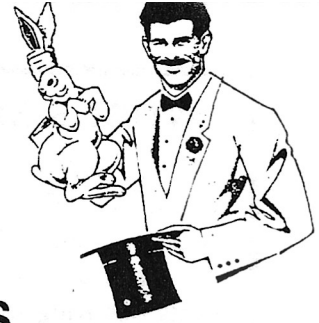


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MAGIC MUSINGS

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



AUGUST 2001

August 2 meeting is a magic trip to Hot Springs

The regular Ring 29 monthly meeting for August will be a field trip to Hot Springs, August 2 to see Maxwell Blade perform.

The show starts at 8 pm at Maxwell's "Theatre of Magic." A car caravan will leave the parking lot of Mr. Magic at 6:10 pm. At the theater, a short business meeting

BITS & PIECES

● **LOOKING BACK**, the first annual Ring 29 Awards Banquet was held July 16 at Brown's in Benton. A good crowd enjoyed the wonderful evening, including the installation of officers, the Broken Wand Ceremony honoring the late Fred Hartman; and magic by the junior magicians. Read the first-hand report on the back.

● **WANT DOVES?** Ring member John Quint has doves, dove videos and books for sale. He is moving to Missouri and needs to sell these items. You can pick up some great bargains. If you are interested in dove work, call John at (870) 297-8039 or (870) 269-2598.

● **THE WORLD CLOWN ASSOCIATION** local chapter met July 15 at Mr. Magic. Eight members attended and they had a great time, talking, demonstrating make-up and discussing tax advantages. If you are interested in clowning, contact Alley President Don Baer ("Patches") or call Jim at Mr. Magic.

● **A PUBLIC SHOW** to raise funds for Junior Magicians Scholarship Fund will be presented by our own Damon, tentatively set for Sept. 7 and 8 at the BMC Sheffield Auditorium. The name for the show will be "Tales of the Wizard" for Friday and "More Tales of the Wizard" on Saturday. You'll want to come both nights. Watch for more details in the September newsletter and by E-mail.

● **NORA HARTMAN** has designated Ring 29 Junior Magicians Scholarship Fund as the recipient of funds donated to Fred's memorial. Thank you, Nora, for this kind gesture, which Fred would have loved.

● **IF YOU WOULD** like to perform table-hopping magic at Pizza Hut in Beebe, call Gene Berry at 983-8004 or 914-8101.

will take place at 7 pm, in the upstairs seance room. Those who want to stay for Damon's "19th Century Seance," at 10:30, need to ride with someone who is staying.

The show will be half the regular cost, or only \$6. The seance will cost only \$5.

Come and support Ring 29 members Maxwell and Damon, and enjoy a great evening of magic with friends and fellow magicians. Family and friends are invited, too..

NOTE: Maxwell has lost his lease at the Malco Theater, so won't be there after early September. Also, Damon may not be giving his seance sessions after then either. So be sure to take this opportunity to see both of these now, since neither we nor they know what the future holds. (Well, DAMON knows, but he ain't telling!)

Two (2) Ring picnics set for August 4 and Sept. 9

You who like picnics are in for a big treat the next 45 days. On Saturday, August 4 you are invited to attend a picnic to honor Bill and Liz Fulton who will celebrate their 20th anniversary then. It will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All Ring 29 members are invited. Everyone and their families should bring their own food. In addition to the fellowship and food, there will be lots of great magic, some tai chi and lots of surprises, too. Call Jim or Dan Hecke for details and more information. Also see the enclosed flyer for details.

Then on Sunday, Sept. 9, the annual Ring 29 magic picnic will be held at Pinnacle Park at High Noon. We'll have a map and more details in the September newsletter. For now, mark your calendars and be sure to attend both of these magical picnics with your families.

NEXT MEETING:

- **Thursday, August 2**
7 pm, Hot Springs
"The Maxwell Blade Show"

Annual dues are due Aug. 1

The annual dues to be a member of Ring 29 are now due. Annual dues is \$20. But if you pay your dues by August 1st, you can save \$5 by only paying \$15. Mail your dues to Mr. Magic or contact treasurer James Kinsey. Don't forget. Save \$5 and pay by August 1st.

Major magic workshop returns to Little Rock

If you missed the great, all-day magic workshop in 1998 -- put on by David Ginn, Samuel Patrick Smith and Steve Taylor -- you now have another chance!

These three veteran magicians are returning to Little Rock with an all-new magic workshop, on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 9 am to 5 pm. It will be in Conference Room 20 at Baptist Medical Center. Ring 29 is hosting it! The cost is only \$35 per person in advance, and just \$50 if you bring a non-magician guest. The cost at the door will be \$45, so be sure to sure to register in advance at Mr. Magic, and save \$10.

Two dozen area people attended the first workshop, and are still talking about it. Each of the magicians sets up his own sales area, so there's lots of magic to see, buy and discuss. You can learn a lot from watching and listening to these pros. If you want to improve your magic skills and knowledge, don't miss this one, for sure!

