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April 4th: Kid Show Performances

The April's meeting will focus on "Kid Show Performances". So if you have a favorite effect for birthday parties, Blue and Gold Banquets, school shows, fairs and festivals, or performing for Chuck E Cheese, bring it to Wednesday's meeting. Since, Ring 1 has several excellent children magician's, the night is guaranteed to be filled with information that will help improve your performance skills. We will be discussing ways to make your performance interactive, fun, and entertaining for children. Maybe you have a favorite book, silk, prop, or just a fun warm up routine, feel free to present them to the club. We want to get as many people involved, with many different ideas, with different theories, to make it an educational evening. So join us on Wednesday April 4th for an exciting meeting. Feel free to give Mike Niehaus a call at 314-691-0507, so he can put you on the list to perform.

6:30 Magic 101 Brain Freeze
7 pm Regular meeting begins / Announcements
7:25 Kid Show Performances
8:30 Workshop and Fellowship

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PBC Theatre in Bethalto Welcomes IBM Ring 1 April 21st

The PBC Old Vaudeville Theatre will once again feature a I.B.M. Ring1 Magic and Comedy show. This is an I.B.M. Ring 1 fundraiser. The Ring will be getting half of the proceeds from the door. There are only 125 seats available. Charlie Myers has said many times that his patrons keep asking when we will be returning with another great show. Tom Westerheide will be heading up the public suspense by delivering a sealed box to the Mayor of Bethalto who will keep it on display for the entire town to see. What is inside, Tom will not reveal but what he did say would be that it would drive the audience wild. Make sure you are there to see the grand revealing. Also on the bill will be Steve Zuehke, Marty Kopp and Mike Niehaus. Contact Charlie Myers for Tickets at (618) 971-9349. Tickets include dinner and a show.

President's Message

By Terry Richison magictwr@charter.net

Wow! What a Close-up Contest! We had 10 great entries which made it hard to pick a winner. So congratulations to all who participated and a special congratulation to our winners. Obviously the new format worked well. Thanks to the hard work of Steve Finkelstein the event was a huge success. Steve will be working with Larry Minth to put together the Stage contest in May. Ted Schnarre is working out the details with the venue for the stage contest and will let us know as soon as possible.

Don't forget we have the encore performance of the Spring Parade of Magic at the Florissant Civic Theatre on April 29th at 2:00pm. If you didn't get to see the one in Kirkwood, you should definitely come to see this one. We will be sending out the flyers for you to email to your friends and print and post around your community and work.

Also on April 21st, Ring 1 will be hosting a show at the PBC Theatre in Bethalto. Contact Charlie Myers for tickets at (618) 971-9349. Tickets include dinner and the show. Last year it was a sell out so get your tickets early. You will see Tom Westerheide, Steve Zuehlke, Marty Kopp and Mike Niehaus on the show.

Lastly if you would like to run for a position on the board or for one of the officer positions, please contact Larry Minth at magicminth@yahoo.com and let him know by April 15th. This includes anyone currently on the board or as an officer. Remember if everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot.

Terry

Project Magic: Spreading Smiles with Magic

By Mike Hindrichs magicbymike@att.net

Larry Lucy and Steve Barcellona performed at Shriner's Hospital in March. A special thanks to both of you for giving a little of your time to entertaining the kids.

Our performers for April are Hal Schaef and Don Rataj. Don asked if I would send him a reminder of when he was to perform. So here it is Don, April

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

18th at 6:30 pm.

Lastly, I still have not been able to find anyone to perform in June or August. If you are interested please contact me.

2012 Performers Schedule

Jan. Dan Todd
Feb. Alan Zibits
Mar. Larry Lucy, Steve Barcellona
Apr. Hal Schaef, Don Rataj
May Dan Todd, Gene Schaefer
June **YOUR NAME HERE**
July Don Rataj
Aug. **YOUR NAME HERE**
Sept. Gene Schaefer
Oct. Tom Westerheide, Ted Schnarre
Nov. Ken Trokey, Gene Schaefer
Dec. Mike Hindrichs

Magic 101 March: Brain Freeze

By Mike Hindrichs magicbymike@att.net

Our theme for April is Brain Freeze. We will be focusing on impromptu mentalism effects. I have found three very easy, no gaffed, almost sleight free, entertaining mental effects to share with everyone.

If anyone has a mentalism trick they would like to share with the group please contact me and I will be sure to allow enough time for you.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate

everyone who participated in last month's close up contest. It takes courage to stand before your peers and be critiqued. I would like to point out that all of the amateur contestants are Magic 101 regulars. I would like to think attending our monthly sessions helped in some way to build the confidence and skill to enter the contest.

