



The Performer

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It's all about the Magic...



A special thanks to Larry Bean (Territorial Vice President) for inviting Ring 29 to a virtual lecture provided by Bizzaro. I hope everyone received the notification through our new email system.

Speaking of new email systems, there have been several emails sent using the Google Groups email platform. **PLEASE: IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THESE EMAILS**, let one of the officers know and we will ensure your name gets listed in the account.

We have resumed the use of Zoom for our meetings. I imagine this will be the medium for a few more months, or at least until what looks like June or July, depending on who you listen to.

THIS MONTH'S WINNER IS JON BUCHER: AD - KH - 2S Nice job Jon!

Three playing cards in a row. Can you name them with these clues? There is a two to the right of a king. A diamond will be found to the left of a spade. An ace is to the left of a heart. A heart is to the left of a spade. Now, identify all three cards.

Send to: mjhaughn@gmail.com



Have you attempted a Zoom show since all the restriction were put into place?

Have you had any success maintaining the attention of your audience?

Having been successful, do you have any tips or suggestions to share with the Ring?

Having NOT been successful, do you have any ideas on what might have happened?

All this and more will be discussed at our next Ring meeting on February 4, 2021 at 6:30 via Zoom. If you have not tried a show on Zoom but have some ideas or suggestions about maintaining the attention of kids, young adults, and even those pesky adults who wonder off to their cell phone, please join in on the discussion next month.

If you are looking to try Zoom for the first time for a show, this is the meeting for you.

See you all there.



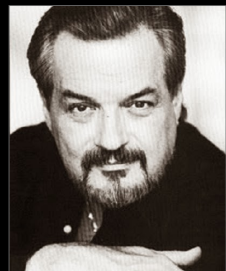
Meetings

Upcoming Events

Zoom Meeting: February 4 @ 6:30

"Practice until it becomes boring, then practice until it is beautiful."

- Harry Blackstone Jr. -





President's Corner

Marty Haughn



Fellow Magicians,

Although January has not been good to magic with the loss of two greats, Mark Wilson and Siegfried Fischbacher, the show must go on.

Ring 29 had some delays with a meeting this month due to the dreaded COVID. It is to the point now where it is even difficult for me to call it what it is, a real pain in the backside. Since January of 2020, we have locked ourselves down and have become prisoners of the screen, so to speak. Meetings online, shows online, lectures online, etc. It seems a never ending journey for everyone.

However, as a Ring we have worked our way through what I hope is the most difficult of times and can now begin to work our way back to some sort of normalcy with the distribution of a vaccine. In due time, everyone will have the opportunity to receive one if they so choose.

Through the use of Zoom we were able to have a very informative meeting this month with seven members. I am hopeful that with continued use of Zoom we can increase the numbers significantly. Shawn has written a nice report telling of what all was discussed and added a reminder of the "assignment" we need to bring to the next meeting.

One of the discussions covered Zoom Shows and how to keep the attention of an audience. The assignment given to everyone is to work on a tip or series of tips to present regarding this issue of attention span. Yes this will be a difficult task but I am confident that our vast amount of knowledge through out the membership will easily be able to speak intelligently on the topic. I so look forward to hearing what everyone has come up with.

For those who weren't able to attend this month I would like to bring to your attention something Mary Ann Campbell mentioned. She has a close-up mat that has been embroidered into the mat itself of her "logo". There seemed to be some interest in where to obtain such a mat. Here is what Mary Ann provided:

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Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, and by all means, Stay Magical!





For the Record

Shawn Miller



Ring 29's normal meeting on January 7th was canceled due to, you guessed it, COVID-19. We rescheduled the Ring 29 magic meeting via Zoom for January 21, 2021 at 6:30.

President Marty Haughn presided over the meeting. The meeting was hosted by Vice President Dane Dover (thanks for the Zoom hosting). First off we had a little show and tell led by Derrick Rose who showed us a very interesting double boiler dove pan he picked up at a magic estate sale years ago. It had a puzzling bottom part that none of us could think of how it could be used, very cool and intriguing.

The puzzle of the double boiler dove pan reminded Mary Ann Campbell of a show she was presenting for Fire Chiefs. It was the first time she had performed the dove pan and didn't practice before and of course used too much lighter fluid and caught her flowers on fire! Oh no! The funny part is they thought it was part of the show. Eventually they realized it was not part of the show and helped put it out. All was safe. Always practice kids.

Next we discussed Zoom shows in general and had a round table about the ins and outs of using Zoom for shows. The idea of all of us finding and bringing a Zoom tip to the next meeting was brought up. Zoom meetings provide a great service but also has its own set of challenges. The sound and delay being just a sample of some issues to overcome.

