



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

Meeting: Wednesday, September 3rd, Stage and Stand-Up Magic

Our next meeting is Wednesday September 3, 2014 at the Maryland Heights Community Center. Magic 101 will begin at 6:30 p.m., Harry Monti will be teaching the "Cups and Balls" this month. So make sure you bring your set to learn an excellent routine.

Our regular meeting will start at 7:15 p.m., and the theme this month is "Stage and Stand Up Magic", So come prepared to present your favorite effect. Finally, we will be having a very special snack. So if you want cookies and chips, well bring your own.

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

President's Message

By Mike Niehaus mrniehaus82@gmail.com

Inside this issue:

September 2014
Volume 14, Issue 9

Meeting Update	1
President's Message	1
MAGIC MAG TV	2
Schedule of Events	3
Ring Report	3
Honors	4
This Just In	5



September is finally here, and Ring 1 has many things planned for the fall. Membership really has it privilege's this year. Besides having an excellent meeting planned in September, we also have our Presidents Banquet. Many members have already signed up, and we still have room for more.

The 2014 Presidents Banquet will be Friday September 26, 2014 at Orlando Gardens, Maryland Heights (2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland Heights MO, 63043) @ 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$25 for adults, \$12.50 for children. Only Ring 1 members in good standing are allowed to purchase tickets for this event. Oscar Munoz will be performing.

Then on Saturday September 27, 2014 Oscar Munoz will be lecturing for the club at the Airport Hilton. We will be posting the time at a later date. This lecture is free to all Ring 1 members in good standing. The charge for the lecture, for non-Ring 1 members is \$20. If you are an IBM Member, you can join Ring 1 for \$15 and attend our lectures for free. Joining Ring 1 for \$15 in September also includes your dues for 2015.

Reprinted from MAGIC Magazine Newsletter

Dear *MAGIC* Subscribers...

Next week, there's magic on television Monday through Friday!



Houdini

Monday/Tuesday, September 1-2, 9 p.m. E/P, History

The four-hour miniseries, starring Adrien Brody in the title role, premieres this coming Monday and Tuesday. Brody, a former student at Tannen's Magic Camp, is joined by Kristen Connolly as Bess Houdini, and Evan Jones playing Harry's chief assistant, Jim Collins. *Houdini* is directed by Uli Edel, with a script by Nicholas Meyer, whose father, Bernard C. Meyer, authored the 1976 biography *Houdini: A Mind in Chains*. PHOTO: Colin Hutton / History

Ongoing Series

On Tuesday nights, there's also *Wizard Wars* at 10 p.m. E/P on SyFy. The CW continues offering two nights of magic each week with *Penn & Teller: Fool Us* on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. E/P, and *Masters of Illusion* on Fridays at 8 p.m. E/P. Meanwhile, Thursdays falls to TruTV with its ongoing magic series, *The Carbonaro Effect*.

Thanks for subscribing to *MAGIC Magazine*!

Stan Allen
Editor

Ring Report: August 2014

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

At the August meeting, Mike Hindrichs facilitated Magic 101. Instead of Mike teaching his effects, he encouraged the participants to share their ideas. He set perimeters as to what card trick the participants could share--the card deck had to be borrowed, the spectator had to shuffle the deck, and there were no slights, forces, math or gimmicks. DJ Lenz volunteered to teach "Do As I Do" which involved the use of two decks. Then Mike shared a variation of this effect. Cameron Jones taught an effect and the group named this effect, "Cameron's Card Trick." Chuck Levy performed "Gemini Twins" or "Card Trick under Test Predictions." There were several other members who shared their effects. The participants enjoyed learning effects from the other members.

Mike Niehaus, the President, made several announcements during the meeting. He first introduced new attendees and had them tell a little about themselves. Mike shared that the Ring received a check for \$1,000 at the Combined IBM/SAM Convention for the following: 100% of the Ring members are also members of the national organization. This money will be used for education/lectures. He reminded members that Wayne Houchin is scheduled to lecture on Monday, August 11th. Mike announced that the Ring donated \$300 for pizzas from Cicero's for The Lance Burton Young Magicians Seminar at the 2014 IBM/SAM Combined Convention. Mike thanked Chad Jacobs, (whose family are owners of Cicero's and also happens to be a Ring member) for doing

such a wonderful job. The youth really enjoyed the pizza he provided. Harry Monti will be teaching "cups and balls" at Magic 101 in September. Harry is one of the Ring's most talented magicians. There should be a large attendance for Harry's presentation. Mike encouraged the members to attend the President's Banquet on September 26th featuring Oscar Munoz. Oscar is also scheduled for a lecture the following day. Marty Kopp's mother-in-law was recognized since the Ring receives a reduced room rental rate since Betty lives in Maryland Heights.

