



# The Illusion

Dayton Magic Club Ring 5 Newsletter

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**Next Meeting will be  
September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM  
October meeting is the 9<sup>th</sup>**

## SEPTEMBER THEME

September Theme is brought to you by Scott Miller. The theme is Sizzling Summer Spectaculars - share a new effect you learned this summer. Magic outside the theme will be welcome, as well.

## OCTOBER THEME

October theme is brought to you by Oran Dent. The theme will be "Mental Magic that you can do for kids". Think about what you usually do for a kid show. Any time something is chosen and you reveal what it is, any time you predict some event that is about to happen, any time an apparent coincidence occurs, you are doing a mental effect. So, think about what you usually do for kids and ask whether it's really a mental effect. If it is, bring it to the meeting and show it to us! Magic outside the theme will be welcome, as well.

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## 2009 SIGN-UPS

### Trick of the Month

September	Scott Miller
October	Oran Dent
November	Holiday Party

### Refreshments (Snacks/Drinks)

September	Scott Miller / Thurman Smith
October	Millie Witwer / Al Tokarsky
November	Holiday Party

## 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.

## HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY RING 5



## RING 5 OFFICERS 2009-10

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**THOUGHT OF THE MONTH  
EVER WONDER WHAT IF THERE WERE NO HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS?**

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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	Sizzling Summer Spectaculars	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 AUGUST 2009

The August meeting is a different type meeting then our normal one. The theme was “bring your own”. Historically it is a very interesting meeting, because you never know what will happen. There are no refreshments or theme for this meeting, and normally there is a low turnout for this meeting due to vacations and such. This was a different August then normal, because there were quiet a few members and 9 guests present; several were interested in join the ring. Our August meeting started with a very short business meeting and was presided over by President Matt Stanley. With the business concluded we broke out for refreshments (*if you brought your own*) and fellowship. Afterwards we started with the Magic. First up was Bill West with his version of a Tom Craven card trick, whereas, Bill

had two volunteers (each was a guest who I’m sorry to say I did not know their names), come up to assist. One was the magician and the other was to look at a card that he had selected. The magician read a series of cue cards asking the other about his selected card, at the end when the magician turned over all the cue cards on the back spelled out the selected card. Next one to perform was Dave Truesdell who had Katie West assist him with his effect. Dave held a “platform” with a cloth skirt around the bottom that had two yellow painted cards placed on it. He then took a jumbo card and placed it between the yellow cards, when he lifted each yellow card off the platform the jumbo card had vanished. Dave thought that someone behind him had said something and he turned around, everyone then thought

that we new where the jumbo card had vanished too, under the platform held there by some ribbons. Then Dave turned back around and had Katie remove the skirt from the platform and low and behold the jumbo card was nowhere to be seen just the empty ribbons. Then came Scott Miller; he preformed a 4 coin Matrix effect without the use of cards. With the Scott kneeling on the floor and everyone else standing above and around him, Scott proceeded to have the coins move from place to place with just covering the coins with his hands a inch or two above the coins, It was truly a magical moment when the coins appeared to move around without anything touching them. Dave Davis was then next up with another short coin effect. Dave took a coin from one hand and squeezed the coin

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so small and light that he placed it in the air above him, he then showed his hands empty. He asked if anyone was able to see the coin in the air when nobody could see it he did reached up took the coin and placed it in his open fist, when people didn't believe that he had placed it in his fist he reached in and took out the coin. Dave also reported on the Street magic he had been doing lately in Xenia, OH. Jim Karns then had Dave assist him with a effect he had been

working on where he had a hat full with 14 or 15 poker type chips. Dave was to take out the chips and mach the colors to form a stack of the chips, when got to the last chip the colors wouldn't match. Jim then pulled out of his pocket the chip if used would enable the single left chip to match and finish the stack correctly. The last to perform was a guest Fred Wood. He had Jim Karns assist him with an effect he was working on using this red bag with a handle. Fred

showed three different colored scarves and had Jim keep track of the scarves by counting how many Fred would put into the bag. Jim wasn't very good at counting them because when asked how many were in the bag Fred would pull out a different number. The August meeting and magic then came to an end. A lot of magic was experienced by all who were there, and a good time was had by all. Dave Davis

## OPTICAL ILLUSION



What do you see?

