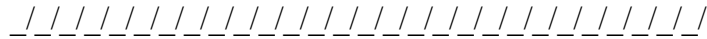


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Hello Everyone!

Welcome to a new issue of the Magic Roadshow. If this is your first issue, i sincerely Thank You for taking the time to share a part of your day with our magic community.

I had a very filling Thanksgiving Holiday and made sure to take the time to be genuinely thankful for all my many blessings. Bought a great big smoked turkey and shared it with my family. They did all the cooking and I did all the groaning and moaning after eating too much. And football... Go South Carolina Gamecocks !!

Comments, criticism, rants and raves? EMAIL ME

God willing.. I will celebrate Christmas with my loved ones and, regardless of your religion, I wish you a Blessed Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Now, on with the Roadshow...



Inside Magic - Online Resource

My buddy, Tim Quinlan, is the author, webmaster, creator, genius, behind INSIDE MAGIC... the #1 website in the world for magic news and, more importantly, magical entertainment.

I once described Tim in an issue of the Roadshow as, " .. the guy who's decreasingly smaller tail lights are all we can see through the Roadshow's windshield..".

Tim is still the the most creative writer in all of magic. Like the Roadshow, Time has changed the appearance of Inside Magic through the years. Fortunately for Inside Magic, Tim's changes have reflected a mastery of web design and actually make sense - whereas ours are largely out of frustration and a lack of direction.

I published these true words in issue #14 of the Magic Roadshow and here we are, one hundred issues later, and I'll publish them again...

" (Inside Magic provides) Celebrity interviews, magic news, magic reviews, guest columns, and other information that I can only imagine how he garners.

Must have a silent army of informers, purveying news sources around the globe, and reporting magic tidbits back to.....

<http://www.insidemagic.com/magicnews/>

Houdini's Paper Magic - Free PDF from Inside Magic

Highly informative 212 page ebook. Harry Houdini himself explains the secrets behind his favorite paper tricks, paper puzzles, paper tears, and paper folds. You cannot imagine the joy of sharing some of these effects with fellow magicians and amazed children.

I found myself perusing Barnes and Noble yesterday, helping my sister find a couple of specific books to 'fill in' her collection of favorite reads. I cannot resist the bargain book isles. Invariably, I find two or three books I can't live without... and they go home with me to join the stack of books I bought on my past visits (plural) that are yet unread.

Anyway, I saw three or four prepackaged book/paper packages that detail how to make the 'greatest' paper airplanes known to man... or so they say. I had seen them all before and am always tempted. I wanted to buy one and give it to my oldest grandson, Elijah, who's eight. I wondered though whether or not he would have any interest. Building airplanes from paper is something so removed from what I imagine as interesting to young boys today that I let the thought pass. I did mention it to my sister a few minutes later and she said Eli loved to make paper airplanes. She began describing planes he had made in the past and I was amazed.

Although Houdini's book is certainly not about paper airplanes, maybe something as simple as paper magic or paper puzzles are not as outdated as one might think...

What you're going to discover is that many of these effects are 'new' to your friends and fellow magicians.

Tim offers this, and several other downloads, free for the asking. Nothing to sign up for.. nothing to buy. Just download and enjoy.

<http://www.insidemagic.com/magicnews/inside-magic-library/>

Snowstorm Routine - video and effect

I received this from our Roadshow mentor, Paul Romhany. Paul has provided yet another routine for our readers - it's Romhany's SNOWSTORM ROUTINE...

I rarely attend a competition where someone doesn't end their act with a snowstorm. I've seen some really good ones.. and some not so really good ones. I can guarantee you that if a snowstorm is performed by Paul Romhany, it's one of the really, really good ones.

Imagine being able to perform a snowstorm from any object, close-up or stage, ANYTIME in your show. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination. Make "snow" come from your iphone, a book, a hat, bare hands, a cup, glass, bottle, or any object you can pick up. You can make snow appear anytime and anywhere - you start clean and end clean.

From this point forward, in my humble opinion, the way magicians present Snowstorm will be forever revolutionized...

To quote Paul...

"This video teaches my basic handling of my snowstorm routine. It's very easy to do. This is a bonus routine as part of my Extreme Snowstorm routine which we just released."

<http://StreetMagic.info/snowstorm.html>

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Magic Tricker - Online resource

I ran a link in the past to Magic Tricker, but that's OK with me. As long as a site adds content regularly I don't mind reminding readers of their updates.

Magic Tricker specializes in Free Magic Tricks Online. I like them because there's nothing to sign up for and no where to sign in to get to the good stuff.

