



Little Rock Ring 29 Newsletter
Little Rock, Arkansas

March 2020



The Performer

Message to All:

Fellow Magicians: During this time of uncertain events I hope everyone is in fine health and spirits.

Unfortunately, the Ring 29 April meeting has been cancelled in order to preserve the health and welfare of our members. Please follow our Facebook and Twitter account for any updates and changes Group emails will also provide further updates.

Now that everyone is boxed in, I PROCLAIM a challenge!

Come to the next meeting with a brand new trick/routine...yes, that means LEARN SOMETHING NEW with all of this down time. Now start working on it and have some fun.

Take care of yourselves and your family. Be safe and remember to WASHY WASHY.



Announcement: Ring 29 now has a YouTube account. Please connect with link in corner of this page.

News and meeting videos will be posted there along with our Facebook page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETINGS & LECTURES

Lecturer: Paul Prater (TBA)

Cavalcade of Magic 27-28 March, 2020





Adrian Steelman



Shawn Miller

President's Corner

by Jo Baker, Ring 29 President

Magic Friends,

We had a great group of magicians at the March meeting. It was great to see several of our members back and to have a visitor/prospective member.

Jim Henson brought the program. He taught us all three tricks and brought everyone the props for the tricks. We had a great time. Thank you, Jim, for your time and for the props!

Marty Haughn created some 3D printed cell phone holders for door prizes. Matt Seibert from Searcy, a fairly new magician and one who is already securing venues to do magic shows, was our visitor and winner of one door prize. Thank you, Marty, and way to go, Matt!

I was very happy to see that every magician present performed magic during the evening! It was great to see all of the participation!

Don't forget that the Cavalcade of Magic in Eureka Springs is the last week-end in March. We have several who are attending.

Our April Ring 29 meeting is Thursday, April 2, at 6:45pm at Baptist in Classroom #1. Bring your Easter or Spring magic or whatever magic you wish to share

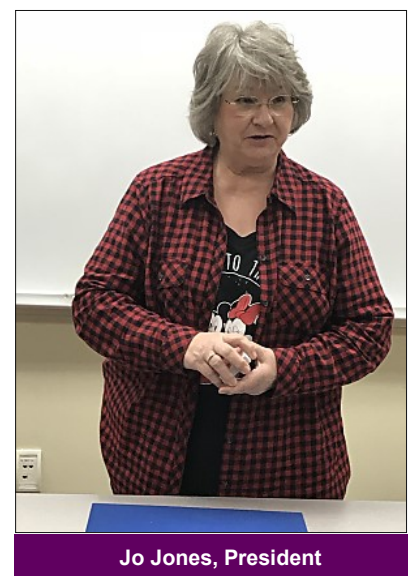
with your fellow magicians. Put us on your calendar of important dates!

I hope to see you at the Cavalcade and at the meeting

In April!

Magically yours,

Jo



Jo Jones, President



Marty Haughn and Matt Seibert

For the Record

by Marty Haughn, Newsletter Editor

Here I am again filling in for the elusive Gary Fambrough who had important business to take care of and was unable to make this month's meeting. He was missed by all.

President Jo Jones conducted the business side of our meeting reminding everyone about the upcoming Cavalcade of Magic in Eureka Springs, Arkansas this month. This is an event not to be missed! We hope to as many of you there as possible.

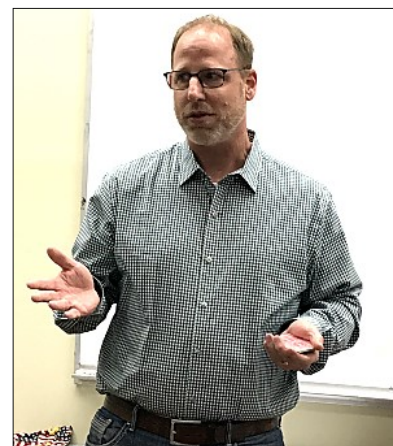
It was stated that Larry Bean, still recovering from the bad car accident several months ago, will be at the Cavalcade. Let's hope he is and doing well.

