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February 2022 Edition

Self-working Card Tricks Anyone Can Do

February 2, 2022

6:15pm Pre-meeting mentorship with card sleight pros

7pm Meeting and lecture

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

It's February and it is so cold. I just spent almost 2 weeks at 2 conventions. Went to the S.A.M. and Magifest. The S.A.M. was half taken over by the All Things Magic (ATM) with Luke Dancy. It was a blast! I finally got to see Charlie Frye perform live. John Apperson and I were lucky to sit in the front row of the ATM show. Charlie must be one of the best entertainers in the business. The S.A.M. convention only had about 350 people, including all the people running it. It was a real shame. I was told that they lost a lot of money because people were cancelling the day of the convention. Acts were dropping like flies with covid. I have been involved with the ATM group run by Luke Dancy for about a year or so. They are a great bunch of people. John Apperson introduced me to all the people running the convention and I was able to see first hand how much work goes into putting on a huge production like this convention.



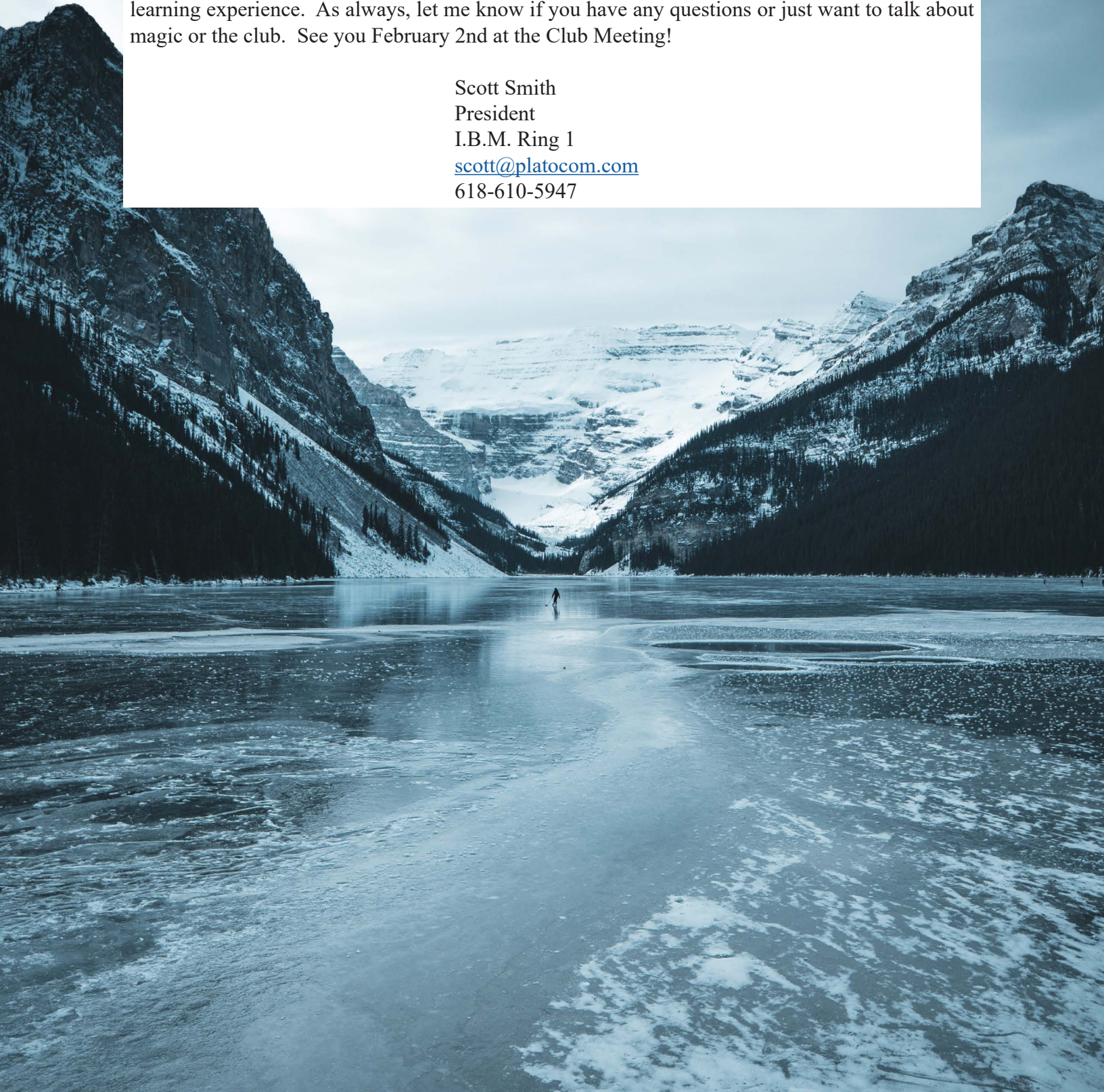
I flew back on Wednesday, January 19, then took off the next day to the Magifest in Columbus, OH. Darwin Ortiz was the guest of honor; he told some great stories. He told a story about how he ripped David Roth on a television interview, but I can't repeat on here what his response was. Remind me, and I will tell you in person. The Magifest was limited to 500, and they claimed to have that many people there, but I sure did not see it. It was cool to see Darwin Ortiz in person. I sat down next to Jason England so I could ask him some questions at the end of one of the lectures and I didn't even realize that it was Darwin sitting next to him. I asked him about the Erdnase movie. For those of you that have not heard, there is an Erdnase movie that will be coming out. Google Erdnase Movie and you will see there is trailer 1 and 2. This movie looks awesome! The rumors were that Jason England's hands are the ones in the movie performing all the moves. That is why I looked him up. He said that he is not sure. He said that the person putting the movie together was not able to stop by and see him, he couldn't get a visa. The Movie Production Team went over to film him and talk to him about the movie. He said that they filmed his hands doing card sleights for a few hours. He assumes that they are his hands in the movie, but he doesn't even know the name of the guy that put the movie together. He did say that he believes the movie is real and will be released.

