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Meeting Update: May 1, 2013 Plays Big and Packs Flat With Terry Richison

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The theme of the next meeting is "Plays big and packs flat". An entire meeting of items that will play to a big audience, preferably in a platform setting, but packs small or flat and can be easily transported and set up. If you have something that fits the bill Terry Richison would like for you to send him an email with what you can perform for the May 1st meeting. His intentions are to show the rest of the membership that you don't have to have elaborate set ups to put on a good platform show.

Please let him know what you can perform and that you can be there.

NEW MEETING AGENDA

6:30 Magic 101
Quiet Please if you are not involved with Magic 101.

7:00 Refreshments/ Socialize and Jamming sessions

7:30 Plays Big and Packs Flat

Following the meeting- Workshop and Fellowship till 10PM

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QUOTE:

"The only way to improve a trick is to find a simpler and more direct way of doing it."

Paul LePaul

John Shryock Lecture May 6th at Airport Hilton

NEW TIME 6:30pm!!



Top Shelf Magic by John Shryock

John Shryock has traveled the globe with his illusion, parlor and close-up routines "wowing" audiences with his engaging personality, mastery of the performance, and unmistakable sense of fun. John was a favorite at Caesars' Magical Empire in Las Vegas, and is one of the few magicians who performs regularly in all three show rooms at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood. A professional magician since 1984, John has performed in over 100 cities across five continents in a variety of venues including cruise ships, theaters, night clubs, conventions, and trade shows. This repertoire of experience led to the creation of some very practical magic, applicable for almost any

situation. John is the author of the book, "*Slightly Tricky*," and the star of the DVD, "*Live at Caesars' Magical Empire*," as well as the brand new and best selling "*Ring in Walnut*."

About the Lecture

John's comprehensive lecture not only teaches great tricks, but also how to perform great magic as well. The lecture is taught in a "let's have fun" manner with plenty of room for questions about any aspect of magic, from "What makes a trick work?" to "How do I get booked on a Cruise Ship?" to "Where do you find the right kind of music?" A wide range of topics from act structure, to the proper use of various sleights, to "stage presence" are covered in this entertaining and informative session. Featured topics include:

☛ **Ambitious, Triumphant, Color Changing Deck:** An Ambitious card, a Triumph, and a Color Changing Deck, all in the same routine with one deck of cards. And, at the end of the trick, you're completely clean!

☛ **Copper, Silver, Brass "Trio":** A staple of John's act for fifteen years. Three different coins magically assemble under two cards. This one will fool you hard.

☛ **Cards-R-Us:** Any number of spectator's cards are selected and secretly controlled to the top of the deck. The cards are then found, each in a different and entertaining manner. John's favorite impromptu routine. The audience always goes crazy!

☛ **Mini Cups and Balls:** Some unique twists on a classic effect in magic. Designed to be carried in the pockets, perfect for restaurant work.

☛ **Ring in Walnut:** Recently featured on "The Late Show with David Letterman." A borrowed ring ends up in a walnut. A true reputation maker. This one will knock your socks off.



What They Are Saying About John's Lecture

"Our members found your material to be very practical and useable...and your ideas and tips on routining, music and stage presence were right on the mark. For quite some time following your lecture our members were still talking about how good it was."

-David Sandy, Lecture Coordinator, Kansas City

"John always taught the 'why' of each performance, as well as the 'how.' Several members went out of their way to thank me for having John lecture. 'Wonderful!' If you have the chance to see John perform...or lecture...don't hesitate!"

-Tom Craven, Lecture Coordinator, Youngstown, Ohio

Ring Report: April 2013

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

March was a busy month for the Ring. On March 16, the Ring presented the annual Spring Parade of Magic at the Kirkwood Community Theatre. The performers were as follows: Randy Kalin, Marty Kopp, Mike Hindrichs, Don Rataj, and Dani Garcia. Matt Olson and Harry Monti performed close-up magic prior to the two shows. Terry Richison hosted the event, and the audience seemed to really enjoy the shows. A wide variety of magic was performed, and both shows appealed to all ages. The Ring is planning another show in April at the Florissant Civic Center.

On March 18, Murray Hatfield gave a very informative lecture. He captivated the members with his stories and his magic. He shared that he was raised in Canada and now lives in British Columbia. Murray has performed magic since he was ten years old, and has been a full-time magician his entire life. It was obvious to the members that he really loves what he is doing. He explained each magic trick and shared that most were easy to perform. He assured the members that the tricks would always baffle an audience (including experienced magicians). The Ring highly recommends his lecture for magicians of all levels.

