



The Illusion

Dayton Magic Club IBM Ring 5 Newsletter



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July 10th at 7:30PM
August meeting is the 14th**

JULY THEME

July Theme is brought to you by Oran Dent. For July, the theme will be CARDS, BUT NOT PLAYING CARDS. Those cardboard plaques that we call cards can take many different forms. They are big and they are small, and they have pictures and numbers and drawings on them. They are animal tricks and ESP tricks and photographs. So, the theme will be anything other than the usual card games, but still using pieces of cardboard. Magic outside the theme will be welcome, as well.

AUGUST THEME

August Theme is brought to you by nobody. The theme is "bring your own". I'm sure you will all have a great time at the meeting. Historically it is a very interesting meeting, because you never know what will happen.

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2009 SIGN-UPS

Trick of the Month

July	Oran Dent
August	BYO
September	Scott Miller

Refreshments (Snacks/Drinks)

July	Mike Herrick both
August	BYO
September	Scott Miller /Thurman Smith

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 until the September meeting.**

MAGIC E-BAY AUCTION

Jim Karns reported that he and Tom Casper, as members of Ring 324, are working on a charity auction through e-bay of donated items from magicians all over the world. He dropped several famous names. The charity is "Children Deserve Happiness." He expects the auction to take place sometimes between August and September. For more info contact Tom at: 937-371-5660.

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

EVER WONDER IF SOMEONE WITH MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES THREATENS TO KILL HIMSELF, IS IT CONSIDERED A HOSTAGE SITUATION?

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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	Cards, But not Playing cards	Mike Herrick	Mike Herrick
August	Bill West (?)	BYO	BYO	BYO
September	Scott Miller		Scott Miller	Thurman Smith
October	Oran Dent	Mental Magic you can do for kids	Millie Witwer	Al Tokarsky
November	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party
December	Wally Walendzak	Water Magic	Reeds/McMechan s	McMechans

RING REPORT JUNE 2009

Our June meeting started with a brief amount of business. We then broke out for refreshments (provided by Steve Vamos and Millie Witwer) and some fellowship.

When we were all recharged by the refreshments, we started on the Magic. The theme for June selected by Jim Karns was “Out of the Box”, which was something that we had just bought and were working on it. Fred Witwer started off the magic with a demonstration of a metal bowl that was full of confetti, placing the lid on the bowl and with a wave of his hand he lifted the lid and the bowl was filled with an assortment of candies. He then showed us the fire in a tube, placing the cover on the tube, lifting off the cover the flame changed to a string of flags. Fred was not done yet, he

showed the hard back book of the “100 Years of Magic Posters” showing some of the posters he either had or wanted. He also showed the show program for Doug Henning’s “Magic Show”. All the things that Fred showed the ring were from auctions that he attended. Not to be outdone Millie then showed the house that Rupert the Frog lived in. She then told the story about how Rupert would turn white when he was scared, when he calmed down he would turn green again. Everyone thought that Millie was turning the house around when it went behind her back, but when she showed the back of the house all you saw was the green back of Rupert. Dave Davis then was up. Using a new ability to read minds he attempted to read the minds of volunteers Sarah Miller (to

think of a number between 1 and 1000) and Greg Rexrode (to think of any city in the US) Dave wrote down what they were thinking of on a pad of paper. Dave then tried to send his thought of a wild animal to another volunteer Beverly Smith writing it down. Oran Dent then read the things that were written, Dave did pretty good he received the thoughts from Sarah and Greg correctly. But he was sending the thought of lion and Beverly thought it was leopard, close but he needs to work on the sending part. Justin Uy showed off his cigarette magic which is getting harder to perform in this time of anti-smoking. He had the cigarette appear, disappear and reappear several times; it was a great show of a dying part of magic. John Love took the stage and had

volunteer Warren Kearney sign a quarter. John placed it into a handkerchief and had Warren hold the quarter through the handkerchief. John took a magic wand and waved it over the quarter and then pulled the handkerchief away and the quarter disappeared. John reached into his jacket and pulled a pair of plastic disks that was wrapped with rubber band, inside them, when the rubber band was removed was another pair of disks with a rubber band around them, inside them was a bag with the signed quarter inside the bag. Al Tokarsky stepped up next to have volunteers Barb Pfeifer and Sarah Miller assists him. Barb let Al borrow her ring and put it into a box. He had Sarah hold another box that was locked. Al then waved a strange wand over the box that Barb held with her ring in it. To Barb's surprise when she

opened the box her ring had disappeared. Al handed the wand to Sarah to her surprise the wand was the key to the locked box. When the lock was unlocked and the box was opened Barb's ring was found to be inside. Wally Walenzak shared with the ring an Abbott and Costello like routine for buying a computer, the routine was based on their famous "Whose on First" routine. He had copies available for anyone was interested in having a copy. Last but not the least, Jim Karns then showed his trick, a box with a yellow block and 2 two black blocks and that were placed inside the box. When he placed the box down and picked it up again you could see that the blocks were black, yellow and black in order. Right before the eyes of the ring the yellow block got smaller and smaller until there were only the 2 black blocks.

When Jim lifted out the blocks from the box all that were there were the 2 black blocks. Jim completed the evening with the Trick of the Month. Showing a silk that was half red and half white, placing the silk inside a bag it disappeared. Jim then took a white and a red silk tied the ends together and placed them into a crystal tube. When he pulled the white silk out of the tube magically the half red and white silk was tied between the white and red silks. Jim then showed the working of the trick that he had got out of the Tarbell books; it was an earlier version of a Blendo trick. The June meeting was done and a lot of magic was experienced by all who were there, and a grand time was had by all.