2012 Class Schedule:

Jan. May the Force be with You
Feb. Heads or Tails
Mar. NO CLASS
Apr. Brain Freeze
May Shuffle, Cut, Repeat
June Scam School
July NO MEETING
Aug. Slightly Easier
Sept. The Royal Road Less Taken
Oct. Monsters of Magic
Nov. Pick a Packet
Dec. Tarbell's Treasures

IBM Ring 1: March 2012 Ring Report

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

The Close-Up Contest was held during the regularly scheduled March meeting. Since Steve Finkelstein was the winner of last year's contest, he was in charge of this year's contest. He did an excellent job of encouraging the Ring's members to participate.

This year there were two contest categories; Beginner to Intermediate level, and Advanced level. Contest rules were revised and published so all members would be clear about what was expected.

The Ring was excited to have five participants in the Beginner to Intermediate category. Hal Scharf performed first. He was cleverly able to have a participant pick a number, and then he was able to tell the participant a word in a book. He then performed a card trick using a prediction card.

Next Fred Quick performed using magic in a skit. He is becoming very skilled using cards and coins. Henry Schaefer then had three participants write on cards and then was able to predict what each participant had chosen. He then told a very clever story about how thieves took sheep from barns but somehow they didn't end up where the audience thought they were. He also folded paper while telling a story and the shape

of the paper changed to fit the story. Sister Michael Therese performed but wanted the members to remember her as Magical Michael. She performed several card tricks. She had someone pick a card and then magically the participant's card rose in a glass. She then used three cards that were red but was able to change their color. To conclude, she had a participant help her to make cards match. Last, Larry Lucy performed several tricks using cards. First, he had a volunteer who helped him. Larry did not do the work, however. He assured us that the cards had done all the work. In his next trick, Larry hid the Aces in the deck but magically they reappeared. All five participants did an excellent job, and the judges had a difficult time scoring to determine the winners.

While the judges were completing their scoring sheets, there was a break during which the members were treated to a special assortment of goodies. While the members ate, they talked magic to one another. Often, members are heard sharing their magic secrets with one another.

After refreshments, Steve announced the winners—1st place—Larry Lucy, 2nd place—Fred Quick, and 3rd place—Sister Michael. The members congratulated all the contestants, and said in their eyes, everyone was a winner just for performing their magic for the contest.

The advanced contest then began with Robert Campbell as the first contestant. Robert always has the audience laughing with his storytelling ability. His first story involved the "Mark of the Beast" which involved "666." Even though several of the members had never heard of this, all members learned what it meant. Next, he had five containers and had a volunteer help him. He intended to predict; however, the audience believed he forgot to make the prediction until the clever conclusion. Larry Minth then performed magic, but also told several jokes. He performed a four-card monty. He then used "criss-cross", which he stated was a mechanical device to help him perform. Danny Garcia then performed using music. He performed a routine using a soda can and pretzels. He was able to use pretzels in a bag to do several magic tricks, including linking them, making them become larger, and finally, increasing the amount of pretzels. Jeff Copeland is very skilled with using coins. He was able to make them appear and reappear in several different ways, including changing a coin to a ring and using a little purse. He also performed a card trick. Last, Dan Todd performed several magic tricks. He was able to change 3 "diamonds" in to a large diamond. He played a "game" with several volunteers to see who could "win" the \$50. The volunteers selected keys but their keys did not open the lock to the \$50 bill. He also did magic to see which of the felt hearts was still beating. Finally, a participant chose a card and his 8-ball was able to reveal the card that had been chosen.

The results of the advanced contest were as follows: 1st place--Jeff Copeland, 2nd place—Danny Garcia, and 3rd place—Dan Todd.

The Ring's Board meets monthly and plans the agenda for future meetings. The Ring welcomes visitors to its monthly meetings. The meetings are always fun and informative.

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

Jan 16th – Chris Randall Lecture

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

From the Magic Past

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

The more I look into the rich history of magic in the St. Louis area over the years; I discover more and more stuff!

Here are some Ring One magicians that have been on the cover of the Linking Ring magic magazine over the years.

They include:

Ben Badley (1940) Forest Hendricks Jim Buffaloe (1988) Harold D. Russell (2005)

Bud Dietrich (1989) Jim Nagel (1988)

Can you name any others?



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Ring 1 Close Up Contest, A Huge Success!!!

By Steve Finkelstein

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The IBM Ring 1 March meeting was the close-up contest coordinated by Steve Finkelstein, last year's first place winner. A record event - we had 10 close-up contest participants. Wow! How did we get so many contestant? Also, we had a near record turnout of 55 people in attendance, standing room only.

