



The Spirit - The Official Newsletter of Ring 1- May 2023

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I. B. M. Ring 1 May Meeting
Dielmann Recreational Center
11400 Olde Cabin Rd., Creve Coeur, MO

The Spirit -Local News

Local Performers and Places

For Silly Jilly's Easter shows at Eckert's, she turned her t-rex trick into an Easter Saurus Rex trick by hiring Jam Stone magic to make a custom head block with bunny ears and arms block with an Easter basket.

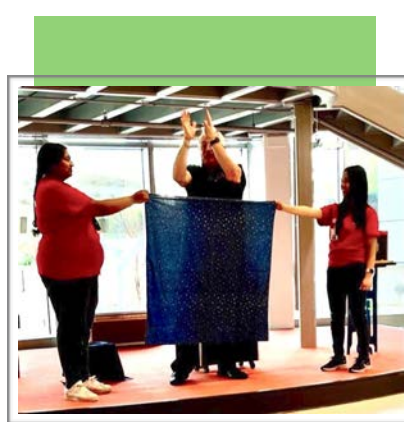


Silly Jilly



Christian the Magician
at
Old Time Magic Shop
in Highridge

Jeff Lefton
at
The Funny Bone
Comedy Club
in St. Charles



Dan Todd at Ranken Jordan



Live Magic

Ring Report by Sandy Weis et al. (page 1 of 3)

Steve Zuehlke shared the following: “Our April meeting was one of the best of the year with a strong attendance with quite a few members we have not seen in quite a while. Keeping with the theme of April Fools, member Mike McClure put together a Fool Us (aka Penn and Teller) meeting. The Ring broke into smaller groups with each taking a table. Similar to a trivia night, each table consisted of four to six players. Host McClure would then show a video of a magic effect being performed and the first table to buzz in would give their explanation as to how they thought the effect was done. Yes, each table had a wireless buzzer which lit up on a display. After the first group reported their thoughts, the other tables could offer their explanation. For some of these effects, there was no right answer. For example, Mike showed a few clips from Penn and Tellers Fool Us featuring past winners. We all know Penn and Teller don't reveal the secrets, so the Ring got to give their own take on how they thought the effects were accomplished. Some of the answers were quite interesting and definitely made you think outside the box. The amount of time Mike put into this evening was much appreciated. Table displays, buzzers, video, two laptops, etc. Any Ring interested in this "type" of meeting should contact Mike McClure as I am sure he would be happy to help. This really was a fun evening for all. Mike ended the evening giving all the members their own Fool Us Trophy! After the meeting, we all were treated to cakes, cookies, soda, candies, etc., compliments of hostess, Susan McClure. A job well done by the McClures!”

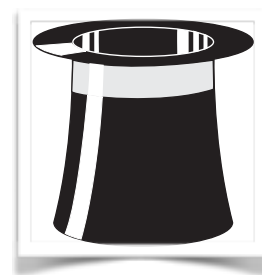
Michael W. McClure reports: “I want to thank the 22 members who attended our April Fool Us challenge on April 5th. It was a crazy idea I cooked up for us to have a different kind of fun ... the same kind that Penn & Teller experience with every episode that they film. The evening could not have gone any better, since I was most worried about whether the members, split into four teams, would enter into any discussions at all. My premise was to have a team building, fellowship promoting, yet educational night where our talented Ring 1 members would offer various possible methods once an effect was showcased on the screen. Only public trailers and archival footage were used when presenting different genres of effects for debate. I could not believe my ears when the first film, a 1938 newsreel, generated so much controversy! My selections that followed never paled in prompting points and counterpoints. The smiles and laughter quickly convinced me that this format for an occasional meeting was acceptable. Again, my thanks go out to the membership for being the true stars of the night. Their clever reasoning sparked fresh ideas in several members I've since spoken with. I have never had so much fun creating a program for any group as I had while selecting the video performances, working some app magic on illustrated faces, and virtually animating some of our leadership to include song and dance. I'll never forget the joy I had sharing this event with the Brotherhood!”

