

So much happened in October and November—this is the first chance I've had to sit down and write everyone on the magic mailing list. I hope your fall has been filled with activity—because *mine sure has!*

To start with I made a *surprise 3-day visit* to Belgium for a one-day magic event October 3, where I saw old friends and met a bunch of new ones! Thanks to Rafael, Herman, and Jean Pierre for helping this happen!

October filled my schedule with two FCM conventions in Indianapolis and Nashville (where my friend Crystal, star of the September newsletter, helped work my booth) plus a one night lecture in Pensacola FL (a too short, but fun visit, my thanks to Bruce Walstad) ... plus my usual school and pre-school shows across Georgia.



Happy 25th Birthday, Autumn Ginn!

Yes, our daughter Autumn turns 25 years old on December 20. I know some of you are saying, "I remember when she was born." Well, so do Lynne and I! We're still happy about the event and remember it as though it was yesterday. We are also pleased that Autumn is working a *real* job, teaching music to 800 elementary K-5 students, 6 classes daily, 5 days a week. The fact that she loves her work and has a wonderful rapport with the children thrills us too.

New House News

We three are now into the 10th month of settling into our third and final house. (Mark my words!) We still have boxes to open and sort out, it's true. There will be time. In all, Lynne and I lived in the other two houses 13 and 15 years respectively, and I told Lynne I'd build *one last house*. I also counted up: In nearly 35 years of marriage, Lynne and I have lived in 7 places. Then I realized this: **3rd** house ... **7th** place we've lived ... and now our **last house** (as in no more, **0**) ... and look at our new house number:

370 Bay Grove Road

Top that off with the *color* we painted it. Lynne looked at houses all over, driving through one neighborhood after another, trying to find the *right color* for us. She found one about five miles from the Lilburn house, and showed it to me. Yes, I liked it. Lynne went to the real estate office and asked the *exact name of that color*. You won't believe this, but it's absolutely true—the color name is **Autumn Wheat**—and that's what we painted it!

Now friends, I don't believe in numerology, but I do believe God works in many ways. I believe that He wants us here at **370 Bay Grove Road** and that He told us to paint the house this color by naming it Autumn!

Good News? Great News!

When you open this newsletter to pages 4-5, you will receive quite a surprise—probably not the one you are hoping for or even expecting! The *good news* you'll find on the inside. The *great news* next year—that my **Live Kidbiz 2 book and video tape set** will go to press sometime in late January and will appear sometime in the spring. After a seven year wait (a long story which you can read in the book) ... I've added **two new chapters** (yes, the book keeps getting longer) ... and when you read pages 4 and 5 you'll see why. So get excited! Start reading!

NEW! Rabbit Production Puppet!

Wow—look at that HAIR! I mean the rabbit (HARE), not our friend Hannah's golden locks! Call this little guy the new bunny on the block ... a white, soft plush bunny puppet that looks like the real thing! Hey, already I am personally using him in my pre-school show: I make him dance around, then magically change him into Harry, my REAL LIVE RABBIT!

The kids simply love it! Some kids even think he's real!

Just slip your hand into the back of him, into his arms and head. You can make him wave, pout, dance, say his prayers, hide his face, even lie down on his back. Except for the bowtie (remove it!) HE LOOKS REAL!

And the price is even more real!

Rabbit Production Puppet: just \$15.00



Middle Diddle Silk

EDWIN HOOPER would have loved this one. It packs small and plays big—and it even comes with the SILK!

What happens? Show the board with three holes, one in the red end, one in the yellow end, one in the B & W stripe end. Push a red silk (yes, supplied) into the red end. Pass the board behind your back—now the silk is in the yellow end. Repeat this until the kids realize that you are just turning it over.

“What? Next thing I know you’ll want me to put the red scarf into the middle!” So saying that, with a magical pass the red scarf instantly appears in the MIDDLE of the B & W board. Believe me, this is VERY easy to perform and you’ll love doing it. A complete sell-out at the recent FCM Nashville Convention!

Middle Diddle Silk: just \$10.00

PLEASE HELP US in your ordering!

