



# The Illusion

Dayton Magic Club IBM Ring 5 Newsletter



April 2009

Volume 8 Issue 4

Next Meeting will be  
April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM  
May meeting is the 8<sup>th</sup>

## APRIL THEME

April Theme is brought to you by Dave Davis. The theme is how do you promote your self magically. Show the Ring how you let people or possible clients that you are a magician. Is it an effect or a handout/give-a-way, or a magical way to hand out your card. Bring it to April's meeting.

## MAY THEME

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

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## 2009 SIGN-UPS

### Trick of the Month

April	Dave Davis
May	Mike Herrick
June	Jim Karns

### Refreshments (Snacks/Drinks)

April	Dave Davis
May	Bob Pfeifer/ Barbara Pfeifer
June	Steven Vamos/ Millie Witwer

## 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. *No Workshop in April due change of meeting place.*

## APRIL MEETING

Due to the church not being available, the April meeting will be held at the LEC, 425 N. Findlay St. Dayton. See map & directions on page 7

## MARK LEVERIDGE LECTURE

Mark Leveridge Lecture (Ring 5) The Mark Leveridge lecture will be held Saturday 4/18/09 at 3:00 p.m. at the City Building at 44 W. Hebble, Fairborn. Admission is \$10 for guests who are not Ring 5 members. See map & directions on page 6.

## RING 5 OFFICERS 2009-10

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	Fred & Millie Witwer,	
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## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

**EVER WONDER WHY DO AMERICANS DRIVE ON PARKWAYS AND PARK ON DRIVEWAYS?**

## 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	Magic with Cups	Bill West	Dave Truesdell
April	Dave Davis	Magical Promotion	Dave Davis	Dave Davis
May	Mike Herrick		Bob Pfeifer	Barbara Pfeifer
June	Jim Karns	Outside the Box”	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 MARCH 2009

Our March meeting started with a short business portion. At this meeting, we had our installation of new officers Territorial Representative Ron Frank was present to preside over the ceremony. Congratulations to the following new officers: Matthew David Stanley (President), Mike Herrick (absent - Family emergency) (Vice-President), Barb Pfeifer, (Secretary), John Love (Treasurer), and Al Tokarsky (Sergeant-at-Arms). In addition, our new Board members are Oran Dent, Larry McMechan (absent – performing), Jim Karns, Jessica Reed (absent – performing), Fred Witwer, and Millie Witwer. Well deserved thanks go to our outgoing officers from the

past year: Jessica Reed (President), John Collier (Vice-President), Barb Pfeifer (Secretary), Jim Karns (Treasurer), and Al Tokarsky (Sergeant-at-Arms).

As usual, we enjoyed a great time for refreshments and friendship between our business meeting and magic performances. Thanks go to Bill West and Dave Truesdell for providing refreshments this month.

The magic theme for this month, “Magic with Cups,” selected by Al Tokarsky. To start the magic for the evening Fred Witwer first demonstrated a “dove egg” pan producing a bunny, he then followed with a Coffee Vase (from the Jay Marshall Estate auction) producing a silk and coins from the empty

coffee vase. Oran Dent followed with a presentation of the “Silky Milky” effect on audience member Katie West. Next, Dave Davis presented his funny version of a Chop Cup and Ball routine that he did “Using Forceful Authority” to get it to work properly. Subsequently, Scott Miller presented an effect of a disappearing 3 half dollars and reappearing them inside a shot glass which was under an upside down glass. Ron Frank amazed the audience with a “Magical Clue Game” which he predicted the Where, What and Who, of the murdered subject using 3 different volunteers and never seeing there choices from a list of Where, What and Who choices. Next, Matthew David Stanley presented a funny

