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June 2005 Newsletter

Regular Meeting

June 2—7 PM
Best Western

David Groves Lecture

June 13—7 PM
US Toy

Board Meeting

June 16—7 PM
Magic Supply
632 West Walnut
Blue Springs MO

Aldo Colombini Lecture

June 25—7 PM
US Toy

NEXT MEETING

June 2 2005 7:00 P. M.

Best Western
Rainbow & Southwest Blvd.
(directly behind Applebee's Restaurant)



**Don't Chicken Out!!! Attend this years
close-up event!!**

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Close-Up Magician of the Year Contest by Alan Goodheart

It's time for the summer's Grand event - Ring 129's famed Close-up Magician of the Year Contest. Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, July 30th**.

This year's contest is easy to find. It is going to be at the **Roeland Park Community Center**, at 4850 Rosewood in Roeland Park. Doors will tentatively open at 5:30 PM. We will serve dinner at 6:00 SHARP, and will adjourn to several rooms set up specifically for enjoying close-up magic after dinner Margaret Singer Catering who catered our Stage event this past January will be there again to bring us the best dinner money can buy!

Our Ring members that have qualified to participate are (in no particular order): **L.C. Collier, Jason Dean, Larry Warshaw, David Sandy, Dennis Burks, J. E. Mastin, Eric Woods, Terry Davis, Stu Lewis, Kevin Emerson, and Mark Myers**. The contestants will make their way from room to room performing their unique blend of magic. Then after the contest ends, we go back to the main dining area for a very special part of the evening - to experience a wonderful dessert. There will be a small program planned. And of course, we will announce the winners of the contest as the results are calculated.

We are following in the same manner we produced the show last year and the way the IBM conducts its close-up contest and show at our convention. There will be no bad seats in the house. And you can be part of one of the best events of the season.

So do not hesitate - make your reservations as soon as you can to reserve your spot. Bring your checkbooks to this Thursday's meeting (June 2nd) to make reservations, or **contact Julie Clark at 816-478-9787..**

DO WE HAVE A DEAL FOR YOU THIS YEAR!! Prices for EVERYONE - regular members, Sorcerer's Circle members, and guests is JUST \$12.50 per person!! You get a buffet dinner, wonderful Close-up magic competition, and dessert, and maybe a few surprises for ONLY about the cost of a weekend movie ticket. And remember, if you reserve a spot, and do not attend, you will be billed for your reservations.

So let's see a great turn out at this year's premier close-up event!!!

Please be sure not to miss this great evening!!

In Sympathy

It is with deepest regrets that we request your presence at this month's meeting to take part in a special service for our dearly beloved.

**Family and friends request your attendance.
Please no flowers.**



Presidents Column

With Memorial Day weekend looming just before this month's meeting, one has to ask - WHERE HAVE THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR GONE? Good question.....for it seemed that just yesterday we were bundled in sweaters and coats dodging the cold temps. Our families have made it through another year of school, and we are thinking of summer vacations.

And what a grand vacation you could have this year by choosing to attend the IBM's International Convention in Reno, NV later this month. Details are in the Linking Ring or you can go to www.magician.org to find out more. Making this year's convention so special is that our Roger Miller will be inducted into the office of International President. There is a large contingent planning on being there for Roger's swearing in, and you could join the crowd. So check it out - it's not too late to be a part of history! And by the way, a few weeks ago, Roger underwent bypass surgery and we are glad to report that he is doing fine and looks forward to the Convention and carrying out his duties as Prez!!

We each need to take advantage of every day we have given us to make the most of our lives. Magical, or otherwise. Think back several weeks to the horrific bus accident in Liberty that killed two adults and injured lots of children.

One of those men, David Sandweiss, was a friend of mine for over 25 years. He was a successful businessman, husband, father, and friend to everyone who knew him. We said the usual - "at the wrong place at the wrong time".

Kevin Koster, David's closest friend and business partner, explained it best at the funeral. Kevin said,

**Wear your badge at the meeting
and you may win a prize!**

"God was looking down as the bus was racing out of control and saw the only way to save the lives of all those innocent children - to have David Sandweiss and David Gleason sacrifice their lives to save those of the kids." Thinking this through helped make more sense out of a very painful situation. So let each of us try to live our lives to their fullest and show how we feel in our greetings to each other and in our magical world to bring a smile to another friend, family member, or at our Ring meetings. You'll be glad you did!

