



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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 3rd  
Magic 101 starts at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:00 pm

Maryland Heights Civic Center: June 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 pm: Magic 101 will be lead by Henry Schaefer

Meeting: 7:00 pm "Rope Night" will be lead by Larry Corona



## President's Message

By: Dan Todd      [Magic@TheGreatTodd.com](mailto:Magic@TheGreatTodd.com)

First, thanks for your support! I look forward to serving as your President. I plan to keep the up the high level of quality that my predecessors have worked so hard to establish. Congratulations to all of the officers and board, they have all have been very supportive and I could never hope to do succeed without them.

I updated the <http://IBMRing1.com> website, which is a "work in progress". Please feel free to make suggestions. I already added more Spirit Newsletters to bring us up to date and more newsletters will be added as we get them. I selected some photos to post and they will be changed monthly to keep it fresh and timely. More features will be coming soon, so check it out.

Our next board meeting will interesting, the continued planning the Installation Banquet, the next few "Monthly Magical Events" topics, our presence at the Midwest Magic Jubilee, our ongoing charitable events, and we will post details, as we get them, on both our website and in the upcoming Spirits.

Thanks to the Shawn Farquhar, Ice McDonald, Charley Arkin, and everyone that came, for a great I.B.M. Jam!

Together, we do more magic,  
Dan

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# Ring Report:

By Sandy Weis      sweis@psdr3.org

The May meeting was held at the Airport Hilton Inn. Mike Niehaus, the President, made a few announcements. Voting for new officers and board members was on the agenda. However, it had to be delayed since the by-laws state that ballots need to be mailed out if more than one individual is running for an office. This has not happened in several years since only one member has run for each office. The Ring encourages members to become involved; therefore, the Ring is pleased that members want to be involved. Mike reminded the members to register for the IBM Jam on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Airport Hilton Inn. This is free for any international member. Guest Performers/Lecturers scheduled are Ice McDonald, Charles Arkin, Shawn Farquhar and others not yet announced. Additional magicians are needed for Project Magic at Shriner's Hospital. Monthly, members visit Shriner's Hospital and entertain the patients and their families. Shriner's is moving to a new location soon and magicians are needed for June, July and December. Mike reminded the members to register for the Midwest Magic Jubilee, which is scheduled for August 13, 14, and 15. This is sponsored by members of IBM Ring 1 and SAM Assembly 8 (the two magic organizations in St. Louis).

After this short meeting, Jay Scott Berry was the guest lecturer. Several of the members have seen him before; however, they still are amazed with the magic he performs. He shared that he has been a professional magician for over 35 years and has performed all over the world. According to his website he is a "world renowned Magician, Musician, Producer, Poet and Composer." He miraculously can make items appear and reappear.

Even the members who had front row seats did not know how he is able to do this (unless, of course, they have seen him before or watched his videos). He is constantly modifying his "gimmicks" for perfection. Members who have purchased his products in the past even bought the newer versions of the same products. The members really enjoyed the effect where he folded a piece of scrap paper and it changed into "bills." Other magicians perform this effect but use different techniques. Everything he performed "packs small but comes across big." During the break, he sold quite a few of his effects. After the break, he explained in detail topits, thumb tips, and sleeve pockets. His presentation was very interesting for the members. He even has developed a practical modern version of the Japanese Sinada. This allows the magician to be able to hold more items for productions, vanishes and transformations of silks, sponges, etc. He recommended that magicians should use high quality Japanese soft vinyl thumb tips when they are performing.

The members really enjoyed his lecture. He is such a fine magician but he is also an excellent presenter. The members purchased quite a few items during the break and after the lecture. The Ring feels very fortunate that they were able to book him and offer this lecture free to its members. Non-members were asked to pay \$20. Everyone commented that this was one of best lectures the Ring has ever offered.

Two of the Ring's members shared events that they are involved with. This month John Davit is performing at the St. Louis World's Fair Benefit Show which will be held at the 4 Seasons Hotel in St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Michael Henry leads ghost tours in St. Charles, Mo. In August he is performing at the Festival of the Little Hills in St. Charles. During this festival he will be performing European Style Street Shows. Also, on August 16<sup>th</sup> he will be featured on the SCI-FI Channel in a program featuring ghost hunters and the ghosts of St. Charles. If any Ring members visit St. Louis, it is recommended to go on one of his ghost tours.

The Ring always welcomes visitors at the meetings and functions.

Sandy Weis

## Schedule of Events 2015

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Rope Night

**July**  
**NO MEETING**

**August 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Ice Cream Social and Flea Market

**August 13, 14 & 15**  
Midwest Magic Jubilee  
Airport Hilton

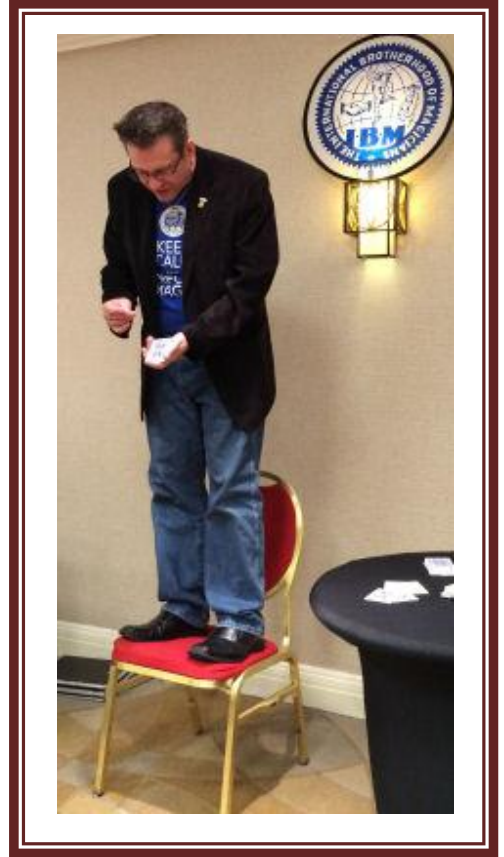
**September 2nd**  
TBD

**October 7th**  
TBD

**November 4th**  
TBD

**December 2nd**  
TBD





**Pictures from the Just About Magic (JAM) Event on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Great time had by all!!!**



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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 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 [isay1000@yahoo.com](mailto:isay1000@yahoo.com) if you are available to help.

**CONVENTION CORNER**

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

\*Midwest Magic Jubilee St. Louis, MO August 13-15 [www.mmjubilee.com](http://www.mmjubilee.com)

\*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)