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April 2021 Edition

## Craig Petty Lecture

April 7, 2021

7:00PM CDT

Meeting info will be sent via email



## President's Message

by Terry Richison

I hope everyone had a great St. Patrick's Day. I have never figured out why April Fools' Day was not a holiday that magicians would live for. I would love to hear from you with any April Fools Jokes, pranks where you used magic to make a memory for someone. Bring them to the meeting on April 7th, and we can tell some stories and have some fun and laughs at the end of the meeting!



Speaking of April 7th, we have a great evening planned. All the way from England, I.B.M. Ring 1 and the Midwest Magic Jubilee will be hosting Craig Petty. He will be sharing his wit, wisdom, and humor. He is known in magic circles as one of the greatest sleight of hand artists in the UK and for being kicked out of the Magic Circle for breaking the code. Craig isn't what you'd call an "average entertainer." In 2009, he was described by Magic Week as the greatest living coin manipulator in Europe! Magic Scene also awarded him the distinction of being "The Performer to Watch in 2009". Craig is currently the co-host of the Wizard Product Review, the largest magic review show in the World. Having created over 30 instructional DVDs on the art of magic, Craig's lectures have been a huge hit worldwide.

The Craig Petty lecture room will open on April 7th at 6:45pm Central, and the lecture will start at 7pm. We will simulcast the lecture on the I.B.M. Ring 1 Facebook page and Zoom.

If you have not paid your 2021 dues, please go to [www.IBMRing1.com](http://www.IBMRing1.com) to pay your dues.

Contact D. Jay Lenz at [djay1000@yahoo.com](mailto:djay1000@yahoo.com) if you would like to submit a video that can be used at our Project Magic Shows. Videos will be shown at the Shriner Children's Hospital.

Last call for anyone that might want to run for an office or as a member of the Board. Please contact me if you would like to run for one of the officer position or as a board member for the I.B.M. Ring 1. If you think you have some good ideas, can make things happen, now is your opportunity to show what you can do. You can make a difference by being one of our leaders. Nominations must be received by April 30, 2021. [TerryRich@charter.net](mailto:TerryRich@charter.net)

Lastly, have you looked at our I.B.M. Ring 1 website, [www.ibmring1.com](http://www.ibmring1.com)? Our webmaster, Mike McClure has done a fantastic job keeping the site up-to-date and even included something special on the site. Take a look at the bottom of the home page. Click the link at the bottom of the page to meet our very first I.B.M. Ring 1 President. Thanks, Mike! Great Job!

I hope to see you on April 7th.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Richison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

I.B.M. Ring 1 President

# Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis et al.

Ring 1 members are hoping that Ring 1 will be able to meet in person soon. I signed up for every vaccine list in the St. Louis Area. Finally, I was contacted and I will be getting my second dose tomorrow. Now, I am getting emails from the other agencies stating that the vaccine is available. It does look like meetings and activities will be resuming in the near future due to the availability of the vaccine. It has been very difficult writing the Ring Report this past year due to the pandemic. I appreciate the input I have received from several of the Ring's members. Thank you!!

On February 25th, St. Louis' Society of American Magicians, Assembly 8, hosted a lecture featuring Mike Pisciotta and invited Ring One as their guest. Steve Zuehlke shared the following: Mike covered extensive work on the breather crimp (a great tool), some excellent card work with a killer version of Elmsley's Between the Palms, an awesome, no palm card-to-wallet that he repeated twice with two different spectators (this is going into my repertoire) as well as several other card effects and an awesome two-coin routine that combined a bit of Three Fly and a bit of Hanging Coins along with a few other subtleties. Mike also discussed the type of effects he chooses while working behind the bar, how to make the boss happy, and how to handle hecklers. A great time was had by all. For those lucky twenty-two people who attended, you all had the chance to witness a true worker of his craft.

