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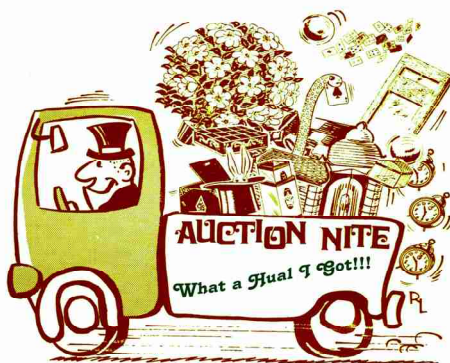
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March Meeting Highlights

After the Silent Auction I.B.M. Ring 50's March 7th meeting was opened by President **Danny Selnick**. First order of business was to welcome our newest member to be voted into Ring 50, **Daniel Holtan**. Daniel is a Physician from Arlington VA and considers himself as an amateur magician looking to rediscover the magical fun. Welcome aboard Daniel! There were 55 people attending the meeting.



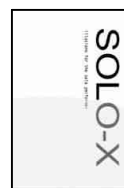
Auction Highlights

Members began arriving at 6:00PM to get their items displayed on the tables for the Silent Auction which started at 7:00PM. The Silent auction closed at 8:00 and all the winners paid for the newly acquired magic treasures. There were 134 items sold at the Silent Auction for a total of \$818. **Arnie Fuoco** assisted **Bob Patterson** in collecting the money from the winning bidders.

The Silent Auction had many great deals on magic items. **John Kenny** was the high bidder for a Malini Egg Bag for only \$15.

A very nice Pizza Oven went to **Avi Littky** for \$5.

Chris Biegun was the top bidder for the book 'Solo-X; Illusions for the Performer' for just \$11. Chris also battled it out with several bidders for the DVD 'Extreme Burn' coming out on top with a \$21 bid.



Bob Brantner was top silent bidder at \$30 for the popular effect 'Guillotine for Finger'. Five bidders battled it out for Osborne's 'Illusion System Vol. 1' with **Bob Brantner** placing the winning bid of \$22.



Larry Lipman found a 'Lock Box Mystery' that he liked with his bid of \$10.

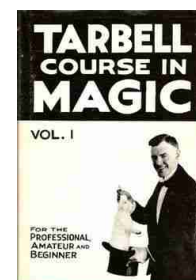


Glenn Gary sold a boat load of brass Cubio's.

Another Silent Auction battle raged on for two Harry Lorayne DVDs Vols. 3&4 with **Ken Busch** placing the final bid of \$13. Also seven 'Reel Magic' DVDs went to Ken for 31

Wayne Alan was the top silent bidder for Osborne's 'Illusion System Vol. 4' with a bid of \$26.

Kevin McGuire increased his library with a copy of Tarbell's Course in Magic, Vol. 1 for just \$20.



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Auction Highlights

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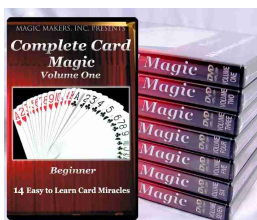
Andrew Lindgren came out on top after a silent combat with Bob Brantner for a winning bid of \$13 for Mayne's 'Illusion EFX'.

Cassandra Lofgren out bid several other for James Hodges 'Sexy Magic Book' with a bid of \$10.



Once all the Silent Auction sales had settled up and a short business meeting was conducted, the Live Auction began. The auctioneers **Wayne Alan** and **Bryan McDaniel** worked hard and did a great job with coaxing out the highest bid possible for the items in the Live Auction. **Tom Bohacek** issued the bid numbers and did the bagging of the winning items. **Rucj Uffelman** helped **Bob Patterson** with annotating the bids and collecting the money for the Live Auction. **Eric Henning** helped by demonstrating some of the items. Items were submitted by 11 members and there were 41 registered as bidders. Of the 24 items entered, 13 sold for a total of \$1,031. The auction ended at 9:45PM. The lucky bidders bought some great magic equipment, collectable magic, and videos.

Bryan McDaniel acquired a Ventriloquist Cable Mask at a very reasonable price of \$225. Our President, **Danny Selnick**, got a steal with the complete 7 volume encyclopedia of instructional card magic, 'Complete Card Magic' by Gerry Griffin for a bid of \$56.