Jim Henson, in an effort to get more to attend, offered up a free deck of cards to anyone who came to his dealer tables and perform a card trick. What a deal! Jim stated he didn't care what card trick it was as long as you performed it for him.

During the discussion Jim also brought up some information about a book he had read called, "The Life and Afterlife of Harry Houdini" by Joe Basinski. He stated although the book was a little disjointed story wise it was still a good read and it was recommended to all interested.

Side note about this book. I did a little exploring at the book store for a copy and was told they had boxed them all up to be sent back to the publisher. A call to another bookstore revealed that they no longer have the book. Well, if you are really interested in reading this book you can find them on Amazon or, as I was told at the bookstore, they can order you one for \$28 and not the \$12 sale price they had on it. Good luck!

Jo also pointed out the election and installation of club officers is nearing and that a board meeting was forthcoming in a week or so.



Gary Fambrough

We moved to the magic part of the meeting beginning with a mini-lecture from Jim Henson. Jim, as he usually does, had brought everyone their own props to learn the tricks he was preparing to teach. The first one dealt with three dice. The object was that the spectator (Bob Bullock) holding the dice was to stack them on each other and total the sides plus the top number. When doing this, Jim was writing down his prediction of the total. When all was said and done, the total was provided by the Bob, then Jim revealed his prediction...and they matched!

Next in the mini-lecture Jim presented everyone with the idea of being able to shrink the length of a large safety pin and then bring it back to normal. This was a great visual fooler and makes you think twice about how you think it was accomplished. Of course, everyone received their own and was shown how to perform such a feat of visual tom-foolery.

And finally, Jim closed his mini-lecture with a five card trick called "Acrobatic Cards" This was a fooler as well but very easy to perform by everyone. Thanks Jim for your continued generosity and support!

Before we get into the performers of which there were many, we had a visitor and possible new member join us this month. He claims to have only been doing magic for about seven months and comes to us from Searcy, Arkansas...everyone welcomed Matt Seibert. We look forward to seeing more of him in the future.

Our performers: Shawn Miller who did his favored Sand to Shells...he claims to have counted EVERY grain of sand used! Adrian Steelman pulled Marty Haughn from the crowd and found a chosen card in a mixed deck. Honestly, everyone seemed to be not impressed and I think that was the idea as Adrian pulled off his ring and invited Jim to read what was inscribed...yes, it was Marty's chosen card!

Aside from Adrian's card trick, it seems everyone who had one tonight were doomed to have issues, beginning with Dane Dover. Dane tried his version of "Tossed Out Deck" and had a problem or two. Bob Bullock came up with a deck of cards but opted for a "D'Lites" routine that began with a multi-lighted laser pointer. Very well done.

Derrick Rose came up and demonstrated his skills with a paddle made of LEGOS. The effect was good and will work well for kid shows. I think I will try to find me one of those. Mike Jones lead us into "Science Friction" and had the curse strike moving Mike to explain to everyone how the trick was done. Joel Nicholson followed with a homemade version of Dean Dill's Box. It was performed with the assistance of Marty Haughn and Mike Curtis.

Speaking of Mike Curtis, Mike gave us yet another stellar performance of cards...but the curse ran rampant and he had some trouble. He had five "willing" volunteers assist him in choosing cards and Mike was to use his "parapsychic" powers to determine each card selected. The curse got the better of the trick. Mike stated, "Parapsychic is not an exact science".

Marty Haughn came in with some giveaways this month. Everyone had a ticket and a drawing ensued after performing Rick Lax's "Money Comes, Money Goes". Matt Seibert was his lucky voluntold to assist. Presented with one dollar and one-hundred dollar bills, Matt was given the opportunity to freely pick and choose who got what. In the end and on the back of all the bills, Matt ended up with all the lose bills and Marty with the win bills. The giveaways were 3D printed cell phone holders, one the shape of a man sitting to hold the phone and two others sporting Ring 29 on the face of the holder. Winners were Joel Nicholson, Matt Seibert and Adrian Steelman.

