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RING #29

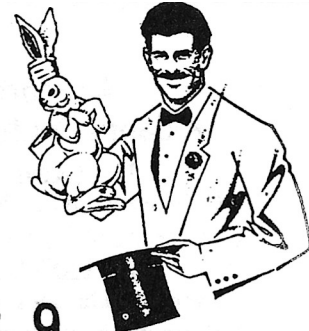
MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



No regular meeting; annual picnic is Sun., Sept. 9

Each September, Ring 29 foregoes its regular monthly meeting in favor of a family picnic. So don't show up at Baptist Medical Center next Thursday. Instead, mark your calendar for **Sunday, Sept. 9**, and drive out to Pinnacle Mountain State Park on Highway 10 and turn on Highway 300 and go to the entrance to the park. Go to the only pavillion in the park. We have the pavillion from noon until 4 pm. We'll eat about 1 pm.

The Ring will supply the meat -- hot dogs

and hamburgers -- and grill them on the spot. Everyone who attends is asked to bring the other food and drinks. You must call Mr. Magic (455-6242) to make reservations, to tell how many in your family are coming, and to find out what to bring.

There will be a public magic show in the pavillion after we eat. Call if you want to perform. The picnic is for the entire family, as well as friends. Come celebrate the end of Summer, and the start of another great year of magic for Ring 29.

NEXT MEETING:
● **Sunday, September 9**
2 pm, Pinnacle State Park
Annual Ring Picnic

Major magic workshop set for September 15

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.

If you want to **improve your magic skills and knowledge**, if you want to **move your magic to another level**, if you want **lots of new magic tricks and patter** to add to your act -- **don't miss this one!**

Three for the price of one! Such a deal! You **WILL not** get another chance like this one. Reserve a place right now! And be sure to bring someone interested in magic!

Achtung! Warning! Dues are now past due!

Since Ring 29 annual dues were due August 1, now they are a month past due. If you do not pay your dues immediately, you will be **removed from the newsletter mailing list** and **taken off Ring rolls**.

Don't be dropped. We need you. You need us. Pay up or lose out!

BITS & PIECES

● **LOOKING BACK**, the August meeting was a trip to Hot Springs to take in Maxwell's show at his Theatre of Magic. We had a great crowd of 30 people from the Ring and the show was first class.

The Hot Springs Film Commission called a halt to Maxwell's renting of the Malco Theater so it looked like Maxwell would be homeless. But after considerable pressure from the community, it has been agreed that Maxwell can continue his show at least for another year. His last show for this season is **this coming Sunday** night, Sept. 2.

He'll reopen next March to catch the Spring Break crowds, then take a break before running full steam in June, July and August. We're glad you'll be staying, Maxwell. Thanks for all you do for magic.

● **WE STILL DON'T KNOW** what an "EST" is, but we're going to have an "Est Night" for our October meeting. Watch the October newsletter for more details.

● **THE WORLD CLOWN** Association local chapter will meet Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 pm at Mr. Magic. If you are interested in clowning or just want to hang around with some great entertainers, come join us.

● **NORA HARTMAN** has designated Ring 29 Junior Magicians Scholarship Fund as the recipient of funds donated to her late husband's memorial. If YOU would like to give to the fund, especially as a memorial to Fred, contact Mr. Magic.

● **MARGARET LECLAIR** was featured in the Aug. 22 issue of *The Free Press*, including two action photos. It's still on the newsstands, so pick up a copy.

Damon to perform "Tales of the Wizard" Sept. 7 and 8

Our own **Damon**, nationally-known mentalist will perform two shows, set for Fri., Sept. 7 and Sat., Sept. 8 at the **BMC Sheffield Auditorium**. Turn left at the main information desk; go down the hall.

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**. They are **completely different shows**.

You will **experience and be** the magic. You'll explore the magic of the universe as Damon premieres his one-man concert right here in Little Rock, before he takes it on a national tour.

The shows will benefit the Junior Magicians Scholarship Fund. The cost will be \$12 for one show and \$18 for both.

In this all-new presentation, Damon combines magical story-telling and experiments with the subconscious. He takes both to the limit, and beyond. These two evenings may be Damon's only performances in this area. Don't miss them. For more information, go to:

damonreinbold.com

Come and bring family and friends!

COMING MAGIC SPECIAL DATES:

- Sept. 7&8 Damon's brand new "**Tales of the Wizard**" shows. BMC, Sheffield
- Sept. 9 **Annual Ring 29 Picnic**, Pinnacle Park, 12 noon; includes public magic show
- Sept. 15 **David Ginn/Samuel Patrick Smith/Steve Taylor Workshop** in Little Rock
- Sept. 16 World Clown Association chapter meeting, 2 pm, Mr. Magic
- Sept. 27 The Pendragons open at Gold Strike Casino, Tunica, through October 21

A report from Kidabra Conference 2001

by Margaret LeClair

Only one word can describe the Kidabra Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN August 1st: -- "FANTASTIC!"

Everyone who does any type of children's performing should attend. Most of the lectures were preceded by the performers giving an actual show. Children were brought in for most of the shows so we got to see, firsthand, reactions of children.

Lectures and shows were for children ranging from 4-5 to 12-13. It was the general consensus of the lecturers that children over the age of 13 should be in the adult category.