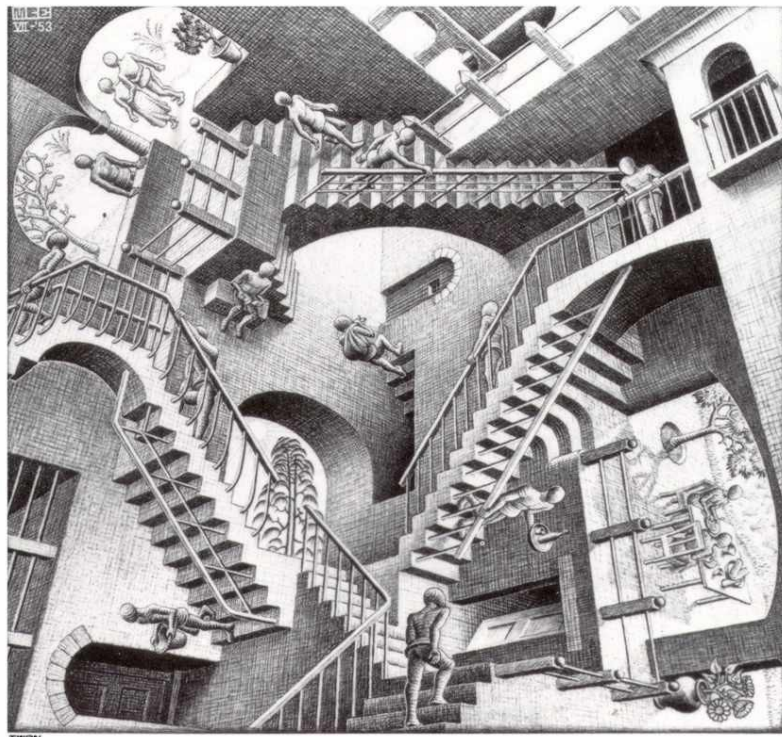
mind reading effect using a pole with a pail attached and a rubber banded deck of cards in it, and 4 volunteers all across the room, naming all the cards that they had peeked at. Ending the magic for the evening, Al Tokarsky presented the Trick-of-the-Month, how to pour water into a cup and then instantly produce an ice cube from that

same cup. He also showed us the working of a "Do as I Do" puzzle with 3 cups turning two at a time to achieve the solution, and an old classic coin vanish from under a upside down cup. The last effect that he performed was using 6 Styrofoam cups and a six sided die. A volunteer would roll a die and which ever number was rolled Al

would smash that cup. Five of the cups had a chocolate treat under it and under 1 cup was a raw egg. With some magical luck, Al did not crush the raw egg. Our magic and meeting came to an end, but a fun time was had by all.

Dave Davis

## OPTICAL ILLUSION



What do you see?

## 15TH ANNUAL 2 DAY MAGIC AUCTION

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## MAGIC & STUFF COMING UP

Niagara Comedy & Magic Seminar	Niagara Falls, Ontario	4/3 to 4/5/09
Miracles and Magic Show	Columbus, OH	4/4/09
Mark Leveridge Lecture (Ring 5)	Fairborn, 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
15 <sup>th</sup> Annual 2 day Magic Auction	Eaton, OH	5/23 & 5/24/09
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

- The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.
- The youngest pope was 11 years old.
- The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.
- Those San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

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## BRAIN TEASERS

### April Brain Teasers

- 1) Rearrange the letters of the following phrase to give the title of a classic western movie:

**MAIN EVENT FIGHT SCENE**

- 2) Which is the largest number?  
(a) The number of half-pints in 45 gallons,  
(b) The number of half-inches in 10 yards,  
(c) The number of half-seconds in 6 minutes
- 3) What do the following words have in common?

**BACK BREAK DISH RAIN UNDER**

- 4) Rearrange these letters to form five different 8-letter words:

**A E G I L N R T**

### Answers to March Brain Teasers

- 1) Rearrange each of these girls' names to give a boy's name

**DOLLY DIANA IRENE LYNNE**  
(LLOYD, AIDAN, ERNIE, LENNY)

- 2) What should the tenth number in this series be  
**3, 3, 5, 4, 4, 3, 5, 5, 4, ?**  
3 (The series shows the number of letters in the words ONE TWO THREE)

- 3) A man, when asked by his niece how old he was, replied, "My age is now four times yours, but five years ago it was five times yours." How old was he?  
(80)