Wayne Alan had a Hindu Basket and a Pillar Escape which were very unique and interesting but did not get the minimum bid.



Avi Littky out bid other bidders and made a great buy with a top bid of \$45 for a stage size red rabbit box.



Bryan McDaniel won over several others Howard Schwarzman's "Mirror Penetration" with a top bid of \$360. The silks penetrate right through a mirror! Mirror Penetration was the key-stone item in Howie's *Limited Editions* line. The performer



holds a silk handkerchief against the mirror. Slowly it begins to penetrate through! He walks away from the mirror. Still, the silk continues to

penetrate through! As the silk finishes its penetration, the mirror is once again shown solid!

Ken Norris used his bidding expertise (actually he was the only bidder) to acquire the late Yutaka Kikuchi's Fire Box with a bid of \$45.



A \$115 four volume DVD set called 'Dominique Duvivier Strikes Back' was another item of magic that drew a lot of bids but was won by **Kevin Sievers** for only \$55.

Chris Biegun walked away with a great deal on an effect with jumbo cards called 'Three Card Joe' with his final bid of \$65. This is a three card trick where you Chase the Ace on Steroids.

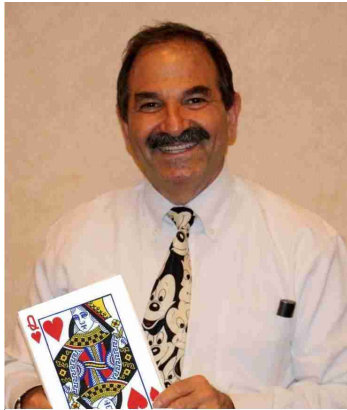


Several items were donated for the Silent and Live Auctions that brought an additional \$155 to the Ring 50 Treasury for a total of \$415.

What do you think about the auction procedures that we used this year? Silent auction first with one hour to bid, pay for the items and then the Live Auction with only 7 items per person and bid would start at \$25 or more. Let president Danny know what you thought about the auction so we can improve your experience next year.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



President Danny Selnick

Hi everyone -- several notes from my corner this month -- all very important.

First I'd like to thank those that nominated Arnie Levin from the floor to be Ring 50 Secretary for 2012-2013 -- the nomination was seconded by all. Thanks Arnie for your interest! Okay know that Arnie has probably had a stroke at reading this -- early April fools days, Arnie! All kidding aside folks -- all officer positions and one board of director's spot are open to any Ring 50 member in good standing. This is the time to step forward and get involved and make your interest known by either writing to me ASAP or raising your hand at next month's meeting. Voting on nominations will be done at May's meeting. With that being said, I'm interested in staying on as president, with Kevin McGuire as vice president, Bob Patterson as treasurer and Scott McDonald as our horn blowing Sgt. At Arms -- and Arnie Levin has (really) expressed interest in the soon to-be vacant spot on the board. We're running as the "Magic Slate." But we have to find someone to be secretary -- that can write up a brief summary of our meeting and send it to The Linking Ring for publication under "Ring Reports". Before I forget -- a huge round of applause for **Arnie Fuoco**, who has been our secretary and to **Mike Taggart** as member of the board of directors.

Regarding May's Dan Lacey Contest for DC-Magician of the Year -- **any Ring 50 member in good standing is entitled to perform.** Sadly, I will be away on business that week and will miss the contest. Ring 50 VP Kevin McGuire will lead the meeting. More information on the contest rules is listed on page 4.

For those interested in visiting Houdini's grave as a Ring 50 extra-curricular activity, I'm considering these dates -- April 28-29 or May 26-27. I'm still working on finding a good hotel in NY (at reasonable rates), while Jason Goldberg is also helping to find activities to do Saturday late afternoon/evening after we arrive. Transportation is also being finalized -- either "caravan", bus or train -- again looking to keep costs under control. Visit to the grave site will be on Sunday morning for no more than one hour and then we'll head back before noon. If you're interested in going let me know... if you're interested in helping with logistics, also let me know.

One final reminder from me on Magi-Whirl 2012 -- buy your convention tickets now and let Theo know you're interest in volunteering -- there are several openings for strolling magicians, ushers, set-er uppers and take-er downers, etc. We cannot do it by ourselves and it's important to the success of this event to help out in some way.