Matt Seibert was up next with yet another card trick and Adrian Steelman as his assistant. There were three stacks created with Adrian's card in one of them. Matt had Adrian by the wrist moving back and forth like he was using a Ouiji board. Unfortunately, the curse of card trick struck again.

Jo Jones closed the performers by using Jumbo Cards with Janie Nicholson as her assistant. A card pile was selected, mixed and then the cards were counted out several times noting the cards were now very well mixed. When the cards were turned face up, each stack was back in the order they began with.

The meeting closed with Jo identifying next month's theme of Easter/Rabbit. Until then, stay safe and healthy everyone.

Marty Haughn



Mike Curtis, Matt Seibert, Shawn Mimmler, Dane Dover, Derrick Rose and Bob Bullock

Blast from the Past

by Mike Curtis, Ring 29 Historian

We will look back 20 years this month to the April, 2000 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Damon Reinbold and the Secretary was Bill Fulton. The Ring met monthly at the Baptist Medical Center, Room 20, in Little Rock.

"The theme for this month's meeting was "Gospel Magic or Magic that communicates a message."

President Damon Reinbold called the April meeting to order and introduced David Shellnut as the newest I.B.M. member. Bill Fulton was complimented for his report to the April Linking Ring on our January Christmas Party. All members expressed their great appreciation for all of Bill's hard work.

Bob Owen presented The Choice is Yours and showed the companions to Tarbell 1 and Tarbell 2 for gospel magic. Bob also presented a report on The Cavalcade of Magic that was held at Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Margaret LeClair broke two automobiles in her effort to get to Eureka Springs. Damon Reinbold was one of the lecturers and entertainers at the event. Damon reported that during his lecture he asked for a show of hands as to how many of those in attendance were I.B.M. members. The show of hands was unanimous.

The evening's entertainment kicked off with Scott Davis as the master of ceremonies. Paul Carlon presented a superb mini-lecture on "Magic as a Teaching Tool." This talk was an abbreviated version of his post graduate paper. Thanks to Paul, all present left with many great tips and a better understanding as to why magic works as a teaching tool.



Mike Curtis

Of great note was Paul's point that magic appeals to both right and left brained people. Jerold Posey who has spent the last 30 years as a pastor and teacher relayed an enlightening story of Edith Easter and Phillis Cross. Jerold also presented a Three Card Monte where Christ was the final card as the true "King of Hearts."

Using a sponge ball routine to illustrate God's blessings, Grant Ludder did a magnificent job of entertaining one of our young visitors as well as all members present.

The decision to choose the right direction was gracefully demonstrated by Earl Hughes, a long-time member, great magician and minister with over 40 years of experience to his credit.

Magician turned school teacher, Theron Nunley, presented a wonderful Hippty Hop Rabbit routine, while reminding us that Please can be a powerful magic word.

The former traveling salesperson, Jon Bucher, received a standing ovation for How Do You Get to Heaven? Which ended with a cross from a paper tear routine.

Kyle Hamsher communicated that Jesus is no trick but the true King of Hearts. Richard Knoll, using a Duck Pan, taught lessons on nutrition for health and happiness. Richard's hugs for health were well received, and we all left with a better understanding that we all need 71 oz. Of water everyday.

Using 20th Century Silks, Margaret LeClair relayed the spiritual message that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

One of our newest members, Dana Hoyt, did a marvelous job of teaching the message of "Religion or Relationship" using an Iodine stained handkerchief named Hank. We all learned that Hank's sins represented by the iodine stains could be washed white as snow when the proper relationship with God was established.

Bill Fulton was away on business, this report is prepared by Dan Hecke, Vice President of Ring 29."

The evening was full of great effects that demonstrated the power of magic to impress and make powerful gospel messages memorable. It was clear that magic, as a teaching tool, can fit into so many types of presentations, giving that extra "punch" that makes them "stand out from the crowd." Our own Mary Ann Campbell was able to successfully integrate magic into her TV series, entitled Money Magic,

which featured a magical effect illustrating an economic point in each episode. The possibilities are only limited by your imagination. If you want to get your message across, punctuate it with magic.

