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The Magic Memories 2021

Content

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This is a commented Table of Contents of the 52 posts that went online on my webshop www.robortogiobbi.com every Sunday Morning, at exactly 0:07 h, without failing even once. As Ricky Jay would have said, “This is such an extraordinary achievement that I’m forced to mention it *myself!*”

For your convenience the titles of The Magic Memories are hyperlinked, so you can just click them and you’ll be instantly directed to the correct post.

Enjoy!

Date	Name	Sub-Title	Content
JAN 2	The Magic Memories (00)	Mission Statement	What <i>The Magic Memories</i> are about.
JAN 4	The Magic Memories (01)	The Magic Calendar	Post-comments on <i>The Magic Calendar</i> , which ran from DEC 1 to 24, 2020, and had one post a day with texts, film clips, PDFs, all free. This can be obtained on www.robortogiobbi.com .
		Treatment of <i>Stand-up Card Magic</i> video	Comments on the treatment I wrote for my <i>Penguin Live Lecture 1</i> , which reflects almost 1:1 the content of my book <i>Stand-up Card Magic</i> . The post contains the PDF of the treatment.
		Video trailer of <i>Penguin Live Lecture 1 – Stand-up Card Magic</i>	The trailer can be watched and/or downloaded
JAN 10	The Magic Memories (02)	Of Sleights and Men Podcast	Interview (1h 22 min)
JAN 17	The Magic Memories (03)	On deck switches	Comments on my book <i>The Art of Switching Decks</i>
			The Out-of-necessity Deck Switch: a deck switch idea
			Miniature Deck Switch... and Jumbo Deck: another deck switch idea
JAN 24	The Magic Memories (04)	Cups & Balls	Video (02:10) of me performing my “Overture for Cups & Balls” from my book <i>Confidences</i> .
			Reference to the free download of Sam Horowitz’s C&B routine, as well as to the written explanation of my own “Overture for Cups and Balls”
JAN 31	The Magic Memories (05)	Classic Force	Sources where to learn the Classic Force
		Outs for Classic Force	Discussion of how to avoid failure and various outs should the Classic Force fail despite all.

			Discussion of how to use outs by doing another trick. What are “other tricks”?
			List of ten “Quickies” as example.
			Mention of how to take notes in Evernote (or any electronic note-taking app) and reference to the two <i>Secret Newsletters</i> , where I wrote about notetaking.
FEB 06	The Magic Memories (06)	Dany Ray (1921-1989)	Comments on Dany Ray’s fantastic cabaret act.
			Video of his act.
FEB 14	The Magic Memories (07)	Self-working Card Tricks	Thoughts on self-working cards tricks
			Einstein – Zweistein by Richard Vollmer, a very interesting self-working card trick, and a variation of “Einstein’s Card Trick” from <i>Card College Lightest</i> .
FEB 21	The Magic Memories (08)	Coinvergence	Video of me performing a “Spectator Cuts to the Aces” & “Coin Assembly Routine”, the latter based on Shigeo Tagaki’s.
FEB 28	The Magic Memories (09)	Interview David Solomon	My interview I did for the German magic magazine <i>magie</i> with David Solomon, plus a few biographical comments of mine.
MAR 7	The Magic Memories (10)	Miro Aces	Comments of mine and a video of me performing “Miro Aces”, inspired by Max Maven’s “Picasso Aces” from <i>Focus</i> .
MAR 14	The Magic Memories (11)	Roberto Giobbi in “Inside Out”	“Inside Out” was the tricks column of Stan Allen’s MAGIC. In May 2001, he asked me for a one-man issue. This post contains the free PDF of the complete column.
MAR 21	The Magic Memories (12)	Stand-up Coin Routine	A 3-minute video of me in a 1986 (!) recording doing a stand-up coin routine (described in the “Inside Out” column offered in The Magic Memories (11), plus comments of mine on the genesis of the series of three tapes (in German only).
MAR 28	The Magic Memories (13)	Orimotos	A fine display of photos of Barbara’s Orimotos with magical subjects (you can still buy them on order).
		Sharing Secrets	Update information on the book that at that time still had no title and was to be published end May as <i>Sharing Secrets</i> .

