

*The*  
**PERFORMER**



*Little Rock Magic Ring 29*  
*Newsletter*

*February 2023*

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# WHERE THE MAGIC BEGINS

IBM Ring 29

## LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

*It's all about the Magic...*



Next Lecture: TOM BURGOON  
 April 6, 2023



### Tom Burgoon's COMEDY MAGIC LECTURE

It's a Show! It's a Lecture! It's a Blast!  
 With Special Guest  
**TODD LAMANSKE**  
 From Penn & Teller's "FOOL US!"



Learn Tom's great Magical Bits, Gags and Routines

### Meeting Information

March 2, 2023  
 TBD  
 6:45 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

Tom Burgoon Lecture with  
 Todd Lamanske  
 April 6, 2023  
 Henson Spring Estate Sale  
 Date: TBD

*"Magic is not about having a puzzle to solve. It's about creating a moment of awe and astonishment. And that can be a beautiful thing."*

- David Blaine -





# Current/Past Events

## February Meeting Info

Our February meeting was a great time. There were many tricks to discuss and a lot of suggestions for those looking for help with their work. This should be on our regular annual calendar!

## Public Show Fund Raiser

The board members held a meeting prior to the workshop on Thursday and discussed some details regarding the January show and the possible fund raising show for the public. It was determined that a committee will be formed in order to organize such a show with hopes of it being in October 2023. Details will continue to be outlined in this newsletter, stay tuned.

## January/Christmas Show

In regard to the January show, the board discussed continuing the annual event and having more of the public invited. As it seems no longer seen as a Christmas Show for just the members and family, a "Christmas" themed show of sorts for members will be in December as a Christmas Party. This party has occurred in the last two years successfully and the plan is to continue. For those who have missed this party I highly recommend attending in December to see what you are missing out on, food, magic and sometimes "Santa Henson" is in the house!

## Cavalcade of Magic 2023

Greetings Magi,

2023 is here! I hope it finds you doing well. I also hope you are making plans to attend the Cavalcade of Magic 2023! It will take place March 24-25th at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs. We will meet for an auction Thursday the 23rd at about 8pm. We are finishing up the schedule and are looking forward to seeing everyone and learning,

and experiencing magic and illusions. So plan to be there early enough to get your items ready and look over what others have to sell at the auction.

Be sure and take advantage of the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks discounts for the Cavalcade. Make your room reservations by January 31 to get them. \$89 for 1 King or 2 Queen beds, and \$145 for Suites. Prices are good through February 23rd, but you must call the Inn of the Ozarks directly at 479-253-9768 and mention that you are with the magicians group.

Preregistration and entry for next year's free registration can be made on PayPal to [ibmring75@att.net](mailto:ibmring75@att.net). This year, please add \$5 to your amount to cover the new fees that are being charged. Or you can send a check by mail to Clyde Hayre at 10813 Hunter Point Rd, Fort Smith, AR 72903. There is no extra fee for checks. You can still pay at the door with cash or check, you just don't get in the drawing.

Also, we have made a couple of changes to registration fees for the first time in 40 years! The fee is still \$75 for a magician for the convention. But we have added a single day fee of \$50 for those who can only make one day. Also, we have raised the magician plus family fee to \$100 per family. If only the magician is attending events and family is only attending the evening shows, you still pay the magician only rate. The evening shows are still free! If that doesn't make sense, use your favorite method to contact me or one of the committee members for clarification. We have resisted doing this for some time, but can't put it off any longer.

We have a great lineup of lectures for you this year and the shows are filling up as well. If you would like to perform on one of the evening shows or the matinee, please let me know by reply to this email. Don't forget you can also participate in the Open Mic session on Friday afternoon.

Ron Ingram

# President's Corner

*Dane Dover*

## **15 Minutes a day**

Did you know that 15 minutes a day adds up to 90.25 hours in a year? That is more than 2 work weeks. I am currently working on a routine that is approximately 15 minutes. I have been doing the routine every day for the last couple of weeks. It is amazing how if you break something down to short sessions of 15 minutes what can be accomplished.

You've heard the old joke about how to eat an elephant? One bite at a time. I am very busy this time of year in my profession. But for 15 minutes I can take a break and work on something totally different from what I do for a living. What is it you are trying to accomplish in Magic? Try the 15 minutes a day method and see the transformation.