Until next time, remember that the past continues to guide us whether we realize it or not.



Hello to All,

I have not heard from everyone yet, but from enough to confirm what we had surmised. The vast majority either will not or are leaning to not attending. Even though a small number would attend regardless, which might fit with the CDC guidelines, we have canceled the Cavalcade for the first time in 48 years.

As much as it hurts to cancel, we honestly do not want anyone to be at risk or for us to be a risk to anyone. We know the virus is a concern to many of our group due to age and or health conditions. If our delay in canceling has seemed careless to any, just know that we were trying to make sure the risk was valid and not mostly hype as there has been much panic-mongering with some of the media, and wanted to know what you all were thinking.

If you have already paid your registration, you can contact Clyde Hayre to have your registration applied to next year or refunded. If you have hotel reservations, don't forget to cancel them.

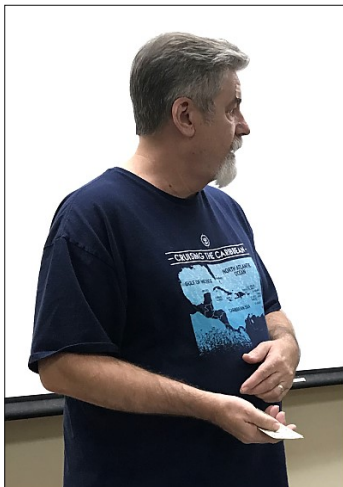
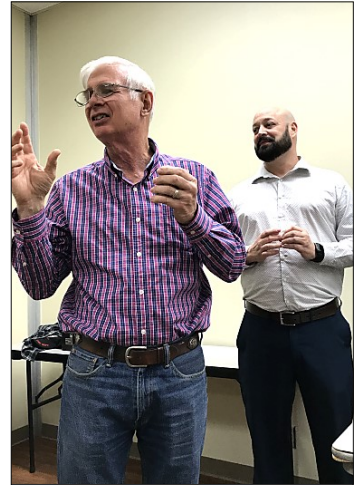
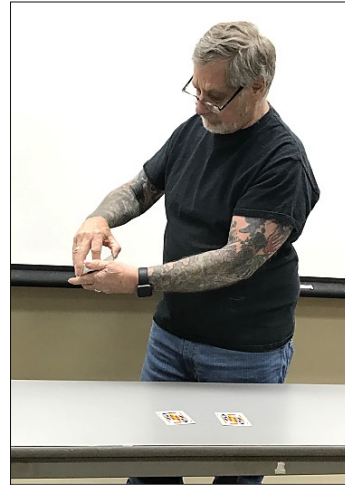
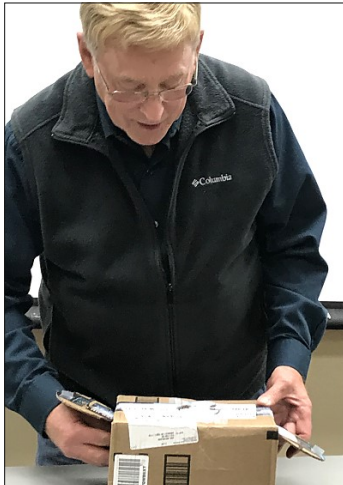
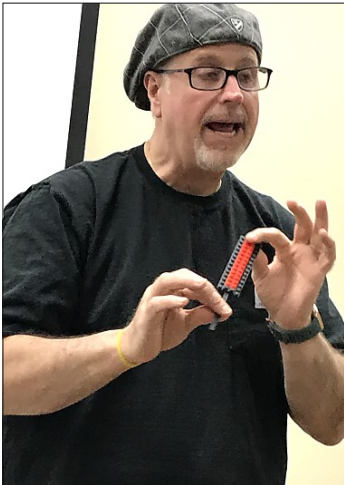
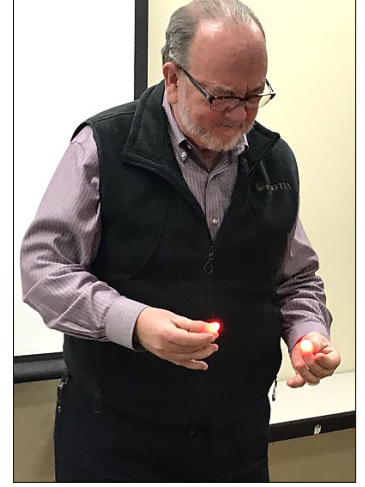
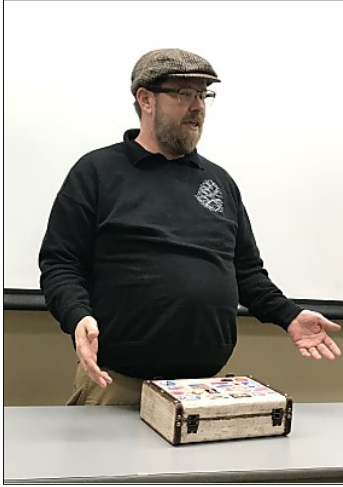
We intend to make the 49th Cavalcade of Magic 2.0 even more fun and exciting. You will receive emails on it later in the year.