APR 4	The Magic Memories (14)	Jazz Aces Revisited	A video with performance and discussion of my version of Peter Kane's classic "Jazz Aces".
APR 11	The Magic Memories (15)	Sharing Secrets	Comments on how to make a book. Search for a title with many good suggestions coming in. Pre-publication of the "Table of Content" and comments on various contents.
APR 18	The Magic Memories (16)	Titles	Over one hundred suggestions for titles for the new book came in, eventually called <i>Sharing Secrets</i> . Plus, comments of mine around the subject.
		"The Daily Magician"	My recommendation to see their blog.
		TCC	TCC is my Chinese publisher, and I comment on various of their very useful and beautiful products. (They also did the "Card College Playing Cards", the normal and the collector's edition!)
		Victor Borge and George Carl	My comments on these two extraordinary and favorite comedians.
APR 25	The Magic Memories (17)	How to Find a Presentation	Discussion of how to find presentational ideas, plus several practical techniques and ideas.
		Sharing Secrets	Announcement of the definite title and display of the cover. The book is at the printers!
May 2	The Magic Memories (18)	Birthday Break	I take a break from this post on the occasion of my own birthday, but make a pre-publication offer for the upcoming book <i>Sharing Secrets</i> for all readers.
May 9	The Magic Memories (19)	Card College Light series in Japanese	Short comment.
		How to do a book	Video of my lecture on the subject in French which I gave in Paris at George Proust's "Musé de la curiosité".
		Color-changing Deck	Video of me performing the trick from <i>Card College 5</i> .
May 16	The Magic Memories (20)	On Vernon	Comments & anecdote of me meeting Vernon for the first time at Ron McMillan's One Day Convention in 1979.
		More on Vernon	Comments on my video lecture <i>Dai Vernon Seminar</i> . As a gift: PDF of the interview Michael Close conducted with me about my Vernon lecture I had done in Las Vegas (published in MUM).

		Sharing Secrets	Photo of the printed books at the printer's, ready to be shipped.
May 23	The Magic Memories (21)	Pat Page	PDF of the notes I took of Pat Page's two-day Masterclass in Switzerland. This is one of <i>my</i> favorite contributions.
		Sharing Secrets	Latest news of delivery.
May 30	The Magic Memories (22)	Fred Kaps	My script of the Fred Kaps Chinese sticks and video links to Kaps performing them on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1963. Great photo of Fred Kaps performing close-up.
		Sharing Secrets	The books have arrived at our home!
June 6	The Magic Memories (23)	Gipsy Thread (Fred Kaps)	Video of Kaps doing "Gipsy Thread" on <i>The Michael Parkinson Magic Show</i> (1976). My comments on it.
		Gipsy Thread (Roberto Giobbi)	A video (3:40) of me performing "Gipsy Thread", from my DVD <i>Penguin Lecture 3 – The Act</i> .
		Philosophy	As almost always in almost each post some thoughts that to me are more important than many "hard facts".
June 13	The Magic Memories (24)	Interview	Interview in two parts that Fabian Weiss from Berlin did with me for his podcast-YouTube channel. I just listened into it again, and I believe you'll find some new questions and answers not dealt with in other interviews.
June 20	The Magic Memories (25)	Georges Méliés	Video of Georges Méliés.
		Segundo de Chomón	Video of him.
		Card College Playing Cards	Comments.
		Review of "Card College Playing Cards"	Very informative text by playing card expert EndersGame.
		History of playing cards	Various comments and links
			PDF of my updated essay on the subject (from the revised <i>Card College Volume 1</i>)
		Sharing Secrets Review	Link to Michael Close's review.
June 27	The Magic Memories (26)	Half Forcing Deck	Comments and sources.
			Reference to tricks using this special deck.
		Sunken Key Card	Comments and sources.
		Incomplete Faro Control	Comments and sources.