Magically yours, **Danny**
daniel.selnick@yahoo.com

YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE A MAGICIAN WHEN...

- ♥You have convinced yourself that feathers look like flowers.
- ♥You have enough playing cards to host a World Series poker competition.
- ♥If you have ever been asked the question: "can you make my wife disappear?"

RING 50 NEW LOCATION

I.B.M. Ring 50 meetings are held at "ChildTime Magic Party Place" located in Vienna VA. The address is **312 Dominion Rd. NE, Vienna, VA 22180**. If you need assistance in locating the meeting call: 703-765-1923. The meeting room will be in the 1,000 square foot Theater area. Over flow parking is available in the Church lot on the corner of Ayr Hill Rd and Dominion Rd. Meeting starts at 8:00 PM.

Ring 50 Treasurer Collecting Dues for 2012

Only 72% of the members have paid their dues for 2012. Ring 50 annual dues of \$15 for 2012 are **due by February**. Last chance to stay current will be the April 4th meeting. The Ring 50 Treasurer, Bob Patterson, requests that you pay by check, as this eases the record keeping. Make checks payable to **IBM Ring 50**. Cash will be accepted providing you have the correct change (\$15). If you are unable to make the meetings, you can send a check to his home address at 3450 Wainscott Place, Lake Ridge, VA 22192-5362. Enjoy your Ring activities throughout 2012 by paying your dues now.



Have you registered for Magi-Whirl 2012? Time is running out, price goes up to \$65 after March 23.

Register online at:
www.Magi-Whirl.Org Do it today!



Ring 50 Magic Youth International "The Counts of Conjuring"

The Counts of Conjuring did not meet before the March IBM Ring 50 meeting. It seems that they were bitten by the "Auction Bug" and chose to spend their time participating in our annual Auction Night. Tommy Halladay, Andrew Lindgren, Avi Littky, David Watson and a few other youths made some great purchases at the Silent Auction.

Next month the Counts of Conjuring will resume meeting. The agenda is: Illusions You Can Make Part I. Introducing a few "Do It Yourself *One Man* Illusions". Students select the illusion they wish to build and class proceeds to build their illusion and then Stage presence.

Don't forget to encourage a youth to attend the Ring 50 MYI. The youth meeting starts at 6:30 pm at the ChildTime Magic Party Place Vienna VA. The Youth Ring is open for children ages 7-17. Please let **Theo Rushin**, Chief Instructor for the youth group, know if you are bringing any youths so that we can be better prepared for them.

See you next month! **Theo**



Get your Magi-Whirl Registration in TODAY!

Dan Lacey Competition to Pick Title Holder "Magician of the Year" April 4th

Sharpen up your skills and compete at the April 4th meeting for the Dan Lacey Memorial Trophy and the title "Magician of the Year". The winner will receive a rotating trophy and a spot to perform at the 2013 Ring 50 Magi-Whirl Gala show and a free convention registration. All paid-up Ring 50 members both new and veteran members can seek the title. A panel of judges will declare the winner. The late Dan Lacey was a president of Ring 50 (1999-2000) who inspired others—especially newcomers to magic—to hone their skills. The contest provides an opportunity to recognize the exceptional magic skills of our members. The contest was started in 2003 to honor the deceased magician. Contact Danny Selnick, Ph 703-347-5540 or daniel.selnick@yahoo.com if you are interested in being in the competition.



IBM Ring 50 Dan Lacey Performance Evaluation

► *At least four Judges will use the IBM Ring 50 Performance Evaluation form.*

► *A time-keeper will signal the time when a performer goes over the eight minute limit and "Routine Length" under "Entertainment", will be given a 0 on the judges evaluation sheet.*

► *A fifth Judge will collect the forms and tally the points awarded by each judge to determine the winner.*

Membership

Have YOU brought a prospective member to the meeting?

They must be interested in magic and be a member of the International



Brotherhood of Magicians.

Applications are available from the Treasurer, Bob Patterson.

One of the many benefits of belonging to a magic club like Ring 50 is learning from each other. So come, enjoy, and perhaps learn. See you at the meeting.

