



# The Illusion

Dayton Magic Club IBM Ring 5 Newsletter



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November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM  
December meeting is the 12<sup>th</sup>

## NOVEMBER THEME

November Banquet and show with Ken Scott. Please note that the date of the annual Christmas party has changed to November 14th. It will be held at the Life Enrichment Center in Dayton. The LEC will also be catering the event. The social hour will begin at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:00, and the entertainment provided by Ken Scott at 8:00. More info on page 5.

## DECEMBER THEME

December Theme is brought to you by Scott Miller. Don't know what it is, But when let's me know then you will know. More information to come in next month's newsletter.

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## 2008 & 2009 SIGN-UPS

### Trick of the Month

November	Banquet
December	Scott Miller
January	TBA

### Refreshments (Snacks/Drinks)

November	Banquet
December	Reeds / McMechan's
January	TBA

## YOUTH WORKSHOP

The Youth Workshop will now start at 7:30PM. Any youth members who would like to attend the workshop should be at the church by 7:25PM.

There will be no youth workshop in November due to the Banquet.

## KEN SCOTT LECTURE

Date: Saturday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Place: Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church  
 Time: 1:30 PM  
 Cost to Attend: Free for Ring 5 Members in good standing  
 \$10 for Non-Ring 5 Member Adults  
 \$5 for Non-Ring 5 Member Youth

Note: An attendee cannot become a member at the lecture.

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**THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**  
**EVER WONDER DO ROMAN PARAMEDICS REFER TO IV'S AS "4'S"?**

## HOW TO CONTACT THE EDITOR

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## **SANDY SHANER IS SELLING THE SHOP**

ABRACADABRA Costume and Magic Shop is for sale. The building and the business. If you need any particulars call her at 222-6275 or 461-6984

## **KEN SCOTT BIO AND LECTURE**

Come one, come all! A lecture is to be held on November 15th at 1:30 in the afternoon. The event is to be held at the Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church (Ring 5's normal meeting location) located at 2841 Dorothy Lane, Kettering, OH 45420. Guest fees are \$10. Our special guest is Ken Scott.

Ken Scott has over 20 years of experience and has entertained over a million students with his unique cutting edge assembly programs. He was voted the Greater Atlanta Entertainer of the year and performs yearly at the Magic Castle. He has also been asked to perform at the White House 3 times. He has written and performed literature based reading magic shows for public library systems in Georgia for the past 12 years. He has been invited back yearly by librarians across the state to perform his new programs for their Library Summer Reading Program. He travels around the world teaching other children's entertainers his original ideas and routines that he has written and developed. Ken also writes monthly columns in children's performers' publications called The Funny Paper and the Kidabra Journal.

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## **RING REPORT OCTOBER 2008**

Well there is no official ring report.

## **OPTICAL ILLUSION**

What do you see?



## MAGIC & STUFF COMING UP

Unconventional Convention	Cumberland Falls St. Pk., KY	11/3 to 11/4/08
Daytona Festival of Magic	Daytona, FL	11/7 to 11/8/08
Mindconvention	Las Vegas, NV	11/9 to 11/11/08
Yankee Gathering XII	Westborough, MA	11/13 to 11/15/08
Motor City Close-up Convention	Taylor, MI	11/14 to 11/16/08
Troy Hooser Lecture	Middletown, OH	11/17/08
Magifest	Columbus, OH	2/5 to 2/7/08

## THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

- In most television commercials advertising milk, a mixture of white paint and a little thinner is used in place of the milk.
- Prince Charles and Prince William NEVER travel on the same airplane just in case there is a crash.
- The first Harley Davidson motorcycle built in 1903 used a tomato can for a carburetor.
- Most hospitals make money by selling the umbilical cords cut from women who give birth. They are reused in vein transplant surgery.

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## BRAIN TEASERS

### November Brain Teasers

- 1) What do the following words have in common?

**PIG PONY BOB DOVE SWALLOW COTTON**

- 2) A certain number consists of two digits. The number is equal to five times the sum of its digits. If you add 9 to the number, the order of its digits is reversed. What is the number?

- 3) Rearrange the following letters to give the name of a popular movie:

**IF TUNES DO SO MUCH**

- 4) Complete these words by inserting the same three letters in each one.

**ANA\_\_Y CO\_\_NE PRO\_\_UE S\_\_AN**

### Answers to October Brain Teasers

- 1) What number should come next in this series?

**479126 62974 4796 697 ?**

*(79 – the digits of the preceding number are reversed and the lowest digit omitted)*

- 2) Rearrange the following letters to give two different 9-letter words.

**A C C E H I M N S**

*(Mechanics, mischance)*

- 3) There was an old woman who lived in a shoe, and the only food she had for her ten children was six potatoes. How did she make sure that each child had an equal share?