At the regular meeting, Jason Stack volunteered to lead Magic 101. Jason is one of the Ring's newest members. He taught the group two card tricks—Fingertip Sensitivity and T.N.T. In Fingertip Sensitivity, the magician is able to separate the cards into black and red ones using fingertip sensitivity. Then, the magician can also find the selected card using fingertip sensitivity. In T.N.T., two audience members selected a card, and the magician found both of them even though it seemed impossible. All members present left knowing how to perform both of these tricks. Jason learned both of these self-working tricks from the book "Card College Light", written by Roberto Giobbi. Jason, along with several members, highly recommends this book. The group seemed to really enjoy Jason's presentation.

After the break, Mat Olson (one of the newer members) volunteered to present a lecture. The topic he chose was "Making the Leap from Magician to Performer." He shared theatrical principles that members could use to enhance their performances. He has been professionally trained in all aspects of theatre, and enthusiastically taught members techniques to improve their shows.

The Ring has scheduled a lecture on May 6th featuring John Shryock. Non-members are always welcome to attend the Ring's lectures for a nominal fee. The Ring also welcomes members from other Ring's whenever they are in the St. Louis area. The meeting topics are always varied and informative.

Schedule of Events 2012 – 2013

September 5
Poker Run

September 21
Jon Armstrong Lecture
Airport Hilton

September 28
President's Banquet

October 3
Halloween and Spooky
Magic

October 7
JDRF in Forest Park

October 19-21 and 26-28
Purina Farms
Haunted Hayloft

November 7
Danny Fleshman lecture
Maryland Heights
Community Center

December 5
Holiday Party
White Elephant

January 9 (Special date)
Keith Smith's New Years
Post Apocalypse Party

February 6
Ring 1 Close-up Contest

February 18
Devin Knight Lecture

March 6
Special Interest Groups

March 16
Ring 1 Spring show
Kirkwood Comm. Theatre

March 18
Murray Hatfield Lecture

April 3
Making the Leap From
Magician to Performer
w/ Matt Olson

April 27
Ring 1 Spring show
Florissant Civic Theatre

May 1
"Packs Small, Plays Big"
w/ Terry Richison

June 5
"History of Magic"
w/ Harry Monti

July
No Meeting

August 7
Ring 1 Ice Cream Social

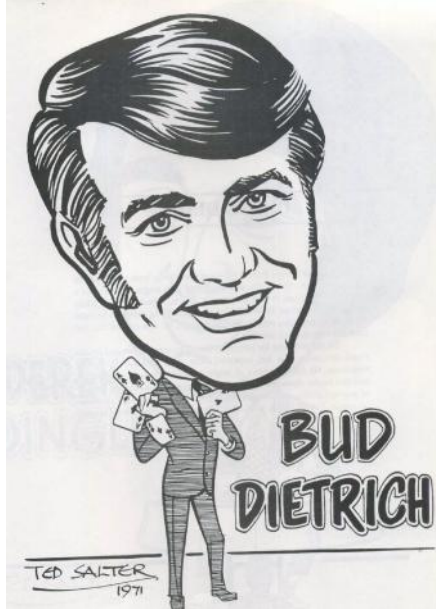
August 17
Midwest Magic Jubilee

From The Magic Past

By Don Rataj Historian

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There are 3 St. Louis magicians that I know of that have their drawings by Ted Salter at the magic castle. These three include Don Lawton, Harry Monti and Bud Dietrich. If there are others please let me know.



Penn and Teller Get A Star On The Walk Of Fame

Recently Penn & Teller were honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Their mentor and close friend James Randi congratulates them with this piece in his own newsletter.



More From The Magic Past

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Historical Magic items:

The generous donation of several St. Louis Magicians such as Roger Linden, Armond Broudier, Larry Minth, Mike O'Dowd, Russell Long, John Hoeschen and Dave Snetsinger there will items preserved with the St. Louis Historical Society. The St. Louis Historical Society is located at Skinker, and items can be requested at the desk and reading and research. Magicians will now have full access to some of the following:

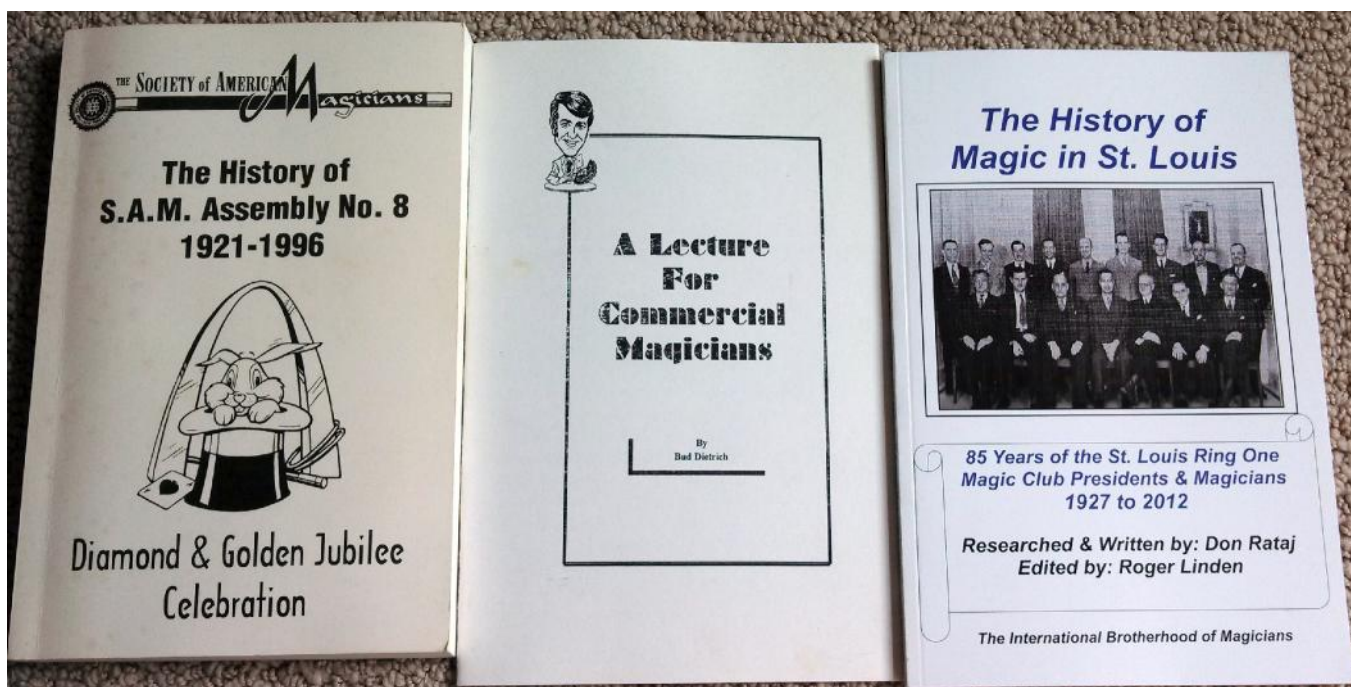
History of St. Louis by Don Rataj
 DeVoe magic catalog.
 History of SAM by Trudy & Harry Monti
 Everybody's favorite Uncle by Steve Corbitt
 Keep it Simple by Terry Richison
 The Snetsinger School of Ventriloquism
 Leitensdorfer by Roger Linden
 Close Up by Dan Fleshman
 Looking for something Diff? by Steve Shields
 Complete set of Legerdeman A magazine of Magic. by Fabjance Samagrans
 Spirit newsletters
 Many vintage and current photos of St. Louis magicians
 Programs
 History of Ring One
 Ring show DVD and tapes
 plus a lot more stuff. If you have your lecture notes or something you want to donate, plus let me know.

Midwest Magic Jubilee Program update:

These and other donations have provided Jubilee the following past programs and the years performers listed in magicpedia. 1957,1960 & 1962,1974, 1975, 1977, 1978 & 1979,1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985 & 1987,1993 & 1997 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2006, 2011

Project Magic Donation:

Several of the magic trick items will be donated directly to Project Magic at Shiners' Hospital. There will be a box of magic tricks and props for the children to learn and perform. there will also be a Chris Angel Magic set there to teach them to perform. More information next month.



Bring A Friend To A Meeting

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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...

Stan Musial Magician?

I got the following information about Stan Musial from Genii forum.

When Musial says he does "a little magic," he is not poking fun at pitchers. He doesn't mean with the bat, but with card tricks and such. . . . "When we trained at Cairo, Ill., while wartime travel limits were on, Clyde [sic] Keefe taught Dickson [Murray Dickson 1939 - 1958, mostly StL and Pit], Donnelly [Sylvester Urban "Blix" Donnelly, 1944 - 1951, St.L and Phi.] and me lots of tricks. Keefe was a life insurance manager there, and had studied magic, and could make public appearances. I am not that good, but I know a number of tricks which the real magicians do." *_Sporting News_ August 2, 1950 p. 4*

"Stan Musial, most famous of all present day baseball players, was recently featured in a Saturday Evening Post write-up and his keen interest in magic was described, illustrated with a large photo of Stan doing card tricks for the family, the card-to-be-found sticking prominently out of a hip pocket. While many of the St. Louis Cardinals are magical enthusiasts, Stan has the largest collection of props and does the most tricks." *_The New Phoenix_ # 315, p. 61*