## MAGIC AUCTION

Larry McMechan is having a Magic Auction. Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th in October. Starting at 10:00 each day. Larry has been commissioned to liquidate the entire inventory of Ron Allesi. Renowned dealer of antique and collectable magic-35 year collection and inventory. Magic of all kinds plus lots and lots of books  
Larry McMechan 937-456-7136 or cell 937-657-2663  
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McMechan Magic and the Reed Sisters are performing at the Eaton, Pork festival. Dates are Sept. 19 at 4:30 and Sept. 20 at 1:00

## MAGIC & STUFF COMING UP

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
Magic Auction	Chicago, IL	9/11 & 9/12/09
Doc Eason Lecture	Middletown, OH	9/13/09
McMechan Magic Shows	Eaton, OH	9/19 & 9/20/09
Portland Magic Jam	Portland, OR	9/25 to 9/27/09
David Copperfield Magic Show	Dayton, OH	10/4/09
Magic Auction	Eaton, OH	10/24 & 10/25/09
Super Sunday Mini Magic Convention	Bensalem, PA	11/1/09
Daytona Beach Festival of Magic	Daytona Beach, FL	11/6 to 11/8/09

## THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

- In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase "goodnight, sleep tight."
- It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month we know today as the honeymoon.
- Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic

cups. When they needed refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

- Bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have something in common. All were invented by women.

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## BRAIN TEASERS

### September Brain Teasers

- 1) Rearrange the following letters to form a well-known proverb.

**THINKER HITS OIL OTHERWISE**

- 2) Three fish have a total weight of 15 pounds. The lightest is one quarter the weight of the other two together, and the heaviest is one pound less than the weight of the other two together. How much does each fish weigh?
- 3) What are the next four letters in this series.

**Y Y H L Y E Y T ....**

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

**DATE AGE GROVE DRAKE GO**

### Answers to 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?

*Beth is 6 Jo is 22*

- 2). Find a one-word anagram of PEPSI-COLA

*Episcopal*

- 3) Rearrange the following letters to form two different eight-letter words.

**C E L N O O S S**

*Consoles, Coolness*

- 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**

*Gorilla, Gazelle, Cheetah, Eland, Impala*

Doc Easton Lecture –

Sponsored by Ring324 Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church,  
212 South Broad Street, Middletown, Ohio Fee \$15 for non ring members.

## THIS MONTH IN MAGIC

**September 1, 2003 David Blaine** began liveing in a transparent case suspended 30 feet in the air on the south bank of the River Thames for 44 days, apparently without any food or sleep. His only nourishment was provided by a tube which carried water into the case. A webcam was installed in the box so that viewers could keep a close eye on Blaine.

- o **Burling Hull** born September 9, 1889
- o **Harry Blackstone** born September 27, 1885
- o **J.B. Bobo** died September 12, 1996
- o **Thomas Nelson Downs** died September 11, 1938
- o **David Copperfield** born September 16, 1956

## MAGIC IN THE NEWS

### How magicians control your mind

Magic isn't just a bag of tricks - it's a finely-tuned technology for shaping what we see. Now researchers are extracting its lessons.

In September of 1856, in the face of a growing rebellion, Napoleon III dispatched Jean-Eugene Robert-Houdin to Algeria. Robert-Houdin was not a general, nor a diplomat. He was a magician - the father, by most accounts, of modern magic. (A promising young escape artist named Ehrich Weiss would, a few decades later, choose his stage name by adding an "i" to "Houdin.") His mission was to counter the Algerian marabouts, conjurers whose artful wizardry had helped convince the Algerian populace of Allah's displeasure with French rule.

A French colonial official assembled an audience of Arab chieftains, and Robert-Houdin put on a show that, in its broadest outlines, would be familiar to today's audiences: he pulled cannonballs out of his hat, he plucked lit candelabra out of the

air, he poured gallon upon gallon of coffee out of an empty silver bowl.

Then, as he recounted in his memoirs, Robert-Houdin launched into a piece of enchantment calculated to cow the chieftains. He had a small wooden chest with a metal handle brought onto the stage. He picked a well-muscled member of the audience and asked him to lift the box; the man did it easily. Then Robert-Houdin announced, with a menacing wave of his hand, that he had sapped the man's strength. When the volunteer again took hold of the box, it would not budge - an assistant to Robert-Houdin had activated a powerful magnet in the floor of the stage. The volunteer heaved at the box, his frustration shading into desperation until Robert-Houdin's assistant, at a second signal, sent an electric shock through the handle, driving the man screaming from the stage. The chieftains were duly impressed, and the rebellion quelled.

The story of Robert-Houdin's diplomacy by legerdemain is well-established in magic lore, in large

part because it is the only documented instance, at least since antiquity, in which a conjurer changed the course of world affairs. Stage magic, after all, isn't statecraft, but spectacle and entertainment.

In the past year, though, a few researchers have begun to realize that magic represents something more: a deep and untapped store of knowledge about the human mind. At a major conference last year in Las Vegas, in a scientific paper published last week and another due out this week, psychologists have argued that magicians, in their age-old quest for better ways to fool people, have been engaging in cutting-edge, if informal, research into how we see and comprehend the world around us. Just as studying the mechanisms of disease reveals the workings of our body's defenses, these psychologists believe that studying the ways a talented magician can short-circuit our perceptual system will allow us to better grasp how the system is put together.

Dave Davis  
Performing Street Magic and Balloons  
in Downtown Xenia Sept. 4th  
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20 mins until 8:00 PM

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