

The
PERFORMER



Little Rock Magic Ring 29
Newsletter

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WHERE THE
MAGIC
 IBM Ring 29 **BEGINS**

LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...



"IT'S A SHOW! - IT'S A LECTURE! - IT'S A BLAST!"



APRIL 6, 2023, 6:45 STAGECOACH CLUBHOUSE

\$20 + ONE GUEST - OPEN TO ALL

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

April 6, 2023
 Stagecoach Clubhouse
 6:45 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Tom Burgoon Lecture with
 Todd Lamanske
 April 6, 2023
 Henson Spring Estate Sale
 Date: March 12-13

"The secret of showmanship consists of not what you really do, but what the mystery-loving public thinks you do."

- Harry Houdini -



Current/Past Events

April Meeting Info

Our monthly meeting will feature the funny and crazy antics of Tom Burgoon as he lectures for the Ring. Tom's special guest will be Todd Lamanske from Penn & Teller's Fool Us. You cannot miss this one!

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.

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. 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

<https://www.facebook.com/CavalcadeOfMagic>

President's Corner

Dane Dover

Meetings, Conventions, etc.

Most likely when you read this another Cavalcade of Magic in Eureka Springs will be over. As Clyde Hayre (Ft. Smith ring) said the Cavalcade has been a way to mark time. I don't know exactly when I started attending but I do know that it seems I have always gone. I remember meeting friends, making new friends and looking with anticipation to the next Cavalcade and the new friends I will make this year. I hope everyone gets a chance to attend. There are certainly bigger conventions, with much bigger headliners which has its place. For me I just like hanging out with my magic friends.

If the pandemic taught us anything it is that face to face communication is a good thing that we all need. In fact Humans as a whole are more connected through social media, etc. than they have ever been. But statistically we as a whole feel more alone than we ever have. So, get off your computer and your couch and get around some magic friends.

Also, everyone has a chance to perform so if you have something that is not quite ready for "prime time" you can still have an opportunity to perform at the Open Mic night.

Ok, enough about the Cavalcade, there are ring meetings every month and if you live in Central Arkansas, you are within a few hours of several IBM rings. In Arkansas there is ring 75 in Ft. Smith, Ring 308 in Searcy (not sure if it is meeting currently). There is ring 16 in Memphis, TN.

On the national scene I know we have several that go to Magic Live. The International Brotherhood of Magicians national convention (Pittsburg this year). The SAM convention (New Orleans this year).

There are international get together meetings as well. FISM (In Italy this year). Blackpool billed as the world's largest Magic Convention.

And if you must, there are Zoom meetings, conventions, etc. (not really the same, but still fills a need)

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Greetings from Ring 29 in Little Rock Arkansas. The weather was today's big Arkansas news and this evening it is supposed to have possible storms with 50 mph wind gusts and lots of rains flooding low lying areas and possible tornados. We did not call off the meeting tonight and eight members were present.

Joel Nicholson, Vice President, emceed for President Dane Dover who was unable to attend. The magic of The Incredible Die Penetration performed by Joel was performed with a Gospel theme that used the Die Tube as a burial tomb of Jesus and the Wand that held the Die in the Tube represented the cross where Jesus was crucified and the Die represented the body of Jesus locked inside the tomb after his death on the cross. Miraculously, the tomb (die tube) could not hold Jesus (the die) and the cross (wand inserted through the die tube and die) was empty at finish. A different twist.

John Wofford walked up and opened his hands and within them he held a mini tube horizontally with a string running out the bottom of a hole near both ends and on the end of each string was a small ball. The routine began by pulling one ball and the opposite end string and ball moved up to the tube. Again he pulled the long string on the opposite end and convinced his audience that the string went through the tube and came out both ends. Then the magic happened. With a twist at the tube center and a quick pull the tube separated into two pieces and no string connected the balls hanging out both ends. The applause started along with the groans. Good fun.

Bob White did some Dead Reckoning that was thoroughly amazing. He handed out parts of a full deck of cards to three audience members and asked them to shuffle them thoroughly so they would be mixed. He retrieved the cards, placed them in one stack and fanned them to the audience to let them see that they were well mixed. Blayk Puckett cut the deck down about two-thirds of the way and placed them together and shuffled all the cards and showed the top card to the audience while Bob White turned away so he'd not see the selected card. Blayk placed the card randomly in the deck and Bob had him to cut the deck and stack into three piles then restack together. Neither person knew where the card was located. Bob then instructed Blayk on a dry run of how to "Spell your card" by laying down a card from the stack for each letter of the card. For example: two-of-hearts would count out eleven cards before stopping. Now the "IMPOSSIBLE" start of trickery: Bob asked Blayk to think of the spelling of his selected card and to think "Stop" when it was spelled out as Bob started laying out cards one at a time. Bob asked Blayk if the cards he laid out until he stopped could have spelled out his card. Bob asked Blayk what card he had been thinking of and Bob showed Blayk that he had stopped exactly at that card! Mentalism plus cards! The crowd loved it!

