



The Illusion

Dayton Magic Club IBM Ring 5 Newsletter



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Next Meeting will be
May 8th at 7:30PM
June meeting is the 12th

MAY THEME

May Theme is brought to you by Mike Herrick. The theme is Comedy Magic, show us or tell us about your favorite comedy routine. Or tell us about a time when things did not go as planned and it turned into a huge laugh.

JUNE THEME

June Theme is brought to you by Jim Karns. The theme is "Outside the Box" newly bought magic. Show us or tell us about the new magic that have recently bought.

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2009 SIGN-UPS

Trick of the Month

May	Mike Herrick
June	Jim Karns
July	Oran Dent

Refreshments (Snacks/Drinks)

May	Bob Pfeifer/ Barbara Pfeifer
June	Steven Vamos/ Millie Witwer
July	Mike Herrick both

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 May due Initiation during the meeting*

INITIATION AT MAY MEETING

Initiation for membership is this May! The Initiations of the new members are closed to guests. After Initiations of the new members, guests will be allowed to attend the rest of the meeting. The following are scheduled to be Initiation: *Tommy Young, Chuck McKinney, Chris Rednour, Bob Pocius, Justin Uy, Tom Casper, Warren Kearney, Greg Rexrode*

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

EVER WONDER IF ATHEISM IS A NON-PROPHET ORGANIZATION?

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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	Comedy Magic	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 APRIL 2009

Since our April meeting night fell on Good Friday and Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church (our normal meeting place) was unavailable, we met at the Life Enrichment Center (LEC), thanks go to Mike Herrick for the meeting arrangements. After a brief business meeting, we broke out for refreshments (provided by Dave Davis) and fellowship.

When we were all refreshed, we started on the Magic. The theme for April selected by Dave Davis was "Promoting yourself magical or how do you let someone know magically that you are a magician". Oran Dent discussed the importance of no matter what you are doing, promoting or letting them know you are a magician, the

best way, was to perform a trick (preferably with the magic happening in their hands). Al Tokarsky demonstrated a way to promote yourself with something you have on your person. He produced a printed business card from a blank card using his wallet and some magic gestures. He also discussed his use of rubber bands, (they're always on his wrist), when asked what they were for, by doing a trick with one of them. Matt Stanley then showed the ring his DVD promos which he had been working on for the last few months and just finished. Wally Walendzak showed the ring the different things that he had produced with his computer: trailer hitch "plug", table tents, magnetic signs,

and a brochure all with his logo and contact info. All the things looked professional and were easy to see and get the needed information to contact him. Scott Miller did several effects and routines for the ring. First off he showed everyone the new close-up table that he had made, with its ability to tilt so the audience could see the magic if they were farther back and a shelf that could be slid out to be used as a servant. Scott first routine was an "endless chain" routine using John Love and Barbara Pfeiffer who gambled with Scott's money. He also preformed a "Ramsey Coin Cylinder" routine he is working on for suggestions and pointers; he received some good suggestions from

the ring membership. His next effect was a “Card-o-graph” routine using business cards; he got this effect from several different resources. A “Magic Squares” on the back of a business card was next. He finished with a mental effect using three objects. Oran Dent picked two and Oran chose which one to give back, Scott then showed everyone that he had the exact item in his other hand which was the one Oran had given back. Dave Davis then performed the trick of the month. The trick of the month was how to take one business card off a stack of

blank business cards, place in his hand on one side and (using the magic words and gestures) have it come out the other side printed with his business card. His second effect was taking one of his business cards with a picture of a coke bottle, using a hole punch and punching a hole in it, then removed the hole from his card and then the hole appeared on the card in John Love’s hand. Dave also showed the ring the magic wand that is given to volunteers, unrolling the wand you find a coupon and contact info for Dave and two

tricks that are easy to learn and do. Jessica Reed was next with a report on the Reed Sisters and family trip to France, the time spent in Paris with Boris Wild and their performance on the French Rivera. We all enjoyed the report and wish we could have been there too.

The magic and meeting came to an end, but a fun time was had by all.

Dave Davis

OPTICAL ILLUSION

What do you see?



