



The Illusion

Dayton Magic Club IBM Ring 5 Newsletter



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February 13th at 7:30PM
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FEBRUARY THEME

February Theme is brought to you by Wally Walendzak. The theme is "Magnetic Magic", the idea is to present a trick that uses one or more magnets or magnetic forces, real or perceived.

MARCH THEME

March Theme is brought to you by Al Tokarsky. The theme is unknown at this time I'm sure Al will let me know.

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2009 SIGN-UPS

Trick of the Month

February	Wally Walendzak
March	Al Tokarsky
April	Dave Davis

Refreshments (Snacks/Drinks)

February	John Love / Wally Walendzak
March	Bill West / Dave Truesdell
April	Dave Davis

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.

2009 DUES ARE DUE

Remember that Ring 5 membership dues (\$10 for adults, \$5 for youth) for 2009 were due before or at our January meeting. Paying your dues allow you to remain a member in good standing. If you did not pay your dues then you are not allowed to vote for anything.

2009 ELECTIONS

February Meeting is the election of new Ring 5 Officers. You have to be a member in good standing (have paid your dues) to vote.

RING 5 OFFICERS 2007-08

President	Jessica Reed	937-456-1330
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	Fred & Millie Witwer, Larry McMechan	
The Illusion Editor	Dave Davis	937-372-3945

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH
EVER WONDER WHAT DO YOU CALL MALE BALLERINAS?

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

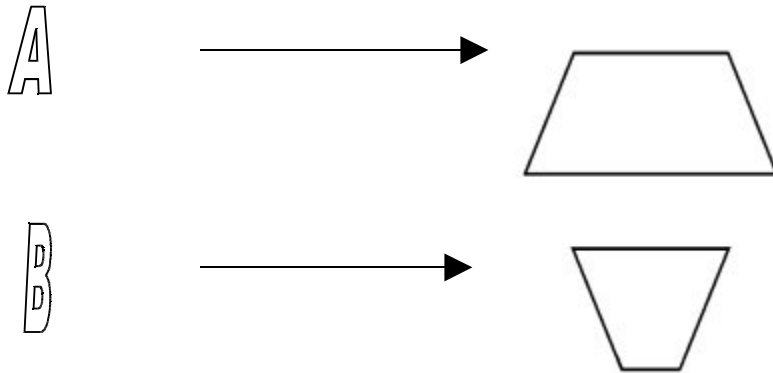
WHO IS DOING WHAT IN 2009

Month	Trick of the Month	Theme	Refreshments: Snack	Refreshments: Drinks
January	Bill West	"Dust off the Rust"	Wally Walendzak	Barry Secrest
February	Wally Walendzak	Magnetic Magic	John Love	Wally Walendzak
March	Al Tokarsky		Bill West	Dave Truesdell
April	Dave Davis	Dave Davis	Dave Davis	Dave Davis
May	Mike Herrick		Bob Pfeifer	Barbara Pfeifer
June	Jim Karns	Jim Karns	Steven Vamos	Millie Witwer
July	Oran Dent		Mike Herrick	Mike Herrick
August	Bill West (?)	BYO	BYO	BYO
September	Scott Miller		Scott Miller	Thurman Smith
October	Oran Dent		Millie Witwer	Al Tokarsky
November	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party
December	Wally Walendzak		Reeds/McMechans	

RING REPORT JANUARY 2009

Well sorry there is no ring report.

OPTICAL ILLUSION



What do you see? Which is longer A or B?

MAGIC & STUFF COMING UP

Magifest	Columbus, OH	2/5 to 2/7/09
World Magic Seminar	Las Vegas, NV	3/1 to 3/4/09
Winter Carnival of Magic	Pigeon Forge, TH	3/5 to 3/7/09
Abbotts Close-up Convention	Colon, MI	3/13 to 3/14/09
Mark Leveridge Lecture	Dayton, OH	4/18/09
Hank Lee Cape Cod Magic Conclave	Falmouth, MA	4/17 to 4/19/09
Fechter's Finger Flicking Frolic	Batavia, NY	4/22 to 4/25/09
International Battle of Magicians	Canton, OH	4/30 to 5/2/09
IBM Convention	Nashville, TN	6/30 to 7/4/09
SAM Convention	Buffalo, NY	7/15 to 7/18/09

THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

- It takes your food seven seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach.
- One human hair can support 3 kg (6 lb).
- Human thighbones are stronger than concrete.
- A woman's heart beats faster than a man's.
- There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet.

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BRAIN TEASERS

February Brain Teasers

- 1) Rearrange the following letters to give the title of a 1979 movie

OWN COSY APPEAL

- 2) How much more available capacity is there in twenty 4 gallon cans that are half full than in 24 gallon cans that are half empty?

