



MAGIC NEWS

HEART OF THE RING

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

Upcoming Events

Thurs., August 5, 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

August 26, 2004
 Board Meeting
 Magic Supply / Blue Springs – 7 pm

Thurs., September 2, 2004
 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
 At Best Western Inn and Conference Center, Southwest Blvd. At Rainbow

Thurs., September 9th, 2004
 Lozander & Ezell Lecture at US Toy– 103 & State Line– 7pm

Thurs., September 16, 2004
 Board Meeting
 Location to be Announced

Thursday, October 7, 2004
 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
 At Best Western Inn and Conference Center,

Sunday, October 10, 2004
 SAVE THIS DATE FOR A SPECIAL RING EVENT

Thursday, November 4, 2004
 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
 At Best Western Inn and Conference Center,

Saturday, November 6, 2004
 Sorcerer's Circle Sponsored Roast of David Sandy
 V's Italian Restaurant
 Independence, Mo
 Details to Follow!!

WHAT A FUN PIZZA PARTY AND GREAT MAGIC.....by L. C. Collier

If you missed the Pizza & Magic Party, you missed out on a really fun event. Congratulations go out to **JULIE CLARK** for organizing and orchestrating a great event. We had food, camaraderie and magic, all in a setting complete with decorations humor and enthusiasm.

The magic portion of the program was a form of grab bag magic, where six contestants were drawn and they were asked to perform two minute stage act with items randomly selected for them. Everyone was given one hour to research (Tarbell Course Books) or receive assistance from other members in attendance. This is designed to allow everyone to perform with props they may never have had in their hands before and to get the creative juices flowing. It was all in fun and the wives judged the performers by holding up a score card number for each act, as though it were an Olympic Event. The wives had as much fun as the contestants and became very creative themselves in the scoring process. We had no losers. If you participated, the knowledge gained made everyone a winner.

ALAN GOODHEART performed using two inch sponge balls, to which he added a drink cup and delighted everyone with some fun and funny maneuvers.

WALT MITCHELL did a pompom pole routine which contained a little more disclosure than intended. He then pulled out a paper napkin and did his version of Staracle.

KEITH LEFF was given a six foot piece of rope. He somehow managed to come up with a three inch ring and proceeded to amaze everyone with some good ring on rope moves.

TERRY DAVIS was given five twenty-four inch silks. He did a silk from purse frame followed by some fancy knot work. He concluded with Marconic Silks, producing silk after silk from one silk, with a final load of a giant red sponge ball.

DALE HUFFMAN (Who was celebrating his Birthday that day) received a stack of paper napkins. He rolled one tightly and used it as a magic wand as he made balls of napkins disappear. (The timekeeper was enjoying the magic and kept telling him he still had time left.) So, he did a nice torn and restored napkin routine.

JASON MASTIN received three linking rings with a gap key. He said he did not own a set of linking rings, but did some very good moves for the crowd. (Con't on Page 3)-

Cleveland ROCKS!!!

There are those of us that had a wonderful time recently when we attended the International Brotherhood of Magicians convention in Cleveland, Ohio. And Cleveland did indeed ROCK! David Sandy joined the ranks of other Past Presidents and handed the reign over to our new President, Tony Wilson, from Australia. There was a lot of Hoopla that abounded in Cleveland – lectures early to late night, great entertaining shows, stage and close-up contests featuring the best our organization has to offer, and as always– seeing old friends and making several new ones. You could also see live feeds and interviews of those magi in attendance and others filmed, edited and posted by none other than Kirk Deweese. Our ring should be looking forward to next year when Roger Miller becomes our next Int'l President, an honor to have another member there so soon. Thanks to all for a great week!

COME CLOSER.....

Congratulations go out to the Ring's 3-Time winner in a row of the Close-up Magician of the Year contest to our own **JASON DEAN**. Jason astounded the crowd the end of June and walked away with the evenings honors! **Terry Elton** was the First Runner up, and **Harris Deutsch** was Second runner-up. We were also please to have the great magic of **Ken Reedy and John Hicks** as part of the competition. After the contest the group enjoyed desserts and libations and tried to figure out how to dodge the storm that was brewing. We look forward to next year's competition, so begin planning your routine for this month's contest.

A Fresh Bit of News From Your President



I want to take a moment to thank Julia Clark and L C Collier for their work on the Pizza Party. Both did an outstanding job organizing and delivering their part of the program.

