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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...

FEED THE VETS BENEFIT VARIETY SHOW

October 21, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Tom Burgoon

Gene Berry
Jody Birchfield
Blayk Puckett

Farmer Fin
Daniel Parrish
Randall Eller



BENEFIT SHOW SUPPORTING FEED THE VETS

Ladies and gentlemen, the clock is running out on us much quicker than anticipated. Although still early for some to make plans, please put this show on your calendar. As you can see from the banner above we have a great lineup to ensure a great show.

This will not just be magicians. There are several but notice we will have the comedy of Jody Birchfield as our emcee, Farmer Fin as a comedy musician, Blayk Puckett as our juggler, Gene Berry with comedy magic, Randall Eller with plenty of fun and magic, Daniel Parrish an excellent magician and our headliner, Comedy Magician Tom Burgoon. What a lineup! Please don't miss this one, you'll enjoy the night and also help Central Arkansas Veterans at the same time.

THANKS EVERYONE!!! Scan the QR Code to get your tickets online!



Meeting Information

October 5, 2023
 Terry Library
 2015 Nappa Valley Drive, LR
 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

October 21 - Fundraiser Show
 December Ring 29
 Christmas Party TBD
 Annual January Show

"On Out to Lunch Principle - I may not remember where or when, but that doesn't mean I love it any less."

- TC Tahoe -



Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Prior to our regular meeting the Ring 29 Board Members met to discuss the upcoming benefit variety show in support of Feed the Vets of central Arkansas. The show is to be held on October 21, 2023 and looks to be a good one!

Vice President Joel Nicholson presided over the meeting in the absence of President Dane Dover. We had a very short business meeting and moved quickly into magic for the evening. In attendance we had 18 members and family.

To kick off the evening, our resident Doctor, Chris Westfall performed one of my favorite Chinese Linking Rings routines, by Pop Hayden. Dr. Chris asked Janie Nicholson to assist and she was given specific instructions to follow, a kind of do as I do. Of course, when it came time for Janie to perform what she was watching, Dr. Chris was looking away from her and Janie was unable to duplicate the moves. When Dr. Chris turned toward her, he announced what a great job she was doing and asked for use to applaud. The antics of Dr. Chris continued with rings linking and separating what seemed like warp speed. Poor Janie, although getting accolades, all she could do was stand there and look mesmerized. The best part was when Dr. Chris found one of his rings had linked to a button hole of his shirt. To the delight of all present, the performance was fantastic.

Al Henager worked out a nice mentalism science project touting that Duke University came up with several experiments using ESP cards. On a stand, Al had some colorful ESP cards sporting the symbols used at Duke. Al spoke about the odds of getting one right along with two correct and even three, but getting all five correct seemed near impossible. He asked for three volunteers to assist and one to be a helper. Each volunteer chose one of the cards without Al seeing which they took as he was blindfolded. Two cards remained and the helper placed each at opposite ends of the stand and face down. Then it began. Al started getting these "feelings" of which cards were chosen. As he went from volunteer to volunteer, he stated a card. Unfortunately, the test seemed to fail as none of the cards chosen were reported, at least by volunteer. As it turned out, Al was one off to each volunteer. All the images were correct just not the right volunteer. This in itself was a major feat of mentalism. The other two card, well, easy enough to get right. Al also did a quick coin through shot glass. Great job Al, you always have a smooth presentation style.

Our next performer was the young Thatcher Hale (AKA-"Patrick"). Patrick...I mean, Thatcher, this is so confusing...Thatcher presented us with a surprising performance. It wasn't about the trick at all as it was the Zig Zag Rope. No, Thatcher took this trick and pumped up the presentation to an entertaining level never before seen with this device. He had the audience laughing, cheering and in full support of his effort. This young man is well on the way to good things as long as he continues this path taken with his presentation style. We all look forward to what Thatcher will perform next month!

Dan Hecke spoke of his days while in the Air Force. During his time in Brazil he learned a lot about the history and culture. Making mention of an Indiana Jones movie where a crystal skull was found and to have multiple duplicates, of course, Dan had one and out from a fancy box, sure enough, was a near full size crystal skull. He explained about the powers the skull could provide the holder and began to show proof. James Kinsey and "Patrick" were volunteers who each chose a single playing card. Dan seemed to go into some sort of trance and told "Patrick" what his card was. Turning to James, Dan remained in the trance seeming to have a little

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difficulty then exposed the correct card. Dan is a great story teller and always has the complete attention of his audience.

