



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

Meeting: Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm  
There will be NO Magic 101

Our next meeting is **Wednesday April 1, 2015** at the Maryland Heights Community Center.

The April meeting is the Close-Up Contest.

We will **not** be having Magic 101, and the meeting will be starting at 7:00 p.m. due to the contest.

Please make sure you are at the meeting by 7:00 p.m.

## President's Message

By: Mike Niehaus [mrniehaus82@gmail.com](mailto:mrniehaus82@gmail.com)



Once again Ring 1 has a very exciting spring planned. Make sure you have paid your yearly dues so you can enjoy all the privileges of being a Ring 1 member. Our May meeting will be at the Airport Hilton on Wednesday May 6, 2015 starting at 7:00 p.m. Jay Scott Berry will be lecturing, and the lecture is free to all Ring 1 members in good standing. Also, during the May meeting we will be having our yearly elections. If you are interested in running for a position on the board please contact Terry Richison.

The Central Illinois Magic Get Together is April 25, 2015 in Peoria Illinois. This year they are having Levent lecture and performance during the evening show. Check the schedule and hotel information at <http://peoriamagicians.com/cimgt.htm>. See pages 3 & 4 for additional information.

Finally, make sure you have registered for the St. Louis IBM JAM on Saturday May 30, 2015 at the Airport Hilton. The JAM starts at 12:00 and is free to everyone who is an International Brotherhood of Magicians Member. Please remember you must have your International Dues paid to attend this event. See page 5 for additional information.

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# Ring Report:

By Sandy Weis      sweis@psdr3.org

The Spring Parade of Magic on February 21st was a huge success! However, the Ring wasn't sure the night before if it would really happen. There was a snow and sleet storm the night before which made driving quite hazardous. However, the temperature rose during the morning so the streets were clear before the afternoon show. There was also an evening show. Before the shows, Mike Niehaus entertained the children by making balloon figures. He was also the MC for both shows. The entertainers—Ted Schnarre, Dan Todd, Marty Kopp, and Mike Niehaus were a "hit" with the audience. Cameron Jones and Abraham Bellers, two of the Ring's youngest members, helped with the show. Cameron operated the soundboard and lights while Abraham was the stage manager.

The monthly meeting met on March 5th. Magic 101 was held before the regular meeting. Participants present volunteered to teach the group a card effect. Abraham Bellers performed a "magic card switch." He was able to take a card and switch the card even when it was in a spectator's hand. Cameron Jones did another card trick in which he had a volunteer deal cards face up on the table into piles. He was able to tell the volunteer his card by switching cards. Mike Capps performed the "Kings to Aces" effect. He told the group he had four cards and was able to have them change into other cards. George Van Dyke also had a volunteer pick a card and put it in the deck.

Amazingly, George found the card. DJ Lenz performed the "Eight Card Brainwave" effect. He had 8 different cards and the spectator picked the only one that had a different color back. Steve Queen performed the "Poker Test" that he made using plastic dip spray. The members were amazed how this spray can help a magician make their own effects.

Mike Niehaus called the meeting to order and make several announcements. The Spring Parade of Magic was a success and did make a profit! Since Cameron and Abraham assisted at the show, Mike encouraged both to perform at the Ring's next show, which has been scheduled in December. On March 17th Lee Earle will lecture at the Airport Hilton Inn. On April 1st Steve Finkelstein is in charge of the Ring's close-up contest. There will be two contests (beginner and intermediate/advanced). He is encouraging members to enter the contest. On May 6th, Jay Scott Berry will lecture at the Ring's regular meeting. The Ring is excited that the International is sponsoring a JAM (Just About Magic) in St. Louis on May 30th. IBM members will need to register online and it is limited to 100 registrants. The lecturers have not been announced yet. All lectures, including the JAM, are free for the Ring's members.

The theme for the evening was "Members Perform." First Dan Todd performed an ESP effect. With his back turned to the audience, he was able to tell which ESP cards several members had selected. It was pretty amazing! Next Steve Finkelstein shared an effect that he learned from a David Berglas book dealing with mentalism. He passed out playing cards to every member and also had members remember what number they were when he counted the members. Amazingly, he was able to tell everyone their selected card and also the numerical number they were. John Davit shared his "gun" trick he has been performing for 47 years. He manipulated a deck of cards so they looked like a gun. He used a feral shuffle and amazingly, when he pretended to pull a trigger, a card shot out. He even taught the members how to do this effect. DJ Lenz performed an effect using a "Super Comedy Split Deck." He bought this effect in the late 70's/early 80's for \$15. What a bargain! The members really enjoyed his performance. Lastly, Steve Barcellona performed an effect using a deck of cards. He shared that he learned this effect eight years ago at a Poker Run the Ring had. He always uses this effect as his opening act for all his performances. His prediction card matched his volunteer's selected card by number and color. Several of the members stayed afterwards and either shared magic effects or talked about magic.

