

Welcome To Boot Hill



Boy! The magic blogging landscape is becoming seriously crowded with defunct sites. I know some of them have disappeared under the guise of taking a break or a sabbatical, etc. etc., but in most cases they never return. It's really too bad, we've lost some excellent writers and some of them I really miss.

This week, MagicCentric pulled the plug - supposedly it's temporary - we'll see. He also passed his mentalists' forum to someone else. As I said before, I think he made a huge mistake in the elitist approach to membership.

As far as I know, there's not a single forum with much vitality, except for the Cafe'. Haydn's *Scoundrels Forum* really took off, but the last time I was there it was totally moribund - helped along by a series of technical snafus.

One site that I consistently enjoy is Scot's Magical Mystery Tour. Articles like his recent review of the International Battle of the Magicians in Canton, Oh, make it a spot to check out frequently.

I can say, with absolute certainty, that if you enjoy the Cafe's alternatives, you need to let the authors know. It does make a difference.

Quote of the day:

The word 'politics' is derived from the word 'poly', meaning 'many', and the word 'ticks', meaning 'blood sucking parasites'

Take care.....



Drivel & Drool

Lecture - My Butt!

This week I attended a *Lecture*. It doesn't really matter who it was, as he's not the only peddling his wares under the guise of a lecture. I blame the sponsoring clubs.

There's something wrong with paying 20 bucks or more and seeing some clown do nothing but demo his products. The only places I know that can get away with this are Sam's and Costco. If a club wants to have a dealer come in and show his stuff - that's fine. Just don't deceive the attendees into thinking they are getting a lecture.

I understand it's difficult to make a buck and we all expect a short commercial prior to the break and at the close, but this was like attending a 2 hour pitch (actually, it would have been, but I left at the break).