Currently, their most popular tricks are:

Double Lift - A card trick sleight used in countless tricks where the magician picks up two cards that appear to be only one. Check out the video.

Two Card Monte - Impressive card trick performed by David Blaine in which two red aces become black queens while in the spectator's fingers.

Ash Through Hand - The magician pushes ash marks from the outside of the spectator's hand to the palm while the spectator's fist is closed.

The French Drop - The magician appears to transfer a coin from one hand to the other, but the coin never changes hands.

The Pass - A method of moving a card from the middle to the top of the deck without the spectator realizing it, used at the beginning of many card tricks.

Magic Ring - The magician removes a ring from a rope that is fixed around the spectator's fingers.

<http://www.magictricker.com/>

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THE AMATEUR CONJUROR

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3. 'Pick A Card' ... Over The Telephone ... The Ultimate No Hands Card Trick

A 'No Hands Card Trick' is one that is so easy to do, the magician does not touch the cards. Instead, the spectator carries out the trick with the coaching of the magician. The ultimate 'No Hands Card Trick' is carried out over the telephone. Here's an example.

THE ILLUSION: I call a friend on the telephone and explain that I intend to do a 'No Hands Card Trick' over the telephone.

I ask her to shuffle and divide a deck into three piles, to choose a card from one pile (now her Chosen card), note it, and place it on the bottom of another pile.

I ask her to slowly deal and call out the cards from the top of the pile that contains her Chosen card. She calls out one card and I stop her, apologizing because I made a mistake. She puts the card back on top.

I ask her to pick two cards from a pile that does not contain her Chosen card, and place one card on the top and one card on the bottom of the pile that contains her Chosen card without looking at them. I then request that she cut the deck completely.

I now ask her to slowly deal the cards from the bottom of the pile that contains her Chosen card, and to call out the cards as she turns them into a single face-up pile. She deals and calls out the entire pile.

I ask her to turn the pile over and again deal and call out the cards, but this time from the top of the pile.

I suddenly ask her to stop. I tell her (over the telephone) the identity of her Chosen card and that it rests 3 cards ahead. She deals 3 cards revealing her Chosen card. WOW. A mystery.

THE SECRET: I created a Key card over the telephone. I did this by asking her to deal and call out cards from the top, and then pretending I made a mistake. Thus, she told me the identity of the top card of her pile. I made that card my Key card and I wrote it down.

The rest of this 'No Hands Card Magic Trick' played out as described. I started by asking her to divide the deck into three piles, so she wouldn't have to call out all the cards in a full deck, I asked her to select two cards and put one on the top and one on the bottom of the pile to separate my Key card (which she called out) from her Chosen card, so she wouldn't get suspicious.

The first time she dealt the cards from the bottom of the pile, I listened for my Key card, and knew her Chosen card was 3 cards away. I wrote down her Chosen card when I heard it. As she dealt again from the top of the deck, I stopped her when she called out my Key card. I then told her the identity of her Chosen card and predicted it would appear 3 cards away. It did. This great telephone trick baffles, amazes, and delights.

Telephone tricks like this take the idea of 'No Hands Card Magic' one step further; the magician not only does not touch the cards, he or she does not do the trick in the same place.

Telephone tricks provide an opportunity to make a reputation in your family, and among friends, as a master magician, baffling & bewildering all. Few people expect a telephone trick. And the methodology behind this trick hides simplicity itself.

I know at least 10 telephone tricks, all of them described in my book, "Family Magic I & II." I find telephone tricks decidedly eerie.

People do not expect the creation of a Key card as part of a telephone trick, so this telephone trick baffles & bewilders even more than usual.

In a future column, I shall discuss non-key card telephone tricks.

Contact me through my website: www.magictrickbook.com

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Ed Glassman has been an amateur magician since high school. When he turned 80 years old last year, he wrote the 2 Family Magic books so his family, and yours too, could have some magic in their lives. This magic trick is adapted from his book "FAMILY MAGIC I & II," actually 2 books combined into one volume. A GREAT BOOK FOR HOLIDAY & BIRTHDAY GIFTS. Click here to order... http://www.amazon.com/Family-Magic-II-Edward-Glassman/dp/1450599990/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1272863106&sr=1-1

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Magic at LifeTips - online resource and self-serving ad..

As the magic editor over at LifeTips.com I add new content weekly to give my readers a good reason to

come back regularly. Nothing spells the death of a website like a lack of fresh content.