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MAGIC & STUFF COMING UP

International Battle of Magicians	Canton, OH	4/30 to 5/2/09
100th Annual Salute To Magic,	Manhattan Center, NYC, NY	5/16/09
15 th 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
Abbott's Magic Get Together	Colon, MI.	8/5 to 8/8/09
Magi-Celebration	Colon, MI.	8/5 to 8/8/09
Midwest Magic Jubilee	St. Louis, MO.	8/13 to 8/15/09
T.A.O.M.	Houston, TX	9/4 to 9/7/09
Magic In The Rockies	Fort Collins, CO	9/10 to 9/13/09

THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

- Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David, Hearts - Charlemagne, Clubs - Alexander, the Great, Diamonds - Julius Caesar.
- 111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321
- "I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- Conception occurs more often in December than any other month.

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BRAIN TEASERS

May Brain Teasers

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

**STURDY THIRSTY CALMNESS
DEFORMED INOPERATIVE**

- 2) I have five letters and five addressed envelopes.

If I place the letters in the envelopes at random what are the chances that only four letters are in their correct envelopes?

- 3) Here are the names of four colors, with the vowels removed. What are the four colors?

NDG CRS MRN MGNT

- 4) Rearrange these letters to form the name of a famous writer

I AM A WEAKISH SPELLER

Answers to April Brain Teasers

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

**MAIN EVENT FIGHT SCENE
(THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN)**

- 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

(The numbers are the same 720 in each case)

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

BACK BREAK DISH RAIN UNDER

(Each maybe followed by WATER to give a new word)

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

A E G I L N R T

*ALERTING, ALTERING, INTEGRAL, RELATING,
TRIANGLE*

THIS MONTH IN MAGIC

May 16, 1908, at Ford's Theatre in Baltimore, **Harry Kellar** passed his magician's wand to **Howard Thurston** who was performing with him on his farewell tour, thus extending the Royal Dynasty of Magicians which represents the premier classicist magician in the world. The Dynasty began in 1896 when **Hermann the Great** (Alexander Herrmann) died, passing the mantle to Harry Kellar. Upon his retirement in 1908, Kellar passed the mantle to Howard Thurston. Thurston died in 1936, having selected **Dante the Magician** (Harry August Jansen) to carry on the tradition. In 1955, Dante passed the mantle on to **Lee Grabel**. And although Grabel retired in 1959, he waited until 1994 when he finally found a magician worthy of the honor, to pass the mantle once again. On May 12, 1994, Grabel chose **Lance Burton** as the next member of the Royal Dynasty of Magicians.

MAGIC IN THE NEWS

Michael Messing gives new meaning to the phrase "bag of tricks."

Instead of a top hat, the red-vested magician carries a black-and-blue duffel bag filled with balloons, handkerchiefs, cards - and rabbits.

Never mind that the rabbits are about 2 inches long and made of foam. They are enough to keep the chemotherapy patients at the University of Tennessee Cancer Institute entertained while they receive treatments.

The Akima Club, a women's service organization designed to enrich the Knoxville community, sponsored the Tuesday morning outing where Messing performed for individual patients. The club relies on Messing, a full-time magician, as part of its outreach programming.

"It's especially rewarding to relieve people's minds, even for a little while," Messing said of his visit to the Cancer Institute.

Messing, 47, partnered with the Akima Club in 1995 to help fulfill its mission of "giving of ourselves and our resources with respect, dedication and

compassion." Akima has since sponsored his unique performances at the Cancer Institute, the Tennessee School for the Deaf and the Gateway Center for teens with substance-abuse problems.

Becky Blankenbeckler, Akima's president, called Messing "a great ambassador" for the organization. Blankenbeckler said the club provides entertainers to organizations or facilities where people have trouble seeing shows on their own.

The club recently formed its own musical group, the Akima Singers, and puts on a biennial cabaret that raises enough money to provide two years' worth of entertainment to community groups.

Messing enjoys performing in Akima shows as often as possible, and it keeps him "grounded," he said.

Messing did not have room for his big tricks (sawing a lady in half) Tuesday, but his pocket-sized illusions kept his audience on its toes. When his hand-held rabbits magically multiplied in Kathy Pierson's fist, she broke out in a grin.

"You're too good!" Pierson gushed.

Pierson, of Clinton, Tenn., receives treatments every other week at the institute, but it was the first time she had seen Messing's act. Messing joked as he inflated a balloon that "having a lot of hot air comes in handy."

But he wasn't just blowing smoke.

Pierson, admiring her new pink balloon rabbit, said, "You have turned an ugly day into a great one!"

Ring News

The Mark Leveridge Lecture was on April 18th. If you missed it, you missed a very good lecture with many commercial effects. Mark was very entertaining, funny, informative and generous with all who attended. Thanks Scott for making all the arrangements to allow Mark to spend a delightful afternoon with the ring.

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April 10th at 7:30 PM
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