



The Illusion

Dayton Magic Club IBM Ring 5 Newsletter



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Next Meeting will be
June 12th at 7:30PM
July meeting is the 10th

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.

JULY THEME

July Theme is brought to you by Oran Dent. The theme is not known at this time. I'm sure Oran will let me know as soon as he knows and I'll then let you know.

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2009 SIGN-UPS

Trick of the Month

June	Jim Karns
July	Oran Dent
August	BYO

Refreshments (Snacks/Drinks)

June	Steven Vamos/ Millie Witwer
July	Mike Herrick both
August	BYO

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.

INITIATION AT MAY MEETING

Initiation for membership was at the May meeting. The following were initiated: **Bob Pocius, Justin Uy, Warren Kearney, Greg Rexrode.** The ring would like to welcome these new members to our ring.

RING 5 OFFICERS 2009-10

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

EVER WONDER IF A DEAF PERSON SWEARS, DOES HIS MOTHER WASH HIS HANDS WITH SOAP?

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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	Water Magic	Reeds/McMechans	

RING REPORT MAY 2009

Our May meeting started with a brief amount of business. The Initiation of new members into Ring 5 came next. Bob Pocius, Justin Uy, Warren Kearney, Greg Rexrode were all initiated. There was a mention made that this was one of the finest initiation programs we have ever had. All the candidates exhibited a great deal of thought and preparation. We then broke out for refreshments (provided by Bob and Barbara Pfeifer) and some fellowship.

When we were all invigorated by the refreshments, we started on the Magic. The theme for May selected by Mike Herrick was “Comedy Magic”. Mike discussed his thoughts on Comedy and Magic. He made a point that comedy and magic did go together but that they should not be forced. That what a magician may do something that is funny and that same thing may

not work for you. Another point, giving the example of David Williamson, in how his way of telling jokes and his antics and his delivery, may also not work for you or any other magician for that matter. You have to find your own style. He then preformed a change bag routine with volunteer Katie West which he has been doing for years and why it can be funny without putting in a lot of jokes. Mike also suggested that some tricks are inherently funny and are often requested even if the trick has been seen many times before. Larry McMechan then demonstrated the point by performing the hysterical “The Vanishing Bandana Trick”, which he was learning at the meeting, he even had the instruction CD which he played for the ring. It’s hard to believe that this was the first time he had preformed the trick (*at least on*

the 8th of May). The new initiated ring member Justin Uy then demonstrated how to waterproof your cell phone magically. He borrowed a cell phone from John Love then proceeded to magically put the cell phone inside an air filled balloon. Katie West then showed the ring her new magic case. She pulled out a magic wand and handed it to her volunteer Dave Davis which broke in his hand, then she took it back and it was fixed, again giving it to Dave where it once again broke. She also gave some beaded necklaces to Dave to wear, getting a laugh from the audience. Katie also pulled out and showed her version of a dribble glass. Wally Walendzak showed the ring two different things that he had made. First was his version of the Obama Stimulus Package, showing a small book that had blank pages

in it, using some magic he then showed that all the pages were now cash with the current commander-in-chief's picture on them. Second trick was his new camera which was very flat (*about the size of a tablet of paper*), he took a picture of someone after he stated, "Do you want me to take a picture of you?" The picture was developed inside the camera and sure enough it was a picture of "YOU". He then took several other pictures and they were all different funny pictures. Next up was Dave Davis who showed the ring the hilarious "Famous Red Hanky in the Fist Vanish". Pretty sure that all present were totally baffled in how he did that trick, he then showed everyone what to not do with the giant thumb tip (*with bright red thumbnail*) he had used to perform the magic vanish/reappear. With the giant TT in plain view he then made

the red hanky vanish once again baffling everyone. Scott Miller did a riotous production from a very small magic hat (*about the size of a thimble*) of a sponge bunny and sponge dove. He then transformed the dove into another bunny. With his volunteer Barbara Pfeifer assisting him, those mischief bunnies were everywhere but where they were supposed to be. Finally the two bunnies became a whole bunch of bunnies in Barb's hand. Mike Herrick then preformed the trick of the month. The trick of the month was a uproarious mind reading effect with volunteers Oran Dent and guest Joe Harrison. Mike had is "Mind and Thought Broadcasting Cap" (*looked a lot like a toilet plunger*) which he placed on Oran's head. Oran selected a card and showed everyone. Then Joe looked at the cards that Mike flipped through and with the help of the "Mind