Dave Davis

OPTICAL ILLUSION

What do you see?



MAGIC & STUFF COMING UP

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
1st Annual Jokers Wild mini-convention	Fairborn, OH	8/22/09
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

- Honey is the only food that doesn't spoil
- Father's Day has more collect calls on this day than any other day of the year
- Mel Blanc (voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots
- Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.



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BRAIN TEASERS

July Brain Teasers

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

ROW RACK RAGE GAIN KING

- 2). Rearrange the following letters to form a two Eight letter words.

B F H I L O S W

- 3) 3 A hand of cards consists of one Queen, two Diamonds, three Aces, and four Spades. What is the Minimum number of cards the hand could contain?

- 4) The word **FACETIOUSLY** contains the vowels A, E, I, O and U, plus Y, in alphabetical order. Can you think of another English word that does the same?

Answers to June Brain Teasers

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

RED ROSE WORM COTTON BRUSH

(Each may be followed by WOOD to form a new word)

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

MAN USES METER

(Measurements)

- 3) What number gives the same result when it is added to five as when it is multiplied by five?
(One and a quarter)

- 4) Name five musical instruments, all to be found in an orchestra, and all beginning with the letter T.
(Choose from: trumpet, trombone, tuba, timpani, triangle, tam-tam, tambourine, tubular bells)

THIS MONTH IN MAGIC

- ❖ July 3rd, 1845 Robert-Houdin gives the first performance of his 'Soirées Fantastiques' in his theatre at 164 Galerie de Valois in the Palais Royal in Paris
- ❖ **Max Auzinger** born 7-26-1839 AKA **Ben Ali Bey**.
- ❖ **Max Katz Breit** born July 21. [1873](#) AKA **Max Malini**.
- ❖ **Harry Kellar** born Jul 7, 1849
- ❖ **Whitney Wesley Hadden** born [July 19, 1949](#) AKA **Whit Haydn**
- ❖ **Orlando Carmelo Scarnecchia** died [July 7, 1985](#) AKA **John Scarne**
- ❖ **Carleton Carpenter** born [July 10, 1926](#)

MAGIC IN THE NEWS

'Criss Angel Believe'

It's sort of hard to 'Believe': In his new show, fans might be wondering if Criss Angel is still there, midway through his new show, Criss Angel turns and asks his audience the night's big question: "Are you still there?"

He probably meant it as, are the fans he made with his slam-bang "Mindfreak" stunt-magic hanging on for this new career left turn; a journey through a Cirque du Bizarro ballet?

But the fans might be asking him the same question from their seats. It looks like their guy (most of the time, anyway), and talks like him. But is he still there?

So it goes with "Criss Angel Believe," which officially was unveiled at Luxor on Halloween. It's the shotgun marriage of Criss Angel, sort of, and Cirque du Soleil, kind of, where both seem to have their hands tied by new rules. Neither seem completely comfortable.

Like any Cirque production, "Believe" is full of audacious and beautiful visuals. You're again reminded it's a good thing the Strip's conqueror is a benevolent one with bold ambitions. What other commercial show gives you bunnies in black leather, or a

ghostly bride's wedding dress unspooling in an unending train? The dress raises into a vertical wall, which the magician proceeds to walk down, before it's engulfed by a wash of (video-projected) blood.

Moments like that make you wonder what this show could have been if Cirque and David Copperfield had come together 10 years ago.

Copperfield understands that the best illusions are little one-act plays, each building to a carefully constructed payoff that isn't just an effect, but the climax of the story.

Angel and director Serge Denoncourt, who co-wrote this one together, don't get much further than rock-concert theatrics rolled up with a cinematic soundtrack (a fine one, by the way, by film composer Eric Serra).

Their "Believe" is more like Alice Cooper circa "Welcome to My Nightmare," full of cool monsters, sinister death traps and devilishly hot bad chicks. But only in a fourth-quarter rally does the wedding-gone-bad harness Cirque's gift for lyricism into a glimpse of story-telling emotion (despite some real bad-actor howls of angst on Angel's part).

The unintended irony is that the show rolls smoothly for the first 20 minutes, when Angel does

the straight-ahead showcase he probably would have mounted without Cirque's involvement. But then a surprise sends him down the rabbit hole into a weird Wonderland that's sometimes fun -- Larry King in a bondage mask! -- but more often frustrating.

The magic makes it painfully obvious that Angel is a showman whose gift was creating his persona, not anything new in his field. The dude's buff and tough enough -- hanging upside down over the audience in a straitjacket -- but the big illusions plod to predictable conclusions; dressed-up versions of the typical Vegas big-stage show.

The touted innovation is that instead of boxes and cabinets, the trickery is concealed by the fabric of fans or cloaks, or fog machines. Big whoop.

Angel's speaking role has expanded since previews began, a double-edged sword. Remember, Cirque isn't big on the talking thing. But this is a star vehicle, and the star's gotta say something, right?

So you might be lulled into the haunting imagery the same way you might be hypnotized by an old horror movie on TV. But then your roommate comes in and starts with the wisecracks and it goes the way of "Mystery Science Theater."

The magician makes awkward banter in his Long Island accent and even throws down dance moves with his comic-relief sidekicks, who wandered in from some other Cirque production in their derby hats and Euro-clown makeup. It's supposed to be incongruous -- and they sure got

that part right -- because remember, it's all a dream. Time and ticket sales will prove whether the dream turns out to be nightmare. Friday afternoon, Cirque founder Guy Laliberte reminded us of two things: A) Cirque shows don't stop evolving after the opening night

party. B) No matter what you think of the stage show, \$5.5 million in presales in this economy is some real magic after all.

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