



## IJA eNewsletter

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**Lehighon, PA**  
**St. Paul, MN**  
**Davis, CA**  
**West Lafayette, IN (IJA)**

### IJA 2014 Festival News, by Cody "Pyrus" Fioreck

Planning for the 2014 IJA Festival is off to a great start! It will be at Purdue University in West Lafayette Indiana, July 28th to August 3rd. We have a great set of organizers this year who are already working hard to create a unique and entertaining IJA festival. The Show Directors have hit the ground running and are beginning to select some top talent, which will surely bring grins to your faces.

The recreational center has just been renovated and looks amazing. The main juggling space this year will be three connected basketball courts. That's 37,000 square feet of juggling fun! The campus is very centralized and easy to navigate. There are several restaurants and stores within walking distance of the campus.

The campus has many wonderful amenities, including a free shuttle service from the University to local shopping. There are single private rooms as well as less expensive rooms with a shared bathroom available, all of which include linens. You can sign up for a meal plan at the University dining hall or choose from the many a la carte options available.

The IJA is always in need of volunteers. If you would like to be more involved in the IJA and can lend a hand at the festival, it would be greatly appreciated. If you're interested in helping, please contact [volunteers@juggle.org](mailto:volunteers@juggle.org) for more information. If you are able to pass out some flyers at your local juggling clubs and festivals, please contact [marketing@juggle.org](mailto:marketing@juggle.org). We look forward to seeing you in July!

### General Festival Information (look for more info by January):

#### Private room virtual tour:

<http://www.housing.purdue.edu/VirtualTour/FirstStreetTowers/>

#### Double room virtual tour:

<http://www.housing.purdue.edu/VirtualTour/Hillenbrand/>

#### Farmer's Market:

<http://www.lafayettefarmersmarket.com/>

#### Discounted shuttle ride from the airport:

<http://lafayettelimo.com> - use discount code "ROUNDTRIP"

#### Local bus information:

<http://www.gocitybus.com/campusloops.html>



**2013 IJA Membership Drive, by Kyle Johnson - Marketing Director**

It is that time of year again, time for Holidays and time for the 2013 IJA Membership Drive! The drive will run from December 13th-26th. Along with all of the great things you already got for joining the IJA like exclusive articles, videos, discounts, etc., you will now for a limited time save \$5 on memberships and be entered into two raffles for a chance to win an IJA Festival Package, Autographed Juggling Memorabilia, and More! You can also earn a Festival Package by recruiting many new IJA

members during the drive! All you have to do is have your recruits give your name in the "Special Instructions/Other Comments" box while checking out of the IJA Store on [www.juggle.org](http://www.juggle.org). If you get enough new jugglers to join then you can win big!

Remember you can help the IJA continue to support juggling around the world by sharing IJA Facebook posts and news about the Membership Drive once it starts.

**IJA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2013**  
 RECRUIT FRIENDS AND JOIN NOW TO WIN PRIZES- GET EXCLUSIVE VIDEOS, ARTICLES, AND DISCOUNTS!  
 SPECIAL RATE ONLY LASTS FROM DECEMBER 13TH-26TH

1 YEAR ADULT MEMBERSHIP \$24.00  
 1 YEAR YOUTH MEMBERSHIP \$19.00

SAVE \$5 ON MEMBERSHIP

JOIN NOW AND YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE FOR FABULOUS PRIZES  
 RECRUIT NEW IJA MEMBERS FOR PRIZES!

5 MEMBERSHIPS = T-SHIRT  
 10 MEMBERSHIPS = T-SHIRT + 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP  
 25 MEMBERSHIPS = T-SHIRT + 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP + FESTIVAL PACKAGE  
 100 MEMBERSHIPS = T-SHIRT + FESTIVAL PACKAGE+LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

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**... from the Chair, by Erin Stephens****A Word of Thanks**

In the USA this week, we are celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday. In honor of the holiday, I'd like to take a moment to say, "Thank you!"