Until then, stay healthy and we will ride this out like everything we do as Americans.

Ron Ingram

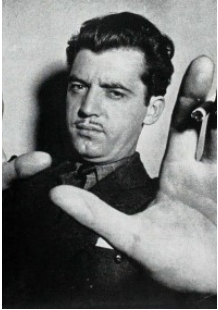
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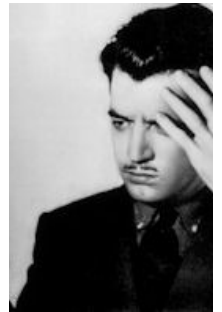
Theodore "Theo" Annemann



Born Theodore John Squires in East Waverly, New York, he was adopted by Stanley Anneman. Ted added the second 'n' in 1930.

Early in his life, Annemann began working as a railroad clerk and then got into show business as a tenor singer and a magician's assistant. He eventually became interested in mentalism and used his invention and performance skills to become one of the most talented and respected magicians of the 1930s. He invented the "Window Envelope" by 1931 and "Flat Rabbit" in 1937.

Annemann perfected his own version of the famous bullet catch illusion, performing the effect outdoors. Accounts of his performance describe the feat as a dramatic effect wherein Annemann would collapse from the apparent force of the gun and then produce the bullet from his blood-drenched mouth.



In 1934 he became the editor of the famous magazine *The Jinx*, published primarily for magicians. The magazine was primarily focused on mentalism, but did also feature ground-breaking effects from other fields of magic. The publication of this magazine ceased after Annemann's death and copies of it have become collector's items. Effects from the magazine have been published in several books and manuscripts, among them Annemann's *Practical Mental Magic*. This book is considered a classic in the field of mentalism. Annemann also founded and edited *The Sign of Exceptional Magic* in 1935

Annemann was married twice and may have had a child by his first wife. His personality is the subject of much speculation. On the night of January 12, 1942, Annemann was scheduled to perform his bullet catch indoors for the first time. Before the performance, he committed suicide. Since the subject of suicide is complicated, we may never know exactly why he decided to end his own life. It is believed that Annemann was suffering from severe stage fright and drug abuse among other factors related to mental distress at the time of his death.

Source: Wikipedia

Treasurer's Report

March 2020

Beginning Balance	Checking	2975.78	Expenses	
	Lecture Collected	360.00	Lecture Fee: Kent Axell	250.00
	Dues Collected	400.00	Hotel for Lecturer	103.49
	Total Balance Checking	3785.78	Mailing Costs	39.05
	Total Balance Savings	970.33	Ending Balance Checking	3393.24
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30 members have paid dues.

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

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Ring 29 Meetings and Events 2019-2020

Date	Meeting/Event	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 Magic	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 11, 2020	Christmas Show	Jacksonville Community Ctr.	Walk-Around and Stage Magic	N/A	Jon Bucher
February 6, 2020	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Mentalism	TBA	TBA
March 5, 2020	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	TBA	TBA	TBA
April 2, 2020					
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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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*.

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