Blayk Puckett uniquely began making his audience laugh when he put the corner of a Jumbo card between his lips for the entire trick, and held up a pack of cards and making gestures and grunting-humming noises and hand signals to signify what he wanted done by a randomly chosen audience member Bob White with the deck of cards. First Blayk's hand motions and noises had Bob to shuffle and cut the cards and discard either half of the cut deck. This splitting of the cards kept going until there were only three cards left and Bob chose the two cards to discard and only one was left.

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Blayk then turned his Jumbo prediction card around and Bob's remaining card around and they proved to be a match. Only then could Blayk regain his speaking voice. Applause and smiles followed.

Blayk Puckett also helped Jim Henson demonstrate the Cup and Ball trick that Jim gave each attendee that night. Again Blayk's performance of Ball and Bucket was unique and humorous and enjoyable. He had set his routine to poetry and his own name rhyme from start to finish. Such talent is very rare.

Jim Henson enjoyed speedily presenting demonstrations of a large array of fun tricks that he had laboriously arranged to give one per person this stormy night. Jim's efforts of building and sustaining the Ring 29 Magic Club are beyond measure and extremely generous in all descriptions of supporter of magic. Some of the items were: "Looking for a House", "Card Guard", "One for the Ladies", "3-Card Monte", "Frustration Count", "Put On", "Invisible Deck" (Jim Henson's favorite), "Wonder Bill", "Mismatched Bill", "Oreo Selection", "Haunted Key", "Folding Dollar Bill", "Pen thru Bill Penetration".

We all appreciated Patrick Taft and Chris Thompson making the meeting through the extreme weather to be with us tonight and thank them for their die-hard effort to be here.

Until next meeting stay healthy, increase in service to your fellow man, stay faithful, and practice, practice, practice.

Joel Nicholson

Vice President, Ring 29

Joel, thanks for stepping in for Dane and I and for the great report. Also, thanks to John Wofford and Blayk Puckett for supplying some great photos.

Marty

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month features another look back 10 years to the March, 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 March 7 meeting was brought to order by President Jon Bucher to discuss any old or new business. Of note, it had been decided previously to move our close-up contest from March to April.

The meeting was finally opened for magic and first up was Devin Hill with an expertly performed "3 Fly" style routine with silver dollars. Next was Jo Jones with her wonderful presentation of the Invisible Deck.

Following was guest Marc Van Bullock. Marc did a simple card force, but the eventual revelation was hilarious. Marc is a minister in real life, but if his magic presentation is any evidence, I bet his sermons are top notch. David Duggie had a freely-named card shown to have magically reversed in the deck. This was followed by a convincing spectator assisted "Oil and Water." For a finale, David vanished a coin only to have it appear in a nest of boxes. Jon Bucher performed his Color Changing Knife routine with the mini knife explosion at the end. Aaron Acosta followed Jon, and performed a routine of amazing card spelling matches from a shuffled deck called "Routine Spelling." It fooled us badly.

Bob Bullock presented some finger ring and string manipulation. Somehow that ring just kept jumping off the string and back on to Bob's finger. Blayk Puckett had a card selected and returned to the deck. He then convinced the spectator to use his finger to shoot a magic bullet at the deck. The deck was spread and one card now had a bullet hole. Of course it was the selection.

Mike Rosen who performed a great comedy "Miser's Dream." With all those coins he produced, he must never have to work. Our own Mr. Magic shop owner Jim Henson started with a version of "Professor's Nightmare," but the ropes looked like magic wands. Jim followed with a Monte effect that ended in the old wrong and wrong again ending. For a finale, he had three cards selected from a deck with various first names written on the backs. He then proved that he had predicted each name on each card selected"

It appears the meeting that year saw participation by several members of the Ring as well as a guest minister who seemed to display humor as well as magical skills. It's always enjoyable to see guests getting in on the magical fun and showing what they can do. That is a good reason to invite a friend to our meetings, because you never know when they just might advance from observer to participant to member.

Until next time, remember, past mistakes are great learning tools for future successes.

March Performers



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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	Joel Nicholson
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	
December			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.

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 or 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.

Mr. Magic (Jim Henson)

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