**IJA Board and Officers**

The IJA would be nothing without the hard work of its volunteers. Each month, volunteers put in countless hours of work in order to assist the IJA in effectively reaching its mission of rendering assistance to fellow jugglers.

This year, many new volunteers have stepped up to be part of the IJA team. Even more notable, are the volunteers that have selflessly been donating their time for years. The growing and ongoing support of the IJA is exciting to see. A big thank you to all of you who dedicate your time and energy to the organization year round or at the festival!

**Members**

At the first IJA festival back in 1948, there were a total of 115 IJA members. Today, with over 1,300 members worldwide, it is clear that member support has been a key component in the organization's ongoing success. While there are many that will say, "What does the IJA do for me?" when considering

membership, there are many others that turn it around to say, "What can I do for the IJA?" By being a member, you are supporting a 66-year-old organization that has created an international legacy and has forever altered the world of juggling. Thank you for being a part of the IJA's history and supporting its future!

**Props 2 U**

Props 2 U is an IJA program that collects prop donations to send to juggling education programs around the world. We recently did a collection drive to send props to Bob and Trish Evans, currently teaching juggling to youth in South Korea. Fifteen balls, four spinning plates, three clubs, and one diabolo were collected and are now on their way. A special thank you to Flying Clipper and Steve Chastain for your generous donations!

**Found! by Don Lewis**

Regular readers will know that the IJA has been trying to make the Club Swinging video featuring expert club swinger Allan Jacobs available to members again. I'm happy to report that we are going to be able to do it.

Nathan Wakefield and I have spent more than two months trying to find out what the copyright issues were surrounding this heritage video. We encountered a lot of dead ends along the way, and wondered if we were ever going to find Don Reed who produced the video.

We spent hours searching obscure references from Google searches and finally a chance discovery of an old business registration at a Better Business Bureau website led us via much sleuthing to Mr. Mario Taormina who was the owner of the long closed Maverick Media Inc. Mr. Taormina turned out to be the copyright holder and has graciously agreed to let us re-issue the content on a non commercial basis.

We still needed to contact Don Reed. He was the producer, and had been very helpful to Allan years ago. We all wanted to be sure that Mr. Reed had no objections either. For a while it seemed like we were going to find everyone but Don Reed. We located many of the Fantasy Jugglers he had worked with long ago without getting closer to the man himself. And then a couple of chance clues coupled

with Nathan's dogged research paid off in full blown success!

Everyone who was involved in the original project has been enthusiastic and granted permissions and licenses. Unfortunately there don't seem to be any master copies of the tape without the Macrovision copy protection. We need to clean up a digitized copy of the video before adding it to the IJA online video library. That will happen in the next couple of months.

All this has evolved because of a chance conversation that I had with Nathan after his club swinging workshop in Bowling Green last summer. I had no idea that it would take so much time and effort, but the result will be worth it! Thanks particularly to Allan Jacobs who provided the background to the production and was able to identify the players we unearthed along the way.



## Special Friends Juggling Group Progress, by Bob Neuman

It has been almost two years since I volunteered to teach juggling to the Special Friends group at the North Arlington (TX) Y.M.C.A. I want to share some more things that I have learned about teaching and to share some of their progress (which is quite amazing to me)!

Over time, the coordinators of the group realized that not all of the people wanted to learn to juggle. As hard as it is for some of us to believe, not everyone is interested. About half of the group has really stuck with it – about 12 people. It is a lot easier to teach juggling if the students are all interested. If not, much of my time was used in trying to engage the less interested.

The local mental health group has also assigned a worker, Steve, to our group. Steve is great with the group and is very interested in juggling. Now I can divide the group in two at some point during the hour class. Steve will work with people who are having more difficulties with some of the basic exercises and I can work with the more advanced jugglers.

