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Dan Harlan Lecture

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7:00PM CDT

Zoom information will be sent out via e-mail.



President's Message

by Terry Richison

As we wind up 2020 or wind down from 2020, either way it is a good time to reflect on what happened in the past and what is before us. This past year, we lost some great magicians. But their legacies will live on in our hearts and minds. Now is the time of year that we should be happy and festive. With the current virus situation, we might need to change things up to keep our spirits up. Don't be afraid to call one or two of our members that you haven't seen or talked to in a while. Spend some time catching up. You would be surprised how such a call can uplift your spirits. Since it is the season for giving, don't forget to tell your loved ones how much they mean to you. Give them the gift of appreciation.



Speaking of gifts, I even had a couple people ask if we were going to have the annual white elephant gift exchange and Holiday Party this year. As much fun as it always is and as much as I would like to say "Yes", there is not a good way to make it happen. Maybe we could do it next year once things open back up and we can get back to our regular meetings. With the vaccinations coming out very soon, we might be able to get back together sooner than we think. Keep your fingers crossed. Then we can do the things that we missed this year, like the Spring Show, Veteran's Holiday Show, and the Close-up Contest.

I had the chance to go to Branson several times in the past 3 months. So, in case you feel like getting out, most of the shows are up and running. There are six magic shows currently! All are very good. If you have to choose, three that I would recommend are The Hamner's, Reza, and Rick Thomas. All three are top quality. All the shows have socially distanced seating. Let me know if you go and I will give you some tips on getting some good prices on the shows.

Coming up at our December meeting will be a lecture by Dan Harlan. This is going to be a great lecture. As always, we will send out the link to the online meeting closer to the date. Given that this is the Holiday Season, go ahead and pass the invitation on to a friend who might be interested in magic. We will open it up to all those who want to join us for FREE!

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who have helped keep things running throughout this troublesome year. It takes many people to keep things running smoothly. A big thanks all the officers and board members who have helped out this year! And thanks to all the members who joined the online meetings when they could. It is not always easy, we know.

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year. Let's make 2021 a very Magical Year! See you at the meeting on Dec 2nd!

Terry Richison

I.B.M. Ring 1
President

Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis

The November meeting featured an informal talk/teach-in by one of our talented members, Steve Zuehlke. With the virus still with us, this was another Zoom meeting. Steve talked about books, editions, some new uses for the insurance policy and B'Wave, along with a few tips on the Professor's Nightmare and shared an easy to do mental card trick using ten cards that can be adapted to an array of different settings. He highly recommended reading and/or viewing the following—"Card Tricks: The Royal Road to Card Magic" by Jean Hugard, "Bobo's Coin Magic" (DVD or soft bound edition), "Complete Card Magic" (4 DVD set), "Abbott's Encyclopedia of Rope Tricks for Magicians" by Stewart James, and "Secrets of Brother John Hamman" by John Hamman. However, he feels the best book to read to further one's knowledge of magic is "The Linking Ring." After Steve finished, Randy Kalin presented two awesome card tricks including a card through card and a great mental effect using cards and coins with an often, overlooked sleight. Awesome magic! Closing the evening was Martin Kopp with one of the funniest rope routines we have seen via ZOOM. You would have had to have been there but there were actually TWO Martin Koppes on the computer screen at the SAME TIME! Absolutely hilarious!!! Hats off to Steve Finkelstein and Alan Zibits for handling the meeting in Terry Richison's absence. And a BIG thanks to Steve Finkelstein for handling the Zoom meeting for Steve Zuehlke, who confessed that that he is a technically, challenged performer. Steve Buesking and Steve Zuehlke donated two attendance prizes and the winners were Michael McClure and Néstor Romero.