*(She mashed the potatoes and used a spoon)*

- 4) If solving word puzzles if one of the things at which you are proficient, see if you can think of a 9-letter word that contains only one vowel.

*(Strengths there was a clue in the wording of the puzzle)*

## THIS MONTH IN MAGIC

- ❖ November 26, 1993 **Longest Memorized Card Sequence** Memorized with a single sighting a random sequence of 40 separate decks of cards (2080 cards in all) that had been shuffled together, with only one mistake, at the BBC studios, Elstree, England
- ❖ November 3rd, 1994 **Fastest Deck Memorization** Memorized the order of

single deck of cards in 42.01 seconds, Jesus College, Cambridge, England

- ❖ **Harry Blackstone** died November 16, 1965
- ❖ **Burling Hull** died November 1982
- ❖ **Ed Marlo** died November 7, 1991
- ❖ **Bill Bixby** died November 21, 1993

## MAGIC IN THE NEWS

**Angel hopes to bless cursed magic show in Vegas.** LAS VEGAS — Magician-escape artist Criss Angel hopes he can work a whole lot of magic Halloween night here at the Luxor Hotel and Casino. That's because it's the official opening of his long-awaited and controversy-plagued magic extravaganza. Two years in the making, and a collaboration with the venerable Montreal-based Cirque du Soleil, "Believe" combines Angel's brand of artistic (and sometimes-shocking) magic and Cirque's trademark artistry. "Believe" has just finished a month of previews, during which the buzz on the Internet and in one Las Vegas Review-Journal article has painted a less-than positive picture of the production. Those "reviews," though, appeared more than a month ago, when "Believe" was still being tweaked and reworked and fine-tuned. Will mainstream press be as critical? The reviews will be out in force in the next few days. In "Believe" (which takes its name from the last word supposedly uttered by legendary magician Harry Houdini before his death), Angel, according to the official Cirque Web site, "stars as a surreal, enigmatic Victorian Noble. Along a path of imaginative exploration, he encounters Kayala and Crimson, two women who represent

different aspects of femininity, four bizarre Ushers, who will introduce the audience to the baroque theater of Criss' mind and a high-energy troupe of characters and dancers who mix a multitude of styles into a high-energy visual feast, punctuated by moments of grace and sensuality." That's a far cry from Angel's most famous incarnation, that of goth bad-boy on his shocking A&E cable series "Mindfreak." Angel will now be stepping up to bat in a town famous for its megaproduction shows and its magicians, most notably the iconic Sigfried & Roy and the perennial David Copperfield. Is he ready for a 10-year commitment — with 4,600 shows on the schedule?

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**Vegas magicians backing Angel's 'Believe'.** The city's magicians are coming out to support Las Vegas' resident bad-boy illusionist Criss Angel as his Cirque du Soleil show prepares for its Friday public premiere. An unfinished version of "Criss Angel Believe" began preview performances at the Luxor late last month after experiencing several delays. The scaled-back adaptation of the \$100 million show received mixed reviews and some critics predicted the show would fail. This week, those who know Angel's art best — including Lance Burton, Jeff

