



The SPIRIT | Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1
January 2022 Edition

Self-working Card Tricks Anyone Can Do

January 12, 2022 (NOT January 5)

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

7pm Meeting

Dielmann Recreation Center

11400 Olde Cabin Rd

Creve Coeur, MO 63141

President's Message

We have rung in the New Year at the IBM Ring 1. I hope 2022 will be a much better year for everyone. January is going to be a huge Magic month for me. I will be attending the S.A.M. Convention in Las Vegas and the Magifest in Columbus, OH. If anyone else is going to these conventions, please let me know so we can meet up. At the end of the month, Joshua Weidner, Randy Kalen, and Jesse Bader will be performing in Alton, IL, not far from where I live at the Alton Sports Tap. Doors open at 7:30 PM. Show starts at 8:30 PM. No kids. The link for tickets is: <https://magicmystery.eventbrite.com>. If you live nearby, you should meet us there to support these guys. It would be great to have a big IBM Ring 1 showing.

Our meeting in January has been moved to January 12th at the same time (7pm) and location. We will be doing self-working card tricks. An e-mail with much more detail has been sent to all the members. If you did not get the email, make sure to let me know so I can check your email address. We are going to try something a little different at 6:15pm at the January 12th meeting. Have you ever wanted to learn about card sleights, or do you have one you are working on that you need some help? We are going to have some amazing guys there early to help us learn. Jim "Jimmy Cards" Molinari, Steve Zuehlke, and possibly Derrick Daniels. Over the years, I had wished that I could sit down with some experts and just learn some basic moves. I didn't start learning this kind of card work until about 4 years ago. I am still not very good, but I am having a lot of fun learning. These guys have taught me so much. Even if you just need help with a shuffle or a false shuffle, just ask! I have been trying to learn more shuffles and more false shuffles thanks to these guys. If this works out, we might try and do this more often if these guys can make it.

Did I mention that there will be some prizes for those that participate? The big prize is 1 ticket to the Pageant on Saturday, January 22, to see Justin Willman's Show. Doug Clark is going to make it to our meeting, and he is donating the ticket. This is an amazing prize and there will be others too.

Don't forget this summer the IBM International will be having the 100th year convention in Atlanta. I am looking forward to going. As always, please let me know if you have any questions, ideas, or just want to talk. I am looking forward to a much more active year. I am also looking for people that are willing to help us find lectures in 2022. Let me know if you would like to join the committee or head it.

Don't forget that it's time to pay dues. <http://www.ibmring1.com/dues-payments>

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Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis et al.

The Ring held its annual Holiday Party on December 1st. Members were encouraged to bring their immediate family members. In the past, the Ring supplied the main dish and the members brought sides and desserts to share. However, due to COVID, the Ring decided to purchase all of the food this year. Approximately, thirty members attended, and all had a good time. Jeff Halcomb, a new member, was introduced and he shared a little about himself. He belongs to a Clown Club in St. Charles and is really interested in learning more magic. The Ring hopes to see him at its future monthly meetings. Also, Steve Finkelstein presented the Close-up Contest awards (engraved plaques and trophies). Only one of the winners was present to receive the award, so that's why there is only one photo. After the meal, Terry Richison hosted the annual "White Elephant" gift exchange. Members and their guests could bring a wrapped gift if they wanted to participate. However, the gift had to pertain to magic (tricks, books, DVD's, etc.). Each person was given half of a card, and the other half was put in a hat. As the cards were drawn from the hat, the person who had the other half could either choose a gift from the table or "steal" from another person (who had already opened their gift). Gifts could only be stolen three times. This year, there were three \$25 certificates to Ickle Pickle Magic Products, which were purchased by the Ring, wrapped as gifts. Al Zibits wrapped these certificates so no one knew which box they were in. He even put bags of rocks in the boxes so the boxes seemed heavy. He saves these bags of rocks each year and reuses them the next year. Trudy Monti-Monteith chose a box with several items, including a box of mouth coils. We hope she has fun with these!