On Wednesday, March 3rd, I.B.M. Ring 1 hosted a virtual lecture featuring David Jonathan. Twenty-five people were in attendance, including several guests and one new member. Steve Zuehlke summarized the lecture: David's forte is creating magic. He recently won Inventor of the Year at the Penguin Magic Awards. While the lecture was mostly cards, these were not your ordinary card tricks. David used a variety of cards, including regular cards, different colored backs (i.e. Rainbow Deck), object cards, and even Uno cards. While David sold most of the effects he demonstrated, he was more than willing to explain and show how each effect was constructed. What I enjoyed most was David's creative thought process when trying to create a new effect. David broke it down to method, concept, adaptability, and luck! While this sounds easy, David spent approximately thirty minutes describing this process. Very interesting indeed! I would highly recommend this lecture to any group who is looking for something different. David had several bundles of his magic effects available to purchase at a reduced price.

Michael McClure shared the following: It has been very enjoyable for me to join the fun during IBM's bi-weekly "Hsuehnanigans" online game show. On March 9th, I brought home bragging rights for Ring 1 by earning 1st Place in two of the three games ... "Quiplash" and "Trivia Murder Party." If a magician wants to get in on the action, they need to visit the IBM Facebook page and attend the Zoom room on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month (starting at 8 PM CST). International Vice President Billy Hsueh hosts the competitions through the popular Jackbox Party Pack programming. The more we experience virtual meetings, shows, and lectures, the easier it will be for us to adapt to this growing medium of online entertainment, and "Hsuehnanigans" is an entertaining way to get acclimated. President Terry Richison and I have been touching up Ring

1's Facebook site, and it can now be used by members to attend our virtual lectures and meetings (especially for those that do not have or trust Zoom). I also encourage Ring 1 members to continue submitting images of themselves in action so I can showcase the fun we have to share on our new website. The world is visiting our [www.ibmring1.com](http://www.ibmring1.com) to see what the excitement is all about! E-mail a photo of you performing magic or your preferred headshot to me, and your photo may magically appear on our Ring 1's website! [watson7654321@gmail.com](mailto:watson7654321@gmail.com)

Dan (the Great) Todd shared that he has been catching up on his magic reading and revisiting his video tutorials. While he has not made any major changes, he has seen the need for vertical close-up magic when sitting in Zoom/Google Meet/MS Meetings. He uses all three platforms for his chess classes sponsored by the St. Louis Chess Club due to each school having different platforms and security. He added that the St. Louis Chess Club and Hall of Fame is a gem in St. Louis and is world-renowned. Recently, HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" featured the Chess Club in one of their latest episodes called "All the Right Moves." Correspondent Soledad O'Brien discussed the phenomenon and recent skyrocketing interest in the game of chess. Dan is keeping quite busy teaching these classes. He does use his magic knowledge when teaching these classes and incorporates magic in the chess lessons. He is also still making videos for St. Louis Children's Hospital. He finds that mini props work well. He is now using his mini Hippity Hop Rabbits, Dragonfly Rings, Die Box, and even his Mini Guillotine (he took all out of mothballs). They have a new life! He did use them on occasions when using his hand puppet, Chico. This started when the kids wanted to see him do more. His parlor effects are still used for Children's Hospital videos. His stage props are now in moth balls, but this gives him time to practice everything these days.

I (Sandy Weis) recently attended a virtual convention, UnConventional.Fun 2, on February 27th and 28th sponsored by the Toronto Magic Company (Ben Train and Jonah Babins). It was reasonably priced and advertised as combining a magic convention with a video game (thank you, Chad Jacobs, for recommending this convention). I do not play video games so I had to learn to manipulate my character (avatar) so she (Sandy) could navigate her way around MAGICLAND. It was so much fun learning how to do this. My character was able to sit at tables and converse with others at my table (I could actually see them on the screen). I visited the room where the vendors were located. I could actually talk to and see a vendor as long as my character was located in their booth. Another Ring 1 member attended, Jill "Silly Jilly" Schmidt, and our avatars met up at one of the tables. The convention included lectures, performances, panel talks, jamming, and more. The speakers and performers were well-known magicians from around the world. All lectures, panels, and shows were recorded and I have access to view these anytime I want. I wasn't able to attend the entire conference; however, I have plenty of material to view now. I highly recommend others to attend a convention such as this one. I had so much fun! Their Facebook page, UnConventional.Fun says, "Big News Coming Soon". So maybe another convention? Check out their Facebook page.

The Ring is hosting another lecture on April 7th, featuring Craig Petty. Craig is known as one of the greatest sleight of hand artists in the UK. Craig is currently the co-host of the Wizard Product Review, the largest magic review show in the world. He has created over 30 instructional DVD's on the art of magic. Members and their guests are looking forward to this Zoom lecture.

