

*The*  
**PERFORMER**



*Little Rock Magic Ring 29*  
*Newsletter*

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IBM Ring 29

WHERE THE MAGIC BEGINS

## LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

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

COMEDIAN **Scott Davis** MAGICIAN

**SIDE SPLITTING COMEDY**

JAW DROPPING MAGIC

**Vapors** LIVE

FAMILY FRIENDLY

**"HILARIOUS"**



Magic and Comedy of Scott Davis  
March 9th 7:30 p.m.

\$12 - \$20 All Ages Welcome

[Book](#)

OAKLAWN INFIELD  
MAGICIAN  
DERRICK ROSE

February 28, 2024  
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024  
April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024

### Meeting Information

Meeting  
March 7, 2024  
6:45  
Terry Library

### Upcoming Events

Meeting April 4, 2024  
Meeting May 2, 2024

*" Magic becomes art when it has nothing to hide "*  
- Ben Okri -



# President's Report

*Dane Dover*

## **Magic Exposure**

What is magic exposure? This is a complex question with complex answers. The most basic definition is the exposure of how a magic trick is done. So, if we take it literally anytime someone publishes a book with "Magic Secrets" they are exposing magic. Most magicians get pretty upset at someone pointing out how a trick is done. I remember when the "Masked Magician" made its premiere on TV a lot of magicians were upset saying things like "They exposed a trick that is in my show".

I recently started watching an older television show called "The Mentalist" (until they removed it from the Roku channel, and there was some exposure on it including the Thumb Writer, etc. I went and read some of the magician review on the show and most were complaining about the exposure but one professional mentalist commented that his audience won't recognize the thumb writer in his show anyway and the renewed interest in mentalism has doubled his bookings.

If anyone posts any kind of trick on YouTube almost immediately there is someone there exposing how it is done. Does this hurt the profession?

So, here's my opinion, which I'm sure some won't agree with. Most magicians who want to buy their skill (you know easy to learn, easy to perform) who also don't want to learn how to entertain are hurt by this type of exposure. Let's be real for a minute, almost every trick that you can read about or see is exposed online. I heard one magician say that he never calls a trick by its name "I'm about to perform one of the oldest tricks known as the "Chinese linking Rings". Just google that name and see how much exposure there is.

Here's a little secret (It's not just about the secrets). I started learning magic because of the secrets but have matured since then and realize that it is about entertainment. I watch in awe at someone who can backhand cards and produce them. But the actual secret is not where the entertainment is found. If you have ever seen Jeff McBride do manipulation you understand very quickly it is not about the secret.

The worse kind of exposure is done by poorly executed magic tricks with little rehearsal time. For most of us that defines a magic meeting. If you want to see exposure, just come to one of our monthly meetings.

# Secretary Report

*Marty Haughn*

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 gathered on 1 February, 2024 at the Terry Library in Little Rock for the monthly meeting. Business conducted by President Dane Dover spoke of a magic class for adults at the Terry Library on 29 April at 6 p.m. The plan is to teach for about 1.5 hours using a book found in the library itself called "Joshua Jay's Complete Course in Magic". Many of our members have this book and are asked to participate in the teaching. Dane also passed on the expressed thanks from Judy Bailey, wife of the late Gerry Baily who we lost in January, for all the help and prayers after his passing.

Dane thanked Mary Ann Campbell for doing an excellent job at our annual show in January as did our performers, Blayk Puckett, Scott Davis and Derrick Rose. Our goal isn't really to make a profit from the show, although it does help, but Treasurer James Kinsey reported a very small loss, Very close to breaking even. James also reminded everyone that the annual dues are now due.

Further business continued with Jim Henson who had brought in several unsold estate items for a silent auction. I believe everything sold out during the intermission. Secretary Marty Haughn also brought in some extra show posters for anyone who wanted one. Finally, Dan Hecke reported that Scott Davis will be performing in Hot Springs at Vapors if anyone is interested. More info on the website. Concluding our business we went straight into the magic theme of the evening, "Number Magic".

Territorial Vice President Larry Bean came down to perform a card/coin prediction he learned from Marty Haughn, "It was a Good Year" by TC Tahoe. Asking Tammy Haughn to assist the trick began with some random mixing of the cards. At about the one-quarter mark Larry stopped and stated it has gone wrong and sat down. He said he would try again at the end. Quite funny how things seem to go.

Along similar lines, Dane Dover was next with a game of "Magic Bingo". Like the "randomness" of the cards, numbers were place Bingo style under the word Magic. One by one, numbers were selected and crossed off by assisting Sid Salmans. This left four numbers which totaled a number Dane had written down.

Next came Sid Salmans with a nice rendition of a three card monte but with a spot. We were to follow where the spot ended up but alas, we were always wrong. It then appeared Derrick Rose was catching on in following the spot by identifying its location a few times. However, Sid was slick and had him fooled again. Sid then whipped out a 50, folded it, cut it in half with a knife and somehow, restored it back to whole. With one more up his sleeve, Sid explained how dice are marked but explained that in Hogwarts it is not possible for an assistant to make opposing sides equal the expected seven.