Michael W. McClure shared: "The end of November brings such anticipation throughout the magic community. Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals are widely used advertising gimmicks that most magic suppliers employ to entice all of us to shop their offerings. These discounts are very real and a great help to everyone wanting to increase their collections, but they are also a temptress siren's song that lures us to spend more than we have planned ... after all, more purchases yield that much more "savings"! Since we are continually counselled by financial advisors to save more, I have convinced myself that this buying frenzy (and its resulting savings) must have great merit! Please ... don't burst my bubble.

"Our Ring's December Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange was well attended. Although several of the deadly sins were evidenced (including greed & envy, leading to thievery) everyone had a great time and once again, no one was arrested. The quality of the mystery gifts and generosity of the members made for an interesting evening of avarice ... but all in the proper spirit of the game."

"The Ring 1 website continues to expand its scope. Michael requests that all active worker members submit a photo, short bio, and current website/email/agent to be added to our new "Hire A Magician" page. This will be a special perk for all members of Ring 1, and could prove invaluable to acquiring additional gigs, while also drawing the public's attention to our presence in the St. Louis region. Please send your information directly to him at watson7654321@gmail.com.

"Michael's table-top game is also evolving, and it will soon enter the performance stage. He is seeking magicians to provide short video clips (with both effect performance and instruction) that will

serve as the rewards for participants playing and winning the game. It is his hope that the general gaming community will be bitten by the bug and pursue further education in our art. We need the younger generations to join us now and to carry the wand long after we have “shuffled off this mortal mouth-coil” (with sincere apologies to the Bard). Table-top gaming’s popularity has surged recently year after year, and this niche’s members are waiting to love and learn more magic ... they just do not know it yet! All effects revealed in the game are to be classics from the public domain, yet the origin of the trick should be acknowledged as often as possible. A source publication is desired to steer the viewer toward more material and induce them to investigate further. Everyone interested in a slice of immortality (through inclusion in the game) should contact Michael at the same email address as listed above. Become a Johnny Appleseed of magic and enjoy the prestige of being an integral part of an exciting new game!”

Trudy Monti-Monteith shared that approximately 15 magicians attended the Magic Roundtable on Saturday, December 4th. Trudy found a new meeting place, Dierbergs at 1080 Lindemann Road in Des Peres, MO. She is planning weekly Roundtable meetings on Saturdays at 1:00 PM starting in 2022 (except January 1st). All magicians are invited to attend. Thank you, Trudy, for organizing these meetings!

Several members visited the “new” Ickle Pickle Magic Tricks located in Downtown Park Hills, MO on December 11th. It recently relocated to the main business section of town. The members really enjoyed their visit and thought the new store is magnificent. They all had fun looking at all of the magic and ended up buying items, even though most of them already had plenty of magic at home. The group is hoping to visit again in a couple of months and hope more members will join them. The sign on the building says The Magic Shop in Park Hills; however, the business’s name is still Ickle Pickle Magic Tricks.



Figure 1: From left to right in the picture: D.J. Edwards (Ickle Pickle shop owner), Tom Reilly, Steve Zuehlke, Jim Molinari, Gary Chan, Steve Buesking, two local magicians, Josh Weidner, Scott Smith

IBM Ring 1 Meeting

Self-Working Card Tricks – Tricks anybody can do!

January 12, 2022, at 7pm



Let's start off the new year learning 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. 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. Check out the link below:

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!

Crystal Clear Request

One of our members, Andy Leonard, owns Sumit Chhajer's Crystal Clear, but he lost the instructions. If you have the instructions or know how it works, please contact him at anaki4@hotmail.com.

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.

To pay online: <http://www.ibmring1.com/dues-payments>

To pay by mail: Write a check payable to "IBM, Ring 1" for \$15. Write "2022 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.

Upcoming Events

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Apr 1-3, 2022
The Senior Tour (conference)
<https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/seniortour>

Spring Show?
Contact Scott Smith (contact info on last page) if you would like to perform or help with the show.

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

Remember to contact Scott Smith if you are attending Magifest in Columbus in January, the S.A.M. National Convention in Las Vegas in January, and/or the I.B.M. National Convention in Atlanta in July.