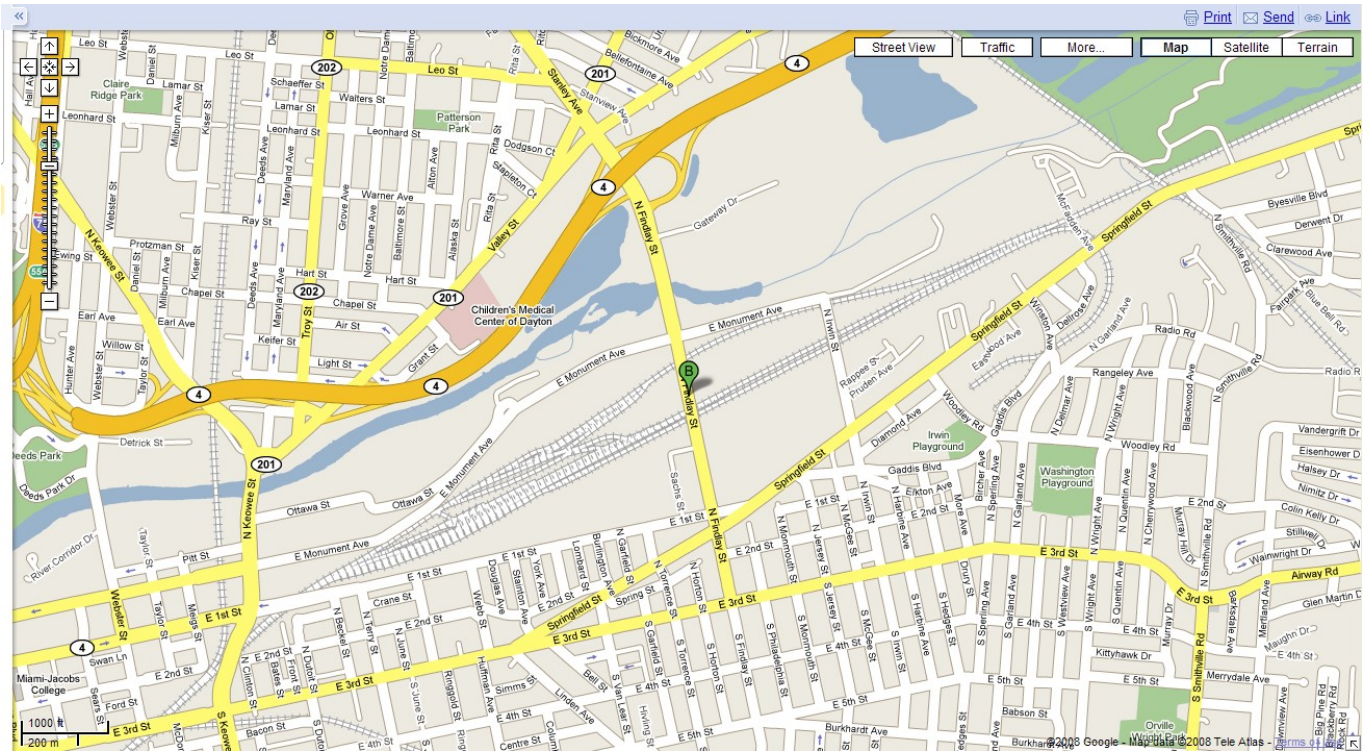
McBride, Penn Jillette, Raymond Teller and Steve Wyrick — have thrown their support behind Angel. "I'm impressed by the scope of the show," McBride said after watching the final preview performance on Tuesday. "As a magician I was absolutely delighted. "I think Criss is really attempting something new here," McBride said. "It's really unprecedented what Criss is doing, a show of this magnitude." McBride said he believes Angel and his show will "re-energize the world of magic." "I think Criss has a really unique vision and an incredible commitment to trying something new and I think that will inspire other magicians to push the envelopes and take risks." Angel invited his colleague into his dressing room after Tuesday's performance. "He seemed very focused on the work and very absorbed in the exploration and execution of the new effects in his show," McBride said. "He seemed very happy and pleased." McBride, whose show, "Magic on the Edge," continues at Palace Station through Nov. 22, said he was impressed by how "amazing and clear (Angel's) energy is." Wyrick, who said he considers Angel "a friend," saw the first preview performance of "Believe" on Sept. 26. Afterward he said he was

impressed by the early version of the show and thought the negative buzz was little more than personal sour grapes. "Everybody's so quick to be critical," he said. "I think the guy needs a break ... I thought the show was good." Though Lance Burton hasn't seen the show in its entirety, he said he is hoping to catch a performance soon. "I look forward to seeing his show and I know it will be fantastic," he said. Burton is credited with assisting Angel and his crew with one of the

prominent water illusions in "Believe." Two of Angel's other friends in the business, local headliners Penn Jillette and Raymond Teller, also have yet to see "Believe," but they will soon. Both are confirmed "black carpet" guests for tonight's gala premiere. "Believe" officially opens today, the 82nd anniversary of the death of Angel's professional inspiration, Harry Houdini. Angel will give two performances, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., and will take Saturday off to recuperate from a night of

celebrating after tonight's shows. Angel and the rest of the "Believe" cast will resume their regular twice-a-night, five-days-a-week schedule on Sunday. The show is under contract to run at the Luxor for the next ten years, with an additional five-year extension option after that. Tickets range in price, from \$59 to \$150, and are available at the Luxor box office.

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If on I-75 S, Merge onto OH-4 N via the exit on the Left toward Springfield  
Take the Stanley Ave. South exit toward Findlay St.  
Turn Right onto Stanley Avenue  
Stanley Avenue becomes N. Findlay St.  
End at 425 N. Findlay St.

From the South:  
If on I-75 N, merge onto OH-4 N via Exit 54 toward Keowee St/Springfield  
Take the Stanley Ave South exit toward Findlay St.  
Turn Right onto Stanley Ave.  
Stanley Avenue becomes N. Findlay St.  
End at 425 N. Findlay St.

**PARK IN THE FRONT PARKING LOT and ENTER THE LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING**

Checkout the Ring 5 Web site: <http://www.geocities.com/DaytonMagicRing5>

You'll find the Ring reports and The Illusion on the site in the News section which is updated monthly. If you want your site linked to the Ring's please email the URL to the Webmaster at: [DaytonMagicRing5@Yahoo.com](mailto:DaytonMagicRing5@Yahoo.com)