Use EMAIL at ginnorders@mindspring.com or FAX at 770-554-8209 or good old still reliable POSTAL MAIL to **David Ginn, 370 Bay Grove Road, Loganville GA 30052 USA**. With so many customers around the world, it is getting very difficult to decipher phone calls with so many accents and languages, especially if you SPEAK TOO FAST or slur words and numbers! Presenting orders in writing really helps!

Red Nose Rudolph

Sammy Smith created this neat Christmas trick a year ago, but only now have I started using it myself, already this fall in a dozen pre-school programs. When you show Rudolph the BLUE nosed reindeer, the kids tell you it's supposed to be RED. So you put the big picture in the snow covered barn (envelope), shout magic words, and take him out—but now his nose is WHITE and the kids point at ME, because my nose is RED (thanks to a Goshman sponge ball nose *supplied* with the trick). Once last try and the proper magic makes the sponge nose vanish and appear in the proper spot on the Rudolph picture.

An excellent kidshow Christmas trick.

Red Nose Rudolph—only \$15.00





Big Red Hand

It's a red sponge ball that turns inside-out to make a big red SPONGE HAND! Yes, the kids can catch you **red handed** and you won't mind at all! My instructions include my basic routine plus jokes, gags, lines and other routines by a dozen magic friends. Believe me, every magician and clown needs a HAND ... so here's one that packs small and plays big!

Just \$12.00

YELLOW Star of the Show

Created originally for Christmas shows (Star of Bethlehem), this yellow sponge BALL to STAR can also appear in the birthday child's hands, making him or her the "star of the show." I even include a gospel routine with this in my *God's Message in My Magic* lecture book (\$5). **Each \$12.00**

Sponge Special: **Until Dec. 31, take Hand & Star together for just \$19.00!**

Mini Flag Blendo

Patriotic close-up! Show three small 6-inch silks, red, white and blue, and push them into your fist. Instantly open your hand to reveal an 8 X 10 inch 50 star American Flag as Autumn is holding! Use these silks in a small change bag, a small double paper bag or double cone to make the switch. Hey, it works! You get 3 silks, the flag, instructions.

Mini Flag Blendo: just \$10.00



Monkey Chips

Show two large poker chips with monkeys on them, both sides. Rub the two chips together. Suddenly the monkeys turn into four different animals—DOG, DUCK, TIGER, and a RABBIT. Very clever gimmicked chips. Low price!

Monkey Chips: \$5.00



The Seriously Funny one of a kind: SPIKE ARM ILLUSION!

Look closely in this newsletter and you'll actually see Lynne Ginn in two pictures! A rare occasion! And that's really HER arm inside the SPIKE BOX which I have been performing and showing these last dozen years.

I supply this wooden box with five wooden spikes, a clever divider which protects the arm, and three complete routines which I have performed myself in nearly 1000 live shows and lectures. No real danger exists, but the COMEDY in each routine is hilarious! Yes, it's a 30 second trick you can milk for SIX MINUTES. So much fun to perform, I'll never stop doing it in my own shows!

End of Year Special: Regular price \$65 ... but until Dec. 31 I'll sell the dozen I have in stock at **just \$49** (you must add shipping—and if you'd like to see it performed, I'll toss in my "Hawaii" video for just \$10 more! Merry Christmas! It's still fun!



LIVE KIDBIZ 5: Lost Kidshow Magic



Yes, my *Live Kidiz 2* video with its BIG BOOK of Explanation is on the way! But look what I've added out of the clear blue to the *Live Kidbiz Series*—and there at least TWO if not *THREE* more on the way!

SURPRISE! On my trip down under in August, Peter Wood showed me “live show” footage of a performance I did in Sydney 14 years ago during my 1989 Australia lecture tour. Back at home, I accidentally discovered video tape of live shows from 1979–1985 ... including routines I'd performed for thousands of children in literally hundreds of LIVE SHOWS ... and had honestly FORGOTTEN that I even possessed!