Blayk Puckett, master of mentalism with playing cards, was next to perform. Blayk begins with shuffling cards while asking Susan and Kevin for assistance. The deck was divided in half and each shuffled and then asked them to turn some cards face up and face down. While turned away, Blayk was able to tell details of the state of the cards by identifying how many were faced down and faced up, how many reds were faced down and how many black cards were faced down. Blayk was then able to identify the values and suits of the cards. He asked someone to name a suit and the response was clubs. He was able to identify how many clubs were in each pile. It was amazing how many details Blayk was able to identify and be accurate.

Dan Hecke was not finished for the evening, He had more magic to share and did not disappoint.

Richard Knoll recently returned from Las Vegas with a few other members and brought back an unusual deck of cards. He explained that not everyone plays with cards resulting in folks not knowing one card from another. Richard stated the deck he had was made specifically for those who did not know card values and suits, like him. Well, ok, anyway, He opened the deck up displaying the cards all had Alphas on them. No numbers, no pictures of suits, just Alphas. Asking the assistance of Joel Nicholson, Joel was tasked with splitting the cards about midway. Richard stated he would not be touching the cards again, only Joel. Cards were removed and the piles got smaller. Eventually, Joel was asked to deal out a four player hand. It was at this point Joel was asked to turn over the top card of one of the piles exposing the Alpha printed on it. It turned out to be the letter "J". Then off to the second pile and the letter "O" was exposed. We then began to understand what the end result was going to be. Sure enough, the letters "E" and "L" were turned over. Now, how does Richard do it? "Tricky" question. Well Done Richard, you must teach me as I now have the same deck of Alphas (DMC).

As with all meetings one should not come without having something to perform. I guess I violated that rule this month. James Kinsey really didn't plan to do anything either but walked up front, displaying his hands were empty and there was nothing on the back sides. James turned his hands face down while closing his fingers. Asking the assistance of Susan to select one of the hands. Now, remember, the hands were shown empty and nothing was on the backside of either as well. The volunteer selected the left hand. James opened the right hand showing it empty. The left hand, well, to the surprise to everyone watching, there was a sparkling new quarter! The question now becomes, "Where in the heck did that come from?!"

Joel Nicholson had rolled in a large heavy box on a cart. This had everyone intrigued as to what he may have stored inside. Joel began to open the box and there in front of everyone sat a gumball machine, the kind with the bubble container with a special toy inside. It was at this point where Joel began digging himself into a hole with wife Janie. He had asked her to borrow a ring and placed it under a foulard he was holding. Janie was asked to check to make sure the ring was there and it was. Next came the part where Janie might have used Joel's shovel to go after him as the foulard was snapped and instantly the ring was gone! If looks could kill! Poor Joel had to work fast to fix the issue. He needed a quarter from someone to give to Janie. She then inserted it into the machine, turned the knob and out came her prize! Joel proudly asked, "Is that your ring?!" Remember that hole? It just got deeper because it was not her ring! Not going to be defeated, Joel asked for another quarter to give

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to give Janie. One was supplied and into the machine it went. Turn, turn, turn. You could feel the tension. Finally, the bubble container came out and Joel proudly asked, "Is THAT your ring?!" To Janie's relief, and Joel's, it was! Well played Joel!

We closed the meeting with Jim Henson showing how to do some of the gifts he had for everyone to take home. Thanks Jim.

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month we will go back 14 years to the Ring meeting of September, 2009. The President at that time was Chris Westfall and the Secretary was Jon Bucher. The Ring met monthly at UAMS in Little Rock.

"The theme for September 3 was "Grab Bag Nite." After a person chose a bag with a magic trick, Christy Henson spent a few moments with each person, teaching them how to perform and the patter applicable for each trick before they went on stage.

MC Jon Bucher proved his jocular manner and truly competent command of the stage again as he explained the rules: 1. You can't look and pick. 2. You can reject your first pick. 3. You must take your second pick and prepare and perform it tonight.

Tré McDonald performed Hippity Hop Rabbits from a set custom-made by his dad Henry. Tré then performed an original new presentation with an iPod, deck of cards, and earphones. Jon Bucher assisted by Janie Nicholson performed the Four Ace Trick and finished with Card Warp. Dan Hecke performed "Hypnotic Choice" with the help of Janie Nicholson.

