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2008 MHMS May Meeting

"Magic of Slydini"

Thursday, May 8, at 7:00 PM
Open Meeting @ RiverPointe

Join us as we pay tribute to one of the giants of close-up magic, Tony Slydini. We'll see archival footage of Slydini at work. Dave Neighbors will provide a live demonstration of Slydini's techniques and Tony Borillo will regale us with stories of his experience learning from the Master of Misdirection. Note that this meeting will be held at our new meeting location at RiverPointe Senior Community of Littleton (Community Room), 5225 South Prince Street (Bellevue & Santa Fe), Littleton, CO 80123.

Thursday, May 22 7:00 PM-Magic Lecture

@ The Children's Haven 2600 South Sheridan Blvd., Denver



Will Houstoun is one of the real up and coming young talents from the U.K. He burst onto the Magic scene by taking third place in The International Magic Close-Up competition, then went on to confirm his standing by becoming the youngest ever person to win first prize in the British Magic Championship, Blackpool, 2006. Since then he has represented the UK in FISM, attended the FFFF convention as well as performing and lecturing in Spain, Ireland, England, Italy and Sweden.

The lecture contains close up/parlor magic using cards, coins and even a trick using just your fingers! The material is all fully explained, along with some of the reasoning behind it, with the aim that everyone who attends the lecture will take something away from it. Seven routines that are taught use cards, coins; with a few surprises.

IBM TVP Musings

**Lindsay Smith
IBM TVP – Colorado/Wyoming**



I am a big fan of the Friends TV Sitcom. The six friends had their good comments, with perplexing situations and tiffs, and of course made comedic moments out of those situations. One of the characters, Joey played by Matt LeBlanc, often said in a Brooklyn accent, to ladies he was trying to impress, "How yu doin'?".

So what does this have to do with magic within S.A.M. in the Northwest Region? Well I am asking you, "How yu doin'?". How has your magic been, how is the Society serving you, and how are you interfacing with the members of your Assembly? As your representative to the National Council, along with your state Deputy who provide me with updates, we are here to forward your comments, concerns and suggestions to our elected officers for action at the S.A.M. Board meetings, held every 3-4 months. The next one is in late April in San Antonio, followed by the National Convention annual meeting in July. I rarely hear from any of our compeers, usually only when there is a complaint. So, to mimic Joey, "How yu doin'?", and should I also say "How WE doin'?". I'd like to hear from you on the things that we are doing well in the S.A.M. and other things that we should try to improve. Your recommendations are welcome and will be heard. I hope to hear from you either way so that I can pass on your comments at the Board Meetings. Thanks.

Cheers,

Dick Bowman



It's May and you know what that means! Yes, Mother's Day, of course, but there's more. May also is the month when those "work-around-the-calendar" Presto-Digitators of Ring #250 in Fort Collins send out their registration packets for Magic in the Rockies! Watch for yours coming later this month.

The 2008 convention is scheduled for Sept. 4-5-6-7 at its usual location, the Fort Collins Marriott. As we have come to expect, the MITR gang has lined up some awesome talent. Already booked are: Just Alan, Rich Bloch, Shawn Farquhar, Joe Givans, Rick Maue, Justin Miller, Geoff Williams and our "regulars," including Doc Eason, Eric Mead, Barrie Richardson and Bob Sheets. Wow!

Nineteen dealers are expected to fill the dealers' room, a great mix of old favorites and new faces. Mark Mason, one of last year's favorites, will be returning for a second year from Blackpool, England.

To ensure the best reserved seats at Saturday night's headliner show at the Lincoln Center, register early!

Quotes for conjurers:

*"What is the scarcest thing on the stage today?
Answer: A good comedian. People want to laugh.
When they go to an entertainment, the thing they enjoy
most is a good laugh. Magicians should capitalize on
that."*

Goodliffe,

Simply Wizard, 1946

**Lindsay Smith,
I.B.M. TVP, Colorado-Wyoming**





President's Message

Richard Nakata
MHMS president

MHMS MAGIC IN MAY

Well the votes are in and it's unanimous! Our new MHMS meeting location was a huge hit! Our first official meeting at the RiverPointe Senior Community of Littleton was *Mediums, Mystics and the Occult*, hosted by **Mark Strivings**. There were about 36 members in attendance and we all had lots of fun being mystified by the psychic phenomena presented by **Mark Strivings, Gregg Tobo, Jason Page** and **Richard Nakata**. Thanks **Mark** for putting the meeting together, thanks to all our presenters and thanks to all our attendees!

In May, we will again be meeting in our new meeting facility, the **RiverPointe Senior Community of Littleton** (Community Room), 5225 South Prince Street (Bellevue & Santa Fe), Littleton, CO 80123. Our topic will be the Magic of Slydini with a talk by member, Tony Borillo and his experiences as being one of Syldini's many students.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Below is the financial report (short version) for the MHMS. The editor failed to put this in the January 2008 issue.