Responding to our member's input, this year we introduced a new concept for our contest – two categories based on skill levels: Below are the criteria for each

Beginners to Intermediate	Advanced (*)
Group	Group
Has not placed 1 st or 2 nd in any magic contest.	Placed 1 st or 2 nd in a close-up magic contest. e.g. local magic club or a magic convention contest, etc.
Does not earn a living, either part-time or full-time as a magician	Professional magician, earning a living through magic, full or part-time
Does not lecture or teach magic	A magic lecturer or teacher
	Placed 1 st or 2 nd in the Beginners to Intermediate Group contest.
(*) Answer "yes" to one or more of the definitions below	

Why two groups? The answer is based on a survey we completed last year plus additional member feedback on the following questions:

Have you every competed in a close-up contest? If yes: How many? How many times did you place 1st, 2nd or 3rd? If no, why not? What could we do to get you to enter the close-up contest?

How would you answer the questions above? Most of our members have never competed in a close-up contest nor had a desire. There are several reasons why but the main reason is the nonprofessional magicians do not feel they have a chance to compete with the professionals. Many of the amateur members would like to complete if there was more of a level playing field. Therefore, we established the two groups.

Below are the contestants for each group with the winners noted. Congratulations to all for competing this year. Also, a thank you for the judges: Terry Richison, Steve Barcelona, Randy Kalin and Harry Monte plus the two lay judges –Ms Garcia for Group A and Ms. Quick for Group B. Plus, a thank you to Steve Finkelstein for his planning and coordinating this event. A great job by all.

Group A – Beginner to Intermediate	Group B – Intermediate to Advanced
Larry Lucy – 1 st Place	Jeff Copeland 1 st
Fred Quick – 2 nd Place	Dani Garcia 2 nd
Sister Michael – 3 rd Place	Dan Todd 3 rd
Henry Schaper	Larry Minth
Hal Sharp	Robert Campbell

This was a terrific meeting with something for everyone: we saw some great magic by the performers, Steve performed between effects, plus we had a parrot who did a pick a card trick.

Because of the success of the two group contest, we are going to repeat this for our Stage Competition in May, 2012? We encourage our members to provide feedback at the meetings and to the board members so we can continue to meet the needs of our members and make IBM Ring 1 the best magic club.

Upcoming Lecture: Bill Wisch April 9th @ Airport Hilton

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Bill Wisch, a truly master magician and protégé of Slydini, is available in April 2012 with a completely unique lecture experience. Bill just came off of a successful mini-tour of Florida last month and received universally great reviews. Bill lectured in 74 cities from 1976 through 1979. Some of you may remember him and still others of course will remember (or at least heard of) Slydini. Bill's new lecture is revised and updated and features classics from Slydini's repertoire plus many unpublished subtleties that he will teach. A few years ago Cellini presented homage to Slydini performing many of the classics. Bill's lecture teaches the tricks, the moves, the nuances behind the magic plus he shares intimate stories from his time with this legend in the magic world. Bill Wisch is the ONLY student ever authorized by Slydini to lecture his magic even personally sponsoring him in



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Celebrate the magic, genius and humor of Tony Slydini.

After 35 years, Slydini's protégé, Bill Wisch, is commemorating his 74 city, Slydini book tour, presented to thousands of magicians from 1976 through 1979. This is a fully revised and updated, lecture/tribute that will show you the Magic of Slydini like you've never seen it before.

Features unknown Slydini magic, including:

"The Paper Balls to the Box" - The controversial ending finally explained and justified!

"The Chicago Loop Mystery" - This still completely fools as it did the Chicago magicians that saw it, and Slydini never told them how it worked! A great story with this!

"The Flight of the Paper Balls" - The real secret!

"The Paper Balls, Box and Wand" - A new stage/platform handling of the classic, Paper Balls to the Box!

"One Hand Unlink" - A ring technique like never before. Gives the famous Slydini Ring Routine a "melt-through" quality...rings totally examinable and you won't believe it!

plus: rarely seen Slydini classics ("The Mongolian Clock", "Helicopter Card", "Strolling, Slydini Knots Routine", etc.) - fascinating stories - secrets - lesson audio-clips - inspiring surprises...and much, much more!

TONY SLYDINI (1900-1991) was arguably one of the two finest, sleight of hand artists and teachers of the art of magic in the twentieth century. Among his students were Doug Henning, Mohammed Ali, Dick Cavett and other celebrities, as well as many hundreds, if not thousands of students throughout the world. Slydini only selected one protégé and that is **Bill Wisch**.