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## Learn Coin Magic by Steve Zuehlke

It's amazing how many coin gaffs exist in today's world of magic: Expanded Shell, Double Sided Coins, Flipper Coins, Magnetic Coins, Steel Core Coins, Copper/Silver Coins, Folding Coins, Hooked Coins...just to name a few. Aside from gaffs, there are coin tricks as well: Cigarette thru Quarter, China Town Half, Scotch and Soda, Hopping Half, Sun and Moon, Coin and Cylinder ( a true classic), Copper/Silver/Brass, Karate Coin, Ickle Pickle Nickel, Splito One Cent, Splito Five Cents (these latter three made by Ring Ones, Steven Bender), Locking 1.35 Trick, Locking 2.85 Trick, Triad Coins, Dime and Penny, Nickels to Dimes, Lethal Tender ( another classic), Okito Box, Boston Box, Plug Box, Gaffed Coin Purses, Coin Ladders, Coin Buckets ,Coin Stands, Coins Thru Cards....

Here are some classic coin magic plots:

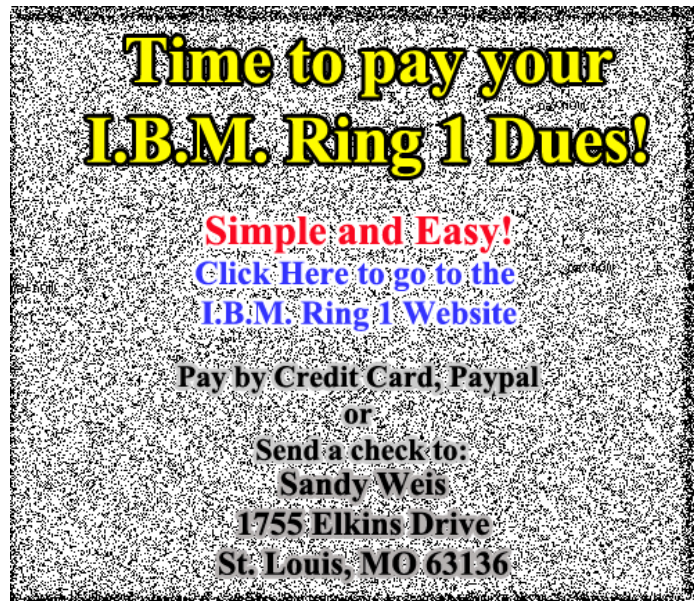
- [Chink-a-chink](#) - A bare-handed Matrix.
- Coins Across - The magical transfer of multiple coins from one hand to another.
- Coin Bite - Taking a bite out of a coin, then visually restoring it right in front of the spectator.
- [Coins Through Table](#) - Coins penetrate through the surface of the table.
- Coin to Bottle - A coin is slammed into a sealed bottle.
- Coins to Glass - Similar to coins across, coins transfer from one hand to a glass.
- [Matrix](#) - A teleportation illusion of 4 coins moving invisibly under the cover of 4 playing cards.
- [Miser's Dream](#) - Grabbing multiple coins from thin air. Popularized by [Thomas Nelson Downs](#), who would drop coin after coin into a borrowed top hat.
- Spellbound - Visually changing one coin into another, while only showing one coin at all times.
- Tenkai Pennies - A two coin routine where one coin travels from one hand to the other.
- Three fly - A coins across type effect involving three coins visually transferring from one hand to another.

Considering most of the above effects (with the exception of a few) can be found in Bobo's *Modern Coin Magic* (a book that costs less than \$10) and considering the props are easily found, I am very surprised more people don't do coin magic.

## Pay Ring 1 Dues

Annual membership is \$15 and is a bargain, considering our lineup of performers, lecturers, and activities! If any of your contact information has changed, please let Alan Zibits know at [alan.a.zibits@boeing.com](mailto:alan.a.zibits@boeing.com).

- To pay online: <http://www.ibmring1.com/dues-payments>
- To pay by mail: Write a check payable to “IBM, Ring 1” for \$15. Write “2021 Dues” on the memo line. Mail the check to Sandy Weis, 1755 Elkins Drive, St. Louis, MO 63136.



