



The SPIRIT | Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1

Meeting: August 6th, Flea Market & Ice Cream Social

Our meeting will be on Wednesday August 6, 2014 at the Maryland Heights Community Center. Magic 101 will start at 6:30 p.m. This is our Ice Cream Social and Magic Flea Market Meeting. Only members in good standing can sell magical items at the Flea Market. Please feel free to bring friends and family members to this meeting.

If you are a member in good standing selling items at the Flea Market, please don't start selling until the ice cream is served. Anyone violating this policy will automatically be added to the May 2015 ballot for Ring 1 President.

MEETING AGENDA 6:30 Magic 101

Quiet please if you are not involved with Magic 101.

7:00 Refreshments

7:15 Meeting

Following the meeting- Workshop and Fellowship till 10 PM

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President's Message

By Mike Niehaus, mrniehaus@sbcglobal.net

We have an exciting couple of months planned for Ring 1. Wednesday August 6, 2014 is our annual Ice Cream Social. This is going to be a Humdinger of a time. Marty Kopp is even bringing his mother-in-law. Make sure you say "Hey", because of her we get a cheaper rate on our meeting room. This will also be having our Magic Flea Market. Everyone who purchased items in the dealer's room at the Joint Convention has an opportunity to make some of their money back. Maybe Larry Corona will be selling his new Losander Floating Table at a discount. You know Finkelstein loaded up his car with new and exciting magic tricks. Speaking of Finkelstein, he has asked for 6 tables at the Flea Market. Honestly, just beware of those "Knock Off Chinese Magic Tricks", I almost went to the emergency room because of the "New and Improved Appearing Cane". Paint would fly off whenever you made it appear.

On Monday August 11, 2014 we will be having Wayne Houchin Lecture at the Airport Hilton at 7:00 p.m. The lecture is free to all IBM Ring 1 members in good standing. If you would like to attend the lecture, and not a member of Ring 1, then you will be charged \$20.

Ring 1 received a "Presidential Citation" at the St. Louis Convention, during the International IBM Board Meeting. The following is the article that you will see in the Linking Ring.

Ring 1- *The Spirit of St. Louis* is not only the earliest International Brotherhood of Magicians (I.B.M.) Ring chartered, it is also one of the most successful. This success is due the Ring's commitment to the Ideals of the I.B.M. Under a new recognition program, the Spirit of St. Louis Ring 1 is the first to be recognized as an Honor Ring. This distinction is awarded to Rings that uphold their charter agreement with the I.B.M. and maintain 100 percent of its members belonging to the parent organization while sponsoring outstanding programs. The Board of I.B.M. is proud to designate Ring 1 as the first Honor Ring.

Under the leadership of current President, Mike Niehaus, Ring 1 has continued many of the activities that contribute to its success. Outstanding lectures are scheduled for its members. Guests are invited to attend the lectures but pay a higher fee. Community service is an important aspect of Ring 1, with at least two events sponsored annually. A fund raising stage show is held in the spring and a Christmas Show is presented that honors veterans. In producing these shows Ring 1 members learn skills that are transferable to their own performances. Each month, Ring 1 members perform at the Shriner Children's Hospital as a part of "The Healing of Magic", formally called "Project Magic", initiated by David Copperfield in 1981. Ring 1 was one of the first to adopt and implement this program.

Some Ring events are reserved for members only, such as the President's Banquet which is followed by a special lecture the next day. The youth program is also an important aspect of Ring activities. When special youth events are scheduled, parents are invited and encouraged to attend the events with no charge.

The Spirit of St Louis Ring 1 currently has one hundred and twenty four members and they are attracting two to three new members each month. It is obvious the Ring is providing its members with benefits that make joining the Ring worthwhile.

I.B.M. members wishing to learn more about the efforts of Ring 1 may contact Mike Niehaus at mrniehaus82@gmail.com.

See you at the Ring Meeting

Mike

Ring Report: August 2014

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

Ring 1 does not meet during the month of July. Therefore, the members were encouraged to submit items they wanted to share regarding magic.