July 4	The Magic Memories (27)	Ramblings	Various topics.
		Presentation	Thoughts on presentational ideas... and on taking notes.
		Zodiac Prediction Trick	A very good trick, I never did...
July 11	The Magic Memories (28)	The Miser's Dream	Recall of de Chomón's video on the subject – wonderful. Recall of Dany Ray's "Miser's Dream" he did in his cabaret act; a historical document of a little-known Great.
		Anecdote	This happened to me at a trade show in Hannover many years ago – I'm still amused...
		Chung Ling Soo	A very useful idea of his for "Miser's Dream", link to an article on the subject.
		Opener for Miser's Dream	An opening idea of mine.
		How to pronounce "Giobbi"	
		"Ghoti is Fish"	A linguistic conundrum.
July 18	The Magic Memories (29)	Gerd Maron and Dagmar	Stories and video of their performance in Basel in 1991: His "Dog Comes to Life" is sensational.
July 25	The Magic Memories (30)	Magic Apple Lecture	Comments
		Card College Playing Cards	Comments and links for more info on their characteristics.
		The Guarantee Joker	PDF of the trick "TTT – Turn over, Transform & Travel", using the Guarantee Joker.
AUG 1	The Magic Memories (31)	National Day & Lennart Green	Comments
		Interdisciplinarity	Comments about interdisciplinarity and how it is used in magic with examples.
AUG 8	The Magic Memories (32)	Magic Apple Lecture – Episode I	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card College Playing Cards 	Comments on how the cards came into being
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staring Him in the Face 	Performance and explanation
AUG 15	The Magic Memories (33)	Penguin Podcast	Link to the interview Erik Tait did with me.
		Introduction to Card Magic	Comments and link.
		Academy of the Art of Magic	Comments on this group founded by Garrick Spencer in NYC.
		Magic Apple Lecture – Episode II Card College Playing Cards "TTT – Turn over, Transform & Travel"	Video of performance and explanation of how to use the Guarantee Joker in the trick "TTT – Turn over, Transform & Travel" – you received the PDF of it in <i>The Magic Memories (30)</i> .

AUG 22	The Magic Memories (34)	Buried Agenda	Three ideas from my notebooks.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Himber Napkin 	How to convert a table napkin into a Himber Wallet.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very Best of... 	How to create a PDF of your very favorite items. As a gift my PDF with my favorites from <i>Secret Agenda</i> .
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card on Umbrella 	An original card revelation.
AUG 29	The Magic Memories (35)	Watermelon Gazpacho	Me in my kitchen teaching how to do an excellent cold soup for the hot summer days.
SEP 5	The Magic Memories (36)	Magic Apple Lecture – Episode III: The Guarantee Joker	More comments on the Jokers of the Card College Playing Cards. Duplication of the video which was already offered in The Magic Memories (33) – I have not received a single complaint, which either means that nobody is following this blog, or all have as a lousy a memory as I have, or that everyone is so respectful and polite (I like to assume the last 😊).
SEP 12	The Magic Memories (37)	Inspirational Quote	
		Magic Apple Lecture – Episode IV: Double-backed Cards “TTT – Turn over, Transform & Travel”	Video of me discussing the use of the double-backed cards from the Card College Playing Cards, with ideas, examples, tricks, techniques, more sources.
SEP 19	The Magic Memories (38)	Magialdia	First comments on the convention.
		Phony Photo	Great “mystery photo” with Alex Elmsley (taken at an Escorial Card Conference).
SEP 26	The Magic Memories (39)	Elmsley Photo	Solution to the “Mystery Photo”
		Magic Apple Lecture – Episode V: Opener for a Close-up Act: Performance	Performance only video.
OCT 3	The Magic Memories (40)	Magic Apple Lecture – Episode VI: Opener for a Close-up Act: Explanation	Video with detailed discussion of “The Program is Wild”.
		Idea for a Short Act	How to apply the above to a 3-tricks-program, and ideas of which tricks to use from the <i>Card College</i> books.
OCT 10	The Magic Memories (41)	Magialdia 2021	Detailed report of my attendance and performance at this incredible convention (the first after 19 months of seclusion), with photos and a short video from Toni Cachadiña.

