



The Performer

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It's all about the Magic...



1. You are inside a square, glass room with all south-facing walls. You see a bear outside. What color is the bear? **WHITE**
2. How do you fit 10 horses into nine stalls? **|t|e|n|h|o|r|s|e|s|**
3. The man who makes it doesn't want it, the man who buys it doesn't need it, and the man who needs it doesn't know it yet. What is it? **CASKET**

The prize this month comes from **COOL CAPS** of Sherwood, Arkansas.

CONGRATS TO LARRY BEAN providing this month's answers.

Prize: Ring 29 Coffee Cup

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May's Ring meeting will finally have a theme. This month we will have a hand at our FAVORITE GAFF CARD TRICKS. Load them up and be ready to go. Dane Dover will be your "Ring Leader" for the night as Marty will be out of town.

Our meeting will be held at Jim Henson's fathers home. It will be held in the smaller home and will be set up to accommodate about 20 people. Temperatures will be taken at the door.

If you haven't been checking it out yet, Dane has been providing some pretty good information on the VP page. Make sure you give it a read every month.

In the event you did not see it, Bob Bullock sent out an email with an attachment. It is a document written by Joshua Jay. You can download the file [HERE](#) by right clicking and Save As to your computer.



Meetings

Upcoming Events

In Person Meeting: May 6 @ 6:30

TBA - Magician's Flea Market

Location:

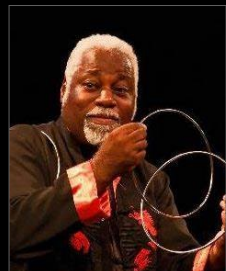
TBA - Ring Picnic

Henson home (Father's Place)

TBA - Ring Auction

"Take your time, learn it right, practice hard, and enjoy the journey"

-Chris Capehart-





President's Corner

Marty Haughn



Fellow Magicians,

Let me begin by thanking everyone who was able to make it to the April meeting. Everyone seemed to have a great time despite the windy conditions and were properly entertained by our talented magicians. Thanks to each of them as well.

A special thanks goes out to Jim "Mr. Magic" Henson for providing all the prizes and giveaways. I'll be the first to admit I had no clue who the three magicians were in his "Trivia Photograph". As always, all of the members were given gifts from Jim and each performer received an additional gift.

Planning for our next meeting is in the works and we hope it will be as entertaining and fun as the last. Our goal is to improve every month so the challenge to our board has been issued.

As mentioned during the meeting, we are planning a Flea Market in the near future with the date and location to be determined by the May meeting. Details will be provided then. Additionally, we are planning a full-fledged picnic and will be having some interesting "events" happening for everyone. Again, details will be forthcoming once we have settled on the details.

Also mentioned at the meeting were the details pertaining to Jim's "Estate Sales". There are seven estates involved with magic and gags for every level of interest. Stash your cash and be ready to buy everything. Prices are all marked on every item and are priced to sell quickly. There are some rules to follow though. The sale will be the LAST THREE WEEKENDS of MAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY of each week.

You will NEED TO MAKE A RESERVATION for one of the following days and times:

Thursday - Time frames are: 1 to 3, 3 to 5 or 5 to 7

Friday - Time frames are: 1 to 3, 3 to 5 or 5 to 7

Saturday - Time frames are: 1 to 3, 3 to 5 or 5 to 7

There will be a limit of how many people will be allowed in at one time and temperatures will be taken at the door. A MASK WILL BE REQUIRED at all times during your time frame.

That is all I have for the time being. Stay tuned for details of upcoming events and meetings.

We look forward to seeing everyone in May.

Until next time...

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



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Ring 29 members and guests met on Saturday at 2 PM April 10, 2021, live and in person at Don Hughes Park Sherwood/Jacksonville Arkansas. President Marty Haughn presided over the meeting and was very glad to see everyone (well most of them, some of their faces were covered by a mask).

We had quite a nice turn out. The weather was a beautiful spring day but I have to admit the wind was stronger than strong. This made card tricks to be very difficult and challenging. Nevertheless, we are magicians and we charged on.

Joel Nicholson began our meeting with a wonderful prayer. Thanks Joel and thank you God for letting us have such a wonderful and blessed magic Ring so full of talent and fellowship.