That's when it all came together—the **lost footage** and the **inspiration**—to offer you not only the tricks and routines, but the staging and the kidbiz found only in live shows for REAL CHILDREN! So here it is... more funny kidshow magic you and I NEVER thought you'd be able to view. Just look at the contents:

- **Dollar Bill Producton.** I wrote about this in several earlier books, and now you get to see it presented live on stage! This is a bare-handed production of 15–20 dollar bills seemingly out of nowhere.
- **Balloon to Bunny.** I originated the use of a balloon with Abbott's Elusive Bunny Box many years ago, used it in a thousand live shows over 20 years, and explained the workings on *Magic They Love To See*. Now you can see it live, but with the help of three beautiful assistants AND you get to see what happens with the live rabbit right after his appearance: Yes, a lesson in *Rabbit Personality*!
- **Neck Twister.** Taken from a live performance of the Magical Wonder Show of 1985, my friend Susan gets her head turned round and round for two minutes in a comedy bit that delighted the family audience!
- **Olympic Ring Toss.** Here's a rare (nearly non-existent) appearance of me doing this very old Supreme magic trick at a school fall festival during my 1996 “Magic O-Lympics” Show. Hey, you could make this!
- **Which Movie?** I spent 7 pages of the *Nearly Unpublished* book explaining this 1988 routine of mine, but never showed it in lectures and at only one covention ever. This 4-kid routine comes from my “imagination” school show after I'd performed the routine 350 times in one school year. Very adaptable! It really works!
- **Alfred, the Card Spider.** Honestly, I didn't know I had ANY footage of me doing this—Gene Gordon's wonderful routine (really clever lines) filtered through me. But here I am in a church show in Renton WA around 1981 doing the routine which later appeared in *Magic and Monsters for Kids I Love*. Finally, you'll see it!
- **Banana Bunny.** First of the Sydney, Australia, lost footage—here I am doing the most unusual banana, pickle, carrot, hot dogs and finally LIVE RABBIT production ever! I hid this in the last page text of my book *Almost Unpublished* ... and how you get a live show view in front of 300 children and parents. Funny ending!
- **Shooting Card Trick.** Karrell Fox taught this in a 1970's convention lecture, I adapted it and credited him in *Children Laugh Louder*. I actually used this throughout the 70s and 80s with much success. This Australia footage proves it works anywhere, and the camera man zoomed in for a close-up of the finished “shot” card!
- **The Watch Bag.** Straight from the pages of *School Show Presentation*, but you'll see it here from a full evening show performance before a family audience with six great fun children. This one runs nearly 13 minutes long, but it's all fun ... one routine with about 40 objects in use! Thanks to Karrell Fox and Sam Berland!
- **Disecto with Debra.** Though I've performed Abbott's Disecto Illusion well over 1000 times in all kinds of shows for children and adults, I have virtually no video tape of me doing it. Voila! Here I am at a church family night in 1979 with then 12-year-old Debra who years later worked hundreds of shows with me and became one of my sub-trunk partners! Listen to her squeal when the blade comes down—she was almost really scared!
- **Jumbo 3 Card Monte.** Thanks again to Gene Gordon for inspiring me to take on this trick as my own. Even though this footage goes back to 1985, I again used *this EXACT routine* in last year's “Tales of the Mighty Mississippi” school show in some 300 live performances. Frankly, the children LOVE this trick when done the way Gene taught me to do it. You can see my version in *School Show Presentation*, still in print, still working!
- **Sword Through Neck.** Yet a third Gene Gordon routine on the same video! Had it not been for Gene, I never would have touched this trick, because when it came out I thought it was seriously stupid! But Gene turned me on to the COMEDY SIDE of this “danger trick,” which is not dangerous at all. But it sure gets laughs. Now those of you who saw my late 1989–1996 lectures with video can finally see “that boy TORY” who nearly stole the show in the Sword Through Neck routine. I sure wish Gene could have seen this clip; he would have loved it; and I think it would have warmed his heart to know that he was the inspiration that made it happen.

Live Kidbiz 5: Lost Kidshow Magic (60 min, color) \$35.00

LIVE KIDBIZ 6: The Lost Library Show

THAT'S NOT ALL! In my clean up and search for long lost video footage came a major discovery—a **complete library show from 1984**—professionally taped and shown on local TV in Cartersville Georgia, then discarded ... but I found one VHS copy! And 19 years later it was still 99% watchable, complete, and intact!

Please understand that this show and the *Live Kidbiz 5* footage is old video tape (one is 24 years past), occasionally amateur quality (as in home video taken by someone), but—in some cases that's all there IS and we're fortunate to have it! Also understand that anyone can watch these tapes because **no secrets are revealed and there is NO explanation on the tapes**. Instead, explanations will appear in the LIVE KIDBIZ 2 BOOK which will appear NEXT SPRING 2004. Believe me—it's going to press in January!