There were a lot of very good lectures on different types of object lesson magic. Of course the best lecture was the second one given, by Oscar Munoz, who we've had in Little Rock. He went into how he got started in magic. It was very moving. With what his childhood was like, it is no wonder that he is so great at motivational magic shows. We are truly the masters of our own destinies.

Oscar received the only standing ovation in the entire conference, and it was very well deserved. He even moved a few of us to tears.

There were a few funny spots. One occurred during David Ginn's lecture. His was one lecture that didn't include a full show beforehand. Now, one particular routine required the assistance of an audience member. He enlisted the help of a lady with long hair. She looked familiar. I see her in the mirror all the time.

She was instructed to try to play along as if she were 7-8 years old. Near the end of the routine, David brought out a little orange box which had a prediction in it. He instructed me to slide the top panel of the box, which I did. All of a sudden a little plastic spider jumped out and landed on my hand. I yelled and jumped back several feet. The audience laughed as Ginn told the audience he never had a child act that way. I'm just glad I didn't fall or knock over any of his stuff. He did say he is going to bring the spider box to Little Rock next month.

There was one competition at the conference. It was between Dayton's Magic and The Rubber Chicken Depot. The competition was to see which of these two trade show booths was going to get the most of my money! The Rubber Chicken Depot won, but not by much.

Going to a magic show or convention?
Write up a report for us!

Jim and Joey report on attending "Magic Live"

by Jim Henson

I was fortunate to attend the "Magic Live" convention in Las Vegas Aug. 19-23, with Junior Magician Joey Williams.

This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me by having the opportunity to hang out and visit with world-renowned magicians which I've only heard about or seen on television.

Watching Paul Gertner perform his cups & balls; Max Maven's lecture; Joshua Jay's card handling; Jeff Hobson's egg bag rou-

MORE BITS & PIECES

• GREG GILLIS came across a bit of card trivia. Each king in a deck of cards represents a great king from history:

Spades: King David

Hearts: Charlemagne

Clubs: Alexander the Great

Diamonds: Julius Caesar

• THE PENDRAGONS will be performing at the Gold Strike Casino Sept. 27 - Oct. 21. Shows will be Thursday and Saturday, 8 pm; Fridays, 9 pm; and Sunday at 3 pm.

If the Ring can put together a group of 50 or more, tickets will be only \$12.50 each; for 20 or more, \$20 each. If you are interested, contact any board member or call Mr. Magic and we'll try to coordinate a trip.

• DAMON was featured in the *Hot Springs Sentinel-Record* August 2nd. The article was titled "Poet's Loft" and spotlights Damon's "Wizard's Tales." The article had a picture of Damon reading from "Harry Potter: Goblet of Fire." It's always great to see our members get publicity

• KYLE HAMSHER accidentally sliced his finger while attempting the card stab routine. It's a funny story so ask him about it. He's fortunate the accident didn't sever the finger tip from his finger.

• HE'S BACK-K-K! Yes, Derrick Rose is back on Channel 7 (Today's THV) on Friday mornings with his "School magic" appearances. Tune in between right after 6:30 am. He usually has a three-minute magic segment about 6:40.

He also does a couple of restaurant gigs: Shorty Smalls on Wednesdays and Cici's Pizza on Fridays (both in Little Rock). And check out Derrick's new Web site at: Illputaspellonyou.com

• WHILE WE'RE talking about magicians on TV, check out Mary Ann Campbell's Money Magic segment about 8:10 am each Saturday morning on Channel 7, KATV. Watch for her "tux;" that's the magic clue!

tine; and too many others to mention, was a dream come true. Two others I have to mention. The Amazing Jonathon Show at the Golden Nuggett was a side trip that was worth the time, expense and effort.

The other was Max Maven's interview of David Blaine. The Blaine interview was not a pleasant experience, in my opinion. This guy is so far out of it that even Maven had trouble understanding where he was coming from. If you are interested in Blaine's next specials, call Joey or me and we'll fill you in.

We had Ron Stevens from the Searcy Club with us and the three of us represented Arkansas. This was an adventure I'll never forget. If you want to hear more about the convention, ask any of us.

by Joey Williams

On August 19 I stepped into the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas, where I attended Magic Live with Jim Henson. The convention was great. There were some of the biggest names in magic there. It seemed like everywhere you looked there was a famous magician standing around just chatting about magic.

I think the best part of the convention was not knowing what was going to come next. It was all a very big surprise.

The staff of *Magic Magazine* did a great job at keeping everything very secretive. This was a one-time event celebrating the magazine's 10th birthday.

It seems like I could write all day and still not explain everything I experienced. Getting to see Las Vegas for the first time really stunned me. There were lots of lights and it was always alive.

I have to say that this was one of the greatest times of my life. I want to thank Jim for inviting me to go with him. I will never forget it. Going to the convention made me realize that there are no limits in magic. If you can imagine it, it can be done! It doesn't come easy. It involves lots of dedication and practice to be a great magician.

NOTE: Joey is 15 and is in school at Ward, which is between Beebe and Searcy.

REMINDERS

- 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, especially for Thanksgiving and Christmas..
- ALSO DON'T FORGET the Ring 29 show poster signed by all the performers, which will be auctioned off at the Ring picnic September 9.