



Little Rock Ring 29 Newsletter
Little Rock, Arkansas

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September 2019



The Performer

10th Annual Magic Valley Magic

The date has been changed to the following: Friday and Saturday September 27-28, 2019. You can find Magic Valley Ranch at the following address: **395 County Road 478, Clanton, Alabama 35046**

Check in will be Friday September 27 at 1 p.m.

For more information contact **Bob Sanders (334) 412-5789**

Email: **Amazedwiz@yahoo.com**

A schedule of event can be found on their website at the following address: <http://questx.com/mvm/> Or via Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/magicvalleymagic/>

Haunted Argenta

Its back! Haunted Argenta Ghost Tours have returned and you can experience the first tour of the year on Friday September 27. Meeting location is at Fawcette Park, 126 Riverfront Place. Your host Paul Prater will take you on a one and a half hour walking ghost tour telling the stories of Argenta's history from the time of its founding through the rebirth and revival. How was Argenta founded? Why do some think it was cursed?

You will learn about the original buildings, most of which still stand, the stories connected to those buildings and the inhabitants, some of whom never left.

We can't guarantee you will see a ghost, but we have some pretty interesting photographs that people have captured and even a reportedly haunted artifact.

For details and complete schedule visit www.hauntedargenta.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETINGS & LECTURES

Meeting: October 3, 2019

Lecturer: Paul Prater (TBA)

Lecturer: Dan Fleshman November 1



(left) - James Kinsey & Jan Hecke

(right) - Cedric Morely

President's Corner

by Cedric Morely, Ring 29 Vice President

Septembers Meeting was a blast. We had seventeen in attendance. And eleven performers! Our theme was back to basics, However our performers were anything but basic. Thank you, Shawn Miller, Ralph Felder, Jim Henson, Gary Fambrough, Marty Haughn, James Kinsey, Gerry Baily, Aaron Acosta, Dan Hecke, and Derrick Rose for making our meeting magical with some basically great performances! A special thank you to Jim, James, and Dan for our tricks, tutorials and treasures!

Our next meeting is October 3rd, at Baptist Hospital in Classroom #1. We are working on getting the Sheffield Auditorium back for special events. There will be a note on the door of Classroom #1 if we secure the auditorium for all meetings.

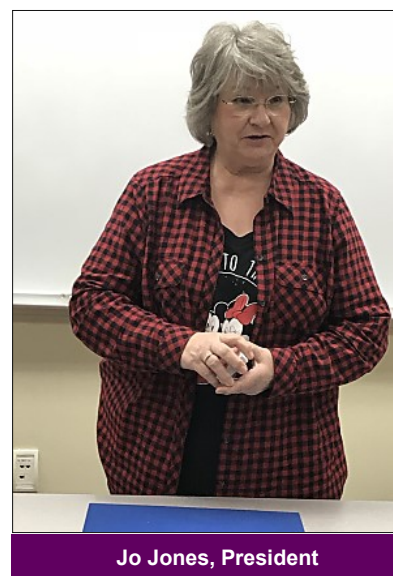
The theme for our next meeting is spooky magic. It is a scary thought to think about missing next months meeting! Please bring something to share or scare with you.

Hope to see everyone there.

Reminder:

We have some lectures coming up in the near future, so please read your emails, check out Ring 29 Newsletter, Website or Facebook page for information.
(Dan Fleshman, Nov 1st. \$20.00, 7pm. Restaurant magic)

Our officers will start contacting each member on our roster for information about members. We are trying to get an accurate list of members who want to remain active. We will also try to get your correct contact information and how you want to receive information about meetings, lectures and special events. For those of you not coming to meetings, we would like to find out what we can do to get you back!!! Please help us out by responding to phones calls or emails. Thank you in advance!



Jo Jones, President

GARY'S "OPTICAL ILLUSION"



For the Record

by Gary Fambrough, Ring 29 Secretary

RING 29, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Ring 29 members and guests met on Thursday, September 5th at 6:45 pm at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas. We had 16 in attendance with quite a few performers out of those. There were several give-a-ways too so anybody missing these meetings is really missing out.

It's getting close to fall again and that only adds to a great time at the magic meetings. Our first order of business was talk about the Holiday party. It will most likely be held again in January at the Jacksonville community center. Desserts may be served along with the magic show.

Dan Fleshman will be here November 1st for a lecture. We are hoping to secure Baptist for the lecture. This should be a great lecture full of card, rope, and ring magic. He was last here in 1996 so be assured he'll have a lot of new things to present since his last visit.

Jim Henson gave us a quick run-down of the 'Magic Live' conference this year. He said it was the best he has been to in more than several years. Arkansas represented with 4 of our friends and colleagues.

That about sums up the business portion of the meeting. Sad, I know... but we followed up with some excellent performances for all attendees to enjoy.

Shawn Miller was first up with the help of Jim Henson. He has generated quite the hub-bub with all his custom clothing prints and embroidery work. "Flash" is not generally what you want to hear when it comes to magic but Shawn has some flashy stuff. His trick of the night was a great version of Omni Deck which didn't fail to impress.