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

**A---BIC CON---N VI---OY**  
(CER: ACERBIC, CONCERN, VICEROY)

## THIS MONTH IN MAGIC

- ❖ **Joseph Dunninger** born April 28, 1892
- ❖ **Kevin James** born April 28, 1962
- ❖ **Jay Alexander** born April 10, 1968
- ❖ **Dave Davis**, born April 13, 1956
- ❖ **David Blaine** born April 4, 1973
- ❖ **Benjamin Rucker** died April 10, 1934 was **Black Herman**

## MAGIC IN THE NEWS

### Jackman Learning the 'Tricks' of the HOUDINI 'Trade'

Fox News is reporting that [Hugh Jackman](#), looks to be hard at work prepping to "reappear" on Broadway in the original musical, HOUDINI in the spring of 2010.

While Jackman has been seen out and about in New York, most recently at the Broadway opening of [God of Carnage](#), his real reason for being in town reveals Fox, is the early creative rehearsals of the Harry Houdini musical he has been rumored to star in as the famed illusionist. Hugh is learning Houdini's magic tricks, tricks that must be reproduced faithfully eight times a week on stage. To read the new report click [here](#). Earlier reports revealed that Hugh is "already working on magic routines. The show, when it materializes, would include Jackman replicating big Houdini tricks on stage. Hugh has already played a magician in the movie, "The Prestige," so he's already ahead of the game. Magician extraordinaire [Ricky Jay](#) is said to be giving him advice. Tony Award-winning producer [Scott Sanders](#) and Tony-nominated architect/set

designer [David Rockwell](#) had announced plans to present HOUDINI, An Original Musical on Broadway in the spring of 2010 a number of months ago. The creative team includes [Danny Elfman](#) (music), [David Yazbek](#) (lyrics), Kurt Andersen (book), and [Jack O'Brien](#) (direction). HOUDINI, An Original Musical marks the Broadway debuts of Mr. Elfman and Mr. Andersen, and first-time producing debut for Mr. Rockwell, who will also design the sets.

Harry Houdini (1874-1926), one of the world's most famous and stupefying escape artists, was known to constantly up the ante. Throughout his career, the magician seemed capable of outwitting any restraint or obstacle - from handcuffs to jail cells to underwater traps and underground caves to thick walls. The only exception was his inability to satisfy his driving, obsessive quest to challenge the limitations of being human. HOUDINI, An Original Musical ultimately deals with the human yearning for astonishment and miracles-both manmade and supernatural-and the quest to defy death.

"When [David Rockwell](#) asked me to join him as a co-lead producer, I didn't hesitate for a moment. Houdini is an amazing, iconic figure who continues to captivate our imagination more than 80 years after his death. His colorful world defines the theatrical and, combined with this remarkable creative team, will make for a fascinating and entertaining musical," says [Scott Sanders](#).

"The musical theater has always been a passion of mine, and I can't imagine a more thrilling opportunity than the creation of a new musical, especially with this team" adds [David Rockwell](#). Broadway theatre, casting and full design team will be announced at a later date.

### Ring News

We normally have initiations in April. But since we will not be at our regular meeting place, we will have them in May. The people to be initiated are:

- Tommy Young
- Chuck McKinney
- Chris Rednour
- Bob Pocius
- Justin Uy
- Tom Casper
- Warren Kearney

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### MARK LEVERIDGE LECTURE

Mark has been a full time professional magician since 1981 and since that time has brought his particular brand of comedy magic to a huge number of events both large and small. Much of the magic that Mark uses in his performances he has invented himself, and in fact Mark is well known in the magic world for his range of exclusive products which he sells to entertainers worldwide via his mail order company Mark Leveridge Magic.

Mark is a member of the Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star, which is the furthest you can go in that organisation, and he has also won a number of magic competitions, the most notable being the Zina Bennett Close Up Magic Trophy which is awarded by the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

When you book Mark to entertain your guests you can rest assured that you are engaging someone who is highly experienced and who will provide top quality entertainment which will enhance your occasion and enthrall all your guests!