While it is easy to categorize into basic and advanced, many of the basic jugglers have made huge advancements in their skills. One woman could not toss a ball up and catch it. Now she can do that with both hands, throw 2 balls at the same time (using 2 hands), and do toss catches across. In the beginning, she always seemed to get distracted while the ball was in the air and forgot to catch it.... I stumbled on a solution that led to a breakthrough. I had them walk and toss/catch 1 and then 2 balls. She could do this without ever dropping. I guess she had to concentrate on both activities (walking and tossing) and could not get distracted.

We juggle with homemade Russian style playballs, sand filled tennis balls and tennis cans, rings, and scarves. I have also found that some of the jugglers with Down's Syndrome have unusually small hands – smaller balls are a big help (and I just found smaller playballs at Target, 150 for \$15.00). The different props seem to help engage everyone. One juggler really is disinterested when we warm up with scarves but, then he comes to life with a tennis ball and a can.

Our most skilled juggler, Jerry, really loves to juggle and works very hard at it. He was the first to juggle 2 balls in one hand, first to flash 3 balls, can juggle 3 and 4 scarves and is working on 3 rings (we use the soft plastic Renegade rings). His concentration is amazing when he practices.

Matt and Colby are close in age and are competitive with one another. They both can juggle 3 scarves and are working on 4 and both are attempting rings. Both can flash 3 balls...ah that 4<sup>th</sup> toss into the air is the sticking point right now. I am a self-taught juggler (thanks to Klutz) and

experienced the same difficulty with getting a 4<sup>th</sup> toss. If I had it to do over, I would stress doing a 4<sup>th</sup> throw rather than concentrate on catching 3 objects. But then again, 1 throw and 1 clean catch was a real accomplishment at first... taking smaller steps sometimes helps with their sense of accomplishment.

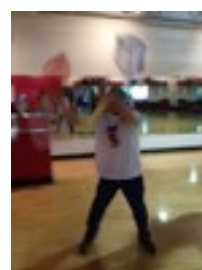
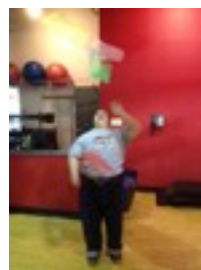
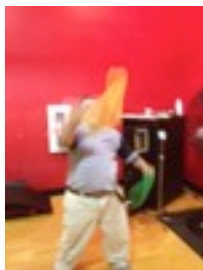
Only one person really has trouble with a cascade pattern (even with just 2 scarves). Jimmy loves to "shower" whatever he's working with. So, we adapt a bit. I let him do it his way awhile and then make him try to get a cascade like pattern going.

Starting off with one sand filled tennis ball and a tennis can proved to be very popular. I was very surprised that almost everyone could toss the ball with one hand and catch it in the can with the other hand. The next step was to get them to "pop" the tennis ball out of the can – not just drop it into the other hand. There is a lot more to this action than I ever thought about (i.e., how you hold the can – many wanted to hold it in the palm of their hand rather than grip the side of the can; and the action of the can – not just straight up but a slight downward motion, then up).

The next step was to pop the ball out and catch it back in the can using just one hand. Some can now alternate doing this, using a can and ball in each hand. Today we added a 2<sup>nd</sup> ball with one can. To be clear, they have not started tossing the can at all, yet. Jerry excels at this too. In fact, I showed him how to toss the ball and catch it on the bottom of the can (I have managed to find the right concave cans). Jerry needs to be challenged and I thought this would be great. Except that he got it the 1<sup>st</sup> time!

I am very proud of these jugglers. They have stuck with it and taken on the challenges of learning a new skill. This whole group is all adults. I get the impression that by this point in their lives they do not experience a lot of challenges in fun activities. Day to day life can be challenging but this is different. They have chosen to challenge themselves and learn new skills. They learn to handle frustration, learn to keep trying and they get that great feeling of accomplishment when they gain a new skill. They are all very positive and upbeat. They are also supportive of one another, although some don't socialize very much and some are not very verbal. But even the less verbal jugglers' eyes light up when they experience the joy of "getting it."