Gary Fambrough

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Ralph Felder was up next with a Bermuda Triangle story tied into some superb coin vanishes. There was some talk about power of the pyramid in there too. After that performance, I'm just glad we didn't all end up vanishing! Spooky stuff!

Jim Henson demonstrated the 2 card monte technique with a handout of cards for everyone to try it themselves and take home. I think this may have fooled even the likes of his lovely assistant, Susan Felder. Additionally, He provided an impromptu mini-lecture on TT disposal. Jim is ever the consummate professional when it comes to TT magic.

Gary Fambrough followed up with his card through bill 'optical illusion'. He insists this isn't a magic trick although it just doesn't seem possible. Marty Haughn tried to abscond with the money used which might have even been a better trick had he succeeded!

Marty Haughn has a fixation with certain Hollywood celebrities it seems. His effect utilized a deck of cards printed with celebrity names on them. Joel Nicholson assisted and selected one of the cards; it was printed with Tom Hanks. Marty then asks Joel to reveal the back of the business card (aka prediction) that has been in plain sight the whole time. The back reads none other than 'Tom Hanks'!

James Kinsey produced a multi-colored silk from thin air. He was also able to make it vanish in the same fashion. If that weren't amazing enough, he then asked Jan Hecke to select a card from the deck. Low and behold, his pen actually was emblazoned with the name of her chosen card! Ink-credible! I should mention here that James handed out a pen to everyone with the name of our club on it. Wahoo!

While hard to improve upon the silk from thin air performed by James, Gerry Bailey performed his variation on that theme as well. Gerry's unique style might have even fooled James! This trick never gets old and we can certainly see why it's a club favorite.

First, I just want to say we were glad to have Aaron back this month. Whenever he's gone, it's a noticeable absence. Aaron asked Janie and Shawn for their help in shuffling two decks of cards. Each were asked to choose a number between 1 and 52 and count out that many cards from their deck. Shawn chose 20, Janie chose 12. Ultimately, the bottom card of each stack was identical and for the piece de resistance, both matched Aaron's prediction as well!

Dan Hecke surprised everyone attending with a free handout of his trick. Referred to by Dan as 'Observation', he used some freakish spell to make us all think a different card in his hand was flipping over each time he shuffled through the pack of four. Quite the spell-binder! This one might also be referred to as '4 cards monte undone' for those that missed the free handout and want to purchase it from Mr. Magic.

Closing out the night were our last two performers; the first of which was Derrick Rose. Derrick brightened the evening with a show of 'lightning bugs' finger tips. If you've seen D'Lite, then you are probably familiar with the concept. For his second trick, he asked Marty Haughn to assist. Both Derrick and Marty chose a card from two individual stacks of cards. Each placed their card into the other's stack face down. Finally, each were asked to retrieve what they thought was the other's card. Using a bit of magical telepathy, they both picked the other's card correctly!

Last but not least was Cedric Morley. It's not difficult to enjoy a coin performance by Cedric. He always has a way of thrilling the audience with coin vanishes and productions and tonight was no different. He did state that it would be illegal to keep all the money he produces so unfortunately, everything he produced from thin air was returned to the ether.

And with that, the curtains were drawn on another meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone in October!

--Gary Fambrough



Jim Henson—Gerry Bailey—James Kinsey

Blast from the Past

by Mike Curtis, Ring 29 Historian

This month we roll back the calendar 20 years to the October, 1999 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Damon Reinbold and the Secretary was Bill Fulton. The Ring met monthly at Baptist Medical Center, Room 20.

“Our new President, Damon Reinbold, called the October meeting to order. Ring 29 has developed several new organizational activities that may be of interest to other Rings. We have a Performance Form that each performer for the evening fills out that gives their name, a brief description of their performance, and history of the effect. The form is in two parts that are separated. One form goes to our master of ceremonies for introductions and one form goes to the Secretary to report in the Ring reports.

We also have developed a calling tree to remind members of important dates. We have added to a yearly calendar a new meeting agenda that features times for new magic reviews, tricks in progress, a special time to learn techniques as well as performances. We will begin to sign up performers prior to the meetings so that we will have time to cover these new features in each meeting. We have developed a raffle for each meeting to encourage attendance. Each evening's performer will receive a free raffle ticket toward the prize.

A committee has been formed to organize our public show for next year. Dan Hecke will serve as the Christmas Performance Chair. Rebecca Roberts is the new President for our Junior Program.

Bob Owen started the evening with our new trick review of Spectacle Plus. Jon Bucher was our Master of Ceremonies for our evening of Halloween Effects. He showed us a version of Glorpy by Bob Little. Dan Hecke gave us some tips on making scars, fog, and blood for your Halloween scare sessions.