Now, about **LK6**:

In the summer between my "Computerized Magic" and "Radio Magic Mystery" school shows I adapted the computer show, making it my "LIBRARY OF MAGIC," adding several new tricks and presenting it all over Georgia. Hey, it worked ... and now you get to see what happened in **LK6: The Lost Library Show**.

Contents include: Rubik's Cube Solved and Hot Book Warm-up, followed by Silent Magic to Music: Vanishing Wands to Flower Bouquets, Scarf Juggling, Pavel's Blow-Tie, Blendo, My Sponge Ball Production, Miser's Dream Coin Pail (through the audience), finally Elmo's Test Tube Bunny trick with a live rabbit.

Next comes the now rare QUIET in the library trick (a good Hank Lee sucker trick), followed by an early David Ginn presentation of the **Shrinking Gloves** (inspired by Glen Bailey, now of Hawaii). Next you'll see the COMPLETE **Comedy Card on Back with Three Balloons** routine I presented hundreds of times to great success. Great kid helper, lots of laughs.

Pac Man 20th Century Silks follows with four child helpers and 36-inch silks ... plus SNAKES appearing from the drawer box much to everyone's surprise! Taking a break from the magic, I do a "book talk" telling kids how I started learning magic from library books and how they can too.

The big one follows—basically, my Disecto routine using the **Townhouse Head Chopper** with a brave girl from the audience. It's all played for laughs ... and few of you have ever seen me do this! In fact, Del Wilson now owns MY old chopper! Hey, Del, now you get to see how I made so much fun with it!

Closing the show I return to music with the **Breakapart Rabbit Vanish** (like Abbott's Suckerette) ... the bunny is gone and I send the kids away looking for Leroy the Rabbit in the library!

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL! As a BONUS CLIP, I have added 6 minutes of video from a year later, when I had perfected the Shrinking Glove routine—Michael Jackson's OTHER GLOVE—as published in *School Show Presentation*. You won't believe the overwhelming AUDIENCE REACTION to this ... you gotta see it!

Honestly, it is unbelievable that this show actually exists at all! Count your blessings (as I am counting mine) that you can watch and learn from what worked for me, what still works—then adapt it to YOU!

Live Kidbiz 6: The Lost Library Show (60 min, color) \$35.00

VIDEO SPECIAL till January 31, 2004:

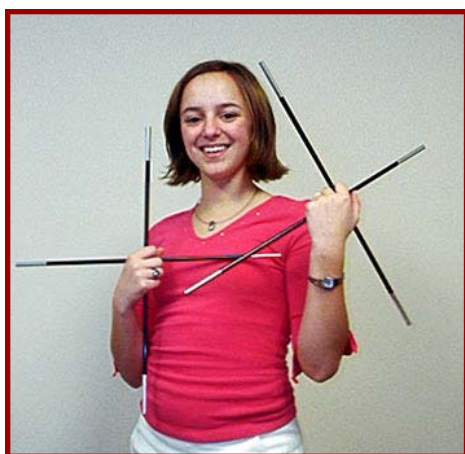
Order either one of the new *Live Kidbiz videos* at \$25 each OR take **both LK5 & LK6 together for just \$45 (plus shipping)**



Every once in a while some really good, CHEAP props come along in the magic market ... and this page shows you some of them. They are lightweight, but very effective for a laugh or a quick bit of visual magic!

Grey Hare

I've already been using this one in school shows with both kids and adults. So can you! Ask a boy how old he is? Ten. "You're only ten?" Reach behind his head and pull out the grey sponge you've hidden in your hand. "Aren't you a little YOUNG to have a GREY HARE in your head?" Hold the sponge **grey hare** for a moment to let the pun sink in. Yes, it's a groaner, but it does get a laugh (just one) and that's all you're after. Usually I pause a moment more and say, "A ... GREY ... HARE." Meaning **hair**. You can even use it with adults. Just pull it out of a man's hair and remark, "Frank, you need to color that grey hare of yours!" **Grey Hare—\$4.00**



