



# Smoke & Mirrors

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## July's Theme: Coin Tricks

We've bought them because the demonstrator behind the counter flawlessly performed them. It was as close to real magic as is possible. And the price, in most instances, was very reasonable.

Okay, I'm guilty. I've bought my fair share of packaged coin tricks with gimmicked and not-gimmicked coins, and couldn't wait to get home to try it out.

After reading the instructions and trying to learn the intricate sleights, the trick wound

up in the magic drawer, with good intentions of pulling it out on a rainy day.

Well, we've had plenty of rainy days.



If you're still having some problems, then bring it with you to the July meeting. Perhaps one of our resident

coin experts can offer some suggestions to help smooth over the rough parts and help you master the routine.

You won't know unless you bring it with you and run it through its paces.

We're here to help ... and isn't that what our meetings are all about anyway.

I hope to see you on July 19th.

## The Next

S.A.M.

Assembly 146  
Meeting is on  
Monday,  
July 19, 2004

## June's Meeting

S.A.M. Assembly 146 met on Monday, June 21st. For those compeers who were unable to attend, here's what you missed.

The "Grand Illu-

sion." a family-oriented magic and variety dinner theatre establishment, unfortunately, closed down two weeks after its grand opening. We're not sure what

prompted this sudden departure, but we wish Richard Staub, Jr. the very best.

Al Albers informed the Assembly of the Tannen Summer

## June's Meeting, continued from Page 1

Camp scholarship awarded to SYM member Robert Hunter Rhodes. Congratulations, Hunter.

John Kingry announced that he would be working at the Newport News "TGI Fridays" Restaurant, on Saturday nights from 6:30—8:30 p. m.

Vice President, Paul Creecy, gave us a report on a recent show he did for the Portsmouth Moose Lodge.

Al Albers also reminded everyone

that Past President, Jack Shea, would once again be working for the "Beach Street USA" summer extravaganza on Atlantic Avenue, in Virginia Beach. If you are interested in observing how to work a crowd as a street magician, then stop by one night and watch. You're guaranteed to learn something about the fine art of street magic, including the difficulties that come with the job and how one learns to deal with these quirks.

For entertainment, Sal Sims

performed *Ghost Bills*. Paul Creecy did *The \$2 Bill Tear* and followed that up with a *Pen Thru Bill* effect. Al Albers taught us a lesson folding paper money as he performed *Beswitched*. Ney Austin borrowed a \$20 bill and changed it into a \$1 bill. He followed up with a *Six Bill Repeat* routine.

Before the meeting adjourned, Al Albers announced that the July meeting would be magic with coins.

## General Interest

According to the Daily Record, "Potter star Daniel Radcliffe has been training to be a real-life magician.

The 14-year-old, who stars as teen wizard Harry in the Prisoner of Azkaban, was taking sorcery lessons during

filming. Daniel received instruction from respected illusionist Paul Kieve.

Paul worked as a magic consultant on the film in which he makes a cameo appearance. He said: 'I held magic classes, which was

great fun. As a spin-off, Daniel Radcliffe has become very interested in magic. I teach him privately and he's done very well.' "

## Through The Looking Glass

For those who like to plan ahead, here's a listing of upcoming S.A.M. Assembly meetings, for the remainder of calendar year 2004.

August 16th. Opening Effects



September 20th.

October 18th.

November 15th.

December 20th.

## The Magic Scene Around Virginia

July 12th. I.B.M. Ring 103 meets at The Founders Inn, in Virginia Beach. (Note: This is their new location for the next three months.)

July 12th. Elders East meets at E. Raymond Carlyle's home, at 7:30 p.m. Call 427-3235 for directions.

July 15th. I.B.M. Ring 180 meets at Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church, in Richmond, VA.

July 19th. S.Y.M. Chapter Y123 meets at Unity Renaissance Church, in Chesapeake, 30 minutes prior to Assembly 146 meeting.

July 19th. S.A.M. Assembly 146 meets at Unity Renaissance Church, in Chesapeake, VA

July. S.A.M. Assembly 32 does not meet in July.

