



MAGIC NEWS

HEART OF THE RING

IBM Ring 129 - "The Heart of America Ring" - Kansas City

Upcoming Events

Thurs., May 6, 2004

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

At Best Western Inn
and Conference Center,
Southwest Blvd.

(IN KANSAS – I-35 AND
RAINBOW BLVD. EXIT) At

Rainbow

501 Southwest Blvd.

behind the Applebee's on North
side – lower level

Board Meeting

May 20, 2004

At Kirk DeWeese

Magic Supply Company

Check www.ring129.com for
details.

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The Board Meetings are open
to all members of Ring 129.
Come along and see how it's
done. My, how interesting it is.

*Come To The Board Meeting
And Earn Sorcerer's Circle
Points.*

May 20 ,2004

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I DIDN'T KNOW THAT...

Answer: The Eiffel Tower. The name of the 1st King of England was.....
get ready for this.....Egbert Hul. 802-839.

Magic University: *Terrific.* Approximately 20 percent of the membership of Ring 129 participated as "students" at the 1st Magic U. In conversations after the classes comments such as terrific, great, let's do it again, were heard. Personally speaking, I have been to many, many lectures and classes . None was as good as the program presented at Magic U. "Professor's". Terry Elton and Keith Leff instructed on the use of the Thumb Tip. Jason Dean and Harris Deutsch teamed on Coin Technique. Todd Lamanske and Terry Davis taught subtleties of handling Sponge Balls. The emphasis in all disciplines was technique , illusion and ease of handling. KISS. There were 3 classrooms with a maximum of 15 "students" each. Wonderful facilities at the Meadow Brook Country Club. Thank you Carl Macan, Mike Bloom and Chuck Macan. *Matt Gurley*

Magic Flea Market, May 19

Mark your calendars for Wednesday evening, May 19, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. for a MAGIC FLEA MARKET being held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City. The flea market is being co-sponsored by Bradbury Books and our local SAM Assembly No. 38 as a warm-up activity for the Magic Collectors' Weekend that runs Thursday through Saturday. The Flea Market is open to all and you need not be registered for the MCA Weekend to attend the Flea Market. It will be held in the exposition hall at the Hyatt Regency. Admission will be \$5.00 and tables for selling are available at \$15.00 each (which includes one admission). Seller set-up will open at 6:00 p.m. with the doors opening for the Flea Market at 7:00. Reserve your seller table today with a check or credit card information to Bradbury Books. For more information, contact dan@bradburybooks.com or call 816-531-2468.

Nice Guys Finish First! Each year, the Stop The Violence Coalition runs a contest seeking the kindest people in Kansas City. 7,000 entries were submitted this year. Our own, **Doc Blum**, made it into the final selection of 20. Not only was he among the top 20 candidates, this is the *second time* he has been at this level. We all know Doc is a great guy, now all of Kansas City knows it. Congratulations Doc. You make us proud.

**PRESIDENTS
COLUMN
Terry Elton**

. Last month I participated in the “OPEN” session and learned volumes thanks to your feedback.

I had a routine that had been “festering” for almost two years and it was driving me crazy. What I really had was two effects that I wanted to tie into one routine. The Driebeck Die came quickly and I tried it out at the club some time ago. But the second part wasn’t coming as quickly. I found myself in a situation where I had to provide the audience with a lot of information in order to have them understand what was happening. To just stand there and tell them the information would be truly boring and then one day I got the idea of using sight gags (Playing Card, Chain Letter, etc.) to help me get through. That helped a lot but there was still more information to be passed on. I hit upon the idea of having Old Cy return from the grave and walk me through the rest of it. So I scripted it and asked Tom Burgoon to be the voice of Old Cy.

With that done, I liked what I had but it needed polishing. When I have a lot of lines to learn I climb up on my treadmill and go to work. It seems like my concentration is better and more acute on the treadmill for some reason. (I think secretly, my brain is trying to block the fact that I’m exercising.) Anyway, in a 40 minute workout you can go through that routine about four times, which I did everyday for a week. As you all know, when you rehearse alone there is no feedback to tell you what is working and what isn’t. Soooo, I brought everything to the open session and ran the routine by you and in less than ten minutes I knew what was working and what needed to be cut. The very next day I edited the voice of Old Cy and rehearsed some more. The following week I put it on stage in front of a lay audience for the first time. The routine played well and I found a couple of laughs I hadn’t anticipated. So now I have several shows in the month of May where it will be polished some more.