With the assistance of Dan Hecke, Marty Haughn began what "he" thought would be an easy set of instructions to give. Before it began it ended, Marty drew a blank! Back of the line he goes but not without doing a good number trick. Random numbers selected from a bucket of marked balls, each number removed completed a four digit number. These were written on a board, totaled when all squares were filled, and the total compared to the number Marty had on a small card held by Sid.

Dan Hecke had Mary Ann select a book from three available. Dan asked Derrick to come up with a 2-3 digit number. The number translated to a page in the book Mary Ann had selected. From that page she read the first few lines to herself and was asked to formulate an image from the text. During that time, Dan was sketching his

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*Marty Haughn*

prediction on a note pad. Exposing the drawing to the audience only he had an image of a face with curly hair and the words "Not This" with an arrow pointing to the hair. After a minute or so, Dan then presented the image to Mary Ann asking if it matched the imagined image. He also explained that it was not hair...but a wig!

Larry Bean tried again along with Tammy to produce his climatic finish only to not get it. One more time, says Larry. Again, no joy! This was getting pretty comical and the audience was having a good time ribbing Larry. Finally, he got through the trick ending with a total of 34. In a box he had some supplements which had the mineral equivalent to 34, which matched the dates on each coin Tammy used, which totaled the other bag of coins which could have been used and he wasn't done yet! He started unbuttoning his shirt and in bold print was the number 34! Nicely done Larry.

Marty came back up for round two on his brain freeze. A card with 99 numbered symbols was given to Dan. Dan was to think of a two-digit number, add them together, take that total and subtract from his original thought of number. With that new random number, Dan was to locate that numbered symbol and concentrate on it. All said and done, Marty was able to identify the correct symbol.

Blayk Puckett astounded everyone by having 52 cards with letters on them Derrick and Dan were asked to select one, remember it and place back in the deck, then Blayk shuffled and removed two cards. Each were asked to announce the letter chosen and as their card was shown it was not correct. Oh boy, another brain freeze. The cards had the letters N and O which Blayk announced he was correct in stating these were not the cards. The cards were placed face down and then revealed the correct letters...somehow.

Al Henager was next talking about metaphysics and magic, explaining how math and music are a universal language. Al started describing what it was and had everyone imagine a color. He mentioned Red and Black and then asked us to imagine a melody. Our task was to let the music create an image in our minds. As we were imagining, Al then asked us to think of a beach object shape. So far not much was making sense until it was determined that someone had been thinking of a sail boat. Eventually, after some fancy equivoque we arrived to the King of Diamonds. He then removed a pocket knife with the King of Diamonds on its face.

We concluded the meeting with a little socializing and paying for our auction items. Until next month, Be Safe and Stay Healthy!

# Blast from the Past

*Mike Curtis*

What was the Ring doing 18 years ago? Let's take a peek back to the February, 2006 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Don Baer and the Secretary was Chris Westfall. The Ring met monthly at Baptist Medical Center, Room 20, Little Rock.

February found us at our much anticipated and well attended annual auction. A mercifully brief business meeting was overseen by our talented President, Don Baer. A surprise appearance by Ring 29 alumnus Lanny Cox, and his magically canine friend, Zorro, made the evening even more pleasantly memorable. It is always good to see old friends!

Then it was on to the main event. Gerry Bailey, auctioneer par excellence, was in top form. Mike Curtis snapped up his usual bargains, Sid Salmans provided copious quantities of books, videos and apparatus of the highest caliber, and Derrick Rose continued his lifelong quest for magic made for TV.