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Mike Curtis

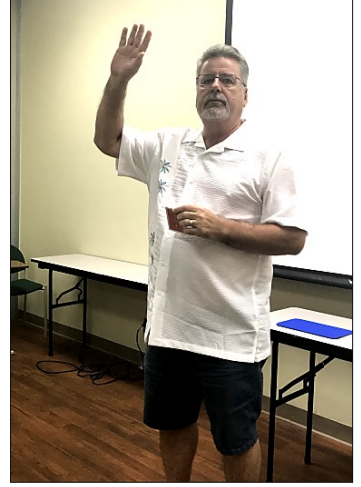
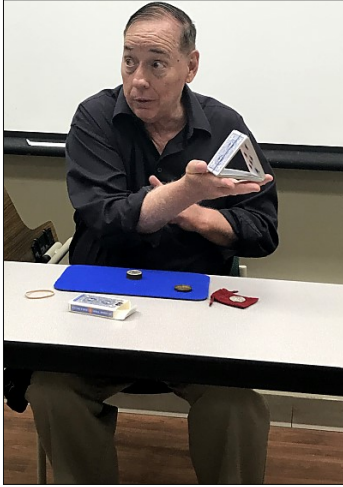
Margaret LeClair showed us a comedy routine with a Straightjacket Escape. Margaret Thompson demonstrated Merlin's Haunted Spool. Derrick Rose performed his version of The Web. Chris Westfall developed our Ring's Performance Evaluation Form and was the first performer to be evaluated using the form. He wove together a card prediction story for our entertainment. Sid Salmons showed us a well done Color Changing Knives and Daryl's 3 Fly 3. Damon Reinbold finished the evening with a ghost story that predicts the time of death of a train man in southern Arkansas."

It was a spooky night of magic for the Ring with some really good member performances and this report gave us some insight into some "new organizational activities" of the Ring. Some of these ideas have been dropped or forgotten over the years but we may want to revisit some of them and see if they might be useful now. Let us know what you think.

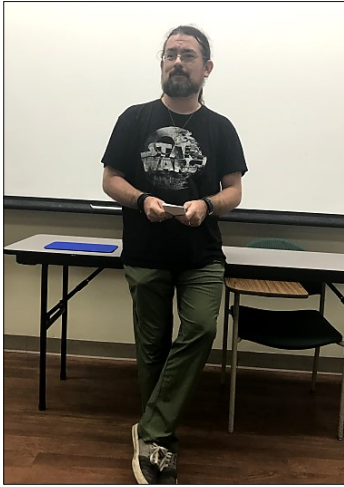
Until next time, remember that reviewing past mistakes can steer us in the right direction for future successes.



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MAGICAL PAST



ELLEN ARMSTRONG

Ellen Armstrong (1914-1979) was an African American female magician and daughter of Prof. John Hartford Armstrong.

She got her start at the age of six as assistant in her father's show. As a young child, she showed great skill as a "psychic" performer, and even had her own mindreading segment of the show.

By her teens, she was also doing a routine known as "Chalk Talk", in which she told stories by drawing characters on a chalk board. With the addition of a few strokes of the chalk, each picture would completely change to a new character, adding to the story.

When her father died suddenly in 1939, Ellen took over his show, becoming the first (and only) African American female magician touring with her own show.

For 31 years, she continued to perform the Armstrong show up and down the East Coast, mainly at black churches and schools. Her tricks were common magic fare, but some had a cultural twist. For example, when she magically produced a photograph in the Sand Frame illusion, the photo was of boxer Joe Louis, the black sports hero.



source: This material originated on MagicTricks.com

Treasurer's Report

September 2019

Beginning Balance	Checking	2504.32	Expenses	
	Dues Collected	25.00	Ending Balance Checking	2529.32
	Total Balance Checking	2529.32	Ending Balance Savings	970.33
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38 members have paid dues.

9 members from last year are past due.

If you are not sure about your membership status email me at:

jamesk39@gmail.com



Ring 29 Meetings 2019-2020

Date	Meeting	Location	Theme	Lecturer	Emcee
August 1, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Children's Magic	TBA	TBA
September 5, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Basic Magic	TBA	TBA
October 3, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Halloween	TBA	TBA
November 7, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Dollar Store Grab Bag	TBA	TBA
December 5, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Christmas Magic	TBA	TBA
January—TBA	Christmas Show	TBA	Walk-Around and Stage Magic	TBA	TBA
February 6, 2020	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Mentalism	TBA	TBA
March 5, 2020	Auction	TBA	Auction	TBA	TBA
April 2, 2020	Regular	TBA	Teach-In	TBA	TBA
May 7, 2020	Regular	TBA	Coins and Cards	TBA	TBA
June 4, 2020	Stage Competition	TBA	Stage Competition	TBA	TBA
July 2020 Date TBA	Installation	TBA	Officers Performing	TBA	TBA

**** To enter Ring 29 competitions you must be a paid up member of the IBM.**

****Lecture dates not included as James Kinsey is currently working on scheduling.**

****Watch for emails for those dates, times and locations.**

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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*.

LittleRockMagic.net

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.

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