The Ring always welcomes visitors to its meetings.

Sandy Weis

## Schedule of Events 2015

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Meeting Close-Up Contest  
*No Magic 101*

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Meeting/Lecture Jay Scott Berry  
Airport Hilton

**May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
IBM MINI JAM (Just About  
Magic) Convention Airport  
Hilton  
Noon - 6:00 PM

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Meeting TBD

**July**  
NO MEETING

**August 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Ice Cream Social

# CIMGT

## Central Illinois Magic Get Together

John Mendoza Michael Baker Gambit the Hatter Tony Dowell



Steve Chezaday



Jonathan Kamm



Grant Golden



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No  
Pic  
Available



25th April 2015

[CLICK HERE](#)

EXPOSITION GARDENS OPERA HOUSE  
1601 W. Northmoor Rd. Peoria Illinois

One Incredible Show - 7:00pm

For More info  
and to  
Register

Special Friday Night Lecture  
With John Mendoza

***38th Central Illinois Magic Get-Together  
Peoria, IL Magicians Assembly***

Saturday - April 25, 2015  
1601 W. Northmoor Rd. Peoria, IL 61614  
Exposition Gardens Fair Grounds - Opera House

International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM): Harold Martin Ring 48  
Society of American Magicians (SAM): Gary Bontjes Assembly 51

**LECTURES:**

~Levent  
~John Mendoza  
~Michael Baker  
~Jonathan Kamm  
~Christopher Bontjes

**DEALERS:**

~TBA~

**CLOSE UP PERFORMERS:**

~John Mendoza  
~Jonathan Kamm  
~TBA~

**EVENING SHOW PERFORMERS:**

~Levent  
~Steve Chezaday  
~Tony Dowell  
~Gambit the Hatter  
~Grant Golden  
~ MC - Jay Zentko

**!!Special Friday Night Lecture with John Mendoza!!**

**Don't miss out on the full day of fun and Magic.**

Register NOW!! <http://www.peoriamagicians.com/cimgt.htm>

# Just About Magic

The International Brotherhood of Magicians invites you to JAM  
on Saturday, May 30th in St. Louis, MO

## A FREE DAY OF MAGIC FOR ALL IBM MEMBERS

If you are a member in good standing of the I.B.M. you are welcome to attend a FREE one day magic event unlike anything before. It's a day where you get to share your magic, watch lectures and see a show, all for FREE.



### FEATURING

Ice McDonald  
Shawn Farquhar  
more to be announced...

### LOCATION:

Hilton St. Louis Airport  
10330 Natural Bridge Road  
St. Louis MO 63134.  
Doors open at Noon and close at 6PM.  
No early birds please!



**REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY**  
**WWW.IBMJAM.COM**

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[www.IBMRing1.com](http://www.IBMRing1.com)  
 For the latest info

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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...*

**Title: HELP NEEDED**

DJ is still in need of magicians for Project Magic.

The dates open are:

1 Person is needed for: June 17 & December 16

2 People are needed for: July 15, August 19 & September 16

Please email DJ at [jsay1000@yahoo.com](mailto:jsay1000@yahoo.com) if you are available to help.

**CONVENTION CORNER**

\*Oceanside Magic Invitational Cape Cod, MA April 9-12 [www.oceansidemagic.com](http://www.oceansidemagic.com)

\*Magi-Whirl 2015 National Capital Ring 50 Alexandria, VA April 10 & 11 [www.magi-whirl.org](http://www.magi-whirl.org)

\*87<sup>th</sup> Annual IBM Convention Jacksonville, FL July 15-18 [www.magician.org](http://www.magician.org)

\*Genii The Conjurors' Convention Orlando, FL October 1-3 [www.geniiconvention.com](http://www.geniiconvention.com)

\*15<sup>th</sup> Annual Daytona Festival of Magic Daytona Beach, FL November 6-8 [www.daytonamagic.com](http://www.daytonamagic.com)