First we handled a little business and Marty caught the group up on subjects being discussed by the board regarding future plans when the COVID situation eases up enough that we could get back to some sort of normalcy along with some of the ideas the board had been discussing for the future. A Ring auction and Ring flea market (you might have noticed in the newsletter) and a picnic maybe later on in the spring or summer.

As you may have noticed the newsletter always has a puzzle (they're pretty challenging). The first one who solves the puzzle wins a special prize and today the winner was Blake Puckett and the prize was a ceramic Ring 29 coffee mug (dishwasher safe) compliments of Cool Caps in Sherwood Arkansas. Gerry Bailey was the first person to solve the puzzle but had seen it before so he passed the prize on to the next person (Blake). The puzzle challenge has been going on for the last three months. Gary Fambrough was our first winner followed by Mike Curtis. There will be another puzzle in our next newsletter so keep an eye out and good luck.

Before we got on to the magic there was an announcement of snacks and refreshments brought by Jim Henson and Tammy Haughn and a mention of some games, trivia and giveaways later on in the meeting.

Jim had an announcement of an upcoming Magician's Estate Sale as well which he'll be hosting later on in May the last three weekends actually to give everybody enough time to safely have a look at the estate sale items. There looks to be about seven estates to be sold off so mark your calendars and be ready to buy. I can't wait for that. Jim said people are coming from all over the United States it's going to be an exciting May for Ring 29.

Now the moment you've been waiting for, the magic performances, and who better to start off the day but none other than James Kinsey our very own Treasurer with a simple little trick that he's done thousands of times with two number 19 rubber bands. The classic "Crazy Man's Handcuffs" inspired James to learn from David Copperfield's TV special and how it launched him into magic. Thanks for a great story James. Next up was Dan Hecke with a curious little black bag from which he removed a psychogalvanometer to help isolate people who have strong ESP potential and very quickly it chose Dane Dover and Tammy Haughn. Dan asked Tammy choose a card and instructed her to channel it to Dane which with the use of a crystal ball and a set of rabbit ears, and I mean literal white fuzzy pink rabbit ears, to help channel the vision of the card Tammy chose...didn't work! Dan had a backup, a classic TV antenna (rabbit ears as we knew them) making the signal was much stronger but Dane still couldn't see her card in the crystal ball. Again, not to be "foiled" again, Dan told the younger crown what we used to do to improve the signal by using aluminum foil to increase the signal on the rabbit ears which actually helped Dane see the card that Tammy channeled to him. Successful and well done Dan.

Up next was Hot Springs' Scott Davis. Scott explained to us that mind reading ran in his family his Uncle knew the exact day and time he was going to die (the judge told him). Scott chose three participants, showed them each a card



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then proceeded to recall the card they chose in a comedic manner to say the least what a treat. With his sense of humor Scott had the crowd laughing and having a great time.

Next up we had a poet Blake Puckett with a little white ball and a little silver bucket. Blayk began his poem which included his name and the bucket...Ok, a bit corny but well worth the poem. Throughout the poem the little white ball traveled from bucket to Puckett and back again. The little white ball was unpredictable. It was obvious Blayk had put in his time for this routine as it was funny and a great twist on the classic chop cup.

Ring Vice President Dane Dover presented us with a sweet southern style trick. Dane entertained us with some southern charm and comedy whilst pouring sweet tea into a mason jar. Next he put the lid on, turned the jar upside down, removed the lid and to our amazement the tea stayed suspended in the jar! After some fancy talk it was on command when the tea dropped from the jar shocking those who watched.

Adrian Steelman was next with the assistance of our young guest Thatcher. Adrian had Thatcher cut a deck of cards into two stacks and then split those two stacks into a total of four stacks about equal size. Somehow, Thatcher managed to cut right to three of the aces but the fourth card was a four. Adrian was ready for it as the next card from that stack was a three, the next card was a two and finally, the next card was the ace great job Adrian and nice work cutting those cards Thatcher. To finish his performance, Adrian took those four aces and did a tribute to Dai Vernon and made those aces turn over seemingly on command.

Territorial Vice President Larry Bean was up next and as always provides us with an entertaining and funny joke along with a great trick. Since young Thatcher was so good at cutting cards Larry asked him to volunteer for his trick as well. Larry had Thatcher put the cards in the four stacks then Larry mixed up the cards and passed them out onto each of the stacks and somehow or another Thatcher once again found all four of the aces. This kid is good at cutting cards to the aces!

