



# The Illusion

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Next Meeting will be  
August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM  
September meeting is the 11<sup>th</sup>

## 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.

## SEPTEMBER THEME

September Theme is brought to you by Scott Miller. The theme is not known at this time. When Scott lets me know then you will know.

## 2009 SIGN-UPS

### Trick of the Month

August	BYO
September	Scott Miller
October	Oran Dent

### Refreshments (Snacks/Drinks)

August	BYO
September	Scott Miller / Thurman Smith
October	Millie Witwer / Al Tokarsky

## 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 WHERE FOREST RANGERS GO TO "GET AWAY FROM IT ALL?"**

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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/McMechans	McMechans

## RING REPORT JULY 2009

Our July meeting started with a short business meeting and was presided over by Vice President Mike Herrick, since President Matt Stanley had a gig that night. With the business concluded we broke out for refreshments and fellowship. When we were all re-energized by the refreshments (provided by Mike Herrick), we started on the Magic. The theme for July was selected by Oran Dent “CARDS, but not Playing Cards”, which was something with cardboard plaques that we call cards that 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. Oran Dent started off the magic with a demonstration of The Trick of the Month the “Physic Restaurant” based on a Bill Severn’s mental effect. Oran played the host of the restaurant and had a group of cardboard cards with different entrees on them. He had volunteer Fred Witwer choose a card then proceeded to let Fred and the audience know what the selection was by yelling to the cook the menu item. Oran then informed everyone that the explanation for the trick would be after the rest of the magic. Jim Karns was next up and preformed a 3 card Monte effect using three cards with one orange and two lemon cards. With the audience guessing which card was the

orange, we were never correct in guessing where the orange was located. At the end of the effect Jim showed that we were wrong again and all the cards were lemons. Millie Witwer then showed her effect with four cards: two with a magic hat and a wand, one with a bunch of carrots, and one with a rabbit. She then placed the card with the carrots on the table and the audience had to guess where the rabbit was of the remaining 3 cards. Once again the audience was never correct in guessing where the rabbit was located, even when Millie discarded a card. When the effect ended the rabbit was found sitting in the hat eating the carrots. Not to be outdone Fred Witwer stepped up next. Fred had a card holder that held 5 cards

numbered 1 thru 5. He showed the cards and asked volunteer Oran to name any number 1 thru 5, and asked if he wanted to change his mind. He was set in his choice and Fred showed that the card that Oran had chosen was the only card with a different back on it. Next one to perform was Sarah Miller who had attended a work shop for kids, put on by David Williamson, at the Yellow Springs Library, and performed the first part of the effect known to most magicians as the "Professors Nightmare". Then came Scott Miller; he performed a Star Wars Card effect. With the assistance of his son Ben who was reading the story of the escape and rescue of Princess Leia, Scott performed the effect in unison. His next quick effect, Scott then used the beer application on his

iPod to fill the empty glass printed on his business card. Scott wasn't finished yet; he then showed everyone some pictures that Oran Dent had lost of several old girl friends. All the pictures were of the 1940/50's era and Scott showed the pictures giving their names for each. Oran was then asked to tell everyone which old girl friend was special to him. Scott then pulled out his prediction and we all found out Scott had made the correct prediction. Mike Herrick didn't do any magic but he did tell two jokes that he had been using, they were funny and something that a family entertainer could use. Al Tokarsky stepped up and doing his first effect having volunteers Scott and Sarah Miller assist him. Each were handed a card and told to tear

the card in half. Scott could not tear the card, whereas Sarah tore it easily. Al then handed Scott's card to Sarah where she tore it in half just as easily. Al's second trick was to show everyone the holder that had on one side numbers 1 thru 7 and the other side the cards read RING V. Taking out the cards and shuffling them had the cards replaced by numbers by a group of volunteers. Then the audience could move the cards around until everyone was sure the cards were where they wanted them. Al then turned the holder around and the words spelled RING V again. The July meeting and magic came to an end. 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?  
How many Pandas?