Once again, the IJA's YEP program was invaluable in helping me learn how to teach juggling. I would also like to thank every juggler and juggling teacher who has taken the time to answer my questions, offer advice, support and for sharing their knowledge with me! To me, that is what makes the IJA what it is – the members!



### Meet the IJA Board: Jared Davis

Hi, my name is Jared Davis, and I am a new IJA board member. I decided to run for the board after Erin Stephens and Dave Pawson both asked me to run. Don Lewis asked that I write something about myself for the IJA newsletter so here goes.

My interest in juggling began in 2001 when, at 18 years old, I attended a convention where Apex Ministries were the keynote speakers. They made juggling seem like a lot of fun so I went to the bookstore and bought a Klutz book. Two years later I met a local juggler in Arkansas named Joel Henderson. He introduced me to festivals, and the IJA. Since that time I have attended over 60 juggling festivals including 6 IJA festivals and an EJC (2004). I also make it a point to attend juggling clubs when I am traveling. I have attended juggling clubs in 12 different states.

I graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science in Education. I majored in Physical Education, and part of the reason I studied PE is because in the back of my mind I always thought a PE degree may come in handy teaching juggling.

About a year ago I got a new teaching job and moved to Kansas City. I chose to move to KC, in large part, because of the juggling club there (KCJC). This is a juggling club unlike any I have ever attended before. As I have attended the club over the past year, I tried to do a quick head count every week. The most I ever counted was 72 people at a meeting last January, and most weeks we have at least 50 people in attendance. Without exaggeration, each week at club is like a juggling festival. We have a very diverse group of jugglers-including the KC Yoyo Club- and people practice all kinds of juggling, flow, fire, and circus arts. After our two hour practice sessions on Wednesday nights from 6-8PM, we all go out for pizza and drinks for an hour or two. I have seen over 50 jugglers at these meals. We have a good time with table tricks and conversation. Currently, the Kansas City Juggling Club has 375 members in its very active Facebook group. In addition to our club meetings, we regularly have parties complete with a show including aerial silks and all kinds of circus arts. Some of the types of parties the KC club have hosted are: Thanksgiving Potluck, Pinewood Derby, and festivus, among others. Please check

out the KCJC's YouTube channel for videos from these parties and other events.

I believe the KCJC is the largest group of its kind in North America, and I am glad I moved here to be a part of it.

If you have any questions for me regarding the IJA, please email me: [jlouisdavis@gmail.com](mailto:jlouisdavis@gmail.com)

I look forward to the next year and a half on the IJA board.



### Nominations Sought for Awards

The IJA Awards Committee is accepting nominations for 2014. For information about the awards go to [www.juggle.org/history/honoraryawards.php](http://www.juggle.org/history/honoraryawards.php). Nominations can be sent to [awards@juggle.org](mailto:awards@juggle.org)

The 2014 awards committee consists of Jek Kelly (chair), Bob Neuman, Steve Rahn and Alan Howard.

### The Name Game, by Ellen Winters

The IJA's Youth Education Program (YEP) is looking for a new name, and we want your ideas! We're looking for something fun which will appeal to kids and teens of all ages, in any country.

The name will be chosen by our current YEP organizers (Ellen Winters, Erin Stephens, Bekah Smith, and Nathan Wakefield). If your name is chosen you will receive a T-shirt with the program's logo and new name on it to thank you for your great idea!

Please send your name suggestions to [ella@juggology.com](mailto:ella@juggology.com) by December 20.



### Percussion Juggling Balls, by Kane Spooner - President - Spaghetti Circus Inc., Mullumbimby, Australia

I just thought you should know, our good friend--Joel Salom--after 15 years of development, has just launched his percussion juggling website and is selling his specialist percussion juggling balls.

Joel is generously sharing his expertise with extensive free tutorials on Youtube. I'm just trying to get the word out so more people can discover the joys and challenges of percussion juggling. It would be great if you could pass this info on to your members. Joel's website is: <http://chukachuks.com/>



### 2013 IJA Festival T-Shirts Available

The IJA Store has T-shirts from the 2013 IJA Festival.