Sorry, I digressed from Ring 1 business. We will be having the meeting we were planning on having January 12 but cancelled because our talent got Covid. Yes, that was Steve Finkelstein. Don't forget that we will be starting an early session before the meeting starts at 6:15 PM to start learning sleights. If you have ever wanted to learn a sleight or if you are working on something and need help, this is for you. Jimmy Molinari, Steve Zuehlke, and Derrick Daniels will be there to help. How often can you sit with these greats and learn something as simple as a shuffle/false shuffle, or some other move? Maybe you just want to see one of these guys work the cards? It will be a lot of fun. Come early. Enjoy it. Learn something. I would love to do more of this if there is interest. Steve Finkelstein will be teaching us self-working card tricks. If you have one you want to show, please do. It should be a great time!

We are working on putting together a Spring Show sometime around March, April, or possibly May. If you are interested in performing, please let us know. Terry Richison is chairing the event. I am very excited; it should be a blast.

It is time to pay this year's dues. They can be paid with PayPal on the Ring 1 website, <http://www.ibmring1.com/dues-payments> . You can also pay in person at the meeting for the low, low price of \$15 for the year. Elections are just around the corner. If you are interested in running for office, please let us know. It has been a weird year to be president, but it has been a great learning experience. As always, let me know if you have any questions or just want to talk about magic or the club. See you February 2nd at the Club Meeting!

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Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis et al.

The first meeting of 2022 was scheduled for January 12th. The topic was “Self-Working Card Tricks—Tricks Anyone Can Do.” However, it was decided by the Board to postpone the meeting until February due to COVID. The members are looking forward to this very well-planned, informative meeting.

From Dan Todd:

Isolation need not be boring for any DIY (Do It Yourself) person. I found a fantastic large brass goblet and later a brass gimmick for a custom fancy Mother of all Diamonds. New tube and gimmick work great! I just need to put a nice finish on the outside of the metal tube. I have also been collecting fancy cocktail skewers for a thumb sword cabinet. Further, I obtained stainless steel skewers, four 9” skewers and six 13” skewers for arm and or balloon cabinet illusions. The pitcher is a backup for my stiff rope genie vase that I use with Hernando, the World’s Strongest Flea routine. I found all of them on Facebook Marketplace, and each of the acquired items bring me joy in these turbulent times. The second round of joy is when I complete a new effect with them.



From Steve Buesking:

I just returned from the first Gateway Gathering Convention in Orlando, Florida. Kent Gunn, the primary organizer, held a similar convention in San Francisco for years prior to moving to Orlando. What that means to you is he knows how to assemble a team and make a convention successful. I suppose I need to define success. I like Magifest in Columbus. Prior to COVID, there were 900 to 1,000 in attendance; last September there were only 500 attendees. Magicians would session to all hours of the morning, then go again the next day. (Confession: I never made it past 3:00 a.m. for fear of falling asleep during the next day’s lecture. The old folks need a few hours of sleep.)