Mark your calendars and make plans now to spend the day seeing and learning a ton of magic, including hundreds of tips to move up to a higher level.

COMING MAGIC SPECIAL DATES:

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| Aug. 1 | Annual Ring 29 dues discount ends: \$15; after this date, cost goes to \$20 |
| Aug. 2 | <u>Regular meeting</u> will be a trip to Maxwell Blade's Show in Hot Springs |
| Aug. 4 | Ring Picnic Extra, Picnic to honor Fultons, |
| Sept. 9 | <u>Annual Ring 29 Picnic</u> , Pinnacle Park, 12 noon; includes public magic show |
| Sept. 15 | <u>David Ginn/Samuel Patrick Smith/Steve Taylor Workshop</u> in Little Rock |

What's an EST?

Margaret LeClair came back from the East Coast all excited by something called "EST Night." She attended one in New York and wants our Ring to experience it, too. Individual performers can participate and a surprise will be given to all who participate. She credits Liz Konzen with the idea. She's past president of Ring 26 in New York City. What is EST? Who knows? Call Margaret at 568-1919, or read this next month.

Ring 29 well represented at IBM Convention in Orlando

Ring 29 had a good representation at the IBM convention in Orlando over the July 4th weekend. Attending were Tom Minnich, Stella Stout, Margaret LeClair, Kyle Hamsher, Gene Berry and Jim and Christy Henson. As with all IBM conventions, there was little time to sleep since there was magic almost around the clock.

We saw some incredible lectures. Fukaim, from Japan, lectured and also performed at the evening show. He does an amazing routine with multiplying umbrellas.

Mark Wilson lectured about his old television show "Magic Land of Alakazam." At the last evening show he appeared from a Sword Box during his son Greg Wilson's performance.

The Pendragons also lectured and performed, as well as Japanese performer Shimada. Gay Blackstone had a great lecture about the history of the Blackstone family. Tom Mullica did a cabaret show portraying Red Skelton. It was a highlight of the convention.

At the Strolling Olympics during the last day of the convention, our own Kyle Hamsher won first place for comedy. Be sure to congratulate him when you see him.

It was great to visit with outgoing IBM president Jack Greenberg and to see Dr. Bob Escher become president. Both are friends of Ring 29.

I believe all of the Ring 29 members had a great time. Be sure to ask Jim about setting the breadbasket on fire at the evening banquet, with two international past presidents at our table. It was a week filled with great magic. We had quite a trip.

Christy Henson

Daytime Magic in Las Vegas is a real bargain!

by Mary Ann Campbell

Las Vegas is truly the "Magic Capitol of the World" right now. Guy and I were there recently with friends. I took in three matinee magic shows and want to share some of my experiences.

First of all, the prices are right for the shows. Matinee shows are only \$15, and if it's a new act where they're trying to fill the theater, it's free. The way it works is that you pay \$6 for the ticket and get one \$6 drink in return. That plan didn't work for me because I don't drink. I thought I'd at least have a Coke, but they only serve Pepsi. It was still a bargain at the Sahara.

Jim Henson's raves about the Mac King Comedy Hour at Harrah's sent us there first. Jim said be sure and pay attention to his Cloak of Invisibility." We did, and Mac vanished before we ever arrived. He was on vacation.

Mike Caveney was filling in on Wednesday. I've seen him M.C. at several magic conventions. Guy had never seen him before. He was impressed and enjoyed the show as much as I did.

Mike slings a cup of coffee around in a hoop (like a flat hula hoop) to open his act. He pours cream in it and tosses a sugar cube over his shoulder and it plops right in. This opener takes skill and I've never seen it duplicated. He uses a lot of volunteers, is respectful, funny and has great timing. We visited with him afterwards. He is always gracious.

Mike's lovely wife, Tina Lenert, has a dynamite mime/magic act. She comes out as an older cleaning lady, dances with her jacket and broom and transforms into a lovely girl. She was in Europe the month of June doing her act and playing her harp in concerts. They are a talented duo.

Dana Daniels was filling in on Thursday for Mac King, so I returned, sans Guy. I'd never seen Dana before. Mike said he was good and didn't steer me wrong. Dana looks and sounds very much like Steve Martin. He uses a live bird and is quite funny. He, too, uses many volunteers and has a good time

with them. That was the 1 pm show and it was at Harrah's.

I took another taxi back up the strip for the 3 pm show at the Sahara. Now we're talking expenses. Because of the slow-moving traffic, my cab ride was \$12 each way.

A new fellow to the strip, Michael Holly, was holding his Off-The-Wall Comedy Hour. He juggles bowling balls, M&Ms, hatchets, apples and bones and sticks. He mixes in some rope and paper magic and does an amazing tight rope/juggling routine.

