

Blog briefs



Thereâ€™s some pretty good stuff going on in blogland these days. For any of us writing blogs, itâ€™s an ego thing. Whether weâ€™re trying to be entertaining, controversial, instructive or just screwing around, weâ€™re making the large assumption that we have something worth reading â€” at least by some people.

Writing a blog takes time and thought. If youâ€™re reading one regularly and like what you see â€” leave a comment. I can assure you that it is appreciated. If the blog sucks, then move on. It will wither and die if enough people feel that way.

Anyway, hereâ€™s a brief look at some of the blogs I read and whatâ€™s going on:

Unexpected Wonders â€” Jim Coles writes the most thoughtful posts about magic of anyone currently available. As I write this, heâ€™s complaining about being 44. Hell! Iâ€™ve got socks older than that!

Reverie â€” Tom Frankâ€™s very personal magic blog. I could never be comfortable exposing myself the way Tom does, but heâ€™s been a regular poster for a long time and those of us that follow his blog really feel like we know him.

An interesting man. His description is very telling â€” *Just celebrated the 21st anniversary of my 21st birthday. Crazy about a girl named Polly. Love to Swing Dance. Trick Deck Pitchman. I have 4 kids who won't speak to me.* See what I mean.

Be sure to catch some of his videos he makes available. The one on the linking rings is superb.

The Wizard's Ball â€” Mike only posts sporadically. I wish we saw more of him. His recent post is about the disappearing Cafe topics which we continue to endure. He comes to a conclusion that I disagree with strongly:

Instead of crapping themselves every time a naysayer comes along perhaps the Cafe could learn something and perchance improve by allowing a bit of healthy debate.

Go on Steve you know you want to.

The last thing that group wants is open discussion.

The Phantom Notebooks â€” Heâ€™s just begun a review of the Rob Stiff / MagicMakers production of Wesley James 7 DVD set *The Man Who Knows Erdnase*. Actually itâ€™s more like a public execution. e.g. his conclusion on DVD #1: *A completely pointless and useless DVD.... and yet still the best of this 7 disc set*. Iâ€™m not a good one to comment hereâ€™ as Iâ€™m no fan of Wesley James either. Donâ€™t miss the series if you are into cards, at all.

Magicforge Blog Tracker â€” Although the MagicForge blog has been dormant since February, the blog tracker continues to perform a valuable service. Do yourself a favor and subscribe to the RSS feed. It makes it very easy to keep up with the status and postings of all the major magic blogs.

Take care.....



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