Thatcher was up next with his own trick having the assistance of Jan Hecke. Thatcher spread the deck asking Jan to choose a card and then Thatcher mixed the cards into the deck and commenced to alternate the cards upside down and right side up displaying where some are even back to back. With a snap and a magical gesture over the cards all the cards had turned back in the right orientation except for one card the one Jan had chosen, nice!

Next up one of our newest members Matthew Siebert with a little mentalism, that's a bit of a mind reader if you didn't know and he knew that Thatcher would be a great assistant a card was chosen and shown to everyone the ten of hearts. Matt with whiteboard in hand focused on Thatcher's thoughts and wrote the name of the card he was thinking but it was wrong! What? How could it be? Matt used an eraser and only to reveal in a hidden message the ten of hearts!

Up next was a very young Elijah Davis. This little guy had a full sized cup and balls routine that was super amazing. Stage fright got the best of him upon his first call. After some coaching and soft words of encouragement from his father, Elijah came back with a vengeance. Under the watchful and confident eye of his father, Elijah began a wonderful cups and balls routine that went off without a hitch. Scott was a proud father after seeing his son work out the fright. This young magician will be heading for great things with the art of magic. Best of luck Elijah and thank you for entertaining us all.



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To close out the magic portion of our meeting, Marty Haughn began with a little bit of history involving money counterfeiting and the Secret Service. Marty had acquired a Japanese money printing machine that would use special paper and could print money right before our very eyes. Although there was a little difficulty with the device, an adjustment or two and behold, a freshly printed ten dollar bill from the 1980's! Marty you are going to have to keep that one secret from the Secret Service but, just a note, he only printed one side as to not break any counterfeiting laws.

Next Jim had a couple of old promotional photographs of Randall Eller from back in the 80s. Although he was unaware of it, Randall did autograph them for those who wanted one.

Jim then passed out tickets for a raffle drawing for some great DVDs on some cool magic,

It was now time for the trivia games. Jim passed around a picture of three people to let everyone try to guess who the three magicians were. I don't believe anyone got it then Jim announced that it was none other than Logan Pritchett the person who our club was formally named after, Bob Walther one of the founding members of our club, and in the middle of the picture was a very young and curly haired Doug Henning. What a blast from the past.

Finally, we finished up the meeting with some history and a little lesson in the form of trivia. Facts were read and each team of two had an opportunity to identify the magician the facts pertained to. Some of the facts were difficult and some were easy. The top three teams received a three DVD set to take home.

It was great to see everyone who attended, even with a mask on. We hope to see you all next month along with those who were unable to attend. Everyone had a great time, received some fantastic gifts and prizes.

A very special thanks goes out to Jim "Mr. Magic" Henson for providing the giveaways and prizes. As always, Jim's generosity is only surpassed by his friendship.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and most of all stay magical.

Shawn Miller

Ring 29 Secretary



Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis



In this month's report we will drop in on the April, 1998 meeting of the Ring from 23 years ago. The President at that time was Don Baer and the Secretary was Bill Fulton. The Ring met monthly at Room 20 of Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock.

"Ring 29 voted in a revised Constitution at the April meeting. The Ring has also developed a new Ring Handbook. Copies of the Handbook can be made available to other Rings by sending e-mail to bfulton@ark.eduk12.ar.us. A new Ring database has been developed that lists members' addresses, volunteer activities, preferred lectures, performance talents, and directions each would like to see the Ring follow. Derrick Rose, Vice-President, developed a new Annual Ring Calendar which will appear on our Web Site: <http://www.aristotle.net/~james39/>.

This month's theme was "Money Magic." This was done to honor the Ring's First Lady of Magic, Mary Ann Campbell. Mary Ann is a financial consultant and uses magic in her lectures and on her television show. Jim Henson, led off the evening's performances with a sliding bank trick and a comedy Floating Bill. Greg Gillis knocked us away with a Silver Sponge Trick in which he had coins disappear under a sponge. Then he squeezed the sponge, and the coins fell out of the sponge. Don Thompson caused nickels to change to dimes for his performance.