Steve Finkelstein shared the following: "Giving back to the community is one of IBM Ring One's core values. We had another wonderful opportunity making kids smile and adults act like kids at the 2023 St. Louis Kidney Walk on Sunday March 25th that was held at Westport Plaza located in Maryland Heights, MO. There were about 1,000 people at the event. Ring 1 had seven magicians (Steve Finkelstein, Dan Todd, D. Jay, Zi Tang Wang, Paul Gregor, John Skarin, and Dave Goldfarb) entertaining and teaching magic nonstop from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It was a great time for all. We are looking forward to entertaining at next year's event."

Christian Misner shared the following: "On March 25, 2023, Christian the Magician performed his comedy magic show "You Deserve Better" to a full house at Old Time Magic Shop in High Ridge, Missouri. This was the first time Christian performed seated at a table, and the audience loved it. Several local magicians were in attendance, along with lay people from around the greater St. Louis area. Christian used music, humor, and audience participation to keep the audience engaged throughout the hour-long show. He even brought up an 8-year-old magician to help out during the performance, and as a thank you gift, Christian gave her his "Ultimate Magic Set." After the show, guests had the opportunity to meet and greet with Christian, who was happy to take photos and answer questions. The audience left thoroughly entertained, with many commenting on the unique and intimate setting of the performance. "I loved the show! Christian's humor and magic were spot-on and kept me on the edge of my seat the entire

time," said audience member, Karen Schellin. "I especially enjoyed the opportunity to meet him after the show and get a photo with him. He's such a great performer and a really nice guy." Christian the Magician's "You Deserve Better" show was a huge success, and attendees are already looking forward to his next performance at the Blue Strawberry on May 8th at 7:00 p.m. More information and tickets at www.BlueStrawberrySTL.com.

Dan Todd shared the following: "On Friday April 7th the magic show on CCTV at Children's Hospital was really fun. While performing the six bill repeat with million dollar bills, a patient called in saying that she collected 2-dollar bills and I gave them a million! The lineup was close to the same at Ranken Jordan on Monday, April 10th. It was also a big hit! I performed the following effects: Haunted Handkerchief, Diamond (egg) Bag, Bubble Gum Machine (my version), Miser's Dream, Human Xylophone, Inside Out Bag, Mr. Bill Transports (giant Play Doh tube for the square circle and an Oriental Production Cabinet for vanishing), Six Bill Repeat, Slydini Silks, Comedy Handcuff Escape, and a teaching effect—The Cunning Card Trick, which was jumbo for stage."



Silly Jilly had large crowds for her many Easter shows at Eckert's Farm in Belleville, Illinois. Two sets of bleachers were not enough seating, so Silly Jilly invited the kids to sit on the stage for added room. The kids were more likely to not stay seated when not seated next to their parents, but a trick Silly Jilly learned from a Washington DC magician, The Great Zucchini, gets the energetic kids sitting back down quickly. She would say, "Who's sitting criss-cross applesauce?" and the kids quickly sat back down. She shared that this works with most (not all) kids, but for only a few seconds and then she would have to repeat this phrase. One grandmother commented on Facebook the following: "Just wanted to tell you my granddaughter had the best time at your show. She had to tell her great-grandma all the funny things. She can't wait for your May 1st show (Broughton Park sponsored by the Brentwood Library)." Silly Jilly is quite busy. She is performing at Syberg's in Chesterfield weekly (plain clothes) and at Pediatric Dentistry in Sunset Hills once a month (as a clown). She has several upcoming events which are listed on her Facebook page. Here is the link - <http://www.sillyjilly.com>
<http://www.facebook.com/sillyjillytheballoonartistandclown>

Trudy Monti-Monteith has been instrumental in keeping the St. Louis Magic Roundtable meeting every Saturday. She regularly advertises the event and magicians who attend thoroughly enjoy themselves. On April 8th, Harry Monti brought two special souvenirs that he gave each person in attendance. One was a program from the week of November 11, 2013 when he performed at the Magic Castle. The other was his PR brochure that he sent to clients. The Roundtable meets at 1:30 p.m. at Dierbergs, 1080 Lindemann Road, Des Peres, MO 63131. Everyone is welcome. Trudy advises those interested to check the website for the latest information and to make sure there is a meeting before attending.