#### Directions

From HWY 675 to HWY 235 westward, which becomes Xenia Ave. in Fairborn.

From Xenia Ave., right onto Central Avenue to Hebble.

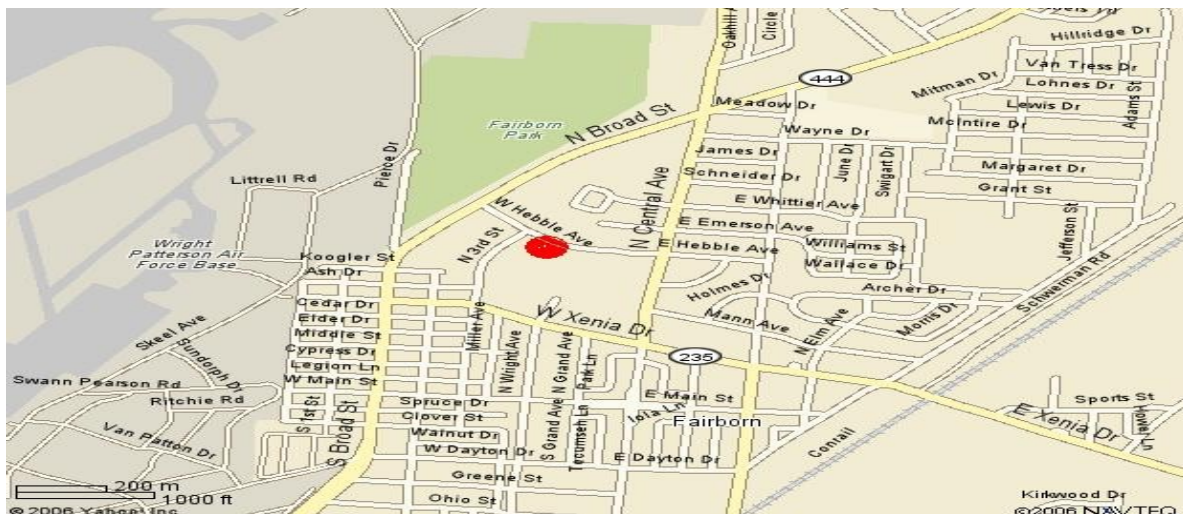
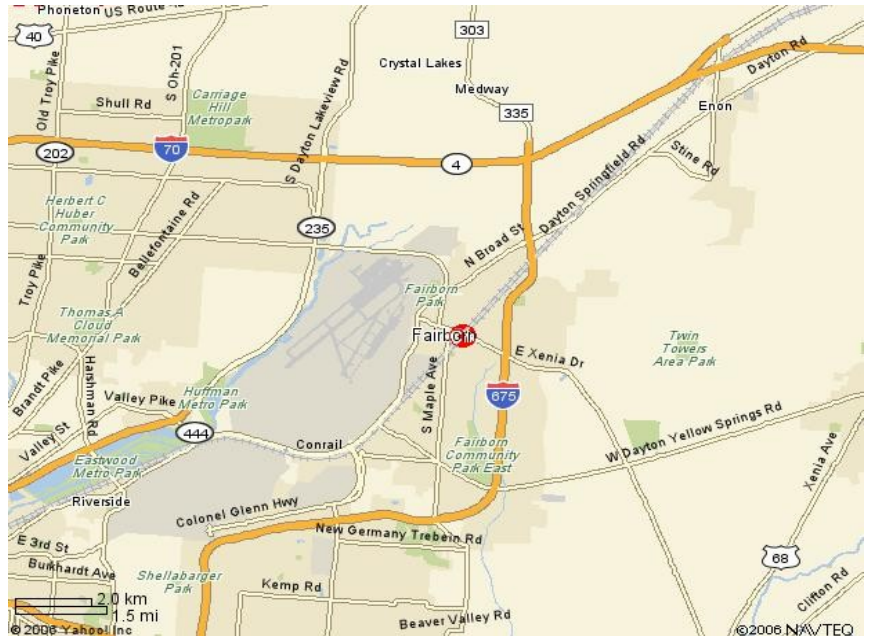
Left onto Hebble to **44 W. Hebble**, the City Building (across from the Post Office).