'Psychic Jacks', 'The No-Card Card Trick', 'The No-Math Card Math Trick', 'Failure - and What to do About It..' are some of the recent additions to my site at Lifetips.com ..

When you have a few minutes to explore the site go on over and see if something strikes you. All the effects and articles are easy, quick reads, and I think you'll find something that will make it all worth while..

<http://magic.lifetips.com>

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David Blaine - article

What has the man who revolutionized street magic been up to lately? And what type of deprivation does he have planned for the future?

Rachel Cannon of the Coyote Chronicle had the opportunity to talk to David and get the story.

"The extremes to which Blaine has pushed himself are certainly incredible, but they don't seem to be deterring him from aiming for even more fantastic goals in the future. In an interview for the New York Times, Blaine said, 'I think a lot of people are unable to accept that they're able to do what they can do. That we can survive. The human organism is an amazing creation.' Although he's certainly had a fascinating and intense career thus far, David Blaine's magical journey is far from over."

Read on...

<http://www.coyotechronicle.com/features/more-than-hocus-pocus-david-blaine-boggles-the-mind-1.2385162>

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MyTopicTV - Create your own TV show online

Would you like to have your own tv show? Something related to magic, or whatever, that you can post online for free?

MyTopicTV allows anyone to set up and publish to the web a tv show that you create and edit. Factually, the only real difference between this and Youtube is the amount of upload. With Youtube you can upload a maximum of ten minutes of video. With MyTopicTV, you are encouraged to upload a minimum of 29 minutes of video. You'll notice a short ad at the beginning of each video... that's the cost of doing business.

Although I don't think they have a 'magic' channel set up, I'm willing to bet they would create one for someone serious about publishing content to their site. I'm guessing an email would take care of that...

To quote from their site:

"We have created over 265 topic categories or Topics to upload TV shows. Just create a show on a topic that you are knowledgeable and upload it to our network. We suggest that you video more than the 29 minutes of video needed for a show. Then the show can be edited to produce the best professional TV show you can imagine. Get ideas from some of your favorite syndicated TV shows and learn how they edit to keep the plot moving along or to keep the show concise and energetic."

"We want viewers to enjoy watching MyTopicTV. We want your show to be the topic viewers discuss at home and the office. At MyTopicTV, we want our network to help make you famous for the topic that you choose to create TV shows. Each category or Topic channel on MyTopicTV.com will air or be shown nationwide. Therefore, shows that you post on our network will be seen by thousands of people. We hope that you will post quality shows on a regular basis. You can even post new shows weekly or as often as you like so long as they are new shows with new content."

<https://mytopicTV.com/Default.aspx>

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Guess Your Number Online - Resource

Here's a different variation of the many 'guess your number' scripts available online. This one's free and there's nothing to sign up for and/or download. I don't know that you'll be fooled, but I bet you know someone who will..

<http://www.quizyourprofile.com/guessyournumber.swf>

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The New York Times as a Reference - Online resource

The slapstick magic of Carl Ballentine and the inventive genius of Charles Reynolds, two great minds who recently passed, are just two of the many magic related articles in the NY Times archives.

This is a great site to bookmark and refer to once a week or so and see what you've missed. Although I heard about the passing of Carl and Charles through other sources, I thoroughly enjoy the in-depth articles by the Times writers.

Read of Rory Feldman's dedication to preserving the memory and artifacts of Howard Thurston. Or, read of the new exhibition that opened the end of October at the Jewish Museum, "Houdini: Art and Magic," and runs through the end of March. (This article is in the Art and Design section, and would most likely be overlooked by the typical magician who, unlike you and I, doesn't use this link.)

The stories are plenty and the art of magic is alive.

http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/subjects/m/magic_and_magicians/index.html

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Psychic Precognition - article

Edgar Cayce is probably laughing in his grave. I found this interesting article by Daryl Bem in the Cornell Sun. Actually, I wasn't reading the Cornell University news source, but I was exploring Google and ran across a link to this article. It seems as if science MAY be establishing a viable link between psi and the human mind. To quote from the article:

"Prof. Emeritus Daryl Bem, psychology, recently made some discoveries in the field of precognition that have given support to the psychics among us.

Titled "Feeling the Future," Bem's paper will be published in next month's issue of The Journal of Personality and Social Psychology. The research discussed focuses on the concepts of precognition, or consciously predicting the future, and premonition, having knowledge of events to come. These are both features of a concept that Bem and other psychologists call "psi," more commonly known as "psychic."

Bem first became interested in the ideas of precognition and premonition through his personal experiences as a stage magician. Specializing in mentalism, he used to give performances in his classes at Cornell, and in 1986 performed for a convention held by the Parapsychological Association, where he first learned about psi."