Here are some suggestions if you are looking for something to start with.

1. The pass (with cards)
2. The muscle pass (with coin)
3. The mercury fold (cards)
4. Pocket writing or swami writing (mentalist)
5. Writing patter or scripting
6. Creating a routine (what would go together)
7. Looking for the right music for a routine
8. Reading / searching for a new trick
9. Reading / searching for a particular topic (The linking rings, cups and balls, etc.)
10. Reading / searching a particular author (Max Maven)

Now for some non- magic ideas

1. Prayer/Meditation/Breathing
2. Play an instrument / make music.
3. Stretch or take a walk
4. Clear 5 items out of your closet/car/desk
5. Reach out to an old friend.
6. Read some poetry.
7. Write a thank-you note.
8. Watch a Ted talk.
9. Learn a language.
10. Read Shakespeare



# Secretary Report

*Marty Haughn*

Our February meeting has come and passed already. Thanks Dane Dover for making arrangements to meet at your workplace.

Before our regular meeting the board met for some discussion regarding the January show and a possible fund-raising show for October. Details will be available as soon as a decision has been made. Again, thanks Dane for lining up the pizza for the board.

The regular meeting was more of a planned workshop for members who were working on a trick or routine to receive comments, suggestions and assistance in making improvements. Needless to say, the members were of great help to those in need of some answers.

Bob Bullock was first with a few issues regarding Card Warp. Bob was trying new moves and deceptions in hopes of making the card trick a bit more mystifying. Several suggestions were made and Bob ended up with a pretty decent routine. Later in the evening Bob did an awesome "Color Changing Knives" and of course threw in a few surprises.

Blayk Puckett is always working to improve his coin magic and tonight was no different. He began with a single coin disappearing and reappearing from his hands to his sleeve and on and on. Blayk then asked Marty Haughn to assist by holding out his hand to see if the coin felt as though it traveled through his hand. Several suggestions were made and we believe a reasonable fix was made to an already great routine.

Dane Dover had been playing with an opening card routine for "Out of this World" Dane first demonstrated his idea making it look real good. He then asked some specific questions on what he thought should be improved. Of course, members obliged and recommended several ideas for him to work out. All in all I think it is a fun opener for Out of this World.

Next was our favorite soldier who never ceases to amaze everyone with his talent, Adrian Steelman. Adrian mesmerized everyone with a fantastic coin routine making coins appear from now where then disappear into nothing and back again. His biggest personal issue was he did not have a script to use. Everyone agreed that no script was necessary but thought the routine should be done to music. We are looking forward to seeing what Adrian does with it.

Marty Haughn stepped up front with a little twist in mind. First, he handed out to members a custom card box he had made loaded with cards. He then stated that what he was about to do was extremely familiar to everyone, the "Cut Deeper Force", only with a bit of a surprise. The force was done once with no matching member cards, expected. Then performed again with all member cards matching along with Marty's card...Thanks Bill Herz!

Our money doctor, Mary Ann Campbell, had been learning the three card monte to show off at a women's group meeting. We all knew the routine but got a little surprise ending. First she displayed a book with Madeline Albright on the cover. The book, titled "Read My Pins", began Mary Ann's story. The cards were displayed, routine gone through and the kicker was not a queen but a jumbo photo of a broach.

Jim Henson was up to his neck with giveaways and handed out some pretty cool magic, DVDs and gave away a book via drawing...Marty Haughn won the book. See you all in March!



# Blast from the Past

*Mike Curtis*

This month features another look back 10 years to the February, 2013 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Jon Bucher and the Secretary was Robert (Bob) White. The Ring met monthly at Shuffield Auditorium in Little Rock.

“Our February 7 meeting was brought to order by Vice President Aaron Acosta. Ring member and I.B.M. Associate Editor Dennis Schick opened the evening with a brief rundown of both regional and national magic news along with info to look for in the current issue of The Linking Ring.

Showing his usual penchant for creepy critters, Donald Wortman preceded to turn his magic wand into a spring snake which in turn caused another spring snake to jump from a previously shown empty box. Not snakes on a plane, but close.

Sid Salmans was next with his rendering of Dean Dill’s coin “Chink-a-Chink” followed by a three card selection and revelation routine. Sid came through and found all the cards producing the last out of thin air.

