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Children's Magic

March 2, 2022

7pm Meeting

Dielmann Recreation Center

11400 Olde Cabin Rd

Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Please stay tuned to your emails in case there is a last-minute change of plans due to COVID-19.



President's Message

March is here! I am looking forward to our next meeting, which will be focused on Children's Magic. I hope we will get many of you that are children's magicians to participate and show some cool stuff and, if you are open to telling the secret, teach it. I can't wait to see the children's performers. Please let me know if you would like to perform at the March meeting. Thank you!

In April, we will have Jonathan Levit for a lecture! This will be amazing, one of our own St. Louis magicians that made it big will be giving a lecture at our club.



Since I love conventions, I can't tell you how excited I am to go to the Senior Tour in Collinsville, IL, April 1-3. If you live around here, I can't imagine missing it. Not only will the convention be great, but we will all be hanging out before and after the convention each day. I am not sure when we will sleep. (just kidding, maybe) Here is the link to the convention:
<https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/seniortour>

If you can stay at the hotel, I can tell you that it will be a blast. The talent will be hanging out with us all weekend.

Don't forget that it's time to pay your dues (if you haven't already). Elections are just around the corner, so if you are interested in any of the board or officer's positions, please make sure you let us know. See everyone on March 2 for our next meeting. As always, if you want to talk, my phone number is 618-610-5947 and my email address is scott@plato.com.

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Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis et al.

The January meeting was cancelled due to a snow storm; therefore, the planned agenda was used for the February meeting. Approximately twenty members came early to learn/watch James Molinari give “tips” on cards. Jimmy “Cards” Molinari is a former student of Ed Marlo. He has always enjoyed magic, but his real interest with cards is in the gambling area. When he was ten or eleven years old, he saw John Scarne appearing on the Tonight Show with Jack Paar. Scarne performed some card effects, but his demonstrations of cheating and overhand stacking is what caught Jimmy’s attention. Jimmy then spent lots of time practicing and collecting books on cards. In 1975, he stepped into a magic bar called Mr. C’s Magic Lounge located in Berwyn, Illinois. He showed the owner a few card effects and was hired. He then became “Jimmy Cards” and stayed at this bar until it closed in 1980. He has lectured at a number of conventions throughout the years. Ed Marlo called him “The Man with the Bionic Hands.” Bill Malone said, “Jim Molinari is one of card magic’s best kept secrets. His cull has to be seen to be believed.” Jon Racherbaumer said, “Jimmy Molinari, whose shuffle is as fast as the company he keeps!”

Steve Zuehlke did a great job as the moderator and kept the meeting “going.” He added additional information, which was quite valuable, regarding the various presentations. He is a “skilled” card magician and has commented many times that one needs to practice extensively in order to become skilled in card magic. He brought card magic books from his personal collection and gave these books to the members as the meeting progressed. (Thank you, Steve!) Steve shared that James Molinari presented some excellent card sleights as well as covering some tips on the basics. Included were the OPEC, JORDAN, and ELMSLEY COUNTS. Jimmy explained, while they are called counts, they are actually displacements. Jimmy also included tips on false shuffles, second dealing, palming, forcing, breaks, angles and sight lines. To conclude, he gave the members something to practice..... a full riffle shuffle, tabled deck control. To see Jimmy do this is a thing of beauty. He reinforced that one needs to practice, practice, practice in order to learn the various moves. He mentioned the book, “The Royal Road to Card Magic,” several times as an excellent book to learn more about card manipulations.

The theme for the meeting was “Self-Working Card Tricks Anyone Can Do.” These effects don’t use sleight of hand or secret moves, and all magic happens semi-automatically. Originally, Steve Finkelstein was scheduled to teach; however, his presentation will be given at a future date. Instead, Ring 1’s President, Scott Smith, contacted members and asked if they would present a self-working card trick. (Thank you, Scott, for making these phone calls.) Several members offered to present, and all effects were excellent. (As I write this, I always like to include the name of each effect so readers can research more about the effect if they want further information. However, several of the presenters did not know the name of the effect for various reasons. In fact, some of the effects did not even have a name.)