Michael attempted a book page and first word effect with three volunteers from the audience. They completely screwed up the effect, but like a pro, Holly continually referred back to them and the audience loved it. Go to www.michaelholly.com for more information on him.. He told me that he plans to stream juggling lessons on line.

The night shows we took in were Clint Holmes and Andre'. They are singers and impersonators and they were entertaining and enjoyable.

If you get to Vegas anytime soon, the daytime magic is a real bargain.

1st Annual Ring 29 Installation Banquet was a big success

by Christy Henson

Ring 29's First Annual Installation Banquet was held July 16 at Brown's Country Kitchen. Over 30 people attended to celebrate the incoming officers and directors, as well as to honor Fred Hartman, longtime Ring member who passed away June 23.

The evening began with a moving Broken Wand Ceremony. Christy Henson conducted the service. Bill Webb and Dan Bloch -- both close friends of Fred -- spoke a few words in his memory. Nora Hartman, Fred's wife, and his two daughters -- Kristie Buck and Ann Faulkner -- were present. Jim Henson gave the prayer. The broken wand and candle were presented to Nora following the Ceremony.

The installation of officers for 2001-2002 followed, with Mike Curtis, Ring historian, inducting the new officers.

Two Ring junior members -- Gene Berry and Kyle Hamsher -- provided the entertainment for the evening. All I can say is if you were not there you missed a great show. The room erupted in laughter with Kyle swallowing a balloon in slow motion with lots of help from Gene. You had to be there!

It was a wonderful evening of food, memories, fun and magic. Plan to attend next year about this same time.

● **DON'T FORGET** that we still have copies of the Ring 29 cookbook for sale. The Ring gets to keep \$2 of every book sold. They make great gifts.

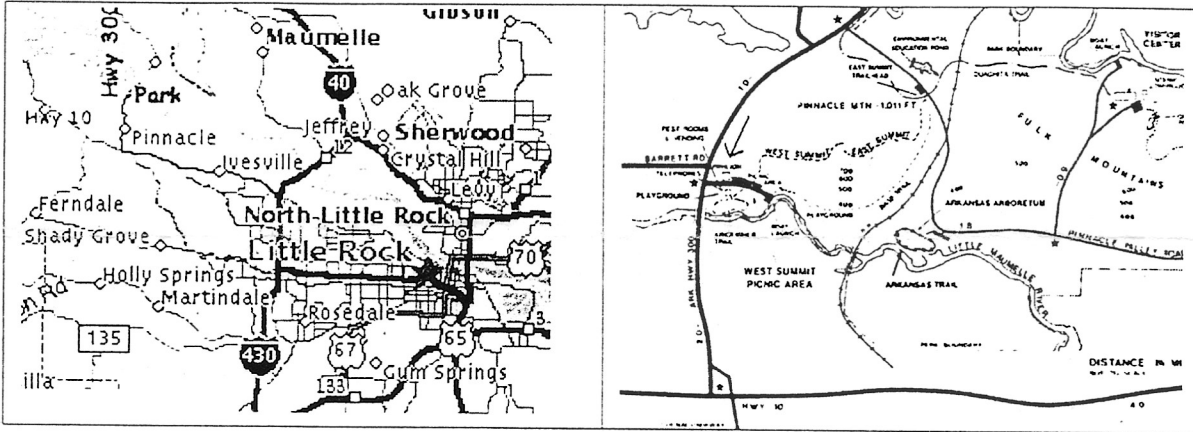
● **ALSO DON'T FORGET** the Ring 29 show poster signed by all the performers, which will be auctioned off at the Ring picnic in September.



Liz and Bill Fulton's 20th Wedding Anniversary Picnic

At Pinnacle Mountain State Park, August 4, 2001

You are invited to our 20th anniversary picnic at Pinnacle Mountain State Park west of Little Rock on August 4, 2001. The event beginning at 11:00 a.m. and lasting until about 4 p.m. will take place in the pavilion in the picnic area just off of Hwy 300.



Bring a picnic lunch (grills are available) and join us. We will have cake and soft drinks. No gifts please! Just come with a funny story, photo, or a memory to share and see folks you have not seen in a while. Dress for hot weather.

We will have lunch from 11:30 to 1 p.m. During that time, Randy Frazier, Superintendent of Pinnacle Mountain State Park, has volunteered to organize a time to poke fun at the Fultons. If you wish to tell a funny story about us during lunch, contact Randy at fraziercom@aol.com or at work 501 868-5806, home 501-868-9150.

After lunch, we would like an hour or less of magic by Ring 29. Dan Hecke has volunteered to organize this effort. Contact Dan at mysticdan@earthlink.net or at home 501- 455-2777.

We need to get a count of the people who plan to attend. Please detach the form below and return it

20th Wedding Anniversary

Return to Liz & Bill Fulton, 2705 North Fillmore, Little Rock, AR 72207, 501-663-9380
efulton@aristotle.net or wfulton@aristotle.net

Name(s) _____ I will attend Cannot make it, have fun.

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____