Dan Todd shared that St. Louis Children's Hospital is having him perform magic again, via Zoom. Unfortunately, his chess class schedule conflicts with their open slot time. Therefore, he is preparing videos for the children to view. He commented that video is even more challenging than Zoom since there is no audience participation. It has been suggested that magicians need more audience participation. However, now he doesn't even receive phone-in participation as compared to when he did get phone-in participation when he was on their CCTV (closed-circuit television). The first video was appreciated and now they are requesting that he make more for them. The chess club wants him to make some videos for them which will also include his chess magic. He made it clear to them that these are not for them to own, copy, or use without his written permission. Dan has cleared out a room in his house and set up a backdrop but still had to deal with a lightning issue. His table was not high enough for the camera angles. So now he has to deal with even more issues than before. "Challenging us to be creative with our staging. This is much better than just reading magic books and catching up on magic videos. Magicians live to perform, but we miss the immediate feedback. The feedback is more important than what one might have realized. The good thing is that we have our memories and we must utilize these while we perform. We can remember those great times when we had them. Those were the days! Keep positive and prepared for whatever our shows evolve into."

One of our members, Scott Smith, has arranged for Dan Harlan to host the Ring's December meeting. Dan is offering these lectures at no cost to magic clubs. However, he does want feedback from the members regarding what they want him to perform, teach, and/or discuss at the meeting. Dan was the featured performer at the Ring's President's Banquet last year and

everyone thoroughly enjoyed his presentation. Scott has also arranged for Erik Tait to host the Ring's February meeting. According to his website, Erik has won awards for both standup comedy and magic throughout North America. He has appeared on Penn & Teller: Fool Us and was the 2018 International Brotherhood of Magicians Gold Cups Close Up Competition Champion. Steve Buesking has arranged for Jason Dean to be the featured lecturer at the January meeting. Jason is a magician from Kansas City who was named Closeup Magician of the Year in Kansas City from 202 to 2005. The Ring appreciates Scott's and Steve's efforts in securing these highly, talented magicians for Ring 1's monthly Zoom meetings.

Book Trivia

by Steve Zuehlke

As most of you know, I deal in used magic books. And I always get asked questions regarding first editions, second editions, enlarged editions, revised editions, etc. Hopefully, the below will help you better understand.

“We venture to say that no other piece of terminology has caused so much contention among booksellers and collectors as that of first edition. In publishing terms, an edition is technically all copies of a book that were printed from the same setting of type and the book is only described as a second edition if substantial changes are made to the copy. However, in collecting terms, a very rough description of first edition would be when it is the first appearance of a work in question.

“To shed a little more light, the first time a publisher releases a new book, all copies of that book that are printed without major changes can be considered a first edition. If the initial print run of this first edition sells out and the publisher decides to produce a subsequent printing with the same typeset, the book would be described as a first edition, second printing. On the other hand, if substantial changes are made to the book after its first printing, perhaps, the addition of a chapter or corrections of typos, then the book would be described as the second edition.

“You can now probably understand why there is so much debate about first editions. If there are two or more books described as a first edition, then a collector will want to know which one is superior.”

So, to sum things up, the first printing of any book is the **FIRST EDITION**. For sake of argument, the book sells out and the publisher reprints it **WITH NO** changes to the original. This is considered a **FIRST EDITION, SECOND PRINTING**. Now let's say that after the first edition was distributed, the publishers discovered a few typos and/or they want to add something. The next time they publish the book with corrected typos and/or added material, it become a **SECOND/REVISED** edition.

I hope this information helps you when you purchase your next book!

Steve Finkelstein Book Sale

Most are in new or excellent condition. Many are priced at 50% off retail but some are collector items or out of stock and I am looking for an offer. Minimum purchase is 3 books. There may be additional discounts for bigger purchases. Contact Steve at sfinkelstein1@sbcglobal.net or 314-409-6869.