The following members shared a self-working card trick: Derrick Daniels (Gemini Twins Card Trick), D. Jay Lenz (Eye Doctor’s Dilemma), Al Zibits (a variation of Jim Steinmeyer’s Remote Control), Steve Steer (Invisible Reverse taught to Steve by Jim Ryan), Tom Reilly, John

Davit, Jeff Halcomb, Terry Richison, John Skarin (The Friendship Game), Scott Smith (a variation of a Nick Trost effect), and Jesse Bader (Prior Commitment and Any Card Any Number). In conclusion, Randy Kalen presented several effects (The Einstein Trick, 16 Card Matrix, Cinematrix, A Detective Card Trick, and more). He explained what the Gilbreath Principle is and shared several effects using this principle. Randy does an excellent job presenting magic effects and also does an outstanding job explaining how they are done.

Trudy Monteith shared the following: “Congratulations to a dear friend, SAM Assembly 8 member and Past National SAM President, John Apperson, for being presented with the 2022 Heroism and Patriot Award at the recent SAM National Convention in Las Vegas! Well deserved! Way to go, John!” John has been involved with the St. Louis magic clubs for “many” years, including Ring 1.

The Magic Roundtable is meeting every Saturday at the Dierbergs at 1080 Lindemann Road in Des Peres, MO, at 1:00 PM. All magicians are invited to attend. Thanks to Trudy Monteith for organizing these meetings and also posting weekly reminders on Facebook. Those in attendance really enjoy these informal meetings.

The scheduled agenda for the March meeting is Children’s Magic. The Ring is in the process of scheduling a lecture in April. Details will be shared in the near future. Guests are always welcome to attend Ring 1’s meetings and activities.

Introducing: The Passion of an Amateur Card Magician Website Discovered by Steve Buesking

In 2004, a Spanish magician self-published a magic book for his friends. The book talks a great deal about being an amateur magician, what that means, and how to get better. As the author is a judge for FISM, there is some level of credibility.

There are over 90 effects in the book, plus 50 odd pages related to memorized deck magic - a current interest of mine. I haven’t looked at either section yet as I am reading his suggestions on self improvement first. Some of it is obvious. Some ideas will be fruit for reflection. (Suggestion #7 is a no palm, signed card to wallet. It is the simple handlings that seem to fool me best.)

The Spanish school of magic - think Ascanio, Tamariz, or D’Ortiz are legendary for close-up card magic. Great material, some doable by humans like myself.

The website at the top will explain the author and the book a bit more than I did above. There is a hyperlink at the bottom of the website for an English or Spanish version. As my Spanish is limited to “Dos Margaritas”, I opted for the English translation.