IBM Ring 50 Schedule

2012

Apr 4 Dan Lacey Contest
Apr 13-14 Magi-Whirl 2012
May 2 Geoff Williams Lecture
Jun 6 Humorous Magi Contest
July No Ring 50 Meeting
Jul 3-7 ... IBM Convention Norfolk
Aug 1 Joshua Jay Lecture
Sep 5 Teach-In by Members
Oct 3 ESP/Mentalism Night
Nov 7 Simon Lovell Lecture
Dec 5 Children's Magic Show

Joke of the Month:

Murphy, a dishonest lawyer, bribed a man on his client's jury to hold out for a charge of manslaughter, as opposed to the charge of murder which was brought by the state. The jury was out for several days before they returned with the manslaughter verdict. When Murphy paid the corrupt juror, he asked him if he had a very difficult time convincing the other jurors to see things his way. "Sure did," the juror replied, "the other eleven wanted to acquit."



Be sure to visit Ring 50's Website at www.IBMRing50.Org for current happenings.



Coming Events



**Marriott Hotel – Norfolk VA
July 3 thru July 7, 2012**

The 2012 I.B.M. Convention will be held in Norfolk Virginia, July 3-7, 2012 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel.

There will be three big evening stage shows in the Chrysler Theater! Lectures galore! Optional is a banquet with an exciting cabaret show. Learn from the best in the business with a stellar line-up of lectures and great closeup shows, fantastic youth activities and events are in the works, and some great new activities for spouses, and the Order of Merlin.

The lectures and performers that have been line-up to date are: **Geoff Williams, John Bannon, Dani DaOrtiz, David Acer, Hannibal, Wayne Houchin, Paul Gertner, Master Payne, Chris Capehart, Rich Bloch, and George Saterial.** Also on the schedule is **Chip Romero.** He is taking a break from nearly three decades at sea to show us what he does **Justin Flom** who once had the Imaginary Theatre in Branson and most recently released Card Artistry will be sharing his newest and most popular material, along with **Vlad Kryvonogov** from the Ukraine and FISM award winner **Arthur Trace.**

The Gold Medal and Gold Cups Contests - often regarded as the best-run contest in magic are always a favorite. The 40+ dealers have uncontested time to show you their latest and greatest and they have even designed a 24 hr hangout area to jam. Yes, there was a bar just feet away too. We have lots more talent



to announce and some very special extras

Register early to get close-in seats and before the price goes up, at www.Magician.Org or see the I.B.M. International **Registration Chairman**, Bob Patterson.



This year's Kapital Kidvention was reportedly one of the best children entertainers' convention in the last three years Oscar Munoz, award winning illusionist and humorist, was so surprised at all the events that he is returning next year with a big new lecture and show. If you are a children's entertainer, and didn't attend the Kapital Kidvention, you missed a good one! Keep February 2013 open for the Kapital Kidvention.

Ring 50 members seen at Kapital Kidvention February 10-12, 2012 running the convention was Louis Meyer with Bob Patterson at the Registration Desk. Also seen were: Greg Clements, Laurie Curry, Arnie Fuoco, Eric Henning, Silvia Lett, and Geoff Weber. All of them have expanded their expertise and knowledge at being a children's entertainer.



April 13 & 14, 2012

January Update

If you have not registered, do it today before the price increase on March 23rd

Magi-Whirl Chairman, **Theo Rushin** has updated the Magi-Whirl website to reflect our 2012 convention. Here is the convention line-up so far: Lectures: **Gustavo Raley, Ken Scott, and George Saterial.** We have just added to the Magi-Whirl 2012 Line-Up - The **Aldo and Rachel Colombini** Farewell Tour. For those who may have seen Aldo and Rachel in a previous lecture in 2011, they have promised to present some new material for the Magi-Whirl 2012 convention attendees. Close-Up Performers: Gustavo Raley, Ken Scott, and the Colombini's.

Gala Show Performers: Noland Montgomery, Gustavo Raley, Ken Scott, and headliner George Saterial. Watch for updates and other news at: www.Magi-Whirl.Org website

We plan on having several dealers scheduled for the dealer room. You can see and talk to professional magicians and look at new magic items for sale, touch them and see them in action before making a purchase.

Magi-Whirl is held at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Rd, Alexandria VA. For details go to: www.Magi-Whirl.Org. Come and join the fun, meet new friends.

