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**HOLIDAY  
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The children of **Waukesha** (WI)  
**Firefighters** get into the act at their  
casual afternoon family party in  
December, 2001.

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HE'S NOT  
THE  
EASTER  
BUNNY!

It's David Seebach's rabbit,  
**Colonel Sebastian Moran**,  
posing for the Braun Creative Group. The Colonel appeared  
as part of a graphic campaign for one of Braun's clients.

# Magical Holidays

David Seebach Provided Seasonal Cheer At All The Best Parties

**Flanner Audio & Video** invited Seebach to their holiday party for the second time. Here, he's seen putting a lucky (?) volunteer into humorous jeopardy.\*

The season of holiday parties begins as soon as December arrives and now lasts until well into February as more groups hold their celebrations after Christmas and New Year's Day.

Here are photos from just a few of the many parties that featured the **Wonders of Magic** in 2001 and early 2002.



Several very large cards are featured in some *sleight-of-hand* for **Bulletin Printing's** party at The Waterfront in Burlington (Vt).\*



A champagne toast, some bubbles (and bubbly music), and the magician's humorous charm have combined to enchant Erica, a cooperative spectator at the **Middleton Chamber of Commerce's 50th Anniversary Party** in Madison (Vt).\*



Liz and David are backstage with **Polka King Eddie Blazonczyk** before his annual Christmas Party for his fans at Chicago's fabulous Sabre Room. Eddie has invited David to appear at this event many, many times for almost twenty years.

The guests of **Alliance Services** gather around as David Seebach entertains them at the Empire Room of Milwaukee's downtown Hilton Hotel.\*





# High Praise

From Wisconsin Electric

Christine and Rachel join David and Wisconsin Electric's Randy Lueder after their December 10th appearance at the Milwaukee County Zoo for over four hundred people. Please read Randy's letter and his guests' reactions.



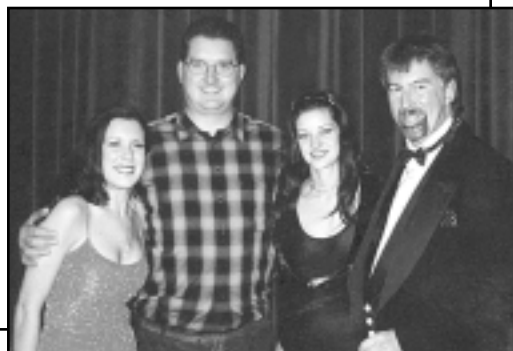
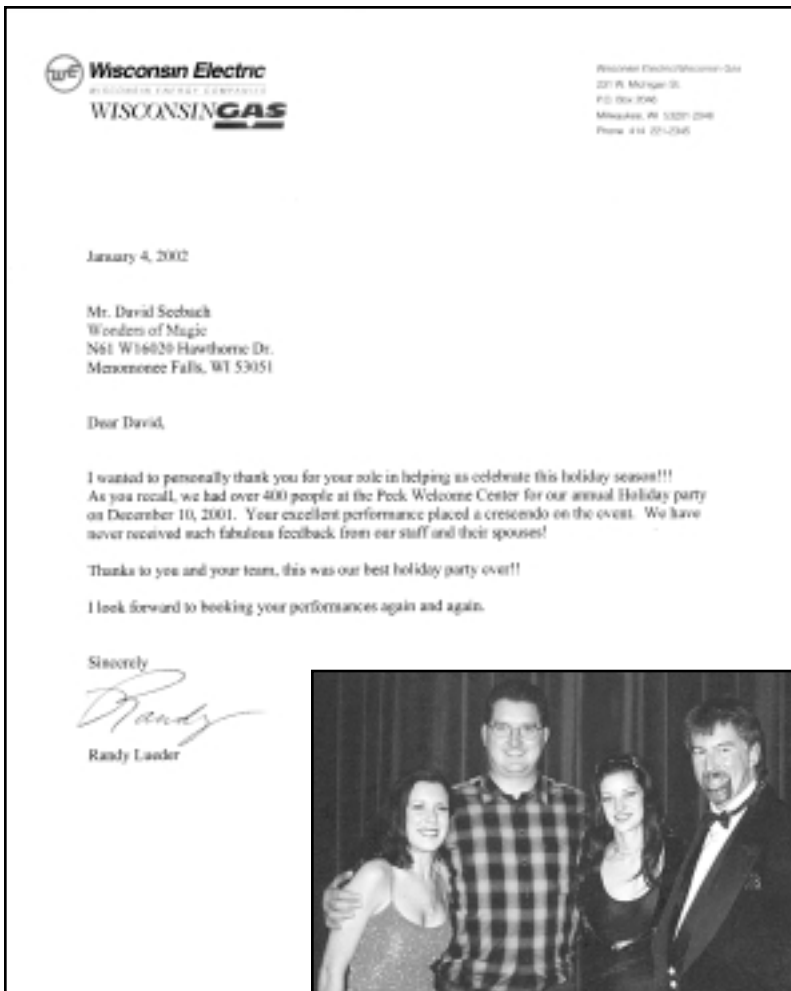
Are these two lovely ladies offering David Seebach "big bucks" to reveal his secrets after he appeared at the Bristlecone Pines for **Weather Tek Building Products'** holiday soiree?