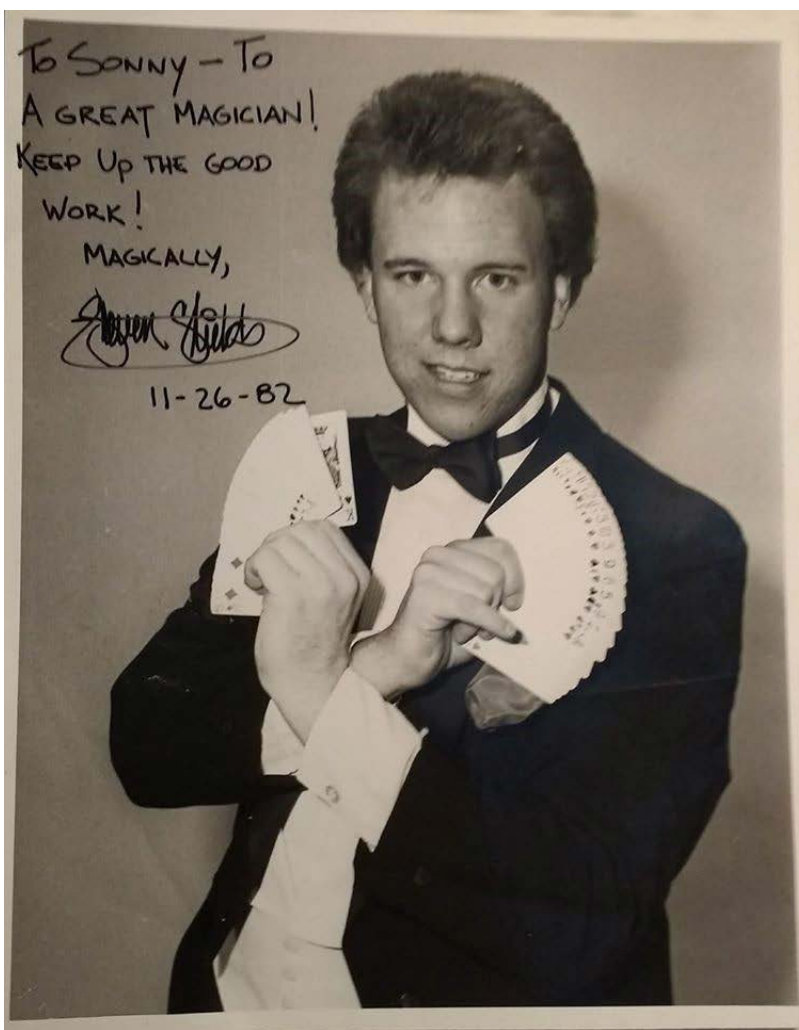
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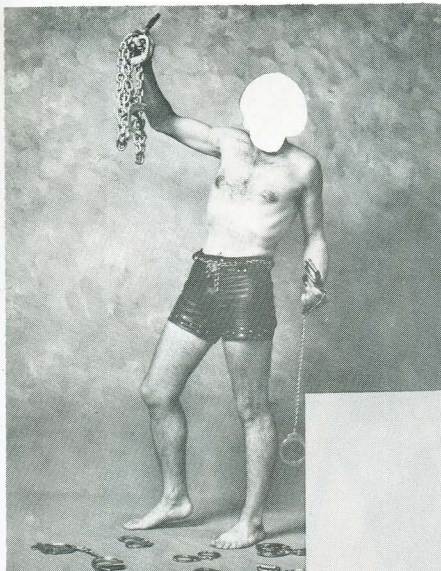
by Steve Zuehlke

This is a MAJORLY HILARIOUS piece of printed magic memorabilia. For those of you who don't know, this is a parody of *Genii Magazine*. This was made in 1982 by "The Left Handed League", led by Harry Anderson. Last time I talked with Harry about it, he said he had a few copies left lying around and wouldn't part with 'em for less than a hundred bucks a piece.

From the cover picture of "The Magic Hostel" (see The Magic Castle), looking like a hotdog stand, to the numerous ads inside (Abutts Magic, Oweing Magic, Chuck Yu's Magic Factory, TenyoYo Magic) and the incredibly funny stories and photographs, this is a MUST HAVE for all magicians. You'll read this a thousand times, and the next time you pick it up to read, you'll find something new in it."

Below, you can see the enclosed photo of me back in the day circa 1982, I believe. I had traded some items with Mike Caveney, one of which was the enclosed photo. Needless to say, I was surprised when the issue of Wenii came out (next page)!





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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.

Upcoming Events

I.B.M., Ring 1, and St. Louis Events (US Central time)

Date	Event	Type
Mar 2, 2022, 7pm	Children's Magic	In person
Apr 1-3, 2022	The Senior Tour (conference)	In person
Apr 6, 2022, 7pm	Jonathan Levit lecture	In person

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

Magic Conventions

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

Remember to contact Scott Smith if you are attending the I.B.M. National Convention in Atlanta in July.



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More Info To Come!



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For More info: <https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/seniortour>

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