Pop Wands

There's my friend Hannah holding a bunch of them, after they have appeared—the new **POP WANDS!** These work exactly like appearing poles and wands, but rolled up they are only 2" wide by 1/4" in diameter. All you have to do is have one in your hand, remove the rubber band that holds it closed, then toss it into the air. It instantly expands to 18" long! Ask a kid if he has your magic wand. No? It's right there! **BAM**—a wand appears from nowhere! Hide one of these in an empty film canister. Open the top and pull the wand out, like Mary Poppins did her coat rack from a suitcase bag. It looks magical! And the price is CHEAP—**just \$2.00 each** or take **three Pop Wands for \$5.00.**

Future Fungus

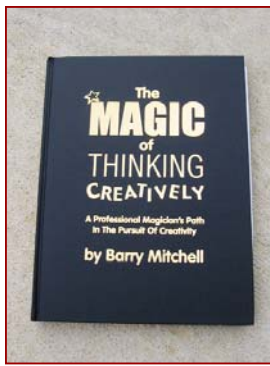
Yes, I'm still showing it in lectures and USING it myself—the *Future Fungus trick!* And the full kidshow routine is published in *Crash Course on Kidshows*. Believe me, kids love this! Show the red and yellow flower like my friend Crystal is holding, 3 red flowers on the bottom, 3 yellow on top. With a pass of your hand over the stem, the red/yellow flowers are now alternating red-yellow-red-yellow-red-yellow. Amazing visual magic! Before the trick is over, you change them back to normal. But it's HOW I milk it for laughs with the kids that **MAKES** the trick—so *read the book!* Then you'll for sure want your own! **Future Fungus—still just \$10.00**



Gold Nuggets

Show a paper bag empty, then one after another produce **FOUR** large nuggets of **GOLD!** Yes, that's what I am holding in the picture, all four giant gold nuggets after their appearance. These are the exact ones Barry Mitchell uses in his King Midas routine. The nuggets are actually made of gold cardboard; they close down absolutely **FLAT**, but due to a clever rubberband spring, they pop up and open for a magical appearance. You can even produce them from a **MAGAZINE** like *Fortune* or *Money*, which is exactly what I am currently doing in my new school show. Every speaker/teacher/preacher has points he or she wants to emphasize in programs ... so call these **Nuggets of Truth!**

Four for just—\$13.00



The MAGIC of Thinking Creatively

From the creator of Super Chicken, King Midas, Can-o-Wands, Bulls Eye Book, Got Cookies and more—BARRY MITCHELL—comes this huge new hardbound 236-inch book (8 1/2 X 11 inches) filled with creative magic and magical thoughts! Start with the fact that Barry asked over two dozen well-known magicians their thoughts on creativity in magic (Andre Kole, Bev Bergeron, Steve Axtell, Duane Laflin, Trixie Bond, Phil Wilmarth and more), and this book presents their answers!

Then Barry explains the characteristics of creativity, the creative process, creative storyteller, inventor, and communicator ... using DOZENS of magical effects and routines proven in his own shows. These ideas and effects will help YOU become a more creative magician or clown! And hey, Barry gives you permission to make them for your own use! Furthermore, for less than \$200 he shows in the book how to make your own portable collapsible back-drop, comparable with the \$1200 one from Europe! I've actually seen Barry's and I plan to make one myself, straight out of Wal-Mart! In a nutshell, if you THINK and you think MAGIC, you need this book! Limited 1500 copy edition, already half are sold, and no reprint planned!

The MAGIC of Thinking Creatively—just \$45.

The Story of the SELFISH SULTAN

Barry Mitchell showed me this new trick in Indianapolis. I said I need that for my "money show" in 3 weeks. A week later mine arrived, and I used it for 3 shows last week to *wonderful response*. Using 3 students and one teacher, I told Barry's story of a Selfish Sultan who "had it all," except for his heart being in the wrong place. He created a crystal box (I'm holding it) full of precious jewels so heavy NO one could pick it up. He offered to give the treasure to whoever could lift it off a plexiglass tray. Neither the other students or the teacher can—but the smallest child (*the Penniless Peasant with a GOOD HEART*) does lift the box with his or her little finger. A MIRACLE! But it's the story that counts, and that's what the teachers and students loved. I'll be using this for a long time ... and so can you! Custom made, limited supply. You get the plexi-glass box, colorful stones, lock, tray, cloth cover, and full instructions with the story.