Bill Wisch is the only student ever authorized by Slydini to lecture his magic, which he did to thousands of magicians in 74 cities throughout the United States and Canada from 1976 to 1979. Slydini asked Bill, and personally sponsored him in writing*, to take his place and introduce the double volume book sets, written by Karl Fulves, **"The Best of Slydini and More"** and **"The Magical World of Slydini"**, both now classics of magical literature.

At each lecture, Bill demonstrated all of the Slydini classics, and also took audience requests for many of Slydini's less familiar effects and routines. Since 1975, he has presented over 400 lectures to magic clubs and organizations throughout North America.

"To my knowledge, Bill Wisch is the only Slydini student to conceptualize and internalize Slydini's magic to fit their own style." - Karl Fulves

*"Bill Wisch is the only student that Slydini recommended to lecture his work. I heard Slydini say it many times."
(Slydini's long-time friend and final student) - Artie Miller*

Lecture: Rafael Benatar June 14th @ Airport Hilton



Live from Madrid, Spain

Rafael Benatar

RAFAEL BENATAR was born in Caracas, Venezuela and resides in Madrid, Spain. He is one of the most active exponents of the renowned Escuela Mágica de Madrid.

Best known for his close-up magic, his versatility makes him one of the few magicians that perform regularly in all three rooms of the Magic Castle, where he is a favorite.

Rafael is a recipient of The Linking Ring Parade of the Year Award. His video tapes, later released as DVDs, received rave reviews from all major magic magazines.

Rafael has written and translated a number of magic books and articles and has lectured extensively, in five languages, for magicians of many countries.

ABOUT THE LECTURE

Rafael's lecture is stand-up for stage and parlor as well as card magic for the table including original sleights and routines also from his commercial act. He will also teach magic with silks, and explain his theoretical approach to magic through his cups and balls routine. At least half of the lecture includes previously unreleased stand-up material from Rafael's working repertoire with valuable advice on misdirection, timing, wording and practice. The lecture may also include mentalism and coin magic includes valuable advice on misdirection, timing, wording, and practice.

Given the time, he can also provide intense workshops on: card magic, card sleights, cups and balls, and magic theory or he could customize and combine them according to the interests of the attendees. He can also give a Master Class where you perform your routine in front of the other participants, and Rafael starts a discussion on your performance and brings out related subjects of interest to everyone. Please contact Scott Wells if your group is interested in these workshops.

TESTIMONIALS

"A master of timing." - **Ascanio**

"His thinking is superb and his card handling is exquisite." - **Michael Close, MAGIC magazine**

"He does it all better than all the rest." - **Billy McComb**

"Rafael is not only an excellent performer and entertainer but, even more important, has a thorough understanding of his craft." - **Martin A. Nash**

"One of the notable practitioners of refined cardmanship." - **Jon Racherbaumer**

"He will amaze you and astonish you but you are so charmed by his personality that you could not possibly resent it." - **Charles Reynolds, Genii**

"Rafael has a real flair for presentation and his sleights are smooth as silk. He is well read in card magic, has a fine appearance and a charming personality." - **Michael Skinner**



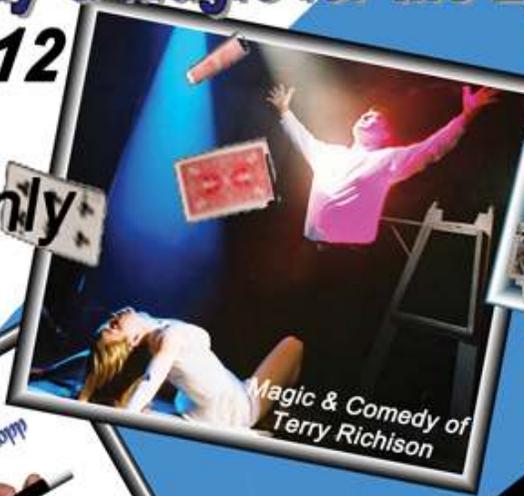
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Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. (Except July) at the *Maryland Heights Community Center 2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043*. Unless noted in the schedule.

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)

Go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the right.

This Just In...

Magic Great Passes Away

Cesareo Palaez passed away March 24th at 79 years of age. He is best known for creating the world's longest running stage magic show in Beverly, Massachusetts that ran for 35 years. Cesareo grew up in Cuba and as a young boy saw traveling magic shows.

After his graduate studies at Brandeis University, Palaez taught psychology at Salem State College during which time he started "Le Grand David" show. This show attracted international attention and notable guests included Copperfield, Henning and Blackstone Jr. His group performed at the White House 7 times, and Palaez was even awarded Magician of the Year by the Academy of Magic Arts in Hollywood. He died this past Saturday, the same day as Houdini's birthday, which magicians have called "his final trick".



Palaez's costume on display at Fantasma Magic In N.Y. city.