



Shell Game

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September's meeting

There were lots of deals to be had at this year's annual club auction.

Many members came with goods to sell, and others came with \$\$\$ to spend. The bidding was fast and furious (OK, it really wasn't! But past member Mark Erhardt sure tried to make it that way!).

In the end, sellers were richer; buyers were richer in the magic they owed; and the club was richer to the tune of close to \$50.

Many thanks to Ron and Mark for auctioning the goods, Andy Parr (welcome back, Andy!) for doing all the calcs, and all those buyers and sellers who made this year's auction a lot of fun!

Mark Hogan

Next Meeting: (NOTE THE TIME!!)

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255 Dundas Street, London
T-253 (moving to Tillsonburg Hospital)

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We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!
Please send any original reviews, magic
tricks or routines to:
magic_london@yahoo.ca

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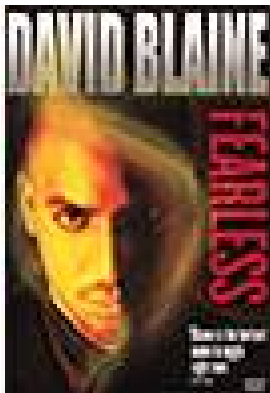
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As you all are aware, Max Scott has been at Parkwood Hospital for over ½ a year after having heart surgery. He is now back home in Tillsonburg, but still in hospital – and unable to attend our meetings. So why don't we bring one of our meetings to him??

The hospital wants us to start around 6:30. So we'll meet at the school at 5:30 PM and head to Tillsonburg hospital to do some tricks for Max and any of the other patients who was to come and see some magic. Rides to and from Tillsonburg will be available.

It's less than an hour away and will really make Max happy. For all that he has done for us, let's do something for him! So grab any tricks you have (big or small; old or new) and bring them to show Max and his hospital friends!

News Of Interest



David Blaine's not happy!

(from MSN Money)

Magician-daredevil David Blaine says he's unhappy with how he ended his latest stunt: hanging upside-down without a net high over Central Park for 60 hours.

The 35-year-old endurance artist, who completed the stunt Wednesday night, expressed his disappointment in an appearance Thursday morning on "Live With Regis and Kelly."

"I had dreamed up the most amazing ending for a stunt ever," he said.

Blaine said his grand finale of diving from a platform 44 feet to the ground while attached to a harness didn't go according to plan. He was supposed to jump and, at 10 feet, be swept away by a bunch of helium-filled balloons. Instead, he dangled awkwardly for a moment before disappearing in an ascent into the night sky.

Blaine said ABC, which aired the event in a two-hour special called "David Blaine: Dive of Death," had encouraged him not to dive because of high winds. "I wasn't going to let everybody down, so I just jumped, and somehow the guys with the balloons made it work, and they pulled me slowly up and I went over into the park and they pulled me down," he said.

Blaine added: "I know that it didn't work right when all my friends called up and said, 'Wait, what happened? I'm confused.'"

Did his head feel heavy with blood during his upside-down act? "In the beginning it did," he said. "At the end of the first day I thought I wasn't going to make it. I didn't know what I was going to do, but I didn't want to disappoint everybody, so I kept pushing and going as hard as I could."

Canadian magicians Hall of Fame

(from Northern Sleights, Sept 2008)

Mike Norden, Past President of IBM Ring #92 in Vancouver, has started an ambitious new program. The 'Canadian Magicians Hall of Fame' will launch in cyberspace in January 2009 at www.MagiciansHallOfFame.ca.

Mike will be contacting all the IBM Canadian Rings and SAM Assemblies over the next few months to gather some input for the basis of a committee and to start the nomination process. Five living legends will be voted-in the first year, with three new members added in each subsequent year. As well, five others will be awarded the honour posthumously and three more added to their number in each subsequent year.



Penn & Teller coming to Kitchener!

(from Jeff Pinsky at Browser's Den)

On November 10, 2008, world famous entertainers Penn & Teller will be performing a private show for employees of Sandvine Corporation at Centre in the Square in Kitchener.

Known for their outrageous blending of smart comedy and magic that often skewers the genre of traditional magic, Penn & Teller's live show has been a hit in Vegas, on Broadway and around the world. Their edgy, provocative and hilarious show delivers many surprises and can involve knives, guns, a fire-eating showgirl and a duck. Check out their website for more info - www.pennandteller.com.

Sandvine and Penn & Teller have very generously donated a block of approximately 200 tickets to two charitable organizations - the Food Bank of Waterloo Region and Magicana, (an organization dedicated to the exploration of magic as a performance art and to increase the public's understanding of this art).

This block of tickets will be located in the upper balcony of the theatre and will be the only tickets available to the general public for this show. Tickets will be available from Center in the Square starting at 10am on Saturday September 27th at a cost of \$50 per ticket (donations in excess of the \$50 minimum will be accepted). One hundred percent of the proceeds from these ticket sales will be split between the Food Bank and Magicana.

Tickets may be purchased:

- * In person at Center in the Square
- * on the internet at: www.centre-square.com
- * by telephone at 519-578-1570 or 1-800- 265- 8977

Tickets ordered by telephone or via the internet are subject to the Centre's normal service charges. There are no fees for in person purchases.

This is a very rare opportunity as Penn & Teller's current arrangement in Las Vegas means they rarely perform live outside of that city. We are extremely grateful to Sandvine and Penn & Teller for providing this opportunity to our supporters.

The show is expected to be about 60 minutes in length and is not recommended for children under 13.



12th Annual Motor City Magic convention November 14-16, 2008.

(from John Luka)

The 12th Annual Motor City Convention will be at the Ramada Inn of Taylor, Michigan on the weekend of November 14-16, 2008.

The Motor City Convention will feature Kozmo, John Guastafarro, Eric Jones, and Geoff Williams. This year I am also featuring a special guest performance by Brad Lancaster. There will also be some other surprises.

I have heard rumors that Joan Caesar, the current I.B.M. International President, will be there. This year we will also have a special guest of honor: Karl Norman, one of the original entertainers at the legendary Forks Hotel in Buffalo, New York. Karl will be celebrating his ninetieth birthday at the convention.

Kozmo will perform his hilarious street act for your entertainment pleasure. You will be among the very first to attend his lecture. John Guastafarro will be presenting his outstanding card magic. If you have not seen John perform, you are in for a real treat. Eric Jones is the new guy on the block to watch. His coin magic will stop you cold. You will be amazed! Geoff Williams will keep you in stitches and entertain you with some very strong commercial magic.

There will be four lectures, two optional workshops and three close-up shows. The cost of the optional workshops is \$25 per workshop.

Some of the dealers signed up already include: Hank Moorehouse, Mint Magic, Gordon Miller, Shawn & Ed's Magic, The Wunderground, and Kozmo Magic.

For more information, visit the convention website:
<http://www.johnlukamagic.com/>

CAMaraderie 2009 – Montreal

(from Northern Sleights)

The CAMaraderie 2009 website is now live and taking shape. You can download the registration form and check out the currently scheduled performers. Don't forget that the registration fee goes up by \$40 in March of 2009 so register now and save yourself some money to spend in the dealers room - or on some of the many other delights that Montreal has to offer. Bookmark the web site at: <http://www.cam2009.org> and check back regularly for updates.

You may book a room at the Alt Hotel: <http://dix30.althotels.ca>
For reservations call: 450-443-1030 and ask for Sarah or Joanne in Group Bookings. The room rate is \$129.00/night until March 18, 2009. Then it increases to \$139.00

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