



Shell Game

A Monthly Newsletter for the London Magic Community
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November's meeting

At November's meeting, we all dug deep into our pockets and pulled out a bit of lint ... and some pretty good coin magic as well – as it was Coin and Coin Box night!

Paul French started off by putting seven coins one-by-one into **Brandon Kidd's** hand – and as quick as Brandon could close his hand, Paul could always grab one back! **Mark Hogan** performs The Trick That Fooled Einstein by predicting the exact change held in a spectator's hand! He also had a spectator cover one of 7 coins that were fixed on the table – but Mark revealed if it was heads or tails -- every time, Jon!

Jon Akrey showed us Poker Chip Poker, 2 coins that switched colours when he flipped them over. Not exactly impressing us, he then magically changed the colours on both sides of both coins! He then performed an impressive Coins Across routine with 4 coins moving one-by-one into a coin box, then each coin penetrating his hand!

Steve Seguin demonstrated a calculator effect where we all entered numbers into the calculator, add them up, and the total matched Steve's prediction – the word SHOES upside down!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 11

Time: 7:30 PM

**Topic: TRICKY BOXES & TABLETOP
ILLUSIONS!**

**Beal Secondary School
525 Dundas Street, London
T-253**

Jon Akrey was back with "The Perfect Prediction", where his cellphone showed a picture of him holding the selected card! He also demonstrated a nice coin through table with added sound effects to make it more effective.

Peter Mennie brought his photo album, displayed all the photos, and a spectator's freely selected number highlighted one of the photos – which matched the only remaining picture in the album! **Brandon Kidd** made a coin disappear and then reappear under his own watch – and then under a spectator's watch!

Many thanks to everyone who brought some coin magic – there was definitely something for everyone!

Mark Hogan

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TOPIC: TRICKY BOXES AND TABLETOP ILLUSIONS!

There are lots of illusions that don't need a large stage and many assistants to perform. Many of us have boxes and illusions that play big right on top of from a table!

Bring in any illusions that you have that fit on a table and perform to a crowd. Boxes that vanish, produce or change things; head or hand choppers, ... anything that'll fit on a table! We'll see what it does, how it works, and talk about how it can be used.

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!

Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to:

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News Of Interest

Magician must pull rabbit and license from hat

(John Stossel – The Courier of Montgomery County)

Marty the Magician performed magic tricks for kids, including the traditional rabbit-out-of-a-hat. Then one day: “I was signing autographs and taking pictures with children and their parents,” he told me. “Suddenly, a badge was thrown into the mix, and an inspector said, ‘Let me see your license.’”

In “Harry Potter” books, a creepy Ministry of Magic controls young wizards. Now in the USA, government regulates stage magicians — one of the countless ways it makes life harder for the little guy.

Marty’s torment didn’t end with a demand for his license. “She said, from now on, you cannot use your rabbit until you fill out paperwork, pay the \$40 license fee. We’ll have to inspect your home.”

Ten times since, regulators showed up unannounced at Marty’s house. At one point, an inspector he hadn’t seen before appeared. He hoped things had changed for the better. “I got a new inspector and I said, oh, did my first one retire? She said, ‘No, good news! We’ve increased our budget and we have more inspectors now. So we’ll be able to visit you more often.’”

The inspectors told Marty that the Animal Welfare Act required him to file paperwork demonstrating that he had “a comprehensive written disaster plan detailing everything I would do with my rabbit in the event of a fire, a flood, a tornado, an ice storm.”

(Thank goodnews we live north of the 49th parallel! – Editor)

David Blaine put ice pick through his hand

(LFPRESS.com)

The link below is a London Free Press article with a YouTube video from **David Blaine**’s recent TV special “David Blaine: Real or Magic”, where he puts an ice pick through his hand in front of **Kanye West**, **Will Smith** and **Woody Harrelson** without drawing any blood.

<http://www.lfpress.com/2013/11/21/david-blaine-terrifies-celebs-with-horrifying-ice-pick-trick>

The magician took his show to celebrities' homes and performed mind-bending tricks right in front of them, and one particular stunt had West, Harrelson, the Smiths and Breaking Bad stars **Bryan Cranston** and **Aaron Paul** speechless.

At the start of the David Blaine: Real or Magic show, the illusionist had West and Harrelson's stomachs churning as he slowly stuck a sharp pick through his hand, with the end of the blade poking out through the other side - much to his celebrity fans' shock. He then asked West to pull out the ice pick and examine his uninjured hand for himself, as Harrelson looked on.

Blaine repeated the same stunt with Will and **Jada Pinkett Smith** as their children, **Willow** and **Jaden**, watched intently, while he did it again with Cranston and Paul - and they were all left stunned.

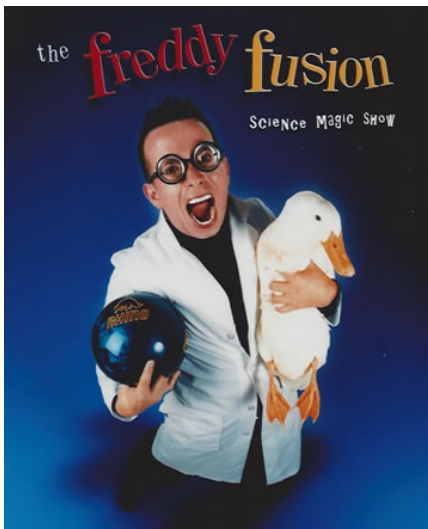
Later in the program, Blaine showed the trick to a doctor, who expressed his amazement at the illusion and joked that there was a "simple explanation" to the cause: "He has no blood running through his veins!"

However, Blaine admitted that not every ice pick trick has gone to plan after working on the stunt for 10 years.

He confessed, "I brushed a nerve the other day and my hand was like, frozen for three days."

During the TV special, Blaine also had germaphobe director **Woody Allen** averting his eyes as he downed a glass of water and swallowed two goldfish - only to bring them back up hours later, alive and well.

He also surprised **Katy Perry** by producing a small alligator out of her empty purse, and played card tricks on **Harrison Ford**, pop star **Psy**, actress **Olivia Wilde** and her fiance **Jason Sudekis**, among others.



Freddy Fusion is coming to the Huron Country Playhouse

(Huron News Now)

The 2014 season playbill for Drayton Entertainment, which includes the Huron Country Playhouse, was unveiled recently. This year's playbill includes: The Freddy Fusion Science Magic Show.

WHEN: May 26 through May 30, 2014

WHERE: Playhouse II, Grand Bend

A wild combination of author, inventor, speaker, performer, and TV personality— look out, **Freddy Fusion** has become a dominant force in the science community!

Envisioning current trends and enhancing the enrichment of children at an early age has been the focus of Freddy Fusion's 'Outreach Program' into schools worldwide.

Freddy Fusion turns the impossible into the possible, and breaks down the unexplainable into a format kids are able to download, absorb, and understand.

(For those who aren't aware – Freddy Fusion is **Andrew Pogson**, a past member of our club!)

March joint club lecture is changing

March's joint club lecture with the Kitchener and Hamilton magic clubs was to feature **Bill Abbott**. However, Bill is now in Florida and will be there for several months to come. So there are now plans underway for the joint lecture to feature a magician and magic creator from France who coming as part of the 4F Convention!

More to follow!

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