One of the administrators at Schamburg's (IL) **Nathan Hale School** demonstrates her "lighter than air" technique with a little help from David Seebach.

## Not Too Early for 2002

No one *wants* to think about the next holiday season yet, but wise event planners call early and reserve the prime dates now. David Seebach has already booked parties for the next Christmas season. Call us now at 262/ 252-3333 before your special date *disappears*.



## Three Smart Girls CD Available Now

David Seebach's long-time onstage performing partner, Peggy Peterson Ryan, has released a terrific CD with her vocal trio, Three Smart Girls. The Girls have often appeared with Seebach where magic and music are blended to a wonderful entertaining effect. And, Peggy always contributes a clever tune or two at the annual Halloween Illusions in the Night show at Milwaukee's Modjeska Theatre.

Now, you can enjoy Peggy and Mary and Deb in your own home. There are eighteen songs on the CD from 1940s standards (Chattanooga Choo Choo, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy) to favorite "oldies" (The Shoop Shoop Song (It's In His Kiss), One Fine Day) and a few seasonal treats (Santa Baby, White Christmas).

Each CD is \$15 plus shipping and can be ordered at [www.3SG.net](http://www.3SG.net) online. Orders can be sent to Three Smart Girls; PO Box 693; Waukesha, WI 53187. Make checks payable to 3SG and include \$3 for shipping (\$18 total).

# The Phantom Card Trick

**Ss-sh,** it's a secret. This is really an old one, but it's still effective

and popular. You'll find it on the web as an interactive card trick for your computer. Now you can do it whenever you want.

You'll need eleven cards from an ordinary deck. They must all be court cards (jacks, queens and kings). You'll also need a rectangle cut just a little bit larger than a playing card. Use a material that doesn't feel like a card (corrugated cardboard perhaps).

The performer begins by displaying six of the cards. Use one red king and one black king, one red queen and one black queen and one red jack and one black jack. Lay them out, but do not have them in sequence. Keep same-suit cards apart.

Place the other five cards in your pocket with the piece of cardboard before you begin without the audience knowing.

Tell your spectator to pick one card, but only in his mind. He is to say nothing. He is to touch nothing.

Pick the cards back up and study them. Explain you're going to read the spectator's mind!

Casually arrange the cards now in a way you'll remember (ie, black: jack-queen-king; red: jack-queen-king).

Put the cards in your pocket with the cardboard square separating the two sets, six on one side and five on the other.

"I believe I have read your mind, but let's find out," you say as you bring one of the five cards from the other side of the cardboard out. "I'm going to try and separate the card you're thinking of from all the others while it's still inside my pocket. Did you pick this one?" you ask.

Of course he didn't because this card wasn't among the first six you showed him. In fact you'll bring out all five of the "other" cards and the spectator will say no to all of them.