Income	Dues	1960
	Misc	16
	Public	
	Show	1656
Total Income		3632
Expenses	Bank Chg	4
	Lectures	294
	Newsletter	468
	Holiday	
	Party	583
	Room Rent	250
	MITR	
	Sponsorship	200
	Website	119
	Dues to	
	National	290
Total Expenses		2208
Net Income		1424
Total Cash		6984

MAGIC AROUND TOWN

MADCAP THEATRE

10679 Westminster Blvd., Westminster
The Madcap Magic Matinee
Featuring Mark Strivings

Dates All shows are on Saturday.
May 3, 10, 31 No Shows: May 17th or 24th
All shows are at 1:00 PM and all seats are \$5.00.
Tickets-303-460-3854 www.madcapimprov.com

Theatre of Dreams

735 Park St., Castle Rock, CO 303-660-6799
* see page 4 for info
www.amazingshows.com

MHMS UP COMING EVENTS

May 8 Meeting- Magic of Slydini

May 22 Magic Lecture- **Children's Haven**, 7 PM- Will Houston

June 12 Meeting-Illusions (large & small)

July 9 Meeting-Open Mic

August 5, Tuesday, 7 PM - Pavel Magic Lecture, **Children's Haven**

August 14 Meeting-Classics of Magic

September Meeting-None, see you at MITR

Magic in the Rockies-September 4-5-6-7

October Meeting-Bizarre & Spooky Magick

November Meeting-none

November 22-Public Show

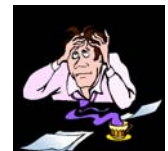
December Meeting-None-

Holiday Dinner-December 29 (probably)

Editor's Secrets & Other Notes

Gary Jenkins

Abracatabloid Editor



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If you have problems receiving the *Abracatabloid* or have not received the *Abracatabloid* by the 5th of any month, please contact me, Gary Jenkins, editor of the *Abracatabloid* by email denaliglj@yahoo.com or 303-699-5614. My member's bios are getting way too low, so get those into me. Members are also encouraged to submit articles about magical issues to be published in the AbTab, so break out that quill (however, you will have to transfer it yourself into electronic form).

Denver Area SYM News

SYM Assembly #3

When: 1st Wednesday of each month
Time: 6:30 PM
Where: College Hill Library
3705 West 112th Avenue
Westminster, CO 80031
Contact T. J. Staab 303-428-7424
THEJOLLYJOKER1@MSN.COM

Bear Valley SYM Assembly

When: 3rd Monday of each month
Time: 7:00 PM
Where: Contact Stuart Hayner for location
Contact Stuart Hayner 303-575-1282
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Theater of Dreams

May 23rd and 24th (Fri. & Sat. \$20, 7:30 pm).

Gregory Wilson will be performing his stage show "THIEF" (pick-pocketing, short-changing, card-sharking & mental manipulation) Reservations required.

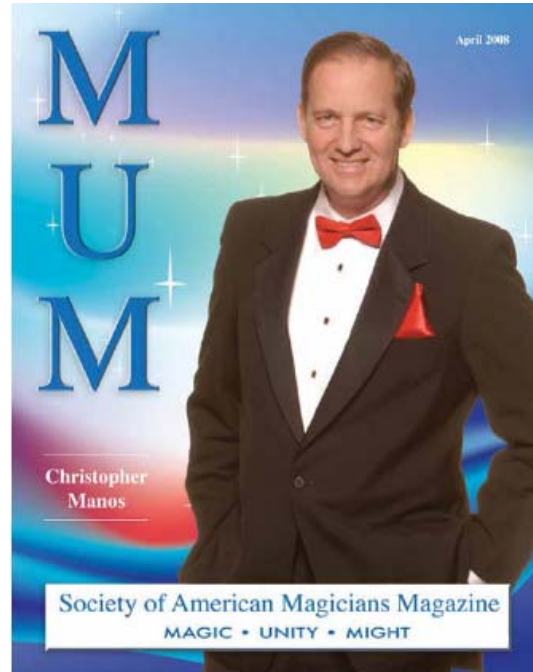
May 24th for magicians ONLY

Gregory Wilson: private workshop on Saturday. 3-4 hrs starting @ 1 pm. 10 people only. \$50 per person. Hands-on, training session to make sure you walk away with many direct, solid, original and entertaining performance pieces. He will be sharing Close-Up AND Stand-Up routines, ensuring a little something for everyone. Well, not everyone -- only 10 people. Reservations required! Call (303) 660-6799. Workshop combo/ show ticket is only \$15 more, or \$65.

JUNE 23 - 26

SUMMER WIZARD CAMP Classes on Mon., Tues. and Wed. from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & on Thursday, June 27, Class Rehearsal is--- 9:30 - 11 am with recital on stage for family at 11 AM on June 26 - Sign-up deadline is June 1

MHMS: Magic Members on the Move!



MHMS vice president, **Christopher Manos**, made it to the cover of the April 2008 issue of MUM magazine. Make sure to congratulate him when you see him!



Did you know that MHMS member, **Steve Spangler**, has been on **Ellen Show** (the Ellen DeGeneres Show is an hour-long, five-days-a-week, nationally televised talk-variety show) a total of **4 times!**

See more photos at: <http://ellen.warnerbros.com>