Registration forms are available online. Registration until March 23rd is \$50. **After March 23rd the price will be \$65 for everyone.**

Magi-Whirl is a Ring 50 production supported by the help of its members. Volunteers, contact Theo Rushin at rushint@yahoo.com

Henning to Open for Music Legend



Eric Henning

Ring 50 Past President **Eric Henning** will open for music legend **Leon Redbone** at *The Birchmere* in Alexandria, Virginia on Saturday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at:

<http://www.birchmere.com/events/leon-redbone/>

The Birchmere is a legendary music hall in its own right, with a long history of hosting the best in acoustic, blues, folk, bluegrass and progressive rock bands. The list of acts that got their start at *The Birchmere*, some even before they had records, includes Vince Gill, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Alison Kraus and The Seldom Scene, which was the house band for more than twenty years.

Keep Your I.B.M. Membership Current



You must be an active member of I.B.M. to belong to Ring 50. If you haven't already, don't forget to keep your membership active in the International Brotherhood of Magicians to enjoy the benefits of membership. Send dues to: International Brotherhood of Magicians, 13 Point West Blvd, St. Charles, Missouri, USA 63301

S.A.M. 2012 Convention,
Las Vegas, NV
July 23-26, 2012
 The 2012 S.A.M. Convention will be held

in Las Vegas, Nevada, Monday, July 23 - Thursday July 26, 2012 at the Golden Nugget! Go to <http://www.magicsam.com> for more information. Featuring **David Copperfield** and **Mac King**. Comedy magician **Johnny Thompson** will be one of the six lecturers. **Katalin**, the young Hungarian magician, adds her stylish magic and comedy to the roster of great acts. Others are: Jason Baney, Mathieu Bich, Nathan Burton, John Cassidy, Funtasio, Joseph Gabriel, Christian & Katalina, The Great Tomsoni & Co, Boris Wild Ali Shelly, and More!



S.A.M. 252 Events

S.A.M. 252 Fairfax VA will present a **Night of Magic** to benefit the St. Leo's Knights of Columbus. The show is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th at St Leo's Church. A dinner will be served before the show. **3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.**

Also S.A.M. 252 has scheduled a lecture by Fielding West on Thursday May 17th. Information about Fielding's lecture is located at: www.johnlukamagic.com/flyer/fieldingwestflyer.pdf



Al Albers Book *A Pocket Full of Voices* goes 'e'



Ring 50 member Al Albers just wanted to pass along that his latest novel is now an eBook, and at a cost much cheaper than a paperback copy. It's available on Amazon, and Barnes & Noble. *A Pocket Full of Voices* features a protagonist John Michaels, a retired Master Magician living in Virginia Beach. This one is full of twists and turns - just when you think you have it figured out, you are thrown another curve ball! The story never loses steam, and the excitement continues through the last page. The characters are flawlessly developed, and the story never gets stuck in low gear. When he finally reveals how all the pieces fit together...you are in for a surprise.

May 2 - Geoff Williams to Lecture at Ring 50

Geoff Williams is a 3 time "Magician of the Year" winner awarded by the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Geoff is a full time comedy magic entertainer known for cutting edge sleight of hand illusions mixed with an offbeat, zany sense of humor.

The lecture is FREE to paid up members all others \$15.

MARCH 13, 2012



COLUMBUS MAGI-FEST

MAGI-FEST to retire

Dear friends:

The Columbus MAGI-FEST has had a great run of 80 years (81 conventions). And while we hoped to see the 100th, for now we've decided it's time to retire the MAGI-FEST convention.

This decision did not come easy, and there were several factors in the decision. The redcoats have a strong friendship - we are like a second family to each other. We've all watched our kids (and even some grandkids) grow up at MAGI-FEST, and we thank you for being a part of their lives and for the wonder that we and they got to experience these many years. We finished the convention in the black, able to pay all our bills and refund money to those who pre-registered for 2013.

