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June 6th: Things That Transpose

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The next Ring 1 meeting is the last one until the Ice Cream Social in August and I hope that you can make it. The theme is "Things that Transpose". That is quite a broad scope because there are many close up and stage transposition type tricks. Things that transpose from one thing to another, things that just change colors or even things that vanish from one spot and end up in another.

What is your favorite transposition trick? What I am really asking is if you would like to perform your favorite transposition type trick at the meeting. I think it would be great if you could. Please email me back at terryrich@charter.net and let me know if you would be willing to perform and what your trick is in case someone else also has the same favorite transpo trick.

NEW MEETING AGENDA

- 6:30 Magic 101 - "Scam School"
Quiet Please if you are not involved with Magic 101.
- 7:00 Refreshments/ Socialize and Jamming sessions
- 7:30 Announcements/ Meeting – "Things that Transpose"

Following the meeting- Workshop and Fellowship till 10PM

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Project Magic: Spreading Smiles with Magic

By Mike Hindrichs magicbymike@att.net

Dan Todd and Gene Schaefer performed at Shriner's Hospital in May. A special thanks goes out to both of you for giving a little of your time to entertaining the kids and their parents.

Our performer for June is Sandy Weis. I'm sure Sandy would love to split the spotlight with another magician. If you are interested

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

please call me. Lastly, I still have not been able to find anyone to perform the August show.

Thanks,
Mike Hindrichs
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2012 Performers Schedule

Jan.	Dan Todd
Feb.	Alan Zibits
Mar.	Larry Lucy, Steve Barcellona
Apr.	Hal Schaefer, Don Rataj
May	Dan Todd, Gene Schaefer
June	Sandy Wies
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 June: Scam School

By Mike Hindrichs magicbymike@att.net

Our theme for May was card sleights and ways to control a card. We had two very special guests attend our last session. First was Richard Nakata who was featured on the cover of MUM magazine in November of 2010. We were also graced with the presence of the incomparable Dan Fleshman. It was great having both of them contributing their ideas and showing

us some new moves.

This month's theme is Scam School. I will be sharing some of my favorite material from my street hustler act. If anyone has something they would like to add to this class please call me before hand. I hope to see you at 6:30 and be sure to bring some cards...and a little extra cash if you dare.

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

Spring Parade of Magic

Here are some photos from the Spring Parade...Interestinf they are all of Don.



IBM Ring 1: April 2012 Ring Report

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

The theme of Magic 101 at the May meeting was Card Controls and Sleights.

Members were encouraged to share their favorite card moves. Each week the number of participants has increased who attend Magic 101. Mike has done an excellent job planning interesting topics for Magic 101.

New officers and Board members were elected for the 2012-13 year. The following members were elected Terry Richison-President, Mike Niehaus-Vice President, Alan Zibits-Secretary and Sgt. Of Arms, and Sandy Weis-Treasurer. The Board members elected were Steve Levit, Fred Quick, Marty Kopp, Larry Minth, and Harry Monti. The Officers and Board members meet monthly to plan the Ring's activities. However, all members are encouraged to attend these meetings. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers and Board members.

Terry shared the following activities that the Ring has participated in. The Spring Parade of Magic at the Florissant Civic Center was a huge success. This is the first time the Ring has performed at this facility.

The show started with our newest member, Dani Garcia, who is from Spain, who kicked the show off with a fantastic manipulation act. Dan Todd followed with a comedy routine that kept the audience in stitches. Marty Kopp followed and as always the crowd loves him. Then Mike Niehaus brought his "best friend" and amazed the crowd with his ventriloquism. Terry Richison closed the show with more comedy and audience participation. Don Rataj was an outstanding emcee by keeping the crowd involved with his originality.

On April 21st the PBC Old Vaudeville Theatre featured an I.B.M. Ring 1 Magic and Comedy Show. This was a fundraiser for the Ring. Thank you to the following performers who did an excellent job Tom Westerheide, Steve Zuehke, Marty Kopp, and Terry Richison.

The Ring 1 Annual Stage Contest will be held on June 3rd at St. Cletus School in St. Charles. Since the new format for the close-up contest was a great success, the same format will be followed. There will be two categories The Beginner to Intermediate Group and the Advanced Group. Ring members who want to perform are to contact Larry Minth who is the Stage Contest Chairman.

After Terry shared his agenda, Sandy Weis performed magic with her therapy dog, Rocky. Rocky was able to "read" Sister Michael's mind. Sandy showed her four Sesame characters and she chose one of them (making sure Rocky didn't see which one she picked). He was then able to use his Sesame Street "toy" to pick the character she chose. Rocky then performed for an audience of children and adults who were in the lobby. He also shared his ability to play his "toy" piano.

At the regular May meeting, Mike Niehaus planned a Drive In Movie Night. Popcorn and soda were served along with other snacks. Mike gathered video clips from the following magicians Dough Henning, David Copperfield, Slydini, Lance Burton, and Senor Wences. He also showed vintage commercials from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. The members thoroughly enjoyed this video.