July 28th. S.A.M. Assembly 226 meets at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church in Williamsburg, VA

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## Magic Mumblenews

"The Outagamie Museum has contacted the police and hired security guards for the opening of a new exhibit that reveals the secret behind one of illusionist Harry Houdini's signature tricks," opens an article from the AP entitled, "Controversial Houdini exhibit to open in Appleton." Museum direc-

tor Terry Bergen is quoted in the article saying, "The extra precaution comes in response to outrage by magicians over the museum's intention to expose the secret behind Houdini's 'Metamorphosis' trick."

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The much anticipated release of the movie "Shade" has arrived...on DVD. The US version of the movie Shade was released in stores on Tuesday May 25th. Included on the DVD are some additional features worth viewing including cast interviews and a card tricks feature.

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## Upcoming Lectures

I.B.M. Ring 180 will be sponsoring a lecture by Luke Dancy on July 14th. Luke has been published in Channel One Magazine, Half-Baked Magazine (a special Luke Dancy issue), and MAGIC Magazine numerous times; the most recent being the May 2004 issue. He also has had effects published in Steve Beam's book, Semi-Automatic Card Tricks, Volume 5.

His jaw-dropping marketed effects include: Misprint, which was highlighted in Joshua Jay's column in MAGIC Magazine's May 2004 issue. His latest marketed product is his DVD titled, Magic For The Eyes. In the coming months he will be releasing three more effects that will be produced through Elmwood Magic.

Luke's lecture will feature extremely visual magic that is not only

fun to watch, but also fun to perform. These effects range from gaffed card magic, impromptu card magic, and a few non-card items using everyday objects.

\$20 for non-magic club members, \$15 for S.A.M. and I.B.M. Members. Location to be announced. Lecture time 7:30 pm.

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It never fails ... Murphy's Law, that is. Just when you think everything is working fine, the other shoe drops. Such was the case when I started writing the July newsletter. The word processing program I was using decided unilaterally that it wasn't going to do things I wanted, rather it was going to do its own thing. So, after two and one-half hours of agony, I decided that I'd use a different program, as a backup.

I'm not overly pleased with this particular format, but time was of the essence. I'll try the word processing program again ... in a few days, that is. Perhaps I can get it to work. But if not, then I'll be changing things, once again.

If you haven't paid your dues ... they were due at the June meeting ... please do so at the July meeting. I hope to see you on July 19th.

## Conventions

For those who are thinking about attending a convention or two, here is a listing through September 2004.

### August

- 4-5 Abbott's Magic Get-Together (67<sup>th</sup>)  
Colon, Michigan  
[www.abbottmagic.com](http://www.abbottmagic.com)
- 4-6 Pacific Coast Association of Magicians (71<sup>st</sup>)  
Seattle, Washington  
[www.seattlepcam2004.com](http://www.seattlepcam2004.com)
- 12-14 Comedy Magic Workshop (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
[www.comedymagicworkshop.com](http://www.comedymagicworkshop.com)

12-14 The Invisible Lodge KonK-lave  
Fort Smith, Arkansas  
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22-25 MAGIC Live!  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
[www.magicmagazine.com/live](http://www.magicmagazine.com/live)

25-28 KIDabra (13<sup>th</sup>)  
Gatlinburg, Tennessee  
[www.kidabra.com](http://www.kidabra.com)

### September

2-4 SEAM  
Nashville, Tennessee

[www.nashvillmagicclub.com](http://www.nashvillmagicclub.com)

2-5 Houdini Days 2004 Magic Festival  
Appleton, Wisconsin  
[www.houdinidays.com](http://www.houdinidays.com)

3-5 TAOM  
Houston, Texas  
[www.taom.org](http://www.taom.org)

9-11 MAES  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey  
[www.maesonline.org](http://www.maesonline.org)

9-12 Magic in the Rockies 2004 (11<sup>th</sup>)  
Fort Collins, Colorado  
[www.prestodigitators.com](http://www.prestodigitators.com)