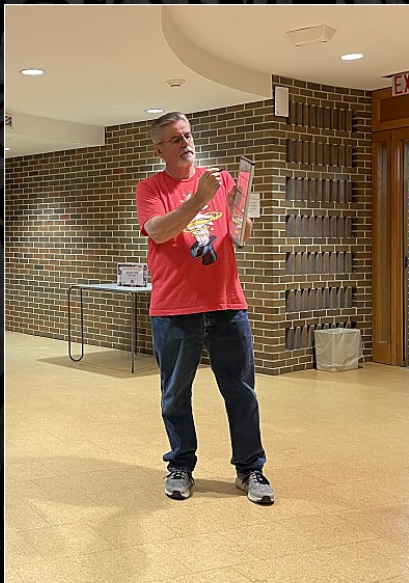
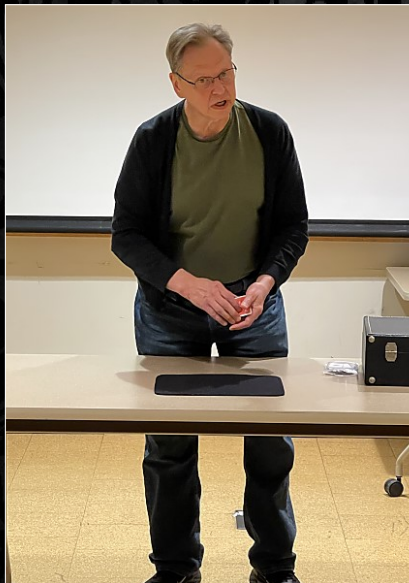
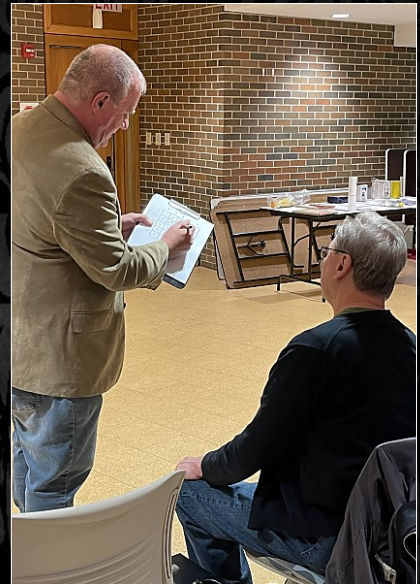
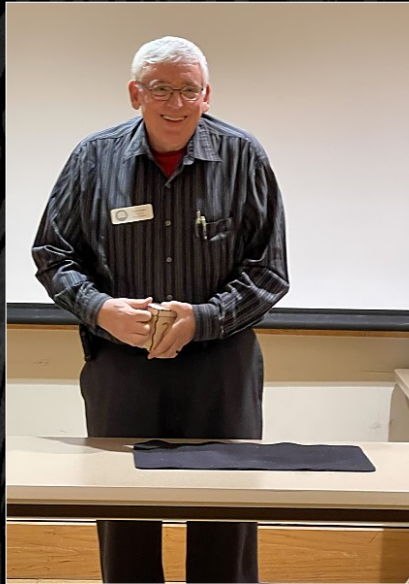
There were bargains galore, and bidding was fierce. Special thanks to Christy Henson, James Kinsey, Bill Fulton and Mike Curtis for their organizational skills, executive abilities, and most importantly, strong-arm collection tactics! A great time was had by all.

Bidding was limited to the first listed 150 items. However, the event was such a success that requests to extend the auction to our next meeting will most likely be honored. To be continued (?).

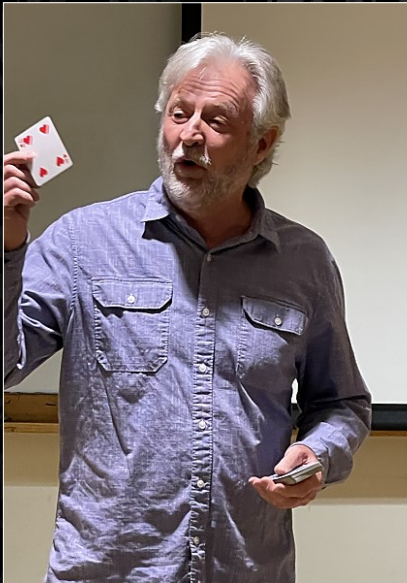
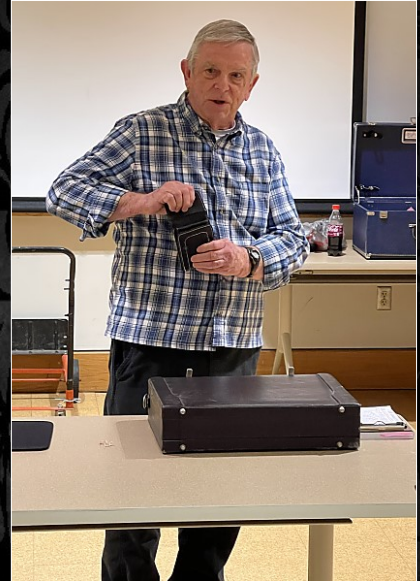
That meeting was particularly memorable because it was a magic auction masterfully conducted by the Ring's premiere auctioneer, Gerry Bailey. He had a special flair for combining his wit with fast paced promotion to get us to bid higher and higher. He was a talented magician as well as a master at many other impressive endeavors. His recent passing took away a bright inspiring light from within the Ring. He will continue to be missed, but fond memories of that stately gentleman with his wry smile and twinkle in his eye remain with us all. Our prayers of comfort continue for his family.

Until next time, remember, according to Mehmet Murat Ildan, "Every lesson you take from the past immediately turns into stairs to the light!"

# February Performers



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# Schedule of Events

## 2024

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 13, 2024	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Public Show	N/A	Mary Ann Campbell
February	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Number Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
March	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Coin Magic	N/A	Joel Nicholson
April	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Liquid Magic	N/A	Joel Nicholson
May	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Classic Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
June	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Officer Installation	N/A	Larry Bean
July	TBA	Rope Magic	N/A	
August	TBA	Card Magic	N/A	
September	TBA	Prediction Magic	N/A	
October	TBA	Mentalism/Halloween	N/A	
November	TBA	Escape Magic	N/A	
December	TBA	Ring Christmas Party	N/A	

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

These are our normal meeting gatherings. Any additional activity throughout the year will be listed.

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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

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