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

REST PIECE BAND LAND STAND

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

M---EW M---ER EV---OER

Answers to January Brain Teasers

- 1) Rearrange the following letters to give two different 11-letter words

A C D E E I N O R S T

(CONSIDERATE, DESECRATION)

- 2) Replace the question mark by the correct mathematical signs to make the expression equal to 99.
- 16 ? 12 ? 2 ? 3 = 99**

16 multiplied by 12 divided by 2 plus 3 equals 99

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

TO BACK OFF SQUARE SAIL

(Each may be preceded by SET to form a new word or phrase)

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

(ACH : TEACHER SACHET EARACHE)

THIS MONTH IN MAGIC

❖ **Charles Joseph Carter** died February 13, 1936

❖ **J.B. Bobo** born February 11, 1910

❖ **Richard Humber** born 20 February 1900

❖ **Harlan Tarbell** born on February 23, 1890

MAGIC IN THE NEWS

David Copperfield Assistant Rushed to Hospital During Las Vegas Show

One of David Copperfield's magician's assistants was rushed to the hospital with a severe injury during the finale performance of his MGM Grand Las Vegas show Wednesday, a rep for Copperfield tells Usmagazine.com. "During an illusion where David attempts to walk through the rotating blades of a 12-foot high industrial fan, the fan and its platform were being rotated by one of David's illusion technicians," the rep says. "Just prior to David himself walking through the fan, [the assistant] was accidentally pulled into the vortex of the moving fan blades, causing injury to his arm and face." The Clark County Fire Department confirms that they received a call at 11:25 p.m. from the theater. "It was reported that someone's arm was stuck in a fan prop," Scott Allison, the fire department's spokesperson, tells Us. When paramedics arrived, the assistant's arm was free and had suffered severe bleeding. The assistant, named Brandon (his last name is withheld for his privacy), broke his arm in multiple places. "The surgery

was several hours wherein the doctors could insert pins and bolts," the rep says. "There was a puncture on his face requiring eight or nine stitches. The Copperfield crew waited at the hospital during his arm and face surgery." Copperfield was there when he woke up and presented him with a children's magic set to practice on during his recovery, his rep says. "Brandon is a fantastic guy that has been with our team almost a year and is a loyal and hard-working illusion technician that is truly loved by all who know him," Copperfield tells Us. "If he gets too good with the magic set, Im in big trouble!" An eyewitness to the incident tells Us that when it happened, the audience "heard a thump." The eyewitness adds: "One of the assistants dropped to the floor. The curtain came down partially. Blood was everywhere, and the other assistants dragged the victim back. Then the curtain closed all the way." Shortly after, "Copperfield came out and said, 'We have an emergency and we might have to end the show...please give me two minutes.' He came back a minute later and said, 'I'm sorry, the show is over...if you want your money back,

refunds will be given," says the audience member. *So You Think You Can Dance* judge Mary Murphy -- who happened to be in the audience that night -- calls the moment "shocking. "Everyone around me thought it was a joke; part of the show," she tells Us. "But from my vantage point I could see clearly how serious it was. I pray that he is all right." According to Copperfield's rep, Brandon is still in the hospital. But the show will go on. The hotel source tells Us: "From what I've been told, David still intends to do both his shows this evening, as scheduled." "The show will go on thanks to Davids amazing, hard-working crew, after rehearsing all day to fill in for Brandon," Copperfield's rep says. Many people assume that the death-defying illusions I do on stage are not dangerous," Copperfield tells Us. "This unfortunate accident shows that couldn't be further from the truth, and were just thankful that Brandons injuries weren't worse. An MGM spokesperson had no comment. Copperfield's 90-minute show, "An Intimate Evening of Grand Illusion," is scheduled to run through January.

Criss Angel's Vegas Show In Crisis!

As we [mentioned last month](#), Criss Angel's new Cirque du Soleil show, *Believe*, opened to very very bad reviews. Even large publications have [bashed](#) the shiteous show. And now, in what looks to be a sign of bad times for the show, tickets are already being offered at almost half price! The official site [mentions](#) everyone can enjoy "A Haunting Journey with Criss Angel at 40% Off." Only 40% off? Maybe if it were free people would be willing to go watch it. The site adds: "CRISS ANGEL Believe is a haunting exploration deep inside the inventive mind of mystifyer Criss Angel as he hovers between the land of the living and a surreal world. Enjoy 40% off tickets to select performances to CRISS ANGEL Believe!" Wonder if the show's closing is coming anytime soon?

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Melbourne's Magic Age Featured in New Exhibit

The young, Australian museum curator Simon Gregg believes "the history of Melbourne as two parallel stories: one about the development of a modern-day metropolis and the other about the emergence of floating ladies, vanishing handkerchiefs, straitjacket escapes and a bottomless barrel of logic-defying tricks and illusions." Mr. Gregg is featured in a big way in Melbourne's *The Age* for his new museum exhibit Hocus Pocus: Melbourne Magic, Mystery and Illusion. The show starts next week, December 6, at the beautiful City Museum. The focus is "the city's so-called golden era of magic, from 1850 to 1950." Gold was discovered in Melbourne's environs during the 19th Century. And where there is gold, there are people. And where there are people, there are audiences. And where there is an audience, there is bound to be at least one magician. Mr. Gregg believes Melbourne's "emergence as a magic town came to be after the discovery

of gold and the subsequent population explosion of the 1850s." Gold was discovered in Melbourne's environs during the 19th Century. And where there is gold, there are people. And where there are people, there are audiences. And where there is an audience, there is bound to be at least one magician. Mr. Gregg believes Melbourne's "emergence as a magic town came to be after the discovery of gold and the subsequent population explosion of the 1850s." The big stars of the day travelled by ship to Australia and brought along their crates of equipment and troupes of assistants. Because the journey was lengthy and expensive, Mr. Gregg says only the best of the best could afford the fare. So Melbourne audiences saw the true masters such as Chung Ling Soo, Dante, and Harry Houdini. Mr. Gregg said he was "blown away by how many of the greatest magicians of all time actually came to Melbourne."

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