The St. Louis S.A.M. invited IBM members to attend a lecture they sponsored which was free to all I.B.M. members. David Stone, from France, kept the audience amazed by his magic but also his personality. He captivated the members because he has such a sense of humor and his great ability to lecture. Everyone left with a wealth of information and techniques about magic. Thanks to S.A.M for inviting Ring members to this great lecture. The Ring is very active and invites other S.A.M. members to attend meetings and activities when they are in St. Louis. Check Ring 1's for further information about the Ring.

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

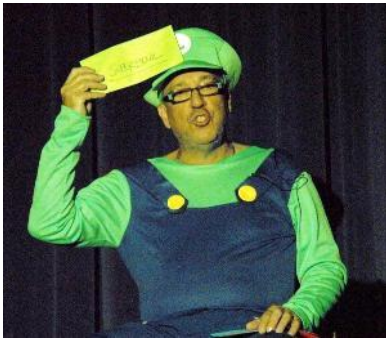
Mar 7nd – Close Up Contest

Apr 4th – Kid Show Magic

May 2nd – Movie Night

June 6st – TBA

July – NO MEETING



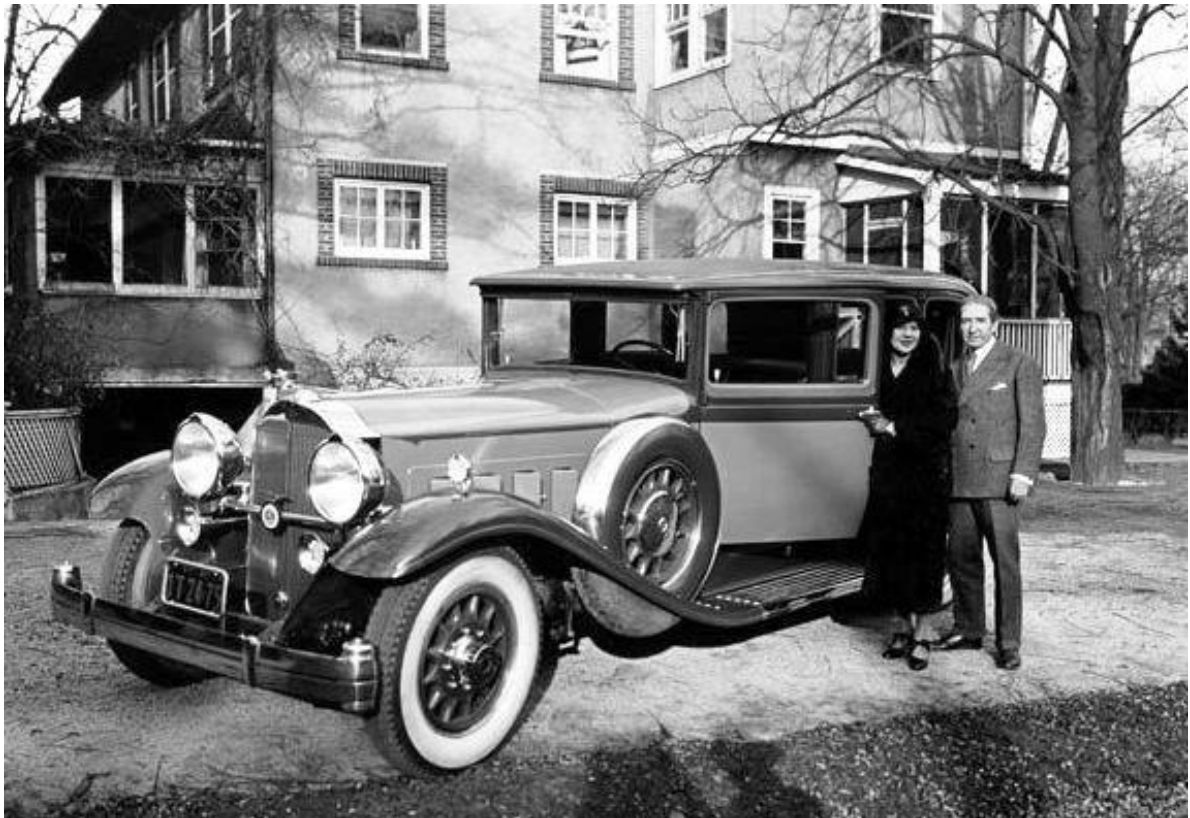
From Inside the Magic Cave

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



Lloyd William magician in St. Louis at the turn of the century, anyone know more on this guy?

How did they do this?



Nice ride Howard!

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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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) 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...

FYI: Hank Lee Owner Charged With Credit Card Fraud



From an article in the Medford Patch

Harry P. Levy, the owner of Hank Lee's Magic Factory, admitted he made 134 false transactions between 2009 to 2011 on a customer's American Express card totaling \$561,927, according to a stipulation of facts signed by Levy and prosecutors. The document was filed in Federal Court in Boston Friday.

The article refers to the victim only as RG, a wealthy customer that resides in Texas. I'll leave you to figure that one out for yourselves.

You can read the whole article here: (cut and paste in your browser)

<http://medford.patch.com/articles/owner-of-magic-factory-in-medford-charged-with-stealing-500k-from-customer>