The front of the shirt features a small design on the left saying "IJA". On the back is a large stylized cityscape showing lots of juggling.

The shirt is currently available in M, L and XL sizes.

You can find it in the Store at:

[http://www.juggle.org/store/index.php?main\\_page=index&cPath=4](http://www.juggle.org/store/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=4)



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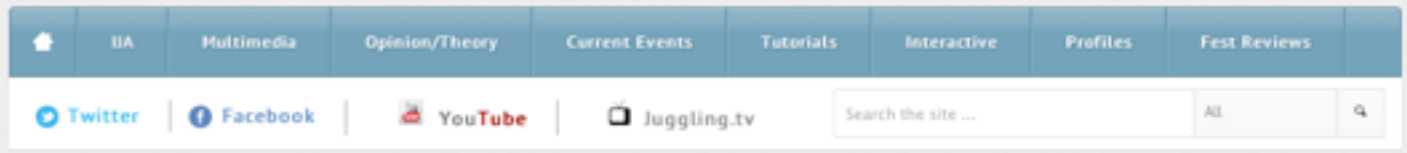


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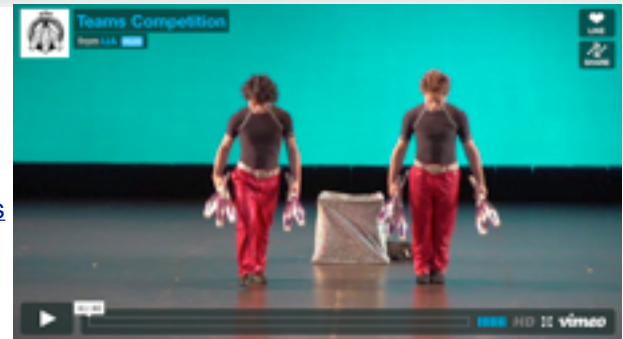
## 2012 Festival video highlights *For IJA members only!*

The first three releases of video from the 2012 festival are now available to members on eJuggle.

[2012 Fest part 1 - Gym, juggling, kendama & more](#)

[2012 Fest part 2 - Youth Showcase & Juniors Championships](#)

[2012 Fest part 3 - Teams Championships](#)



## Latest Articles in eJuggle

eJuggle already has a lot of content — more than you would expect to find in a printed magazine. And you find new content more often. Here is a partial list of recently added content. Use the link to eJuggle to see new content, and log in to access content that is just available to IJA members. <http://e.juggle.org>

- IJA Challenge – Ring Bouncing on Palm Richard Kohut**
- Product Review: Three Finger Juggling “Danger Props” David Cain**
- Juggler’s Scoop – November 21th, 2013 Nathan Wakefield**
- Vintage “Learn To Juggle” Sets: 1949 – 1976 David Cain**
- 2012 Festival Video Part 3: Teams Competition Nathan Wakefield**
- The Name Game Ellen Winters**
- IJA Tricks of the Month October “8 Circonvencion Mex... Jorge Vilchis**
- Juggler’s Scoop – November 5th, 2013 Nathan Wakefield**
- Massimiliano Truzzi – Legendary Juggler David Cain**
- 2012 Festival Video Part 2: Youth Showcase and Ju... Nathan Wakefield**
- Be Funnier With Scotty Meltzer: Doctoring Jokes Scotty Meltzer**
- IJA Challenge – 3 Ball Blind Box Richard Kohut**
- Juggler’s Scoop – October 20th, 2013 Nathan Wakefield**
- 2012 IJA Festival Video Part 1: Gym Highlights, ... Nathan Wakefield**
- Life is Looking Up for Mark Angelo! Ted Baumhauer**
- Book Review – Jugglers Galore David Cain**
- Obituary – Kumar Pallana David Cain**
- Juggler’s Scoop – October 7th, 2013 Nathan Wakefield**
- Tricks of the month September 2013 by “conejo lunar” Jorge Vilchis**
- IJA Funny Photo Caption Contest #4 Steve Langley**
- The Show Must Go On: Anecdotes of Mid-Show Mishaps... David Cain**
- Tricks of the month August by Conejo Lunar Jorge Vilchis**
- The 2013 IJA Festival Review Nathan Wakefield**

*This is a partial list, earlier articles omitted.... Get the full list at [feed://ezine.juggle.org/feed/](http://feed://ezine.juggle.org/feed/)*

**More Festivals!** For a list of even more festivals, check the worldwide juggling event listings on the IJA website at: <http://www.juggle.org/events>.