Susan Bucher, Jon's best asset, all smiles and musically gifted, pulled out a ring and rubber band, threaded the rubber band through the ring, and magically caused it to climb up the rubber band. Christy Kinsey amusingly performed Ball and Vase for the first time.

James Kinsey produced a silk from an empty bag and then made it disappear. Mike Jones did mentalism with the Color Vision box and his wife Jo Jones tricked us with a rabbit's ear and inlaid diamond that disappeared and reappeared a la Hot Rod style.

Joel Nicholson was able to restore Christy Henson's one hundred dollar bill after he changed it into a blank sheet of paper with the aid of the Money Maker. Nicolas Asman changed a regular quarter into a three-inch half dollar. Tim Grant performed Zig Zag Pencil.

With a brass cap and four nickels David Duggie magically changed the nickels into four dimes. Kylan Mann had a red ball which jumped from his right to left hand and back. Bob White did a Zig Zag Rope. Michael Bortowski performed Prayer Vase.

Youth magician Brock Fudoli asked Susan Bucher to assist him in the Color Block Escape. He also performed with a Svengali Deck. Brock's mom, Loretta, had the audience involved in helping her with the Magical Coloring Book. Gerry Bailey performed a true classic of magic by making a silk streamer appear out of thin air.

Henry McDonald performed Oddball. Tré McDonald performed again with a sponge ball and Crazy Cube. Mike Martin's patter about a doggie bag that was empty was fine until he produced a rabbit from the bag. Christy Henson told a patter story about her adventures with the fifth and eighth graders she teaches. For her finish she turned her green and yellow pencil box into a green and pink one. Tyler Vodehnal changed a regular quarter into a bent quarter. Jon Bucher performed the Color Changing Scarf and changed it from green and red to yellow and purple. Kylan Mann worked a variation on a card trick he found in Tarbell's Volume 6. We met James Simpson, a deaf magician who volunteered to come to the next meeting and perform fifteen hand shadows for our entertainment."

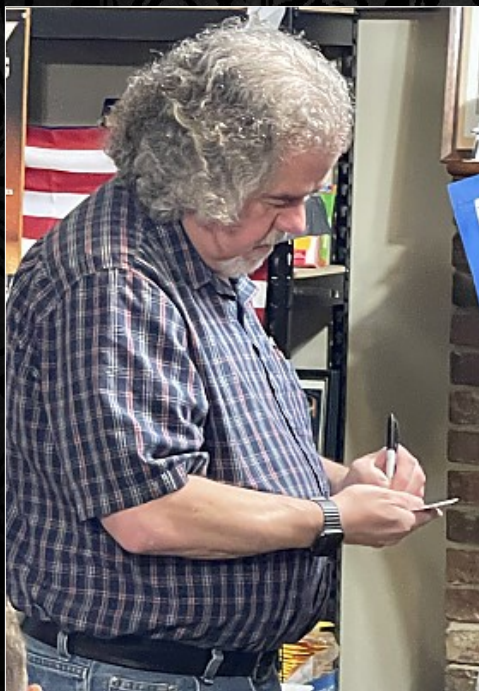
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The "Grab Bag Nite" theme has always been a fun one. There are plenty laughs as members "wing it" with tricks they had to improvise with on the spot. And out of some of those spontaneous routines some creative uses for old tricks are produced. It's a great way to get those "brainstorming" and "creative juices" flowing. Let's look forward to our next opportunity to reach in the bag and see what fate has to offer.

Until next time, remember, according Einstein, "The distinction between the Past, Present, and Future is only a stubbornly persistent Illusion."

August 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	Jim Henson
May	David's Burgers 3510 Landers Road, NLR	Open	N/A	Dane Dover
June	Larry's Pizza 801 S. Bowman Road, LR	Officer Installation	N/A	Larry Bean
July	TBA	Photographic Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
August 3	David's Burgers NLR 3510 Landers Road	Magic with Tarot Cards <i>No Readings Allowed</i>	N/A	Marty Haughn
September 7	Henson Home #2	Paper, Rope or Rings	N/A	Dane Dover
October 5	Terry Library 2015 Nappa Valley Drive, LR	Scariest Magic You Know!	N/A	Dane Dover
November 2	TBA	Perform, Teach, Share	N/A	Joel Nicholson
December 8	Ring 29 Christmas Party Stagecoach Clubhouse	Best of the Best	N/A	Dane Dover

* 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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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.

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Mr. Magic is owned and operated by retired Fire Chief Jim Henson and is a primary contact for Ring 29.

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