While you could talk with the “talent,” there were so many others with similar desires. At some point it seemed like too much for the better-known lecturers so I chose to be one less annoyance. The Dealers Room, the toy store for magicians, had around 40 dealers from the U.S. and beyond. Magicians were shoulder to shoulder, but the toys were many. Sadly, some went into a drawer never to see light again.

This year’s Magifest schedule, as I recall, had 20 different sessions over three days. This is similar to years past where, after so many sessions, I was inspired and exhausted, but I always came back. Alternately, the Orlando Gateway allowed 100 attendees; over half cancelled on the first day because of COVID fears. I believe the number of attendees was 28. Everyone was

required to show proof of vaccination to be a part of the group, but the cancellations still came.

The Gateway organizers planned the convention like a Sci-Fi convention, referring to it as a Relax-A-Con. There were eight lecturers, with no more than three lectures in a day. If you wanted to learn a card move, or get help on a coin move, or talk memorized deck routines, there wasn't a line; the talent was there to have fun with you. Several of the attendees will be lecturers next year -- a talented group of people (myself excluded). If the lecture went longer than planned, no one complained because there was no hard timetable due to the limited number of daily lectures. The last lecture, featuring Patrick Redford, was scheduled for 90 minutes; it lasted 3 1/2 hours. He was amazing. I could have gone another hour, then collapse.

Every performer was strong and kind with their time. It was a relaxed and very enjoyable way to session and learn. Do not take this as bad mouthing Magifest or other large conventions; that would be an incorrect interpretation. I think Magifest is amazing! I was uncertain how much I would enjoy myself with the unscheduled free time. It was great! So was the 85°F at poolside with a new Memorized Deck book. Most of the attendees were from Florida, including some Bill Malone former staffers, Geoff Williams from Detroit, folks from Boston to California. And yes, these folks also session through the night, some skipping sleep altogether Friday night/Saturday morning. And I didn't do that either. The Dealers' Room was just for the performers' goods after their lecture. I actually purchased material that won't be hidden in a drawer. If you have the opportunity to attend a smaller convention, I urge you to go. It was relaxing, I was able to learn at my own speed, and I will return next January. I hope the 85°F will be there, too.

From Mike McClure:


Please check out our latest benefit for Ring 1 members HIRE A MAGICIAN is LIVE now! Just visit our website at <http://www.ibmring1.com/hire-a-magician> OR click on the big orange buttons that live on our homepage, and they will magically direct you there. ALL members that have services, products or anything to market are encouraged to send me their information so they, too, can get better exposure.

From Trudy Monti:

The first Roundtable of 2022 got off to a really good start. In attendance were Chris Korn, Steve Zuelke, Steve Steer, Tom Reilly, George Van Dyke, Steve Bolland, John Davit, and Trudy Monti. Steve Steer performed three different tricks for us and Chris Korn delighted everybody with a new trick that he learned in Spain. It was a little bit nasty outside, but it sure was fun to be together inside. We are planning on returning to weekly gatherings and hope you will join us every Saturday at 1:00 at the Dierbergs Market at 1080 Lindemann Road, Des Peres, MO.

From Steve Buesking:

John Carey, a UK magician and a fabulous teacher, is offering Masterclass Sessions via Zoom. Each month, he will offer a class on a specific card and/or coin magic topics. Each month, a technique or a classic plot will be discussed in great detail with many applications. All subscribers



will receive a recording free with his compliments. He is just asking subscribers to pay what they can via PayPal. The first masterclass which focused on the Hofzinsler Cull was held on January 21st. To subscribe, simply PayPal your payment to: johncareymagic@gmail.com. You will then be sent a Zoom link. The recording of the masterclass will be sent out within 24 hours of the event.

From Jill Schmidt:

At her latest magic show, a boy requested Jill “Silly Jilly” Schmidt do the diaper hat, which he remembered from when Silly Jilly was at the pre-school over a year ago. She’s been doing the diaper hat gag since she learned it ten years ago from Silly Billy’s Seriously Silly Live DVD. She’s the one who wears the hat and occasionally uses the gag as Silly Billy instructs with putting the diaper on a volunteer’s head. At the end of her latest show, most students said their favorite part was the whoopee cushion. Silly Jilly places a regular-sized whoopee cushion inside a mirror drop-down box. Magically, a giant whoopee cushion appears. Ickle Pickle Magic designed the box only to make an object appear, but because an uninflated whoopee cushion is so flat, Silly Jilly can do a transformation. Her giant whoopee cushion is custom-made, and it blows up in less than a minute with a hairdryer. The kids love sitting on it.