The reason I take you through this little exercise is to point out what a valuable opportunity you have with the open session. Bring your new material and find out where the holes are. You’re in front of friends and it is much easier to audition a new piece in front of friends than in front of a paying audience. Not only that, but there is all that valuable performance knowledge and talent sitting there and available to help you develop a polished piece for your show.

I don’t know about you but I’m pretty excited about what seems to be happening with the club. The quality of competition appears to be getting better, more people seem to be involved, there are more people at Applebee’s afterward sharing and showing in the spirit of Fellowship, we have lots of activities to help you grow on the horizon. We’re planning a Picnic for July. Just some easy time to smooze and talk magic. And there are more things in work that we’ll tell you about as we work through the details.

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<p>Ring 129 Website http://www.ring129.com</p>
<p>Magician of the Month Winners</p>
<p>April 2004</p>
<p>Stage Marty Isenberg</p>
<p>Close-up Todd Lamanske</p>

If You Missed Last Month's Meeting – Here's What Went On.

Ring Report as submitted by our very own Stu Lewis

This month our April meeting happened to fall on April Fool's Day, and appropriately Jason Dean opened the meeting with an elaborate hoax, pretending to demonstrate a mind-reading routine that was actually based on the use of three very obvious stooges. On a more serious note, Bob Klamm announced the publication of his autobiography, *Fly Like a Bumblebee*, describing how he has managed to work as a magician despite his severe visual impairments.

We then moved on to our stage competition. Joe White did a card-selection effect in which first a wrong card appeared between two sheets of Plexiglas and then changed into the chosen card. Harris Deutsch talked about the dangers of substance addiction, demonstrating his point by openly escaping from a strait-jacket; since this was Harris, he pulled out a harmonica as soon as one hand was free and played a few notes. Marty Isenberg did a newspaper tear and restoration with a *signed* newspaper, with patter that discussed changes in life. Chris Scudiero did a humorous routine in which a monkey card escaped from an envelope to land on a spectator's back.

Todd Lamanske led off the close-up with a ghost story that made use of the Lippincott box, following this with a card effect in which the selected card was found stapled to a board. Eric Woods did a coins-across routine and a card routine in which the selected card wound up in his mouth. Stu Lewis contributed an ace-cutting routine.

In the non-competitive "open" part of the meeting Ken Reedy vanished a metal nut, Jason Mastin did a silk routine, and Joe White did a two-deck card routine. Terry Elton followed with a humorous poem to accompany a "gozinta" box routine with numerous boxes and did a dialogue with a prerecorded voice of a ghost. Jason Dean showed his card mastery with some fancy cuts and an assembly effect which concluded with the assembled jacks changing to aces. Following these performances, Mary Isenberg and Todd Lamanske were named winners of their respective contests. *Danny Mahar*

Two top-notch lecturers came to town during the past month, and though neither lecture was sponsored by the Ring, several of our members took advantage of one or both. First came John Carney, who focused largely on coin work, teaching lessons in misdirection. What impressed me most about the lecture was his deep understanding of theory and his appreciation of the history of the craft. John is a true student of the art of magic. I missed the Michael Ammar lecture, but I heard good things about it, which is not surprising, considering the quality of his presentations that I have seen in the past.

I hope that many of those reading this will be attending the International convention and will have a chance to thank David Sandy for the job he has done during the past year.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

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Ken Reedy

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Stage Winner
Marty Isenberg

Close-up Winner
Todd Lamanske

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Lecture Fees

Unless listed otherwise,

are as follows:

Non-Members \$15

Members in good standing \$12

Sorcerer's Circle Members \$10

HIDDEN WORD CONTEST

IS BACK

Look for your name in italics
somewhere in the newsletter,
and just let Don Douglas
know you saw it, and claim
your prize!!

SO START READING!

BE A STAR, BE A STAR, BE A STAR

Now You Can Be Seen By Millions And Millions Of People.

We are seeking videos of club members in performance. They need not be current performances, but within reason. Our Webmaster, Ken Reedy, is upgrading the Ring 129 web site and it will be sensational....with your performance.

Fifteen to twenty seconds would be most desirable. *Harvey Stege*

E-mail videos to Kirk DeWeese at

kdeweese@micro.com

Or, bring a tape to the next meeting and Kirk will prepare the material for Ken to place on the site. Ring 129 is entering our website in the IBM **Best Magic Website** competition and we want to show you off.