Magician's Choice

by Steve Zuehlke

Let's talk about the Magician's Force (A.K.A. the Magician's Choice or Equivoque). Equivoque was probably popularized by Max Maven via his famous packet trick B-Wave. Most are familiar with the principle. The magician places three cards on the table. The spectator chooses two cards. One is eliminated, and the process is apparently repeated until one card is left, the forced card. As we have stated earlier, mentalism is all presentation. The audience has to believe that they had a free choice with no influence from the performer. The word Equivoque is defined as an expression capable of having more than one meaning. With that being said, it's not what you say, but how you say it that makes its use effective. There are countless examples and numerous effects that employ this principle.

This principle is most effective with two objects. If you were to ask a spectator to choose an object and they pick the force object, the trick is done. If they do not choose the force objective, YOU are left with the forced object and the trick is done. At no time does the spectator know what is about to happen, so you are always a step ahead. The process becomes a bit more complicated when more objects are added into the equation. When using three objects, have the spectator choose two by saying something to the effect of "Give me two." If the forced object is left, the trick is over. If the forced object is one of the two they gave you, say something to the effect of "Which one would you like ME to have?" If they give you the forced object, the trick is done. If not, they will be left with the forced object. There should be no doubt that the choices were all their doing and that you had no influence whatsoever. There is a fine line when using this technique. Remember NOT to overuse this in one performance.

A good "sister" force is the PATEO force. Pateo stands for PICK ANY TWO and ELIMINATE ONE. Many great effects have employed this principle, most notably, The Berglass Effect. Used with multiple objects, there are a few rules to remember. The number of objects must be an odd number. The magician NEVER chooses the forced object, and the magician will always start FIRST. For explanation purposes, we will use seven objects with number six being the forced object. You (the magician) choose ANY two objects (remember you cannot use number six) and ask the spectator to eliminate one of them. Next the spectator chooses two objects, and you get to tell him which one to eliminate. Important to remember that, if the forced object is one of the two he chose, you must eliminate the other object, leaving the forced object on the table. This process repeats again with you choosing two objects and the spectator eliminating one. This process goes back and forth until only one object remains on the table. This last object will be the forced object. A good presentation at a table would be to have the spectators put something personal on the table. Keys, coins, wallets, cell phones, a bank note. 11, 13, or 15 objects make a good number. This way, each spectator can have a turn eliminating objects. As the objects are being gathered, you are openly making a prediction which remains in full view throughout the performance.

At the end of the routine, only one object remains. Recap what has taken place, making sure they understand you had no influence over their choices. Slowly open your prediction and then take a bow. This plays great with a group as it breaks into applause. The stage is set for you to go to the next table. Until the next article, go FORCE yourself on some spectators.

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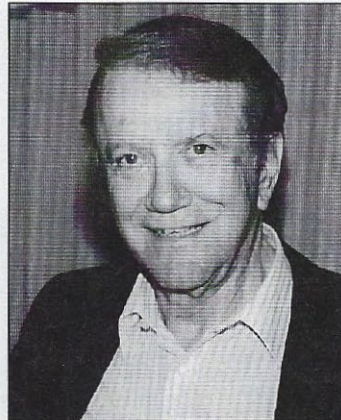
St. Louis Magician Carl "Bud" Dietrich

St. Louis Ring One Past President 1954 & 1955
Performing Trade Show magician

Carl "Bud" Dietrich

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Best known for his trade show close up magic act which allowed him to perform over vast crowds. He still has the ability to work the clients name or product into every trick he does. Bud was involved in the very first **Midwest Magic Jubilee** in St. Louis, which was actually held in East St. Louis in 1957. In the 1950s, he was very active in the magic community serving as President of IBM Ring 1 in St. Louis Missouri then as the **Territorial Vice-President** for Missouri & Illinois. During this time he performed a night club act while managing the golf club at **Grand Marais State Park** during the day. By the 1970s, he was working corporate trade shows full time & was employed frequently by the manufacturer of **HOYLE Playing Cards**, billing himself as "**Mr. Hoyle**". He marketed a number of tricks & books & contributed the effect **Super Sack** (with Randy Tanner) To close up fantasies Book II By Paul Harris (1980). Dietrich was only the second living recipient of the **St. Louis Magical Heritage Award**, an honor given by IBM Ring One and SAM Assembly 8 in 1996.





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