



Shell Game

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January's meeting

We started the new year with a very different kind of lecture: a look at how technology can be used to make our own magic! Our very own Devon Elliott gave us a peek into his interests in merging magic and technology.

First, Jon Akray brought in some examples of recent magic technology from the "Kind Of Magic" store in Waterloo. He presented some very cool devices that would produce smoke from your hands, light flash cotton, items using magnets, and examples of coloured flash paper.

Devon is examining late 20th century magicians, and has noticed that there were many more magicians creating their own magic back at that time than there is today. He noted that because technology is so prevalent and accessible today, one might think that many more of us would be using this technology to make new forms of magic.

So he showed us an example of the kind of things that are becoming possible. He showed us a "Lie Detector" (a box with a motherboard and wires) that could be "programmed" to tell if a person was lying or telling the truth. It was a great example of creating a technical device that implements the Gilbreath Principle, and using it in a card effect.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 8 7:30PM

Topic: THE MAGIC OLYMPICS!

Beal Secondary School
525 Dundas Street, London
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The device uses Arduino - a platform for programming easy-to-use electronics. Arduino can sense the environment by receiving input from a variety of sensors and can affect its surroundings by controlling lights, motors, etc. There's no end to the effects that could utilize this type of technology!

Then Devon brought out the “piece de resistance” – the Thing-O-Matic! (No, really ... that’s what it’s called!). It’s made by MakerBot Technologies, and it’s a 3D printer! It will take a design built using products like Google’s “SketchUp” and built a plastic 3D image of the design! This is an easy and cheap way to create prototypes of gimmicks, or to create version of gimmicks that a custom made to your hands, etc.

Devon designed a small “magic house”, and less than an hour later, it was built out of plastic by the Thing-O-Matic!

This was lots of discussion about the kinds of things the Thing-O-Matic could build. It was a great demonstration of technology in action!

Thanks to Devon for a very different, but very cool evening!

Mark Hogan

February’s Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, February 8
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: Beal Secondary School
T-253

TOPIC: The Magic Olympics!

We all know it’s winter, but the Summer Olympics are fast approaching. Magic isn’t an Olympic sport yet, but if it was, we’d kick butt!

So just in case they make Magic an Olympic sport in the future, it’s our duty to be as prepared as we can be. Hence, February’s meeting will be the Magic Olympics.

There will be many events that just might become Olympic magic events in the future (for example, card flinging (distance and accuracy), card cutting, magic wand balancing, ... maybe even “limbo” with invisible thread!

Yes, they’re stupid. But that’s why they’ll be fun!

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News Of Interest

CAM Convention performer biographies

Paul Gertner

Paul Gertner has performed for more than 500 corporations in more than 20 different countries, has lectured at MIT and has been featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal...twice.

A guest three times on The Tonight Show, Paul was the last magician Johnny invited to appear on the show before he retired. Paul has also appeared on NBC's World's Greatest Magic, HBO, That's Incredible! And yes...even Mister Rogers Neighborhood. In 1998 he wrote and starred in the critically acclaimed one-man theatrical production "Paul Gertner-Ten Fingers." This one-man show became the fastest selling play in City Theater's history.

He is recognized by his peers as one of the finest sleight-of-hand magicians in the world today. His first place awards in international competitions in Las Vegas, Madrid and Miami confirm this status. He was chosen as close-up magician of the year in 1994 & 1995, as well as Lecturer of the Year in 1994 by the Magic Castle. David Copperfield has called upon Paul to consult on his TV specials. His original routines, the Cups and Balls with Steel Ball Bearings and the Ring on the Hourglass, have become classics of magic – leaving experts totally amazed. He is also an author of one of the fastest selling books in magic history.

Doug Hunt

Doug became a magician at six years of age when he accidentally stole his first trick (multiplying billiards balls) from a hobby store. To this, his Dad exclaimed "Wow you are a great magician! You made that trick disappear from that store!" It was my birthday – dad made me go back and pay!

Doug now uses his magic in many creative ways from entertaining special needs groups to inspiring students to set goals and achieve their dreams with his motivational presentations "High Hopes" and "Fail Forward"

Doug is a multi-talented stilt walker, juggler, magician, mime, balloon artist, and all round versatile entertainment specialist. His stilt-walking abilities feature a multitude of costumed stilt characters. Stilt Walkers stand out in crowd enhancing any parade, festival, fair, grand opening, product launch, or family event.

In the Best Entertainer/Performer Category Doug the Great, Brantford's own Doug Hunt, Guinness World Record Holder won as the premier performer for Ontario in 2002! Doug was nominated by Tourism Brantford for his performance at the Grand Opening Celebration of the new Visitor & Tourism Centre on September 14th, 2002 Doug entertained thousands of people who attended the opening on 50 feet 9 inches stilts by taking 29 independent steps breaking his previous world record. He "stepped up to the challenge" and entertained visitors from as far away as New York and many cities and communities in between by performing a variety of juggling acts for a total of 4 hours during the 5 ½ hour event.

Doug is classified as a Stilt Walking specialist because of his knowledge and professionalism in this area. He understands the value of building an effective team and recruited 36 individuals that assisted with the sponsorship and coordination of the logistics to actually implement a safe stilt walk.



Paul Daniels cuts off finger with circular saw

The magician Paul Daniels has told how he accidentally sliced off a finger with a circular saw while making props for his stage show.

The television personality said he was working in his garden shed on New Year's Day when a block of wood was thrown up and his hand went into the spinning blade.

Speaking to the Daily Mail, he said: "The saw went right through my first finger, missed my middle one almost completely and took the top of my third one.

"How it missed the second finger is a trick in itself. The top of the third finger is all ground up and gone."

The prestidigitator, who lives in Berkshire, managed to stop the saw and thrust his injured hand into his coat before running to his car and driving himself to hospital in Henley-on-Thames.

Plastic surgeons saved his index finger but were unable to save the top of his ring finger.

Although he initially feared for his career and is yet to regain full sensation in his digits, he is hopeful of a full recovery.

"I was very worried. They did a fantastic job. Everything's on the mend now," he told the Mail.

Daniels is touring next month and said he would have to "change my methods slightly" but his planned shows would still go ahead.

The 73-year-old appeared on the BBC1 show Strictly Come Dancing in 2010 and was the second contestant to be voted off.

He has also appeared on Celebrity Wife Swap with Debbie McGee, whom he married in 1988.

David Blaine performs for TLC special

Eli Manning already believed in magic before recently filming a segment for television special with world famous magician David Blaine. At least, Manning should have believed in magic before that. How else would he explain that miraculous lob and catch to David Tyree in Super Bowl XLII?

If the Giants' quarterback somehow remained a non-believer then Blaine seems to have taken care of that. In footage from an upcoming TLC program, Blaine is shown playing a card trick on Manning. As is the case with just about all of Blaine's antics, things aren't what they seem. After showing Manning the cards he picked, Blaine reveals that he had managed to swipe the Giants' quarterback's watch while he wasn't paying attention.

The look on Manning's face (along with his teammates) is simply priceless. Well, the expression might not be as expensive as the watch but it's certainly another entry in the "Manning face" register.

Here's the link:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/01/12/eli-manning-david-blaine-magic-trick_n_1202401.html

As well, you can also see David catch a bullet with his teeth:

<http://www.hitfix.com/blogs/starr-raving/posts/watch-david-blaine-catches-a-bullet-in-his-mouth-for-new-tlc-special>

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