Sister Michael Therese

by Terry Richison

It is a very heavy heart that I must inform you that long time I.B.M. Ring 1 member, Sister Michael Therese passed away on January 3rd. Born March 20, 1932, she was only three months away from turning 90.



Sister Michael Therese Bauer was born in Centralia, Illinois. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1950. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Fontbonne University in 1961. Sister Michael Therese taught at St. Gregory School, 1953-1961, the next 10 years in Hawaii at St. Joseph Grade School in Waipahu, Christ the King Grade School in Maui, Holy Trinity Grade School in Honolulu, St. Anthony Grade School in Kailua, and St. Theresa Grade School in Honolulu. In the early 1970s, she taught in Denver, Colorado, at St. James Grade School. Sister Michael Therese returned to St. Louis and taught at St. Luke School, 1973-1978. From 1978 until 1985, Sister Michael Therese's ministry was in community service to her retired and infirmed sisters at Nazareth Home in Lemay, MO. Beginning in 1985, Sister Michael Therese served as the coordinator of printing and mailing services at the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet's Provincial House in St. Louis for over 20 years. From 1977 to 2002, she was the spiritual moderator of The Guild of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, a role she found very rewarding. She retired in 2008.

Sister Michael Therese joined the I.B.M. and Ring 1 in May 2000 and performed magic for her fellow Sisters at the Nazareth Living Center. Not only was she an accomplished magician, she was also a clown, and it gave her great pleasure to play Santa Claus each year for them. Her smile, her warmth, her wit and her love are just a few of her endearing qualities that will be missed. Sister Michael Therese was always the first to volunteer to help with our Ring 1 shows and would even enlist the fine help of a few of her Sister friends. She also loved coming to the Midwest Magic Jubilee shows. You could always count on her to bring a smile to your face, whether you were new to the club or a seasoned member. Magic brought her much fun, enjoyment and new friends. She said she felt blessed to have been able to bring laughs, surprises and smiles to many. Please keep her in your prayers. The wake was held on January 12th with a Broken Wand Ceremony. Due to COVID restrictions, it was held in a small chapel with limited attendance.

IBM Ring 1 Meeting

Self-Working Card Tricks – Tricks anybody can do!

February 2, 2022

6:15pm with card sleight pros, 7pm lecture

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Let's learn some practical, easy to do, yet amazing magic, Self-Working Card Tricks: Card tricks that don't use sleight of hand, zero secret moves involved, and all the magic happens semi-automatically. Members are encouraged to come at 6:15pm, when Jim "Jimmy Cards", Steve Zuehlke, and Derrick Daniels will teach card sleights and even help members perfect effects they have been working on. The lecture begins at 7pm.

There will be opportunities to perform and learn amazing self-working effects: poker deals, mental magic, gambling, etc. Everyone will leave learning one or more amazing effects. To improve the learning curve, we will be video recording each trick performed and taught. We will also provide a reference list of where to find the best self-working card magic. Let Scott know if you would like to perform and/or teach one of your favorite effects.

Do not underestimate the entertainment value of self-working card magic. Most professional close-up magicians interject self-working card magic with sleight of hand magic. Although there are a lot of self-working card tricks that are very boring, like the 21-card trick, they do not need to be boring as there are excellent self-working tricks that are very entertaining and make you look like a professional magician. Below is a list of some of the best of all time self-working card tricks by some of the world's best magicians.

10 of the Best Self-Working Card Tricks in the World – PlayingCardDecks.com

- Out of This World (Paul Curry)
- Gemini Twins (Karl Fulves)
- Con Cam Coincidencia (R. Paul Wilson)
- Shuffle-Bored (Simon Aronson)
- Overkill (Paul Harris)
- Devastation (Geoff Williams)
- Play It Straight Triumph (John Bannon)
- Untouched (Daryl)

What makes a magic trick great is the impact it has on an audience, and what produces that is a well-constructed method and presentation. What really counts is the effect and how it comes across. So, why should I want to learn Self-working card tricks?

- They are easy to learn.
- They can be very powerful, entertaining.
- They let you focus on the presentation.
- There are many sources learn them from.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Pay Ring 1 Dues for Calendar Year 2022

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.

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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
Feb 2, 2022, 6:15pm	Self-Working Card Tricks – Tricks anybody can do!	In person
Apr 1-3, 2022	The Senior Tour (conference)	In person
	Spring Show? Contact Scott Smith (contact info on last page) if you would like to perform or help with the show	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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