



Society of Memphis Magicians



International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 16
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Dan Harlan DVD Review

Bill Canaday, Vice-President

With Dan Harlan coming to town next week for a lecture, I would like to recommend one of his DVDs. He released a nice set of DVDs called Pack Small, Play Big. This set had four volumes. First - The All Purpose Show, Second - Kids' Birthday Show, Third - Mentalism Show, and Fourth - Stand-Up With Cards. These have received excellent reviews; the one I have is The Mentalism Show. Dan starts off on this volume with a good routine using a word puzzle book. There is a great audience participation routine using colored gloves. In fact, Neal Talley performed this at one of our meetings, and did a great job. There are other great routines included on this DVD, however, two more of these I especially like are a version of The Tossed Out Deck, using a different method. He applies a known card system, using this with audience members; he asks if he called out their card, to stand up. They, of course do, and this led to a standing ovation for him. This good version of a classic is designed to get the Mentalist a standing ovation. He also has what I think is an excellent Headline Prediction, using a clever method. I recommend this DVD, and I know he has a lot of other great routines available. No doubt we will see a lot of these at his lecture in a few days. I hope this helps you, and gets you looking forward to another great lecture coming our way.

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June Ring 16 Meeting
Monday, June 21th
Memphis Botaanic Gardens
June Theme:
Magic with Crazy
Cool Gimmicks
Dan Harlan Lecture
Friday, June 18th
7:30 PM

May Business Meeting

John Sorrell, Secretary

Old Business

- Membership Form - John Sorrell to finalize web and print versions and update as information is received from members

New Business

- Mother's Day Report - Grayson did Tree Readings, Don Lefkowitz performed

- Johnny Williams usually performs at the annual Italian Fest

- Jimmy Dixon - VFW show Sunday, May 16th - Bentley Burns & Grayson Smith to perform

- South Main Trolley Tour - Friday, May 28th - John Campbell, Jimmy Ichinana, Bentley Burns, Tim Grant working. Walk Around needed around 6:30pm. Trolley Tour happens the last Friday of each month.

- Grayson and Yarn Spinners meeting Thursday, May 20th at 6PM at Main Library

- Grayson mentioned that the Botanic Gardens has Tuesday Night Wine Tasting and he will be the resident Tree Reader

- July and August Ring 16 meetings to be 4th Mondays rather than 3rd Mondays

- Dr. Bob Burns gave Treasurer's report

Lectures

- Scott Wells working on several potential lectures and will keep us advised

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May Business Meeting (continued from page 1)

- Club voted to book Wayne Houchin for Tuesday, August 3rd.
- Dan Harlan is booked for Friday, June 18th, 7:30

Information

- John Campbell spoke with Doug Sparkman and gave update on Nashville. Opryland. Hotel damaged and Nashville area magicians are trying to find other venues.
- Steve Bargatze of Nashville out of commission due to golf cart accident. He was pinched between a golf cart and a tree and is recovering from surgery to reconstruct his leg.
- Bob Sanders (gave a free silk magic lecture to Ring 16), from Clanton, AL, has suggested a Magicians' Flea Market at his 'Magic Valley Ranch between Birmingham and Montgomery the second weekend in September. He has space for vendor booths, and outdoor stage, an indoor theater, etc. More into later.
- Tim Grant going to SAM Convention late June and asked if anyone else is going.
- Richard Hiller suggested another trip to Little Rock to visit Mr. Magic.



May Meeting Open Magic

Bill Canaday - Scribe

The Theme for our May meeting was Rings, Ropes, and Rings on Ropes. Our first performer was Nick Toombs, as Martin Seiler helped him with a nice Ring on a Rope routine, using a nice tray. Member Grayson Smith was next, as he showed us a nice Pavel Rope Routine, and he dedicated it to the Members of Ring 16. Vice-President Bill Canaday, with help from Tim Grant, performed next, with John Lovick's latest release, 'I Dream of Mindreading'. Mentalist Martin Seiler was next, doing a great job on a Mental Money routine from the March issue of The Linking Ring. Guest Sean Canaday, and members Rocky Yarborough, Tim Grant, Grayson Smith, and Mike Speros each loaned Martin a one dollar bill, and after they were mixed up, Martin successfully found the bill that was selected by each spectator. Grayson Smith, aka The Amazin' Grayson, wrapped up our performances tonight with a rope routine where three links of ropes ended up being magically linked together. Grayson used this nice routine for Ring 16, as he said the first rope represented our members as friends, the second rope represented

our host location, the Memphis Botanic Gardens, and the third rope, last, but not least, represented The Magic. Grayson finished our meeting with this, a nice way of supporting our Ring.



TJAM on the Road 2010

John Sorrell

Memphis was one stop on the T Myera Traveling Balloon Clinics & Jam last week. Members Mike Blumenthal, John Sorrell, Martin Seiler and Mike Rice attended along with several other area balloon artists. One of the contests was "Whatever Will Fit Through the Door" and was won by our own Mike Blumenthal with his Aquatic Creation featuring a giant whale (on the left).



Instructors Robbie Furman and Royal Sorell were great as we learned how to make everything from storks to dragon's wings to wild and crazy hats to headbands. If you can attend a future TJAM, you will not regret it. I can't wait until they come to town again.



July & August Meetings

4th Mondays