Tré McDonald gave his presentation for “Timeless.” This is the effect where the performer predicts a freely-selected time set by a spectator on a wristwatch. For the finale, the hand disappeared from the watch.

David Duggie performed a convincing version of McDonald’s Aces.

Aaron Acosta performed his rendition of Simon Aaronson’s “Red Sea Passover.” This is a truly amazing named Card Across routine and, in Aaron’s hands, a complete fooler.

Dan Hecke presented a great card deck story telling effect in the vein of “Sam the Bellhop” which he called “Little Red.”

Jim Henson had Janie Nicholson select a card which he proceeded to locate by having a toy car run across the spread deck. If that was not amazing enough, he then had Janie select a second card, which he found with a little plastic frog that lit up when it came close to the card in a table spread. Jim closed his set with the old “Tide” rope gag.

Yours truly followed with a version of Dave Williamson’s famous three card trick. Somehow, I managed to finish it without also performing fifty-two card pick up.

Vice President Aaron Acosta returned to the stage for one last card effect. He had a card selected, returned, had the deck shuffled, and then managed to find the selection with another spectator’s hands over Aaron’s eye.”

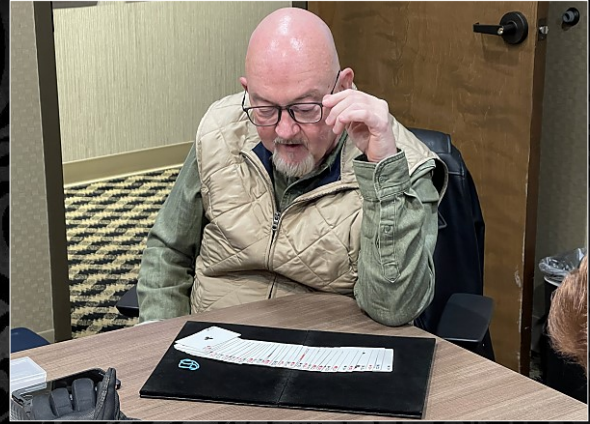
Another fun filled magical evening was had by the Ring at that February meeting. There seems to have been a variety of items used including “spring snakes”, coins, a toy car, frog and a wristwatch in addition to the usual cluster of card effects (although they each had unusual twists). It’s always invigorating to see creative routines.

Try not to make it to all Ring meetings. You never know what you might learn.

Until next time, remember, your treasures deposited in the past can be withdrawn to pay big dividends for your future.

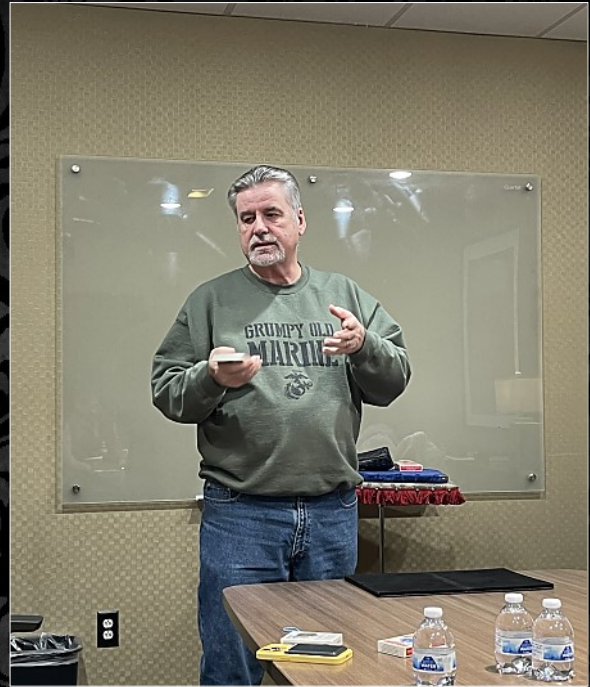
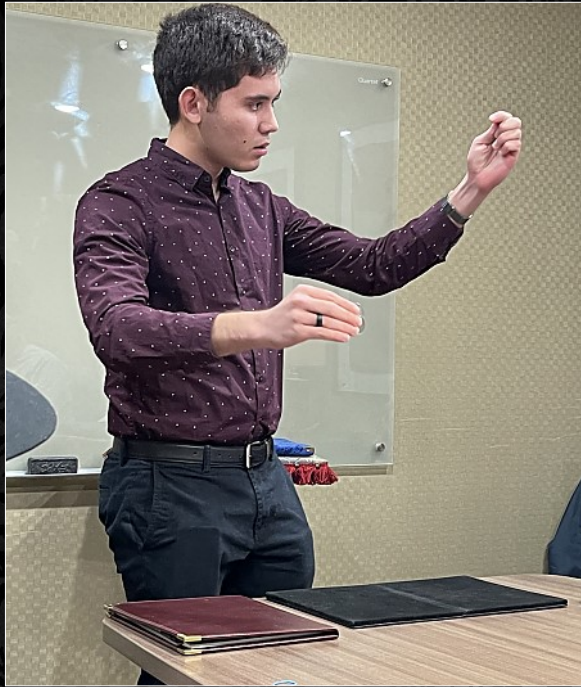