## MAGIC & STUFF COMING UP

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
Kidabra	Pigeon Forge, TN	8/13 to 8/16/09
Magic Live	Las Vegas, NV	8/16 to 8/20/09
MAES Convention	Carlise, PA	8/20 to 8/22/09
1st Annual Jokers Wild mini-convention	Fairborn, OH	8/22/09
T.A.O.M.	Houston, TX	9/4 to 9/7/09
SECA	Orlando, FL	9/8 to 9/12/09
Magic In The Rockies	Fort Collins, CO	9/10 to 9/13/09
Daytona Beach Festival of Magic	Daytona Beach, FL	11/6 to 11/8/09

## THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

- In Scotland, a new game was invented. It was entitled Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden.... and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language
- In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them mind their own pints and quarts and settle down. It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"
- Snooping in your medicine cabinet is an activity performed by 40% of all people at a party.

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## BRAIN TEASERS

### August Brain Teasers

- 1) Beth is 16 years younger than Jo. In 10 years time Jo will be twice as old as Beth. How old are they now?
- 2). Find a one-word anagram of PEPSI-COLA
- 3) Rearrange the following letters to form two different eight-letter words.  
**C E L N O O S S**
- 4) Replace the missing vowels to find five animals  
**G R L L G Z L L C H T H L N D M P L.**

### Answers to July Brain Teasers

- 1) What do the following words have in common?  
**ROW RACK RAGE GAIN KING**  
(Each may be preceded by *BAR* to form a new word)
- 2) Rearrange the following letters to form a two Eight letter words **B F H I L O S W**  
(*blowfish, fishbowl*)
- 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?  
(*Seven*)
- 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?  
(*ABSTEMIOUSLY*)

## THIS MONTH IN MAGIC

- ❖ **August 23rd, 1917** 'Cheer Up' opens at The Hippodrome in New York City on as the attraction for the 1917-18 season. Featured in two spots on the bill is Harry Houdini who first vanishes 'Jennie' the elephant and later escapes from a submerged iron-bound box.
- ❖ **John Calvert** born August 5, 1911.
- ❖ **Dai Vernon** died August 21, 1992.
- ❖ **Jay Marshall** born August 29, 1919
- ❖ **Daryl Easton** born August 13, 1955 AKA **Daryl**
- ❖ **Channing Pollock** born August 16, 1926

## MAGIC IN THE NEWS

### Will Smith as a Magician

Will Smith could re-team with his I Am Legend director Francis Lawrence, but not for the film you're probably expecting to hear about. Lawrence is developing a script called The City That Sailed as a vehicle for Smith. Originally written by Andrew Niccol, the script has kind of a neat, Miyazaki-ish logline: "a father and daughter living on opposite sides of the ocean whose love is so strong that it causes Manhattan to split off and float across the Atlantic."

According to Variety, Brian Koppelman and David Levien (Rounders, Oceans Thirteen) will rewrite as the project goes forward.

THR has a few more details of the script, which Fox picked up in 2006. Smith would be "a New York City street magician whose daughter, because of family circumstances, lives in England. In exploring a lighthouse one day, the girl discovers a room with magic candles and wishes to be

reunited with her father, causing the island of Manhattan to break away and drift across the Pond." There's something in this modern fantasy plot that appeals to me, and I'm really curious to see what Niccol (Gattaca, The Truman Show) made of it. His sensibility doesn't seem quite right for what I'm envisioning, based on that brief description, and evidently Fox agrees. Koppelman and Levien could certainly add to the 'street magician' angle, and probably lighten up the proceedings as well.



**First Annual  
Jokers  
Gone Wild  
Convention**  
**August 22, 2009**  
**Fairborn Masonic Temple**  
1267 Yellow Springs-Fairfield Rd, Fairborn, OH  
(Near Dayton, Ohio)  
**Special Lecture: Inside a Close-up Session**  
**Presented by Ray and Lee Eyler**  
*This is a "Working" close-up convention*  
Limited to 54 - If your card is chosen, you perform  
2 Topic Sessions: Openers; Cards, Coins, Cons  
Table-Hop for "Real People" at Spaghetti Dinner  
Registration 8:30-9:30am, Final Act 9:00pm  
Hospitality Room after convention  
[www.magical1.org](http://www.magical1.org)  
\$45 before 1 August, \$50 at the door. Includes lunch, dinner, notes  
Cash or Check payable to Scott Miller. Call 937-305-8455 for details.

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