<http://www.cornellsun.com/section/news/content/2010/11/12/psychic-precognition-may-exist-cornell-study-finds>

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Mr Greggy's Online Store

I'm sure most of you have seen the tee shirts that contain a 'reveal' of some sort. Generally, the suit and number of a card is discreetly hidden in the artwork of a tee shirt and you can force the card and then reveal their selection.

Mr Greggy (Greg) has a large selection of tee shirts with magic related pictures and a card waiting to be revealed. Not only tee's, but Gregg has a huge selection of other magic related items, including cups, key chains, hats, posters, and you name it..

Support Mr. Greggy and tell 'em the Roadshow sent you.

<http://www.zazzle.com/magicktrickshirts>

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Mathematical Card Magic - video effect

I love a good mathematical card trick. When I say 'good', I'm talking about one that really requires me to use my noggin' to figure out the method, assuming I CAN figure out the method. This one doesn't seem possible. You'll find yourself doing it several times just to see if it actually works every time..

It does...

I think you'll like this one. I do, and I'm slightly discerning when it comes to math magic. If you have links to great mathematical card effects, send them to me please, but only if you don't mind me publishing them either on one of my blogs or in the Roadshow. :-)

<http://streetmagic2.blogspot.com/2010/11/mathematical-card-magic.html>

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One More Mathematical Card Trick - video effect

Yes, one more. I discovered a little treasure trove of mathematical card tricks and I'm trying to publish the best of the best without spreading it out over too many issues. I have personally used this effect many times and I love it. Heck, I may have published this before...

I performed this for some of my 'magic buddies' and they didn't have a clue. I think they thought there was some sort of sleight of hand involved. If you develop the proper patter, you'll have an effect you can perform anytime, anywhere, with any deck of cards.

<http://www.etricks.info/2010/11/another-mathematical-card-trick.html>

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Wonder How To ... - Online videos and articles

Always one of my favorite online resources for things magical. They feature a large array of magic articles and videos in many different genre's of magic. You can spend a LOT of time at WonderHowTo if you aren't careful...

Just a few of their recent adds...

- How-To Article Make a Fork and Spoon Appear to Defy Gravity
- How-To Video Stick a beer bottle to a wall without glue or gum
- How-To Video Freeze a beer in two seconds
- How-To Video Make your fingers appear on fire without burning them
- How-To Video Make an amazing gravity-defying magic ball
- How-To Video Make your fingers smoke
- How-To Video Make a coin disappear in your hand
- How-To Video Mentally control a Zippo flame
- How-To Video Spin a pencil
- How-To Video Win a heads or tails coin toss every time
- How-To Video Perform the "coin bend" magic trick

<http://www.wonderhowto.com/magic-parlor-tricks/>

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Magic Book Store - resource (Magic Roadshow ad)

Take a moment to visit my Magic Book Store. The Magic Roadshow has to pay the bills some way or another.. right?

Although I'm in the middle of adding new books (ebooks) to the store, I think you'll find a good selection.

(Please remember when purchasing ebooks that you need to remain on the page where your purchases are made to receive your download links. All sales are through a third party and I do not have control over the shopping cart. Thanks in advance...)

<http://magicbookstore.info>

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10 Magic Video Downloads (Magic Roadshow ad)

I'm not giving these videos away. They will cost you the princely sum of \$6.95... But, once you see the previews, you'll quickly realize that the 'Torn and Restored Newspaper' video alone is worth the cost of the entire package...

<http://StreetMagic.info/10vids.html>

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∴ Free eBooks for Subscribers

All downloads are now available from one location - see link below.

- *Erdnase' "Expert at the Card Table"
- *JP Jacquard's "Easy Mentalism"
- *Hugard's "Royal Road to Card Magic"
- *Hypno Illusions - A Massive Fifteen eBook Download
- *Bullivant's 'Ventriloquism in a Month'
- *R. Carruth's 'Hypnosis Mania'
- *R. Carruth's 'Body Language Magic'
- *Rick Carruth's 'Public Speaking'
- *Magic and Computer Science 1
- *Magic and Computer Science 2

<http://StreetMagic.info/downloads.html>

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I encourage you to share your favorite links, videos, and resources with other magicians from around the world.

How?

Send it to the Magic Roadshow!

If you know of a site that has a free ebook or a wide assortment of magic related material, let me know. I'm sure all the other readers will appreciate it..

Please email me at the link below with your resource, link, article, or suggestion..

Email me..