## Volunteer for Shriner's

Volunteer to perform either by streaming with Zoom and/or creating a short video of performing one or two simple effects. It also works if you want to teach one or two effects that kids can perform. Contact D. Jay at [djay1000@yahoo.com](mailto:djay1000@yahoo.com).

## Upcoming Events

2021 Magic Conventions: <https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/magic-convention-guide>

Ring 1 Events (US Central time)

Date	Event
Apr 7, 7pm	Craig Petty Lecture

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend all of the events, including board meetings.

## Facebook Boost

In an effort to make our monthly meetings more accessible to users who don't use Zoom as well as to potentially increase our membership, we are posting our activity on Facebook. One of the ways that we can get more people viewing our posts is by using a feature in Facebook called, "Boost". This is essentially a paid ad, i.e. Facebook shows the post to more people in exchange for cash. Mike McClure kindly contributed his own money to boost our club's post to reach more magic fans and prospective members.

Help us reach more people. Although you can, you don't need to spend money. Simply go to our Facebook page and "like" our organization and individual posts.

<https://www.facebook.com/IBM-Ring-1-137745769621072>

## Be an Officer

How would you like to be an Officer or Board member of Ring 1? Maybe you have thought about it but didn't know what to do about it. Now is your time. We are looking for people who are interested in becoming active in the leadership of the club to help guide it into the future. Ring 1 is 90+ years old, and you can help shape the next 90 years. If you are interested, please contact Terry Richison at [Terry@magicofterryrich.com](mailto:Terry@magicofterryrich.com). You can help make the Ring continue to succeed by becoming an office or board member. All nominations must be submitted by April 30, 2021.

## 2021 Midwest Magic Jubilee Canceled

Due to COVID-19, the Midwest Magic Jubilee is canceled this year (2021) also. We hope to be back in 2022.

## Pancake Breakfast

Francis Howell Middle School is asking for performers for their annual 8th grade pancake breakfast on June 7th, 2021, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. We have the option of using a portable stage or performing close-up. We will need 3 volunteers for the stand-up performance (20 minutes each) or 5 volunteers for close-up magic. For the close-up, social distancing will be observed. There will be 10 to 15 students per table and then they will move to another table.

We will be wearing masks and all performances will be done without volunteers handling any props.

Please let Darryl Lenz (D. Jay) know if you are interested in performing. We have a couple of months before June 7th to line up performers. [djay1000@yahoo.com](mailto:djay1000@yahoo.com)

## A Night of the Classics

by John Carey

Greetings! Back in February, I held a special Night of the Classics online Zoom lecture which was a great success, with magicians from all over the world joining me for what proved to be a fun, relaxing, and enjoyable event. I've had numerous Facebook messages and emails asking me when the next lecture event would be. The great news is very soon. On Friday Apr 9 at 9pm UK time, I will be presenting a very special teaching event called Friday Night Live! I've cherry-picked some of my favorite creations plus have permission to share some gems with you from Max Maven, John Carney, and John Bannon, too!

Sixteen (!) items will be performed and taught via the Zoom video conferencing platform. The event will be recorded for all subscribers, so even if you can't make the live broadcast, you won't miss out! Here's the content for April 9th Friday Night Live!

1. Opening for Vernon!
2. Gabi's Ace two three four five
3. Hopscotch- Max Maven
4. Carey on the Hofzinsler Cull
5. The Ritual!
6. Invisicard
7. Slow Motion Oil and Water
8. If we could turn back time CWC
9. Three utility spread controls
10. Among the Discards- Bannon/Aronson.
11. Re flipped- Yannick Cretien
12. When you're behind your ahead! (Coin routine)
13. Stage Shout- Roy Walton
14. Sanverted. John Carney
15. Larry's Favorite- Larry Jennings
16. The Revelation- J.C Wagner

The event will be a pay what you can/wish evening and payment can be made via PayPal to [johncareymagic@gmail.com](mailto:johncareymagic@gmail.com). You will then be sent a Zoom link. I'm so excited to put on this special event and I hope you can join me!



John Carey presents:

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**Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9PM GMT/4PM EDT**

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If you can't make it on the 9th, don't worry, because everyone who subscribes will receive a free recording of what promises to be an action packed evening!



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