Dane asked a great question: "Has anyone explored doing an after COVID show that still does not have audience engagement?" (meaning not handing out props like we all do)

Hopefully we will have a new roaring 20s, similar to the 1918-1919 plague that preceded the roaring 20s. When everyone is able to get back out and about. We hope to have a new growth interest for live entertainment like magic and hopefully put this virus behind us. I think the future of magic and Ring 29 involvement in bringing it to the people will be amazing.

We didn't have any performance tonight but had some real learning moments with our round tables. As the meeting progressed we talked about a "Misers Dream" routine Dane found using only two coins, which he couldn't remember where he read it. The routine as described sounded excellent. We discussed different coin retentions, and Mike Curtis (Ring 29's Historian) had a great idea of gluing it to his finger, I'm not sure if he was joking or not.

Marty brought up the next topic of card gaffing and pip removal using different solvents and methods such as alcohol, acetone, pencil eraser, even Axe Body Spray. They all had some degree of success with Axe being the most promising but everything seemed to take off the satin finish. Gerry Bailey had a great idea about pastel drawing spray to cover the loss of the satin finish. I look forward to hearing about how it works out Marty.

Derrick gave us a sneak preview of a new trick he is working on, "The Gigantic Comedy Prediction". Derrick always has a great show and equally great sense of humor. Derrick promised to perform it for the club the next time we meet.

Marty shared a book review with us titled, "Magic is Dead" by Ian Frisch which discusses a group calling themselves, "The 52". Some of the members include Shin Lim, Luke Jeremy, Chris Ramsey and Daniel Madison along with many up and coming innovative magicians. Essentially, the book is about the subculture of The 52 and



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breaking down the boundaries of magic.

Next, Mary Ann Campbell talked about a book published by Vanishing Inc. titled "Pure Imagination" with Scott Robinson and John Campbell. Sounds like another great book to check out.

Dane reminded us that the IBM website has a link to all the old Linking Rings that go back to the 1920s (1922 to be exact) you should go check them out. There is a great search tool, ask Alexander and the info you find there is priceless and it's free (with an IBM membership).

Just a reminder for the next meeting, bring a Zoom meeting tip or trick to make Zoom magic shows more successful! We are looking for ways to keep the attention of the audience. Kids and adults these days have a short attention span when it comes to "Watching a Screen".

Stay safe and stay magical.

Shawn Miller



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Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis



This month's report is a millennial view from 11 years ago. It was the January, 2000 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 in Little Rock.

Ring 29's annual Christmas Party was held in January. Fifty magicians were in attendance with over 120 friends and family present. Damon Reinbold, Ring President, was our Master of Ceremonies. Damon was awarded "Magician of the Year" for our Ring and Dan Hecke was awarded Ring 29 "Member of the Year." Rebecca Roberts was awarded "Junior Magician of the Year" at our awards banquet.

Our new members that were inducted into the Ring that evening were Scott Davis, Margaret Thompson, Kyle Hamsher, Kelly Presson, Colin Chessman, and Creel Morgan.

We held our annual auction with over 125 quality items for sale. Derrick Rose and Mike Curtis acted as auctioneers. They provided great comedy. We enjoyed purchasing items, but the show Derrick and Mike gave us made the evening. Dan Hecke and Chris Westfall managed the event and the handling of the money. This gave everyone time to enjoy the show and the auction."

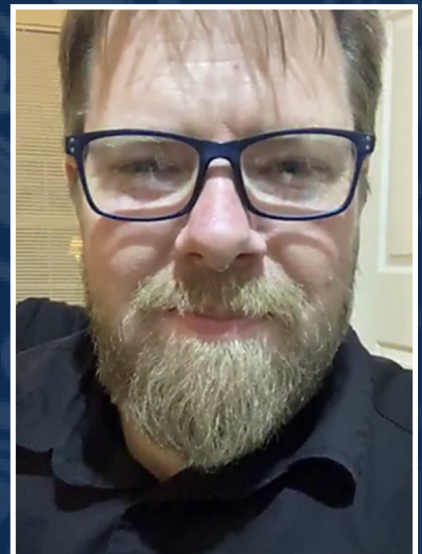
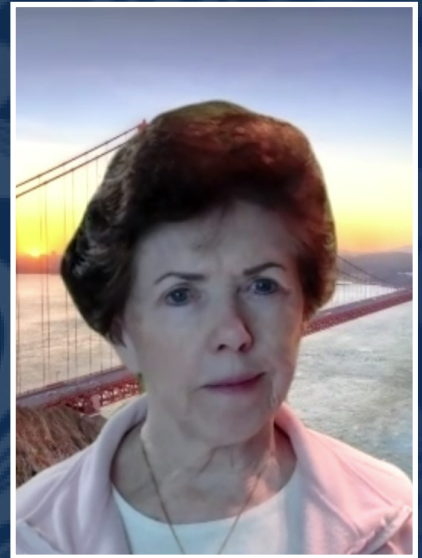
It's always fun to read about the Ring's annual Christmas Parties. We have had some really good ones. In 2000 there was a great turnout and people were relieved that the Y2K computer crash didn't occur on January 1 as many had feared. There wasn't much coverage on the performances in the report but they were probably outstanding. It's sad that we weren't able to have the event this year, but hopefully in the not too distant future we can start getting back to some semblance of normalcy. There are already great plans in the works for the Ring when conditions permit.