Selfish Sultan: \$75.00

Crash Course on Kidshows...by David Ginn

In 64 pages 8 1/2 X 11 inches, I explain my basic show format, which helps me and you create programs for children. In each category I give extensive lists of examples from my published and unpublished works, so you can see how I build my shows.

In part 2 of *Crash Course* I discuss "33 Things Children Enjoy" and how inserting these things in your shows can make YOU a more successful performer. I have NEVER talked about this to the extent I do in this book, including many routines and examples.



Part 3 of *Crash Course*: 13 David Ginn routines I have used in 1000s of performances and now showing in lectures around the world, with patter, explanation, tips and more: Pom Pom Pole, Big Red Hand, Hocus Pocus Hare, Jumbo Card on Back, Turkey Sandwich / Jr Chicken, Future Fungus, Glow Loops, Pluto Planet, Big Black Hat, Mr Gecko of Hawaii, McCombial Deck, Snake Can, and Test of Manhood. In all these I encourage you to have FUN yourself while you make FUN for children!

Crash Course on Kidshows is simply the most intense, serious, important writing I have ever done on the subject of children's magic. It was a labor of love because I love sharing this kind of magic with YOU. Trust me—this will be the best \$15.00 book you've ever purchased!

Crash Course lecture price: only \$10.00

Six Foot RABBIT Production Silk

Since these Rice reproduction silks appeared last June, I've learned that you easily hide one in a small space. In fact, you can hide three or more in my BIG BLACK HAT (\$35) shown in earlier newsletters.

For the rest of this year, I am placing the RABBIT IN HAT SILK—YES, the **Six Foot RABBIT Silk**—on sale! Remember, if you bought a genuine Rice 6 foot silk these days, you'd pay \$300–600 depending on the quality. These sell at \$150 retail ... my price has been \$125 ... but till the end of this year only ... I'm placing just the **6-ft RABBIT SILK** on sale at the **LOW, LOW, LOW PRICE of just ... \$99.00** Act now ... sale price ends Dec. 31, 2003. No joke!



Christmas Routines by Harvey Raft and David Lew

Here is one of two new books by a pair of award-winning entertainers who have over 30 years experience in family and childrens entertainment. This 48 page book describes five fun-filled holiday routines: Doves' Christmas House (using Supreme's Rainbow House) and a Christmas sock; Toys Toys Toys! in which Christmas ornament balls appear and vanish using a change bag; A Super Magic Christmas Ball (money appears, Christmas ribbon, more); Christmas Morning, a cut & restored jump rope, plus milk and cookies vanish; and Santa's Christmas Party using 4 children wearing reindeer hats. Not only are these kidshow routines FUN, but they'll help YOU think creatively of what you can do in the future by adapting standard tricks to other themes. A good read! **\$10.00**

Change Bag Routines by Harvey Raft and David Lew

Like the Christmas book above, this book also is written to inspire clowns and magicians to THINK about their magic, using these routines to create new ones of their own. Routines include Coloring Book, Sox Come in Pairs (Pears), Card and Balloon (with explanation of the Cross-Cut Force), Lettered Beads, and the Cut & Restored Jump Rope (plus how to perform the magician's choice force). 32 pages, Sammy Smith introduction. **\$7.00**

SOME LAST WORDS. Here in Ginnville, we love the Christmas holiday season. Lynne loves to decorate starting right after Thanksgiving Day, and that means I (David) get to climb the ladder. Garland, wreaths, tinsel, colored lights, a real Christmas tree (we love the smell of a *real tree*), presents to buy and wrap and so forth. We love getting together with family and friends, eating some good food, telling stories and laughing.

Christmas for us is also a time to reflect on the year past, looking forward to the new one, but all the time being thankful for God's many gifts—life, love, liberty to name three—and the Christ child born in a stable in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. We love singing the songs of Christmas and sending out love for others through those Christmas songs. When we sing this year, we'll also be thankful for our new home and for all our customer friends whose orders have helped pay for it. My sincere hope is that what I have done with my love for children has somehow rubbed off on you, so you can share God's love to the children through your own shows. Happy New Year to you and your families ALL—and certainly, *a Very Merry Christmas!*

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David Ginn

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