While we had plans in place to have our 82nd convention in 2013, we decided to change our plans after further reflection. We see some potential headwinds that could affect the quality and financial health of future conventions. These include:

- Long-time, loyal attendees who are aging out faster than younger registrants are coming in
- The downturn in the U.S. economy over the past few years
- Financial pressure on the convention due to increasing costs and insurance requirements, while keeping registration, food, and lodging costs affordable to attendees

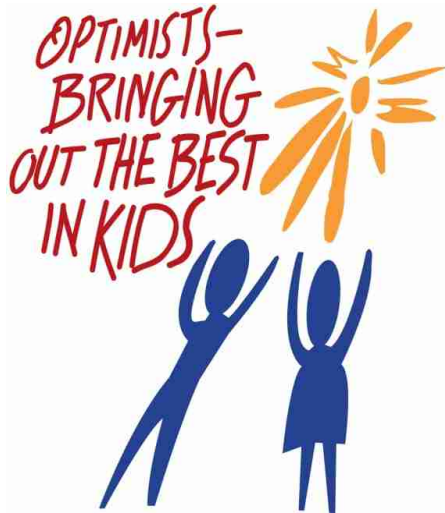
We are all very sad to retire the MAGI-FEST, but we want to do so on our terms as a quality, family friendly convention, at an affordable price, that was fair to all who participated.

We also wish to thank our wonderful staff: Tony Dolciato, Randal Fath, Mike Heniken, Steven Kline, the Krech kids, Glenn Mackie, Red Penley, and Mike Sanderson. We appreciate their tireless dedication and support more than they know. They are the ones who made it happen at "show time".

Thank you again for all your support, love, and friendship for these many years. We hope to see you again in the future.

With warmest regards,

The board of directors of the Columbus Magic Club, Inc.



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7:30 PM

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For Sale

Wayne Alan has the following illusions for sale. If yo u are interested contact Wayne at: 410-956-8132 or wayne@waynealanmagic.com

Illusions for Sale

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|-----|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1. | Balloons thru Child | ----- | \$600.00 |
| 2. | Chaplin Puzzle Illusion | ---one of a kind-Chalet--- | 3300.00 |
| 3. | Zig Zag-Chalet | ----- | 2300.00 |
| 4. | Twister | -----Chalet----- | 2800.00 |
| 6. | Coin Ladder | ----- | 1000.00 |
| | Custom ATA case | ----- | 300.00 |
| 7. | Jumbo Side Kick | Collector's Workshop----- | 1200.00 |
| 8. | Sawing a Lady in Half | -Have 2- red and white -each- | 1400.00 |
| 9. | Light Bulb's Thru Girl | Jim Sommers----- | 1200.00 |
| 10. | Giant Trash Can | Square Circle/Table----- | |
| | one of a kind | ----Chalet----- | 1700.00 |
| 11. | Plexiglas Tube Girl Production | one of a kind----- | 1400.00 |
| 12. | Laser Cannon | -----Chalet----- | 1700.00 |
| 13. | Head In TV Cabinet | one of a kind----- | 1000.00 |
| 14. | Blaney 2100 Suspension with hoop | ----- | 2400.00 |
| 15. | Sword Box a la Lance Burton | ----- | 2100.00 |
| 16. | Cane Cabinet | ----- | 880.00 |
| 17. | Ashrah Levitation - one man | ---Chalet----- | 2350.00 |
| 18. | Hippity Hop w cartoon characters | Jumbo stage size--- | 395.00 |
| 19. | Chair Suspension | Abbott's----- | 495.00 |
| 20. | German Tube Illusion | Chalet----- | 2200.00 |
| 21. | Hindu Basket | ----- | 475.00 |
| 22. | Chu's Sword Suspension | ----- | 875.00 |
| 23. | Temple of Benares | Chalet----- | 1835.00 |
| 24. | Gamola Levitation | ---New \$3,195.00----- | 2300.00 |
| 25. | Zig Zag | custom made----- | 795.00 |
| 26. | Pole Suspension | ----- | 1125.00 |

Magic News / Amazing Jonathan was in a car accident (02/16/12)

It has been reported that The Amazing Jonathan was involved in a head on collision just a few miles from his home as he was on his way to the theater. His girlfriend, Anastasia, hit the windshield but luckily only walked away with a fat lip. Jonathan on the other had much more serious injuries. He had trouble breathing and had to have a breathing tube inserted, other than that nothing more has been reported as far as his injuries are involved. Jonathan has since left the hospital against doctor's orders and has said he is hoping to return to work in a few weeks. Oh, and no, it wasn't the Mustang... It was the '67 Camaro which was totaled. For more info on The Amazing Jonathan accident link [HERE](#)