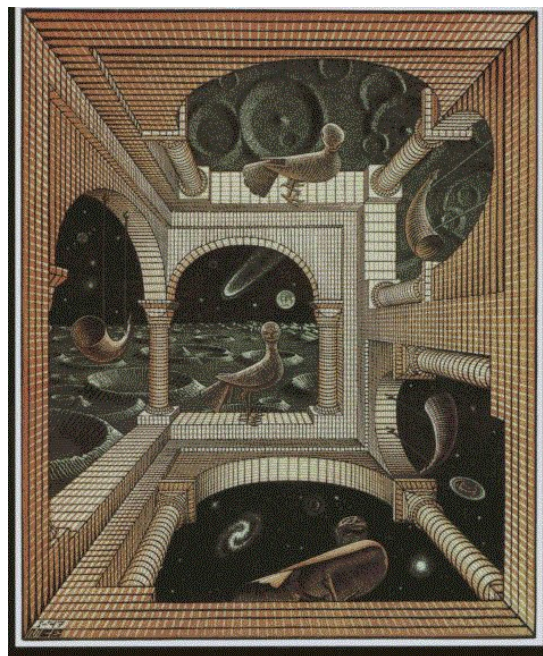
and Thought Broadcasting Cap" and Oran thinking of the card, Joe read Oran's mind, he correctly named the card and Oran was really freaked. Mike then showed how the trick was accomplished. Everyone present can now add a very funny and good mental effect to their repertoire. Scott Miller then returned with a brief report on the Mark Leverage lecture tour that he had played driver and assistant before going to FFFF and answered some of the question about Mark's change envelope. Mark's lecture at Ring 5 was very good with a lot of effects that a magician could use.

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

Dave Davis

OPTICAL ILLUSION

What do you see?



MAGIC & STUFF COMING UP

IBM Convention	Nashville, TN	6/30 to 7/4/09
SAM Convention	Buffalo, NY	7/15 to 7/18/09
X-ACT/SAM Assembly 56 Close-up show	Xenia, OH	7/24/09
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

- Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.
- Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace
- Most boat owners name their boats. The most popular boat name is Obsession
- If you were to spell out numbers, One thousand is how far you would have to go until you would find the letter "A".

Next Meeting will be
June 8th at 7:30 PM
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BRAIN TEASERS

June Brain Teasers

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

RED ROSE WORM COTTON BRUSH

- 2). Rearrange the following letters to form a single word.

MAN USES METER

- 3) What number gives the same result when it is added to five as when it is multiplied by five?

- 4) Name five musical instruments, all to be found in an orchestra, and all beginning with the letter T.

Answers to May Brain Teasers

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

**STURDY THIRSTY CALMNESS
DEFORMED INOPERATIVE**

(Each contains, consecutively, three consecutive letters in the alphabet)

- 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?

(Zero. If four are correct, all five are correct)

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

NDG CRS MRN MGNT
(INDIGO, CERISE, MAROON, MAGENTIA)

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

I AM A WEAKISH SPELLER
(William Shakespeare)

THIS MONTH IN MAGIC

- ❖ June 21st, 1996 Lance Burton opens at the Monte Carlo Resort & Casino in Las Vegas
- ❖ June 14th, 1852 Robert-Houdin premieres his pole suspension illusion.
- ❖ June 9th, 1939 Stuart Raw, British magic teacher who founded the Rupert Howard School of Magic, signs an agreement to become Dante's successor under the name of Danton.
- ❖ June 4th, 1975 Reveen the Impossibleist receives star billing in the Folies Bergene at the Tropicana in Las Vegas, becoming the first magician to headline a Las Vegas revue show.
- ❖ **Richard "Rich" Bloch** born June 15, 1943
- ❖ **Carl Herman** died June 8, 1887
- ❖ **Milborne Christopher** died June 17, 1984

MAGIC IN THE NEWS

Summit Locks Up Houdini Project

Summit Entertainment has picked up the rights to *The Secret Life Of Houdini: The Making of America's First Superhero*, a biography penned by William Kalush and Larry Sloman. It was published in 2006 by Atria Books and generated controversy for hinting that famed magician [Harry Houdini](#) was actually a British spy and that he was asked to be an adviser to Russia's Czar Nicholas in pre-revolutionary times. The book also posited that the magician was able to expose con artists

passing as spiritualists and that his death was at the hands of disgruntled cons.

Summit does not want to make the film a traditional biopic. Instead, it will be an action-thriller with the main character exhibiting qualities similar to fictional film icons such as Indiana Jones and Sherlock Holmes. The studio hopes to use the instantly recognizable name "Houdini" to develop the property into a franchise. Summit is currently seeking writers to adapt the book.

Houdini has generated plenty of Hollywood interest over the years, with a slew of studios and A-listers considering films based on his life. Only few Houdini

projects have ever come to fruition.

Ring News

Mike Herrick brought the explosion at "Doc" Smith's office to everyone's attention. Fortunately, no one was in the building at the time and no one was hurt. Authorities are still investigating the cause of this incident. Houses on either side of his office were unaffected. Our best wishes go out to "Doc" Smith and his wife.

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X*ACT and S.A.M. Assembly 56

Proudly Presents

An Intimate Night of Magic III

Magic Up Close and Personal

July 24, 2009

X-ACT Theater 45 East Second St Xenia, OH 45385

Doors Open at 6:59PM

Show Starts at 7:35PM

This magical event is limited to only 75 seats. Advance Tickets are strongly recommended. Tickets will be available at the door on a first come basis. To buy your Advance Tickets or for more information please contact: 937-372-0516 or Web site: www.xeniaact.org

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

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