OR

From HWY 444 which is Broad Street in Fairborn.

From Broad Street to W. Hebble.

Right onto W. Hebble to **44 W. Hebble**, the City Bldg.



## APRIL'S MEETING PLACE

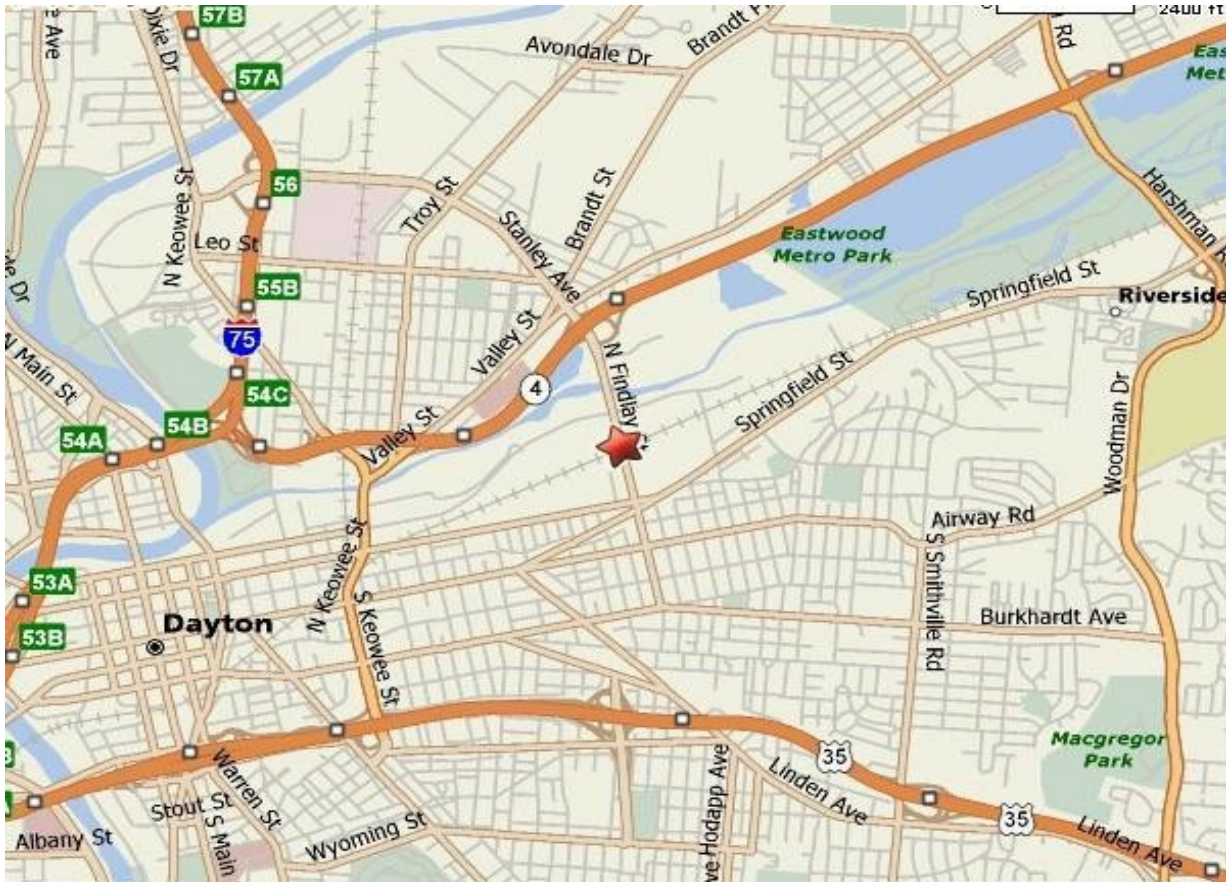
From the North:

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.  
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PARK IN THE BACK PARKING LOT AND ENTER THE LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER FROM THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING



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