Magic Trivia

- 1) Which mentalist was the first to host a nationwide radio show?
 - a. Kreskin
 - b. Dunninger
 - c. Fogel
 - d. Falkenstein

- 2) Mr. Electric is the stage name of _____.
 - a. Marvin Roy
 - b. Jimmy Grippo
 - c. Norm Nielsen
 - d. Dick Zimmerman

- 3) Who billed himself as "This World's Greatest Magician"?
 - a. The Great Tomsoni
 - b. Channing Pollock
 - c. Carl Ballantine
 - d. Nate Leipzig

- 4) Who is the author of *The Encyclopedia of Sponge Ball Magic*?
 - a. Audley Walsh
 - b. Frances Marshall
 - c. Frank Garcia
 - d. Al Goshman

- 5) Which Magician wrote the introductions for the Fitzkee trilogy books?
 - a. Harlan Tarbell
 - b. Charles H. Hopkins
 - c. Bruce Elliott
 - d. Dariel Fitzkee

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March Magician of the Month Winners

Close Up Winner

Mark Myers

Stage Winner

Marty Isenburg

Congratulations to the winners! We look forward to the upcoming performances.

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Tentative Lecture Schedule

David Groves

June 13—7 PM

Aldo Columbini

June 25—7 PM

Tom Jones & Rachel Wild

Aug 15—7 PM

All lectures held at:

US Toy Magic
2008 W. 103rd Terr.
Leawood, KS 66206

Sorcerers Circle: \$5

Regular Member \$6

Non-Member \$15



David Groves... A Lecture on Street Magic

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In August, 1998, David burst onto the magic scene with his 8-page

spread in Magic magazine titled, "Street Magic."

That was the first public mention of his little known lecture notes, Be a Street Magician. The article was so popular that David re-published the lecture notes in a gorgeous book format in December, 1998, titled, "Be a Street Magician: A How to Guide" (Aha! Press, Santa Monica, CA, \$40).

In January, 2005, David made another big splash with the publication of his article, "Magical Vanuatu," an 8-page article in Genii magazine. It is about a trip that he took to the South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu, 800 miles west of Fiji, where he pursued eyewitness accounts of real magic. In addition, he performed magic for the indigenous tribes. These audiences were people who walk around bare-chested, where there is no electricity or indoor plumbing, and where all the natives believe that magic is real. An abbreviated version of the article was also published in the New York Daily News (circulation 840,000, copy enclosed) on Halloween, October 31, 2004.

David has been a full-time magician since 1990. He appears several times a year at the world-famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, and appeared there again this last February 14-20, 2005. In addition, he appeared regularly in Amtrak's Coast Starlight run (Los Angeles to Seattle), a gig consisting of four solid days of magic performance. In four years, he logged 65 four-day trips, until it ended in 1998.

In the mid '90s, David performed for three years on the street, polishing the act that he eventually took to the Magic Castle. In 2003, he started his own weekly magic cabaret, Magic in the 'Burbs, for which he was cohost and weekly performer for two years. David's current specialties are standup-comedy magic and close-up, although the early '90s, has performed

200+ kids' birthday-party shows per year.

David's Lecture

David has delivered his lecture from Los Angeles to New York City, from San Francisco to Hong Kong, From Sydney to Melbourne to Adelaide and beyond.

David's lecture uses his new book, Be a Street Magician, as a starting point. But the lecture's main feature is its diversity. David covers tricks from the street to the parlour, from close-up to stage, from kids' tricks to highly adult miracles. He touches on issues of belief -- in other words, what happens in the audience's mind when confronted with a magic moment. He also discusses how to inspire belief in your own Western Audiences, and what to do with that belief once you have it.

The Street
Cards
Mentalism

and much more will be discussed at David's Lecture



Nearly Normal Laughologist shares at Case Managers Society of Kansas City, Annual Conference. Utilizing a "Power Point Presentation", Humor, Magic and of course the ever present Nigel, Harris Deutsch was a plenary speaker at a recent event at the Convention Center of Overland Park. His Nearly Normal Look at Case Managers was well received by hospital nurses, social workers and doctors. During the last meeting we had a great discussion on the use of Power Point Presentations. If you would like to see an example of Deutsch's creation in this area, please email him at: harris.deutsch@leesummit.k12.mo.us

As always remember to emulate not imitate not only peoples on stage work, but their written and electronic presentations. Deutsch also reports that he uses this type of presentation to make proposals to possible consumers of his Nearly Normal Laughology Programs.

Be safe, well, and have a nearly normal creative summer.

Attention:

The newsletter editor would like your help.

If you have taken pictures at any club events recently or if you plan to bring your digital camera along to future events, the editor would greatly appreciate your sending copies for possible inclusion in future newsletters.

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Sick and Convalescent

If you know of a ring member or their family member how is hospitalized or has passed away Contact:

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Reminder!!!

No Meeting in July

Working in the Area?

In Ring 129 we all share a common bond: the love of magic. If you are performing magic at restaurants or doing any public shows please inform the club so we can support you in your efforts.

