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# IJA eNewsletter

Why isn't there more information about the IJA festival in Bowling Green, Ohio in this newsletter?

We're trying to promote our online magazine, eJuggle, as the principal repository of information about the IJA and its activities. You'll find several in-depth articles about the festival there, with more information and pictures than we could practically include in an email newsletter.

Check out these articles at eJuggle:

<u>The 2013 IJA Festival Review</u> by Nathan Wakefield <u>The Pastels: Amateurs Triumphant</u> by Lloyd Timberlake <u>Kyle Driggs, Individuals Champion</u> by Lloyd Timberlake

There is a list of recent eJuggle articles near the end of this eNewsletter. See the instructions there for getting a complete list of available content.



Media majors from BGSU filmed during our week as part of a class project. They have put together a thank-you for us on youtube at: <u>http://youtu.be/eoiLrp-n4RU</u>



## eJuggle and RSS Changes, by Don Lewis

There is a neat little feature that I've been using and suggesting to the rest of you since eJuggle started being available online. It is called RSS, which stands for **Really Simple Syndication**. The idea is that you go to a special web link, and you get back a list of all the most recent articles. If you bookmark the link, a little number shows up beside the bookmark to show you how many articles have been added since you last looked. Very neat.

Or it was very neat. Apparently the feature has been removed from new versions of several browsers. I use Safari on older Apple devices that can't be upgraded to the latest and greatest software - so I wasn't aware that this great feature has gone missing.

Recently, a member took me to task because nothing I explained to him seemed to work. He was right, for him it really did not work. So then I tried to use the rss link on a new iPad mini, and got nothing but grief. There is no native support for RSS in the browser; you get sent off to find helper apps.

I looked in various discussion groups and support communities online to see what was going on. There I found wails of outrage that this useful feature had been removed without warning. What I didn't find was any suggestion that RSS would be returning to the browser.

There was much speculation that the utility of RSS has been largely supplanted by social media. That may be so, but it looks like there are a lot of very angry users who haven't found a useful alternative.

There are apps available for assorted browsers. Some are free, others modestly priced. I tried a couple of the free ones on the iPad and was mostly underwhelmed. For now I'm using a free iPad app called News Free that supports a custom RSS feed and will follow the links to the eJuggle articles. A disadvantage seems to be that if you add more than one RSS feed, the entries will all be mixed together.

The Internet world is constantly evolving. New features don't always seem like progress but we don't have much choice. The eJuggle RSS feed is still available to serve you, but your fancy new computer may make it less easy to access.

Meanwhile, eJuggle now detects that you are using a mobile device and formats the page for easier access on smaller devices.

#### Web Site Problems, by Don Lewis

The IJA web site is pretty much back to normal after experiencing some outrageous demands imposed by 'bots or scraper applications trolling the web. Keeping a website alive and healthy is a constant task. David Landowne has been working hard lately to keep our website safe from electronic predators. Thanks David!

The computer that provides our web services is probably spending more of its time and resources defending itself from threats and viruses than it spends serving web pages to us. That is just a fact of modern life which all websites have to deal with. If the site becomes too slow to adequately serve us, then the IJA will probably upgrade to a a faster service plan on a different platform. The IJA does not actually own a physical server. The website is hosted by a third part supplier, Westhost. The advantage of this is that the IJA does not have to maintain the physical equipment or operating system. That still leaves plenty of work managing all the files and access codes that go into a website and ezine operation.

If you have been trying to access the website or ezine recently and are having problems, please contact David at webmaster@juggle.org.



# IJA Festival 2014 Purdue University

July 28 - Aug 3 West Lafayette, Indiana







## Meet the 2014 IJA Festival Director: Cody Fiereck, by Erin Stephens

At the September 22nd IJA Business meeting, the Board voted in the new 2014 IJA Festival Director! Cody Fiereck, also known as "Pyrus", is an experienced event coordinator, having directed the 2013 Kinetic Fire Festival in Ohio. Cody recently stepped away from his full time corporate job of 10 years, in order to focus on his performance and event organizing careers.