"I didn't think so. And you did not select this one either," as you bring forth the second of the alternate five.

This works because they're looking for, and concentrating on, one specific court card. They assume that the other cards you're showing them were there before, but, of course, they were not.

Continue in this manner until you've

shown them all five alternate cards.

This effect is improved if you begin with the first six cards in a layout of some fashion. Perhaps you'll ask the spectator to place six coins in a row or column on the table. Place one card adjacent to each coin. Then, as you bring the other five out at the end, the last card will be conspicuous by its absent place.

After you have successfully displayed the five cards he did not choose, you can ask what card he did select.

When you hear its name you must quickly count to it with your fingers in your pocket.

Let's say it was the Queen of Diamonds. From the suggested order above you'd count (in your pocket) 1) black jack, 2) black queen, 3) black king, 4) red jack, 5) red queen, the Queen of Diamonds! With practice you'll count forwards and backwards easily and have the named card out in an instant.

Perhaps you'll pocket the coin left at that position as a reward for your skill!

This is not a trick to repeat so do it just once and remember, it's a secret.



The magician, pictured with **Pick N Save's** Anne Wilson, at Davian's after the second annual appearance by Seebach for their affair.\*

## WONDERS OF MAGIC

### up to date news



David Seebach's **WONDERS of MAGIC** is a member of the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau

- **Co-Operative Plus, Inc.**, invited David Seebach to their annual meeting on March 7th in Elkhorn (WI) at **The Monte Carlo Room**. Well-known Milwaukee actress Elaine Parsons-Herro accompanied the magician as his lovely assistant.
- **International Paper** held their Service Recognition dinner at Fond du Lac's (WI) **Holiday Inn** on March 9th and asked for a return performance of the **Wonders of Magic**. David and assistant Becky presented their after dinner entertainment.
- **The Institute for Entrepreneurship** held their annual conference and competition for young people at Milwaukee's **Sheraton Four Points Hotel** in March and invited David to both perform and speak to their attendees. He addressed them on a career in the arts.
- **Forest Park Middle School** holds its annual Lock In on April 19th at the school in Franklin (WI). David and Rachel will perform for the students.
- **Arrowhead High School**, of Hartland (WI), wants some magic in the wee hours as post prom entertainment. Rachel and David are scheduled for a 1:00am performance at **Westwood** in Waukesha/Pewaukee.
- **Rotary District Conference**, at Lake Geneva's (WI) **Grand Geneva Resort**, will feature David Seebach and Christine and Rachel for their entertainment on Saturday, May 4th following dinner. They'll enjoy a forty-five minute show of comedy, magic, and five spectacular stage illusions.
- **St. Francis Bank** hosts a family appreciation day at the **Milwaukee County Zoo** on Sunday May 5th and has asked for an elaborate **Wonders of Magic** program to be presented twice. The magician will be assisted by his collaborator partner Peggy, Christine and Rachel as well as additional offstage help for this big show. Brian, John and Matt will be on hand to help with fog machines, confetti cannons, and an indoor pyrotechnical display.
- **Rainbow Summer** will present David's magic on Wednesday June 5th at 10:00am and noon. This free, outdoor event is held at Milwaukee's **Marcus Center for the Performing Arts**.
- Milwaukee's **Summerfest** is coming and Seebach will mark his twenty-third consecutive year as a daily entertainer with twice-nightly shows from June 27th through July 7th.
- Mark your calendars for the **12th Annual Illusions in the Night** at Milwaukee's **HAUNTED Modjeska Theatre**. Eight shows are scheduled for October 25th through November 2nd. The show will have plenty of new surprises and a special ghoulish contest for the super-scary Thursday, October 31st performance. Watch for details in our Backstage newsletter. You won't believe what we're going to give away to one lucky (?) audience member!
- Make sure you check our website at **www.davidseebach.com** and please consider including the **Wonders of Magic** in your summer picnic plans. We'll stage a family or adult themed show at your outing that will have your guests talking for days.