We are fortunate to have some of the greatest magicians in the country right here in Kansas City and the success of one is success for all of us. Help us help you by sending information about your shows for submission in upcoming newsletters.

Don't miss the Aldo Colombini lecture!!!
June 25—7 PM @ USTOY

Time is Running Out!!!

If you would like to attend the 2005 IBM Convention it is time to get registered.

Contact Info:

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“The Greatest Annual Magic Convention on Earth”

June 28th to July 2nd, 2005

Reno/Tahoe

Wild Wild West for 2005. The Biggest Little City in the USA will play host to one of the most memorable Magic Conventions the I.B.M. has ever presented. You can register online at www.magician.org, but don't wait too long! While the Reno Hilton Hotel has plenty of rooms at \$99.00 a night, this years convention's limited to 1200 registrants for the four (yes, count them... four) Evening Gala Shows... not to mention at least 10 Lectures, special events and the Lake Tahoe...A vacation bonanza for any magic enthusiast and a treat for the entire family!

Just take a look at some of the talent already booked for performances, lectures, workshops and/or special forums:

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| Les Arnold & Dazzle | Stan Allen |
| Gay Blackstone | Rich Bloch |
| Mike Caveney | Mike Close |
| Aldo Colombini | Steve Dacri |
| Dana Daniels | David Ginn |
| Lee Grabel | Paul Green |
| Tina Lenert | Hank Morehouse |
| Frank Zak | Chip Lowell |
| Cyril Harvey (France) | Mark Kalin & Jinger |
| Jorgos Katsaros (Germany) | Marvyn Roy & Carol |
| Steve Walker (Australia) | Johnny Lonn(Sweden) |
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DON'T MISS THIS CONVENTION!

Kirk DeWeese

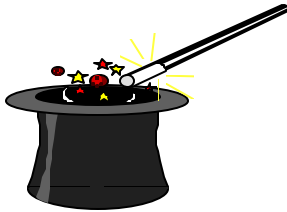
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Articles must be in the Editor's office by the 20th of the month.
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Thanks to our cooperative venture with the U.S. Toy Magic Shop, we have been able to enjoy an unusually high number of lectures this year, and April 16 we were treated to a lecture by one of my personal favorite magicians, Michael Close. Mike's focus is not on teaching tricks but rather on his philosophy of how a trick should be structured. "How would real magic work?" we should ask ourselves. I found the presentation both entertaining and thought-provoking. He also gets high marks for putting his lecture notes on an affordable DVD, minimizing the sales pitch. Our May meeting featured a surprise visit from past president Bob Harness and his wife Martha, who never cancelled their membership despite moving to Texas a number of years ago. Bob did not perform, but he entertained us with some stories of the old days, most notably the time when he loaded a snake into his trousers only to have the creature make a premature appearance in the middle of his act. We welcomed three new members into the ring: Corey Harris, Paul Palmer, and Steve Steiner.

Larry Warshaw then presented a mini-lecture on the logic of card routing, using Harry Lorrayne's "Revelation" as an example. Rod Sipe reported on the magic collectors' convention that he attended recently, which featured a tour of David Copperfield's rarely seen private collection of magic memorabilia.

Two magicians in each category vied for the honor of magician of the month. Mark Myers performed "Acid Roulette" to begin the close-up segment. Ryan Fricke did some gags, including the ambitious card with a one-way forcing deck and a number of puns. Marty Isenberg led off the stage competition with a gross-out act consisting of putting dead flies in his ears and having them come out of his mouth. Harris Deutsch dressed as an old woman (in honor of Mother's Day) and did a number of things. Mark and Marty were selected as winners in the voting. Several performers appeared in the open, non-competitive segment of the evening. Nine-year-old Rachel Franklin, who continues to amaze us with her poise on stage, vanished a silk in a box and had it appear between two other silks. Stu Lewis did some card effects, including a shortened version of Michael Close's "Lie Detector" and Rene Lavand's "It Can't Be Done Any Slower." L.C. Collier and Eric Woods did side-by-side napkin-tearing effects, in which L.C. tore a circle-shaped hole in a napkin and showed the torn-out piece to be a star while Eric did exactly the opposite. The former is Dan Harlan's "Starcle," but the reverse "Starcle" is Eric's own invention. It was an amazing exhibition of how a good trick can be made even better with some creativity. Jason Dean did a multi-phase card routine, with too many card transpositions to be listed here. Ryan Fricke gave a presentation on how to build a carrying case on a limited budget. John Atkinson did a demonstration of knot-tying and a packet three-card monte. Before we knew it, it was time to head up the hill to Applebee's for some socializing on into the night.