In the corporate world, Cody has worked with financial analysis, cost reduction, project management, and cross functional leadership. In the flow and juggling scene, he has attended, taught at, and helped organize several festivals across the nation, including: Kinetic, Pacific Fire, Camp Fire, Fire Drums, Flow Camp, FLAME, IgNight, Mondo Juggling Festival and many more. He has also organized an 18-city, 21-day performance and workshop tour for his performance troupe.

Cody's main goals as the IJA Festival Director will be to create a financially successful festival, bring new ideas to some of the already well established aspects of the IJA event, and strengthen the bond between the flow and juggling communities. We are excited to have Cody on board, and to bring some fresh energy into the IJA mix. If you would like to volunteer at the festival, or discuss festival planning with Cody, you can write him at: <u>festival2014@juggle.org</u>.



## Club Swinging Video - Looking for IJA Videographer Don Reed, by Don Lewis

Back in the early 1990's, the IJA co-produced a video about club swinging with a company called Maverick Video. It featured IJA member Allan Jacobs demonstrating club swinging techniques from the basics on through complex combinations. The video was available from the IJA on VHS tape. We have not had any of these in stock for years.

I attended a club swinging workshop this summer in Bowling Green and casually mentioned this video, and noone seemed to know about it. Then the question became, how can we make this video available again?

It turns out that the thing is not so simple. The IJA apparently does not own the copyright, nor is there any sign of a master tape used for duplication. The tapes that remain in circulation can't just be copied because the old Macrovision copy protection actually does work. There does not appear to be any documentation dating from the production of the video in the IJA files. We don't actually know what contract there was between Maverick Video and the IJA, if any.

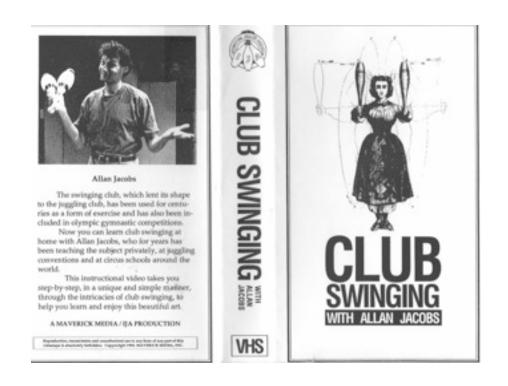
Allan Jacobs was able to give me some background about the production. He didn't assert any rights to the video at the time, or later. A friend of his, Don Reed, was a professional juggler in the Boston area, one part of the Fantasy Jugglers with his wife Lana Roberts. Anecdotal evidence suggests that Don and Lana were from Indiana and that Don went to Purdue. They produced the <u>IJA</u> <u>newsletter</u> in 1975. Don was also a percussionist and musician as well as a juggler. He experimented with early video, set up Maverick Video and made promo videos for local artists as well as working with independent journalists, local festivals and events. He did some of the IJA convention videos. He produced a video for Allan to use in a routine, and in return Alan was the subject of the club swinging movie that was sold privately as well as through the IJA.

**The IJA would like to contact Don Reed**. Unfortunately, everyone seems to have lost touch with him. We need to discover what the deal was between him and the IJA at the time. We would like to make the Club Swinging video available to members as a member benefit, but we can't do it until the copyright issue is understood.

A few Maverick Video companies show up on a Google search, but none of them seem to be Don Reed's company. Curiously, there is a Don Reed who shows up on Google at Tripod.com -- but it isn't the same guy even though he juggles.

We are looking for Don Reed of the Fantasy Jugglers from the Boston area. If anyone has any information on how to contact him or his heirs, please contact <u>Nathan Wakefield</u>.

I hope we'll be able to locate Mr. Reed and work out a way to make this great club swinging resource available again.



## Props 2 U for South Korea, by Erin Stephens

Do you have used juggling props lying around that you don't need any more? Would you be interested in donating these to an active youth juggling program in South Korea, to help further expand the juggling scene in this region of the world? Or are you interested in donating or purchasing new props to contribute to the effort? Either way, the Props 2 U program wants to hear from you!