Memory of the Mind - by Eddie Joseph	Good	Paper Back 1953	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
Mentalism and It's Presentation - Bob Nelson & Syd Bergson	Good	Paper Back 1964	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
The Mental Magic of Basil Horwitz	new	Paper Back	\$ 25.00	\$ 12.50
The Complete Idiots Guide to Street Magic - Tom Ogden	new	Paper Back	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.50
Mortimer's Magic Magazine - Bound Volume 5 to 8	New	Hardcover	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00
Mortimer's Magic Magazine - Bound Volume 9 to 13	New	Hardcover	\$ 75.00	\$ 37.00
Much Ado About Something by Karell Fox	New	Hardcover	\$ 35.00	\$ 20.00
The British Cloe-up Magic Symposium - The First Decase 1989-1999	New	Hardcover	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00
Duninger's Barain Busters - By Joseph Atmore	New	Hardcover	\$ 65.00	\$ 32.50
The History and Practice of Magic - Paul Christian	Very Good	Hardcover	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00
The Royal Road to Card Magic - Jean Hugard	New	Hardcover	\$ 28.00	\$ 14.00
Mentalism Incorporated - Chuck Hickok	New	Hardcover	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00
			Total	\$ 553.00
			Retail	\$ 278.50
Magie Duvivier by Jon Racherbaumer	New	Hardcover	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00
The Little Green Lecture -Pit Hartling's	Excellent	Pamphlet	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00
Ted Lesley's Para Miracles	New	Hardcover	\$ 35.00	\$ 17.50
Dai Vernon's MORE Inner Secrets - Lewis Ganson	Very Good	Hard Back	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
Carter Beats the Devil	Like New	Hard Back	\$ 22.00	\$ 11.00
			Total	\$ 237.00
			Retail	\$ 118.50
Make Offer - Collectbles			Retail	Sale
Close-up Card Magic - Harry Loraine	Very Good	Hard Back	\$ 200.00	
One Hundred By Warlock	New	Hardcover	\$ 175.00	
Magic Tricks and Wallets	Only interested buyers please			
Group A				
Card in Sealed Envelope - Swadling - Never Used	Like New - Excellent		\$ 75.00	\$ 37.50
Professional Peak Wallet - Leather Craft	Like New - Excellent		\$ 25.00	\$ 12.50
Mind Spy Wallet- Perter Nardi	New		\$ 75.00	\$ 37.50
Devastation by Wayne Dobson	Like New - Excellent		\$ 35.00	\$ 17.50
Leather Card to Wallet - Brand?	New		\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00
Dream Prediction Elite by Paul Romhany with DVD	New		\$ 99.95	\$ 49.98
			Total	\$ 349.95
				\$ 174.98
Group B				
Prism Deck - Joshua Jay with DVD	New		\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00
Stasis	Very Good		\$ 55.00	\$ 27.50
Heirloom by Alakazam Magic - Diary Trick	New		\$ 41.00	\$ 20.50
Powerball 60 - Mentalism	New		\$ 25.00	\$ 12.50
The Regal Chain with DVD	New		\$ 65.00	\$ 32.50
Incarnation - Marc Oberon's	New		\$ 99.00	\$ 49.50
The Cooler -By Christian Engblom - deck switch with DVD	Like New - Excellent		\$ 45.00	\$ 22.50
Cold Case - Deck Switch by Greg Wilson	New		\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00
El Duco Magic Signs - brass	Very Good		\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
			Total	\$ 450.00
				\$ 225.00

All Books - Best offer by 12/1

Minimum \$200

All Books - Best offer by 12/1

Minimum \$75

Make offer
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All Wallets - Best offer by 12/1

Minimum \$125

All Items - Best offer by 12/1

Minimum \$150

Some Free Magic

- Grey Elephant in Denmark (mentalism routine):
<https://financeintheclassroom.org/downloads/GreyElephant.pdf>
- To Your Credit (ebook on the rules for crediting magic inventors):
<https://www.vanishingincmagic.com/ebooks/to-your-credit/>
- What's Up Deck (card trick):
<https://www.stevensmagic.com/1995/aldo-colombini-whats-up-deck/>

Learn Zoom

With so many great lectures and other events going on the Zoom platform, it's useful to learn how to use it effectively. Check out Zoom's instructional videos:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials>

Upcoming Events

2020 Magic Conventions

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

Ring 1 Events

Date	Event
Dec 2	Dan Harlan lecture. Friends are welcome!
Jan 6	Jason Dean lecture.
Feb 3	Erik Tait lecture.

Board Meeting Dates

The next board meeting will be held at 7pm on Dec 16th.

Register with Terry Richison to receive the online meeting information. His contact info is on the last page.

Contribute and help shape the future of our organization. All members are welcome!

Volunteer

I know that we are currently fairly light on member requests due to COVID-19, but we are always open to ideas. If you have ideas or wish to volunteer, please contact Terry Richison (contact info on last page).

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