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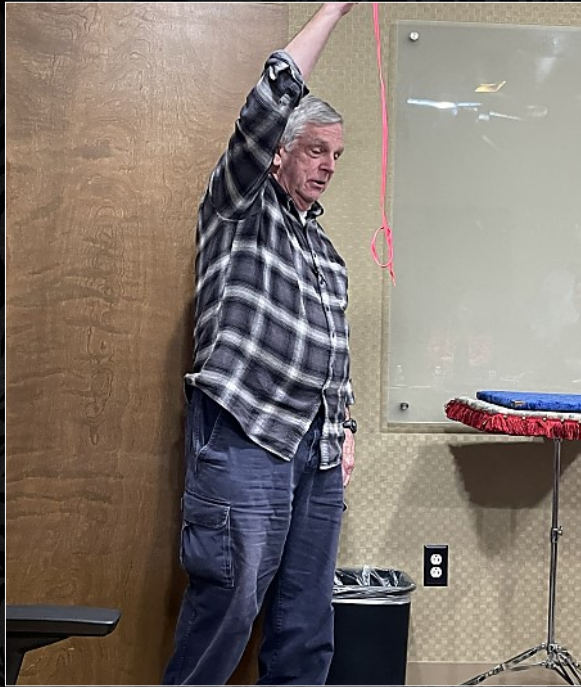


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# Schedule of Events

2023

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 14, 2023	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Christmas Show	N/A	Marty Haughn
February	Markham Executive Building 10201 W. Markham	Workshop	N/A	Dane Dover
March	Henson Home #2	Open	N/A	Dane Dover
April	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Lecture	Tom Burgoon	Dane Dover
May	TBA	TBA	N/A	
June	TBA	Officer Installation	N/A	Larry Bean
July	TBA	TBA	N/A	
August	TBA	TBA	N/A	
September	TBA	TBA	N/A	
October	TBA	TBA	N/A	
November	TBA	TBA	N/A	
<b>December</b>			N/A	

\* The clubhouse address: 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, Arkansas.

These are our normal meeting gatherings. Any additional activity throughout the month will be listed on the website beginning in August.

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All members of Ring 29 must first be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. I.B.M. Applications can be obtained from [http://www.magician.org/membership\\_application.pdf](http://www.magician.org/membership_application.pdf).

*Contact Mr. Magic or any Ring 29 Officer for information on joining the IBM or Ring 29.*

#### **Mailing Lists**

In addition to this newsletter Members can receive last minute email information on meetings, events, and lectures. If you wish to be added to our email list, please contact *Treasurer Col. James Kinsey*.

**[www.littlerockmagic.net](http://www.littlerockmagic.net) or [www.littlerockmagic.org](http://www.littlerockmagic.org)**

Our website has been filled with a wealth of information to assist our members and potential members. New features are being added daily. Check out the Ring 29 Highlights video, the Magicians for Hire page, or the Ring 29 Event Calendar.

#### **Using Ring 29 Email Group**

To be added to our email group, contact James Kinsey or Marty Haughn

We now use GOOGLE GROUPS for our email service.

Ring 29 is proud to endorse and support Little Rock's world class Magic Vendor, "Mr. Magic"  
Mr. Magic is owned and operated by retired Fire Chief Jim Henson and is a primary contact for Ring 29.

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**Mr. Magic (Jim Henson)**

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