Since its inception in 2010, the IJA's Props 2 U program has collected thousands of prop donations to send to juggling youth education programs around the world. Most recently, we collected over 300 props at the IJA festival to send to the Mobile Mini Circus for Children in Afghanistan.

This Fall, the IJA is beginning a new Props 2 U collection drive to send to Bob and Trish Evans, currently teaching juggling to youth in South Korea. Bob and Trish have both been certified through the IJA Youth Education Program, and have had so much success with their classes in South Korea,



that they do not have enough props to meet the demand. They reached out to the IJA to see if we could help.

If you are interested in donating props for this shipment, please contact Erin Stephens no later than October 15, at: <u>stephens@juggle.org</u>.

## Announcing the 2013-2014 IJA Officers, by Erin Stephens

This year, the IJA board of directors had an open call for all IJA officer positions. Letters of interest were accepted through September 15<sup>th</sup>, and many new, skilled, and highly interested volunteers presented themselves as candidates. There were several people willing to fill new positions as well, including a Mexico Representative, a Graphic Design

Coordinator, and a Volunteer Coordinator. The board is excited to see a growing base of volunteer support and looks forward to seeing this continue to grow into the future. Thank you to everyone who submitted letters of interest! And now, I present to you, the 2013 – 2014 IJA Officer Team:

Position	Officer
Webmaster	David Landowne
Communications Director	Martin Frost
Future Festival Site Coordinator	Mike Sullivan
Membership Director	Marilyn Sullivan
eNewsletter Editor	Don Lewis
Store Manager	Heather Marriott
European Representative	Rinus Samyn
Mexican Representative	Juan Mendez Rosas
Canadian Representative	Mike Moore
Graphic Design Coordinator	Cesar Delgado
Roster Wrangler	Greg Phillips
Affiliates Director	Jim Maxwell
Marketing Director	Kyle Johnson
Treasurer	Scott Krause
Archives Director	Alan Howard
Video Coordinator	Nathan Wakefield
Volunteer Coordinator	Warren Hammond

Welcome to the team! As an all-volunteer organization, the IJA is only as strong as its volunteers; this year, I can confidently say that the IJA is in good hands. Thank you to all of you for your dedicated service!

Should anyone else be interested in volunteering their time, energy and ideas to the IJA, please get in touch with our new Volunteer Coordinator, Warren Hammond, to see how you can best fit into the fold: <u>volunteers@juggle.org</u>

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Foam Pit and Under/Over

## The 2013 IJA Festival Gauntlet



**Rotating Mallet Field** 





Turntable and Conveyor Slide



Trampoline Field and Hamster Wheel



**Electronic Laser Timing** 

The Gauntlet was made possible by the iiWii Fun Fund and a whole lot of time and energy supplied by the volunteers who built it.

Thanks!

### Joggling on Television, by Don Lewis

One of the pleasures of attending the IJA festival is chatting with friends old and new. One occasionally encounters a pleasant surprise. I was casually chatting with Jack Hirschowitz when he mentioned that he had participated in a brief CBS segment on joggling last year. The segment is still up on YouTube and it is a treat to watch. Jack's down to earth delivery makes joggling seem totally possible.

#### http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwjbnhpvvYA

There is also an article in the New York Times which talks about Jack and other jogglers.

New York Times article



Joggling on CBS News Sunday Morning 11/11/2012

## 2013 IJA Festival Photos Online

Though the web site may still be slow at times, you can now get to some of the galleries directly. In particular, Emory Kimbrough's excellent festival photos are online at the following address:

http://www.juggle.org/ija/gallery/index.php/main/festivals/2013-Bowling-Green

You can contact Emory at inventivejester@gmail.com to get a copy of any pictures that include you from this year, or prior years.

Try the full-screen slide-show for the best view of the galleries, using the super-secret unlabeled slide show button, located on the right side of the albums above "Album info." Then use the full-screen button at lower right after the slide show starts.

## 2013 IJA Festival T-Shirts Now Available

The IJA Store now 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



front of shirt



back of shirt



For IJA members only!