L C put together the contests and brought the props and sound system and Julia brought snacks and brownies and cookies and watermelon and candy and things to decorate the food table. Alan Goodheart ordered the pizza and a good time was had by all. (Read more in L C's article.

Your Board of Directors are working hard to bringing new activities into play such as Magic

University and the Pizza Picnic presented in a fun atmosphere to help you get better in your craft and challenge your creativity. I mention this because some of you are not taking advantage of the opportunities.

Magic University, based on the review sheets I saw, was very well received and those that attended indicated that they enjoyed the hands on teaching and benefited from being there. At the Pizza Party people were given props they haven't or don't normally work with and asked to do two minutes on stage. There were reference books available and other people to ask and as a whole I thought those that participated did an outstanding job. The point being that if you want to learn we are providing low cost ways to do just that. If there is another type of teaching venue you might prefer tell us about it and let's see if we can work it out.

Sorcerers Circle will be doing another Roast in the Fall. As of this writing we do not have a firm date. However, we do have a Roastee and that will be Mr. David Sandy and apparently David's practical jokes and late night phone calls are coming home to roost since we have many people aching to be one of the Roasters. We do have a place and that is V's restaurant. Those that attended last year have said that they enjoyed it and would like to go back there and so we will. An educated guess might be that the date would be somewhere around the first part of November but there are no firm dates yet. Stay Tuned.

You should also be thinking about Sorcerers Circle points if you are planning to become a member or go for another star. All the events that we hold qualify you for Sorcerers Circle points. Magic U, Pizza Party, Lectures, meetings, Board Meetings and other activities all count for points. You also have to have a "Committee" on your points sheet if you want to qualify so if you don't have one yet you might start asking where you can participate. We need a committee to develop and run a Juniors program. We need a committee to put together a questionnaire for the membership, the Roast will need committee help and we need people for a nominating committee and also for the Awards Banquet. So if you haven't met your "Committee" requirement for Sorcerers Circle any one of those listed will work. Come to a Board meeting and let us know you want to participate. We still see many of the same faces on the committees but we're always open to new ideas and new people to

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Close-up

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Want to hone your magic skills? Learn from each other? Show someone what you are working on and get their advise and experience? Then join us at **Applebee's at Rainbow and Southwest Blvd.** Both at 6:00 PM before our Ring meeting as well as after hours when our meeting adjourns.

A special thanks to Applebee's for their service, hospitality, and courtesy in seeing that our group gets the best they have to offer!

ubber). Six more members were selected and given close-up (Don't from Page 1) props. They were given thirty minutes to come up with a two minute routine. Many of them looked blankly at the props at first, but came in with some original routines.

HARRIS was given a piece of paper and a pencil. In his usual fashion he wove a tale as he began to amaze everyone. Harris is so good at that.

RIC WOODS received a gemstone hot rod paddle. While he knew the paddle move and how to count the hot rod to get the force, he had never put a routine together. We were not disappointed as he performed admirably.

TERRY ELTON was assigned a dollar bill (He had to provide the bill) and two paper clips. Terry added a rubber band and as usual he came up with a good storyline and performed a great version of the clips jumping off the bill and capturing the robber.

CHRIS BLACK received two rubber bands. Being a stage performer he could not help himself. He tore the skirt off the table and did his version of Harry Potter flying on a broom stick. He was told his time did not start until he began the rubber bands. He knuckled down and did some good jumping rubber band moves.

LILIE CLARK (felt she was exempt) received a Quarter and a handkerchief. She ended up with four quarters and gave everyone a lesson in economics where Uncle Sam made the last quarter disappear. Good job Lilie!

ROGER MILLER got stick matches. He elected to do a manipulation act to music. This is IMPROVE and you use whatever you receive. The music kept stuttering and Roger's Act stuttered in time to the music. Very funny and as usual Roger was very creative.

After the performers finished several teach ins broke out and I could hear ideas being exchanged about what had happened and how the performances could be improved. All of this was positive and all of it was helpful to those receiving the advice. This made yours truly very happy, because that is what the club should be about.

If you would like to see some pictures (Taken by **MAUREEN ELTON**)

TEACH-A-TRICK REMINDER

Don't be late to our regular meetings. Because that's when **Teach-A-Trick** is happening! (Meetings start at 7:00 pm) Come early and learn some new and fun magic! (Mini-lectures will take precedent over Teach-A-Tricks).