Until next time, remember, those past mistakes can point you toward corrected successes.





January Performers





Magical History



Siegfried & Roy were a duo of German-American magicians and entertainers, best known for their appearances with white lions and white tigers. It was composed of Siegfried Fischbacher (June 13, 1939 – January 13, 2021) and Roy Horn (born Uwe Ludwig Horn; October 3, 1944 – May 8, 2020).

From February 1, 1990, until Horn's career-ending injury on his birthday on October 3, 2003, the duo formed Siegfried & Roy at the Mirage Resort and Casino, which was regarded as the most-visited show in Las Vegas, Nevada. Fischbacher and Horn were born and raised in Germany. They moved to the United States and became naturalized citizens.

Siegfried

Siegfried Fischbacher was born in Rosenheim on June 13, 1939, to Martin and Maria Fischbacher. His mother was a housewife, and his father a professional painter who during World War II ended up as a prisoner of war in the Soviet Union. Fischbacher purchased a magic book as a child and began to practice illusions. He moved to Italy in 1956 and started work at a hotel.

Eventually, Fischbacher found work performing magic on the ship TS Bremen under the stage name Delmare. While performing aboard the ship he met Horn and asked him to assist him during a show. Fischbacher and Horn were fired from the TS Bremen for bringing a live cheetah onto the ship, but were scouted by a cruise line based in New York and began performing together as a duo.

Roy

Roy was born Uwe Ludwig Horn on October 3, 1944, in Nordenham, in the midst of bomb attacks, to Johanna Horn. His father died in World War II, and his mother married a construction worker after the war ended. She later began work in a factory. Horn had three brothers: Manfred, Alfred, and Werner. Horn became interested in animals at a very young age and cared for his childhood dog named Hexe (witch). Horn's mother's friend's husband Emil was the founder of the Bremen Zoo, which gave Horn access to exotic animals from the age of 10. Horn left school at age 13. He worked as a waiter on the cruise ship Bremen, where he met Fischbacher and launched his performance career.

The owner of the Astoria Theatre in Bremen saw Fischbacher and Horn's act aboard a Caribbean cruise ship and recruited the duo to perform at her nightclub. This launched a career for the pair on the European nightclub circuit, and they began to perform with tigers. They were discovered performing in Paris by Tony Azzie, who asked them to come to Las Vegas in 1967. They spent some time in Puerto Rico and may have purchased property there.

In 1981, Ken Feld of Irvin & Kenneth Feld Productions started the Beyond Belief show with them at the New Frontier Hotel and Casino. A revamped version of the show was taken on a world tour in the third quarter of 1988.

Source: Wikipedia





Event Calendar

Date	Meeting	Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
July	Zoom	Home	Free for All	N/A	Dane Dover
August	TBA - ZOOM	TBA - HOME	Free for All	N/A	Dane Dover
September	In Person	Henson Home	First Learned Trick	N/A	Jim Henson Marty Haughn
October	In Person	Dover Home	Halloween Magic	N/A	James Kinsey
November	TBA	TBD	Free for All	N/A	Adrian Steelman
December	In-Person/ Zoom	Cool Caps Facility	Free for All	N/A	Shawn Miller
January	TBA	TBD	TBA	N/A	
February	TBA	TBA	TBA	N/A	
March	TBA	TBD	TBA	N/A	
April	TBA	TBA	TBA	N/A	
May	TBA	TBA	TBA	N/A	
June	TBA	TBA	TBA	N/A	

There are a lot of TBAs here on this calendar. Once the State of Arkansas begins to loosen things up a bit changes to this calendar will begin to happen.

EVERYTHING on this calendar is tentative but we need to continue planning the future as if we will be back to some resemblance of normal soon.

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*.

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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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