## 2013 MEXICO IJA REGIONAL COMPETITION VIDEO

The 2013 Mexico IJA Regional Competition (IRC) gracefully incorporated the format of the IJA Stage Championships, with Mexico's thriving and unique juggling culture. See the video at: <u>eJuggle</u>.



### 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. <u>http://e.juggle.org</u>

IJA Funny Photo Caption Contest #4 Steve Langley Juggler's Scoop – September 20th, 2013 Nathan Wakefield 2013 Mexico IJA Regional Competition – Video Erin Stephens 2013 Mexico IJA Regional Competition Erin Stephens 10 Questions With Delaney Bayles David Cain Be Funnier With Scotty Meltzer: You Punch Like a Girl Scotty Meltzer 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 Kyle Driggs, Individuals Champion: from Local Philly phenom... Lloyd Timberlake Juggler's Scoop – September 5th, 2013 Nathan Wakefield Juggling Helps Kids Stay in School Ellen Winters The Pastels: Amateurs Triumphant Lloyd Timberlake The Show Must Go On: Anecdotes of Mid-Show Mishaps ... David Cain Juggler's Scoop – August 20th, 2013 Nathan Wakefield Video: Aventuras en Chile Erin Stephens Giant Juggling Clubs David Cain 2014 IJA Festival Director – The Search is On Erin Stephens 10 Female Juggling Stars of the Past David Cain Juggler's Scoop – August 5th, 2013 Nathan Wakefield **Open Call for IJA Officers!** Erin Stephens A History of the Plastic Toy Bowling Pin Juggling Club David Cain It Won't Happen Again Film by Tony Pezzo Tony Pezzo Tricks of the month July 2013 by Conejo Lunar Jorge Vilchis This is a partial list, earlier articles omitted.... Get the full list at 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: <u>http://www.juggle.org/events</u>.

## Juggling Festivals

Turkish Juggling Convention September 28 - October 6, 2013 Antalya, Turkey www.j-fest.com

Dutch Juggling Championships September 28, 2013 Zwolle, Netherlands www.nkjongleren.nl

Asheville Juggling Festival October 4 - 6, 2013 Asheville, NC www.ashevillejugglingfestival.com

21st New Zealand Juggling Festival October 4 - 6, 2013 Parakai, New Zealand website

Philly Fest October 5 - 6, 2013 Philadelphia, PA http://www.phillyjugglers.com

Cleveland Juggling Festival October 11 - 13, 2003 Cleveland, OH Cleveland Circus

Japan Juggling Festival 2013 October 12 - 14, 2013 Mishima, Japan www.juggling.jp

17th Durham Juggling Convention October 18 - 20, 2013 Wolsingham, Co.Durham, UK website

5-3-1 Festival of New Juggling in Helsinki October 18 - 20, 2013 Helsinki, Finland <u>www.531festival.com</u>

Autumn Juggling Weekend October 18 - 20, 2013 Overijssel, Netherlands www.catchup.utwente.nl/hjw NPSCJ Jugglefest 2013 October 25 - 27, 2013 St. Louis, MO website from 2012 (sic)

Wug Con - Weißenburger Jonglierconvention October 25 - 27, 2013 Weißenburg, Germany www.wugcon.de.tl

8th Mexican Circus Convention November 1 - 3, 2013 Tetecala, Morelos, Mexico www.circonvencionmexicana.com

Not Quite Pittsburgh Juggling Festival VI November 1 - 3, 2013 Quaker Valley Middle School Sewickley, PA www.allinjest.com/jugglingfestclub.html

TurboFest January 2 - 5, 2014 Quebec City, QC www.turbo418.com

Austin Jugglefest February 21 - 23, 2014 Austin, TX http://juggling.place.org/jugglefest/

Pocono Juggle Fest February 28 - March 2, 2014 Lehighton, PA (details available in October 2013)

IJA Juggling Festival July 28 - August 3, 2014 Purdue University West Lafayette, IN (details available around end of 2013)

#### 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 <u>enews@juggle.org</u>. 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.