### ***Juggling Festivals***

**Prague Juggling Marathon 2013**  
November 29 - December 1, 2013  
Praha, Czech Republic  
[www.zongluj.cz/akce-detail.php?id=62](http://www.zongluj.cz/akce-detail.php?id=62)

**Brazilian Juggling Circus & Clown Conv.**  
December 9 - 15, 2013  
Sao Paulo, Brazil  
[bjccc.wordpress.com](http://bjccc.wordpress.com)

**WJF 9**  
December 18 - 22, 2013  
Las Vegas, NV  
[www.thewjf.com](http://www.thewjf.com)

**TurboFest 8**  
January 2 - 5, 2014  
Quebec City, QC  
[www.turbo418.com](http://www.turbo418.com)

**Danish Juggling Convention**  
January 10 - 12, 2014  
Copenhagen, Denmark  
[www.dansk-jonglor-traef.dk](http://www.dansk-jonglor-traef.dk)

**BRNO JC 2014**  
January 17 - 19, 2014  
Brno, Czech Republic  
[www.divadlokuf.net/en/bjc-2014](http://www.divadlokuf.net/en/bjc-2014)

**47th Annual MadFest Juggling Festival**  
January 17 - 19, 2014  
Madison, WI  
[www.madjugglers.com/madfest](http://www.madjugglers.com/madfest)

**Indian Juggling Convention**  
January 20 - 26, 2014  
Goa, India  
[www.injuco.org](http://www.injuco.org)

**8th ... Victoria Juggling and Flow Fest**  
January 24 - 26, 2014  
Victoria, BC  
**Facebook**

**Newcastle Juggling Convention**  
January 25 - 26, 2014  
Newcastle, Australia  
[www.newcastlejuggling.com.au](http://www.newcastlejuggling.com.au)

**36th Groundhog Day Jugglers Festival**  
January 31 - February 2, 2014  
Atlanta, GA  
[atlantajugglers.org/festivals/gh14.htm](http://atlantajugglers.org/festivals/gh14.htm)

### **Winter Jongleer Weekend 13**

February 14 - 16, 2014  
Noensbroek, Netherlands  
**Website**

**Austin Jugglefest XXI**  
February 21 - 23, 2014  
Austin, TX  
[juggling.place.org/jugglefest](http://juggling.place.org/jugglefest)

**Pocono Juggle Fest**  
February 28 - March 2, 2014  
Lehighton, PA

**MONDO XXV**  
Juggling and Unicycle Arts Festival  
February 28 - March 2, 2014  
St. Paul, MN  
[www.mondofest.org/festival](http://www.mondofest.org/festival)

**Damento Juggling Festival 2014**  
March 21 - 23, 2014  
Davis, CA  
[www.damento.org](http://www.damento.org)

**IJA Juggling Festival**  
July 28 - August 3, 2014  
Purdue University  
West Lafayette, IN  
[www.juggle.org/festival](http://www.juggle.org/festival)

### **Having a Juggling Festival? List it here!**

If you're organizing a juggling festival (or if you simply know of a juggling fest) and you want to advertise it in the IJA eNewsletter, just drop a note to eNewsletter editor Don Lewis [enews@juggle.org](mailto:enews@juggle.org). Such listings are free.

The eNewsletter generally comes out near the end of each month. Your festival can be listed for a few months, and you don't have to be an IJA affiliate to have a fest listed. Hey, jugglers want to know about juggling fests. Help them out and get more jugglers to your fest at the same time.