAM or the I.B.M. should be considered inappropriate and inconsiderate of those who paid to attend the Jubilee. However, as this act took place in a public space within the hotel, it is difficult to consider it a breach of club ethics. It is rude and inconsiderate but unless the mingling of performers and Jubilee attendees can be accomplished in a private Jubilee only venue this activity, while inappropriate, cannot be denied.

In the future, at all events at which I.B.M. Ring 1 members participate either in the event itself or as spectators, it is expected that they will act in a manner which respects the rules of the event and which is respectful of others who are attending an event.

How we present ourselves when attending events is a reflection of individual responsibility as well as being representative of our Ring. I expect that going forward we will only present the highest standards for ourselves as individuals and certainly as members of Ring 1. I would like to thank Steve Levit, Chuck Levy and the rest of the Midwest Magic Jubilee and I.B.M. Ring 1 board for their help and insight during the discussion of these matters.

Just Added: Joint Ring 1/SAM 8 Lecture with Tom Craven Lecture November 10th

IBM Ring 1 and SAM Assembly 8 will combined for a lecture with Tom Craven. November 10th at the airport Hilton's Blanchette room starting at 7pm. The lecture will be free to members of either club all other \$10. Expect something new and different that has never been presented in his lecture before. You might expect some material from his new book, *My (Almost) 50 Years in Magic* plus other material excerpted from his Linking Ring column.

Tom has been a magician for nearly 50 years. Hence the title of his new book. He has performed a number of times at the famous Hollywood Magic Castle. He has taught magic at Akron University, Polk Community College and Maplewood Joint Vocational School. He has written numerous articles for magic magazines and even has his own monthly column in *The Linking Ring* (the International Brotherhood of Magicians monthly magazine). Tom also lectures all over the United States and Canada to the magic fraternity and is one of four people who have attended every one of the 41 Fechter's Finger Flicking Frolic closeup conventions where he was once the Guest of Honor.

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St. Louis Ring 1

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. (Except July) at the *Maryland Heights Community Center 2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043*. Unless noted in the schedule.

Meeting Agenda

6:30 Magic 101

7pm Announcements

7:15 Break

7:30 Meeting Theme

9pm Workshop / Social Time

Board Meetings held the 3rd 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.

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)

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This Just In...

SAM Assembly 8 Presents: The Fall Festival of Magic

SAM 8 will be presenting their Fall Festival of Magic at a different location this year. Join them on Friday, November 11th Close-up Magic - Pre Show 6:30 PM with the show to follow at 7:30 PM. Mount Tabor United Church of Christ -6520 Arsenal St. All Tickets \$10.00
Contact Steve Corbitt at (618)406-1676 for more information.

The show will star St. Louis' Finest Magicians Chuck Lehr, Marty Kopp, John Apperson, Al Stanger, Steve Corbitt with Special Guest's Andy Dallas & Ronald McDonald