OCT 17	The Magic Memories (42)	Boring Card Tricks	Answer to the question: "How can you avoid making self-working card tricks look boring?"
OCT 24	The Magic Memories (43)	Trivia	Meaning of the cards in the <i>The Magic Memories</i> logo.
		Trip Notes	Comments and photos of my visit at Olivier Cave's home and collection of books and paraphernalia on gambling and cheating.
		Notes on Gambling & Cheating in Magic	Discussion of various subjects.
		Memories of The Magic Circle London	Stories, anecdotes, comments.
OCT 31	The Magic Memories (44)	My Show at Magialdia	Comments on the tricks I did at my performance in the Museum of Playing Cards in Vitoria, part of the Magialdia Convention.
		Pedro Bryce	Link to a performance of his.
NOV 7	The Magic Memories (45)	Rubiales caricature	Great caricature of a group of cardicians by Juan Luis Rubiales
		There is so Much to Do	Comments on some fantasy and real projects of mine.
NOV 14	The Magic Memories (46)	How to Find a Presentation	Comments on how to take notes, store and retrieve them.
		Presentational Ideas	Various ideas.
		"Peekaboo Revelation"	Short description of this trick by Bill Simon and Frank Garcia.
NOV 21	The Magic Memories (47)	The Italian Tour - Announcement	Short comment.
		More Presentational Ideas	Two more ideas for a presentation, plus tricks to go with them. #2 is "worth the price of these posts", as they say, but these posts are free, so...
NOV 28	The Magic Memories (48)	Jimmy Takes Over	Comments and photo of "the cat".
		Follow the Leader	Comments on the genesis and title of this trick, and video of my performance from my own DVD/Download <i>Simply Amazing</i> . Important comment on how to apply the theory of the "Space-information Continuum".
DEC 5	The Magic Memories (49)	The Italian Tour – The Secret Report	Comments on my show for a private function at Villa Porro Pirelli, my lecture in Varese with Toni Cachadiña, the famous "Truffle Lunch" at the "Tre Re" in Castellamonte, and how gastronomy directly relates to magic, my visit and stay at Don Silvio Mantelli's "Museo

			della magia” in Cherasco, and finally my talk on how to use Evernote to manage notes, and my full-day Masterclass on the concepts of <i>Sharing Secrets</i> related to how to influence the memory.
		The Prophecy	First mention of it.
DEC 12	The Magic Memories (50)	The Prophecy, Wallets & More	Comments on “The Prophecy”.
		Communicative Memory	Reflections on this important concept discussed in <i>Sharing Secrets</i> (p. 74).
		On wallets	Thoughts about wallets in general.
		On “Card to Wallet – Wallet Bound”	Video of me performing “Wallet Bound” from Card College 5 (p. 1375)
DEC 19	The Magic Memories (51)	Stabbed – Twice!	Discussion of a card trick Dai Vernon did on his European lecture tour.
		An Impromptu Handling	My solution to Vernon’s trick using an ordinary deck.
DEC 26	The Magic Memories (52)	The Last One – Or Maybe Not...	Encouragement to go back to the posts of this year’s <i>The Magic Memories</i> and find your favorites (create a PDF of them).
		My Favorite Book List	There are different kinds of book lists.
		PDF of Content of <i>The Magic Memories 2021</i>	Announcement that <i>The Magic Memories</i> will continue in 2022.
		Season’s Greetings	Barbara’s wonderful “Magic Tree” with my best wishes to all for the festive season!
		End of <i>The Magic Memories 2021</i>	

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