At 7:30 Ted Drews' frozen custard was served while members browsed and/or purchased items from the flea market. Ring members brought items to sell, which they no longer needed or wanted. Ring members went home with "treasures" they purchased from other members. Either they will perform their new effects at one of the Ring meetings or they will bring them back to the next flea market to sell to someone else. Members enjoyed visiting with other members while enjoying their frozen custard during the flea market. The meeting was resumed and the members enjoyed effects performed by several of the current officers. Jason Stack, the Vice President chose two boys from the audience to assist him. Jason had two ropes, which he put around his neck. The boys pulled the ropes and amazingly they were no longer around Jason's neck. Al Zibits, the Secretary, shared a story about when he was a youngster. He had a paper bag that contained a bottle of coke. Amazingly, the bottle of coke disappeared and a glass of coke came out of the bag. Terry Richison, the Past-President, asked Sister Michael Terese to assist him since he knew she would be honest. He had a sealed envelope, which contained a prediction. He somehow tore two dollar bills and the matches were in the sealed envelope. Instead of performing an effect, Mike Niehaus shared a story about a recent Arkansas performance. He shared that there was a storm and he was able to calm the audience using Losander's floating ball.

On August 11th, the Ring sponsored a lecture given by Wayne Houchin, which was held at the Hilton Airport Hotel. The lecture was very informative and entertaining. Wayne is an excellent presenter and all members and guests present thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. He shared several effects, which he clearly explained so anyone present would be able to perform the effects. He did share effects which consisted of putting needles in his mouth which not too many of the members are willing to attempt. However, they did enjoy watching him perform these effects. Wayne also sold his books, DVD's and effects and it seemed that many of the members purchased items. Most of the members present highly recommend his lecture. If Wayne is available in your area, consider scheduling him for your Ring.

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

The Spirit of St. Louis Ring 1 Recognized as Honor Ring

I.B.M. Ring 1 (The Spirit of St. Louis) is not only the earliest International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring chartered, it is also one of the most successful. This success is due to 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 one hundred percent of its members belonging to the parent organization, while sponsoring outstanding programs. The Board of the 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 fundraising stage show is held in the spring and a Christmas show is presented that honors veterans. In producing these shows members learn skills that are transferable to their own performances. Each month, 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. Magic 101, their youth program, is also an important aspect of Ring activities. When special youth events are scheduled, parents are invited and encouraged to attend at no charge. The Spirit of St Louis Ring 1 currently has one hundred 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 worthwhile. I.B.M. members wishing to learn more about the efforts of Ring 1 may contact Mike Niehaus at mrniehaus82@gmail.com



Front row, left to right: Tom Westerheide, Columbus Smith, Randy Kalin, Larry Minth, Robert Campbell, Harry Monti, Sister Michael Therese, Bern McNamee, Don Burgan, Gene Schaefer, Betty Levine. Second row: Steve Finklestein, Bill Machen, DJ Lenz, Cameron Jones, Randy Windsor, Chuck Levy, Mike Capps, Michael Henry, I.B.M. Vice President Terry Richison, Ted Schnarre, Marty Kopp. Third row: Scott Kerivan, Mike Hindrich, Ring 1 Vice President Jason Stack, Alan Zibits, John Skarin, Ray Belz, Ken Trokey, Charlie Myers, Chad Jacobs, Todd Ziegler, Bob Blattel. Top Row: Jill Schmidt, Ring 1 President Mike Niehaus, Sandy Weis, Dan Todd, Larry Skorepa.

2014– 2015 Officers**Officers**

President:	
Mike Niehaus	314-691-0507
Vice President:	
Jason Stack	618-303-6799
Treasurer:	
Sandy Wiese	314-524-7859
Secretary:	
Al Zibits	636-273-9974
Sgt at Arms:	
Al Zibits	636-273-9974

Board Members

Harry Monti	636-394-4191
Steve Levit	314-469-6339
Larry Corona	
Terry Richison	314-791-9108
Marty Kopp	636-359-0201

Stay Up to Date:
www.IBMRing1.com
 For the latest info

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(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...

Linking Ring Collection To Be Had

Here is a great opportunity for some of our newer members. Larry Skorepa is wanting to get rid of about 8-10 years of Linking Ring magazines. There is literally a wealth of magic knowledge in this collection of magazines. He can be contacted at:

toolmanlarry@sbcglobal.net

or

446 Bush Drive
 Ballwin, Mo 63021
 636-675-6470