Theron Nunley showed us his new comedy giant Thumb Tip for multiple silks. He then ate the center of a dollar bill. Bob Owen performed Passing the Buck. Our Territorial Vice-President, Jon Bucher, demonstrated some coin manipulation, the 32-cent Trick, a coin matrix, and Coins Through the Table. John Sharp switched a \$1 for a \$5 bill in his routine.

James Kinsey changed a piece of paper into a dollar bill. Mary Ann will most likely use this trick on her television show. Andy Stirman balanced pennies and demonstrated Here's Your Tenspot. Bill Fulton performed David Roth's Stonehenge. Derrick Rose pulled a silver dollar from a flame, caused it to disappear, and reappear in Derrick's pocket sealed in several boxes and sacks.

Don Baer, President, did a Six Bill Repeat with giant bills and Eric Benton, President of our Junior Magicians, performed an excellent coin manipulation. Mary Ann Campbell finished the evening with a Six Bill Repeat and Bills from Coupons. After the performance the Ring gathered later for a late night sharing session."

That month's meeting contained a "wealth" of magic including bills and coins and even coupons. The "money flowed" in honor of the Ring's own financial wizard, Mary Ann. It was truly money and "time well spent," and all "appreciated" the "investment" made by the talented members of the Ring who knew how to "compound interest" of those in attendance. Many wanted to "spend" more time with the magic and did so at a nearby restaurant afterwards.

Until next time, remember, the time we spend remembering the past pays big dividends for our future.





Magical History



Karrell Fox (January 30, 1928 – March 12, 1998) was a 20th-century American magician and television performer.

When Fox was a child, his parents operated a small restaurant in Rainelle, West Virginia. One day, a customer left without paying his bill, and left behind a few small tricks. With these, Karrell began his magic career.

Fox was one of the first trade show magicians and billed himself as "King of Korn". He created the "Magic World of Ford" for the Ford Motor Company and toured with it for many years.

He was a regular performer at Abbott's Get Together, surpassed only by Gordon Miller, an Abbott's employee-performer. Fox traditionally MC'ed and performed on the closing (Saturday evening) show of the Get-Together and the "act" was a lampoon of the other acts and notable happenings from that year. Duke Stern and Abb Dickson were both Karrell's "Partner in Fun" for more than 25 years, performing with him at magic conventions all over the world. The scripts for the performances were written by Fox, Stern, Dickson as well as other members of the troupe. Harry Blackstone, Jr., describing Fox's writing style, said, "The strongest possible effects achieved with the simplest possible methods has always been the Fox formula."

For several years, Fox wrote the "FOX-TALES" column in TOPS magazine, which was run by the Abbott Magic & Novelty Company. During the 1993 Get-Together, Fox gave a tour of Colon's Cemetery, filled with legendary magicians that have passed. This tradition has been carried on by Al The Only of Hawaii.

Fox appeared on the Australian Magic Convention public show line-up June 8–11, 1984.

Contrary to popular belief, Karrell did not have any part of Roy Kissell's Fox Fun 'N Magic Shop that was located in Detroit, Michigan, although he and Kissell were dear friends.

As a young man, Fox regularly performed magic on a local Detroit show called Junior Jamboree. He later had his own TV show on local Detroit television, performing as "Milky the Clown". Fox was offered the part after his appearances on Jamboree, but initially had to turn it down when he was drafted, recommending his friend Clare Cummings as a replacement. When he returned from the service two years later, the show was wildly successful and Fox suggested he act as Cummings' understudy despite being offered the main role. The two alternated appearances starting in 1964.

Fox also appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show in 1946, aged 18.

Fox was married to his "child bride" (as he often referred to her {c.f., "Thank You's" in "My Latest Book, 1988}, Lynn, and had two sons, Karlin (a combination of Karrell's and Lynn's names) and Darin.

Fox died in 1998 while attending the Las Vegas Desert Magic Seminar, aged 70, from undisclosed causes. He was interred at Lakeside Cemetery in Colon, Michigan.

Source: Wikipedia





April Performers and Guests





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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	Zoom	TBD	TBA	N/A	
February	Zoom	TBA	TBA	N/A	
March	Zoom	TBD	TBA	N/A	
April 10	In Person	Hughes Park	Free for All	N/A	Marty Haughn
May	In Person	Henson Home	Favorite Gaff Card Tricks	N/A	Dane Dover
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*.

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.

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