The Ring was really excited that Jay Sankey was scheduled to lecture on May 23rd. However, Jay needed to cancel due to family obligations. Hopefully, Jay will be able to reschedule his lecture in the near future.

Visitors are always welcome to attend our Ring 1 meetings and activities.

Sandy Weis

If you would like to share photos of your events for The Spirit Newsletter, send them to paulsmusicplus@gmail.com so that they can be added to the next publication.

Scheduled Events:

The St. Louis Magic Roundtable meets every Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Dierbergs, 1080 Lindemann Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131. Check the following website for the latest information before attending each week:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/374210993307299>

Board meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month over Zoom (virtual meeting), and all members are welcome to attend. To attend, please contact the president and secretary (contact info on last page).

All events are in-person unless otherwise indicated.

Date	Event
May 3, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: ELECTIONS and Ring and String/Rope
May 23, 2023	Jay Sankey Lecture—CANCELED
June 7, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Katrina the Magician ZOOM Lecture & Red Carpet Event
July 5, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: No Meeting—summer break
August 2, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Ice Cream Social/Flea Market
September 6, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Close-up Competition - Steve Queen
October 4, 2023	Matt Garrett Lecture
October 21, 2023	Fall Ring 1 Magic Show - Florissant Civic Center
November 1, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Math Magic with Steve Finkelstein
December 6, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange

Scheduled Events

<https://www.ring239.com/cimgt>

SILLY JILLY SHOWS

Monday, May 1, Broughton Park, located behind Brentwood Library. Silly Jilly's magic show starts at 6:30, but arrive early for pre-show jokes.

Saturday, June 24, Staunton, Illinois Carnival. Silly Jilly's magic show starts at 6:00, but arrive early for pre-show jokes.

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Jeff Harpring

Registration
Go To: <https://www.ring239.com/registration>
Magician Registration is \$60.00
Spouse Registration is \$20.00
Kids Registration is \$20.00
Note: All kids must be accompanied by a registered adult magician.

For More Information
Go to: <https://www.ring239.com/cimgt>

All registrations include one evening show ticket which is an assigned seat. If you are ordering additional evening show tickets for other people and wish to be seated together, please order the tickets at the same time so we can try to accommodate you.



Michael Carbonaro
On sale: Fri • Mar 17 • 10:00 AM
Fri • Aug 25, 2023 • 8:00 PM
River City Casino & Hotel — St Louis, MO

[Click here for Michael Carbonaro tickets.](#)

Ring 1 Events



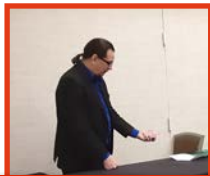
Program designer and director Michael W. McClure, at the control booth.

Entertaining Meetings

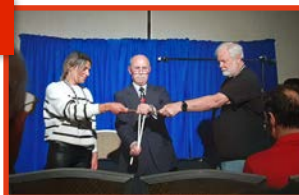
Charity Events



Ring 1 members performing on location



Conventions





The Demise of Brick-and-Mortar Magic Shops

I have written several articles about the magic shops in St. Louis over the years. At one time we had seven stores operating at the same time. Over the last fifty years, we probably have had over thirty shops in our town. Today, we have only TWO. Old Time Magic, run by Eric Bausworth, and The Magic Shop, run by D.J. Edwards. These two guys don't do it for the money, they do it for the love of the art. Before these two opened, we had one shop, Ickle Pickle, and that really wasn't even a shop. You had to make an appointment. And at the time, all the magicians were complaining about the fact that St. Louis didn't have any magic shops. Now we have two guys who jumped into the game and have very little support from the local community. By a show of hands, how many have been to either shop? That's what I thought.

As a former shop owner, it's not about the money. I, like Eric, actually held down another job while owning the shop. Truth be told, there is very little markup in magic merchandise.

Eric has brought in quite a few lectures over the past year, as well as jam sessions with very few club members attending. D.J. has shows at his shop every month with very few attending. When these two decide to hang it up, remember, you heard it here first.

Support your local dealers, please.

Steve Zuehlke

Reach out to us, if we can help you in any way.

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