Stage Winner Harris Deutsch

What a great performance he did to win the monthly contest. Hope you choose to participate in the Stage Magician of the Year contest next January. Congrats Harris

Magic Happenings

Regular Meetings of the S.A.M. Assembly #38
At Fairmount Community Center, 608 Ash,
Independence MO.

3rd Tuesday of each month

Directions:

- * I-435 to 24 Hwy Exit
- * East 4 stop lights.
- * Turn right.

Meeting starts at 7pm

Do you have a listing of a magic event that is happening in Kansas city? Get it by phone, fax, or email to the newsletter editor by the 20th

EXCITING LECTURE COMING TO US IN SEPTEMBER!

Dirk Losander and Jeff Ezell will be bringing their lecture to US To Company on Thursday, Sept. 9th at 7 pm.



"Jeff's personality and style is a delight to behold and his presentation and stage presence is compatible to other big names in magic. I'll always make an effort to catch his show knowing I will see a CLASS ACT!"

Lou Sanman, Director of Network Production Services, ABC TV

As a creator of original magic effects that other magicians "just have to learn", Jeff is sought

after by magic clubs all over the world.

Dirk Losander, a master of the art of levitation and animation of the intangible and the inanimate. Imagine a beautiful red rose blooming inside a delicate soap bubble or the dances and antics of an ordinary handkerchief or an enchanted table flying all over the place! Magic happens everywhere in any place when Losander is there. He creates real miracles!

World renowned across three continents, Losander has performed his magic in exclusive venues from some of the finest Variety Theaters in Europe to the famed Magic Castle in Hollywood, California.



Close-up Winner Jason Dean

Who know that this was the prelude to Jason winning his third Close-up MOY contest in a row! We love having Jason as a member for his innovation, freshness, and his contribution to making us each a better magician and person. Thanks Jason for all you do and good luck!

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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

*It's Been Awhile, So You Need To Get Caught Up On What Went on A Month Or Two Ago...
And Stu is the Guy to Tell Us What's Happening!!!*

We've grown so used to good attendance at our meetings (45-50) that I hadn't thought anything about the number of people at our June meeting until someone commented that this was a good turnout for a summer meeting.

We began by thanking Ken Reedy and Walt Mitchell for their work on "The healing of Magic." They were the subject of a two-page spread in the June *Linking Ring*. After an expanded dealer segment, Jason Dean taught a sleight-of-hand version of Spectator Cuts to the Aces.

We then moved on to the contests, with two competitors vying for each title. Harris Deutsch led off the stage contest with an act based on the idea of seeing magic everywhere. He demonstrated some optical illusions, showed us a Coin star, and restored a torn-up newspaper along the way. L.C. Collier's act included a hop cup routine and Multiplying Superballs.

Stu Lewis opened the close-up contest with a couple of card routines: an Ambitious Car sequence followed by his own "Ruthless", in which a shaggy-dog story is used to locate three Aces and the card selected and signed in the previous effect. Jason Dean did some fancy card locations. Then he used the Aces to locate a selected card, only to have the selected card change places with the Aces. He also performed a Coins Across routine (which finished with about a dozen coins spread across the mat explosion).

In the non-competition portion, Ken Reedy did a two-week You Do As I do routine. Chris Black did a variation of Name that Card with a different premise - a marked deck where the

name of one selected card was printed on the back of a second selected card. Jason Mastin did some humorous work with sponge balls.

Before we adjourned, the winners of the contests were announced. Harris Deutsch took the stage contest, while Jason Dean earned the final spot in our annual Close-up contest.

I missed the Dan Garret lecture May 17, but I heard good things about it. He provided a lot of good tips on presentation and on children's magic.

On June 12 we returned to the Radisson Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn) in Lenexa, KS. for our annual Close-up contest. Five of the eight eligible winners of our monthly contests were on hand to compete. Jason Dean won for a first-ever third consecutive year with an act similar to that described above.

Terry Elton took second place with a routine involving vanishing and reappearing salt, an in the hands coin routine, and some card routines. Harris Deutsch did some nifty sleight-of-hand and Rene Levand's one hand Oil and Water, earning third place. John Hicks (cards) and Ken Reedy (Linking Pins) were the other competitors.

Stu Lewis