Most of the responses received dealt with the convention. The Tenth Combined I.B.M./S.A.M. Convention was held here in St. Louis. Therefore, many of Ring 1's members were able to attend. Some had never attended a magic convention before. The comments were all very positive. The location was convenient for those who were not able to stay at the hotel and free parking passes were provided. All the shows were fantastic. The lectures were very interesting and informative. Jill Schmitz loved the Family Entertainers in Session. Silly Billy inspired her to order three Insta-Snakes, which she already has planned to use in a new routine. She learned several techniques that Danny Orleans and Doug Scheer shared. The dealers' room was awesome! I don't think anyone left the room without purchasing books and/or magic effects. Columbus Smith purchased the "Bubble Zombie" from Losander. He plans to use this effect in his fall festival shows at schools and churches. He also was excited to find the book "Digital Effects" since it is out of print. He also purchased thimbles from Joe Mogar and Joe even autographed Columbus's new book. Several members bought amazing props. Larry Corona promised he would perform his purchase at one of the Ring's future meetings. Ring members were excited to have

photographs taken with featured magicians. Larry Skorepa, among others, was seen sharing his photo taken with Lance Burton. Harry Monti thoroughly enjoyed the convention. He shared that he sought out old friends and made new friends. He also bought three books. The only concern that members shared were that the lectures and the contests overlapped. They had a difficult time deciding which to attend since they did not want to miss anything at the convention. The Ring was honored to receive the "100% International Participation" award because 100% of its members also belong to the international organization. Several of the Ring members volunteered during the convention. It seemed that Terry Richison was always at the Dealers' Room greeting people and checking for badges. Randy Kalin was awarded a "Presidential Citation" for his volunteerism. A few of the tasks he performed were transporting magicians to and from the airport, organizing a visit with several of the magicians to St. Louis Children's Hospital, and helping set up the stage for the shows at the Peabody Theatre. He is also a 39-year member of the prestigious "Order of Merlin – Shield." Dan Todd was seen helping dealers box their items at the conclusion of the convention. Larry Skorepa also helped transport magicians to and from the airport. The Ring is very proud of these individuals who helped make the convention a huge success. Ring members are always busy performing magic for their local community. Henry Schaper is preparing his act for a fundraiser for St. Francis of Assisi Parish at the end of August. He has performed magic at this event for the past four years. This consists of three shows which each seats 200 people. Henry also shared that he has two videos on YouTube. Steve Finkelstein has donated at least ten "Private Magic Lessons" to local non-profit organizations, such as Kids in the Middle, Gateway to Hope, and the American Diabetes Association, for their silent auctions at their fundraisers. These consist of a 1.5-hour magic lesson for an individual, their family, or their company. For the second year, Dan Todd is excited that he was asked to perform at the "Back to School & Community Empowerment Festival" located at the Chaifetz Arena at St. Louis University on August 2nd. Thousands of St. Louis City students will be attending this event. The Ring has been planning various activities for the fall. The monthly meetings will resume in August with the annual Ice Cream Social. The members are excited to be able to attend the next lecture scheduled on August 11th featuring Wayne Houchin. The President's Banquet is planned for September 26th and it is featuring Oscar Munoz.

Schedule of Events 2014 - 2015

July
No Meeting

August 6th, 2014
Ice Cream Social
and Flea Market

September 3rd, 2014
TBA

September 26th, 2014
Presidents Banquet

September 27th, 2014
Oscar Munoz Lecture

October 1st, 2014
TBA

November 5th, 2014
TBA

December 3rd, 2014
Holiday Party

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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(Hwy 40), I-44 or I-55:

Take I-64(Hwy 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...

Wayne Houchin: Strange Ideas: No Blessings Tour

Come see Wayne Houchin on Monday August 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Airport Hilton. The lecture is free to all IBM Ring 1 members in good standing. If you would like to attend the lecture, and not a member of Ring 1 and Assembly 8, then you will be charged \$20. If you are not a member of Ring 1, but are an International Brotherhood of Magician Member, you can join Ring 1 for \$15.

Who Is Wayne Houchin?

Wayne Houchin's work as a performance artist, magician, and dare-devil has made him one of the most popular and exciting mystery entertainers in the world. He has performed in more than 30 countries, appeared on NBC's Today Show, headlined the world-famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, and he made history in the Dominican Republic by stopping time during a live, nationally televised stunt. Houchin currently stars in the Discovery Channel's Breaking Magic: The Magic of Science which has been watched by more than 100 million people worldwide.

What Is The Lecture About?

Wayne Houchin debuted his new lecture Strange Ideas last year in Europe to sold out audiences and rave reviews. This summer, he's bringing it across the United States. Strange Ideas features an exploration of original magic and surprising variations - including magic with glass bottles, dollar bills, a helium balloon, and more.

Houchin's new lecture notes Strange Ideas will also be available. His previous releases to the magic community include The Signed Coin in Can, Stigmata, Ultragauff, and Thread. Houchin's original magic has been performed by David Blaine, Derren Brown, Criss Angle, Dynamo, and many others.

This is a one-of-a-kind presentation by one of magic's most unique performers and creators.

