



The Performer

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It's all about the Magic...



No puzzle this month.

This weekend, 20, 21 and 22 May is the last chance you have to pick up some great magic from the estates Jim Henson is selling. Visit the Facebook page to see some photos of items he has.

Folks, there is so much magic there that Jim needs to get rid of. He has priced everything to sell and easy on the wallet. Give Jim a call to set up a meet time on one of these days.

June 3, 2021 is the Ring 29 Officer Installation. You can cast your votes via email or you can wait until the meeting and do a paper ballot. Please plan to be there as it will be a good time. Larry Bean will be hosting and performing the installation. Larry put a comedy touch to it so this ought to be interesting.

The meeting will be held at Bob White's neighborhood "Club House". It is a gated community and you may have to wait a minute or two at the gate to get in.

Bob's address is 109 Stagecoach Village Circle in Little Rock. The club house is straight ahead through the gate, building 100.

See you all there!



Meetings

In Person Meeting: May 6 @ 6:30

Location:

Henson home (Father's Place)

Upcoming Events

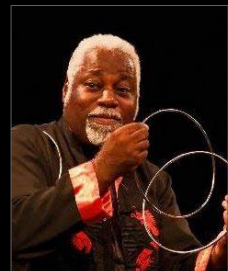
TBA - Magician's Flea Market

TBA - Ring Picnic

TBA - Ring Auction

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

-Chris Capehart-





President's Corner

Marty Haughn



Fellow Magicians,

There isn't much to say this month as I unfortunately had to miss the May meeting. I have heard from numerous people that it was a great night for magic and a little bit of learning as well. My thanks goes out to Dane Dover for taking control to make the night a success.

Please keep in tune with the newsletter, emails and the website regarding updates to information about an upcoming flea market and auction for the Ring. However, before all of that happens please remember there is a HUGE estate sale going on at Jim Henson's. Give Jim a call and set up YOUR special time to shop and buy everything you can. Let's help Jim unload the massive amount of magic he has. Days available are Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Call for a specific time.

On the health line, I am doing so much better than recent weeks. I almost feel normal outside of some labored breathing at times and continued weakness. Rest assured, I WILL GET BETTER!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the June meeting.

Until next time...

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



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Shawn Miller



Ring 29 members and guests met Thursday at 7 PM May 6, 2021 at Jim Henson's Father's house. Vice President Dane Dover presided over the meeting beginning with well wishes to our president Marty Haughn who has been dealing with the COVID. I am happy to say he is doing much better and can't wait to see him back at the meetings. We didn't have a lot of business to take care of today so we got right to the performances.

Joel Nicholson began by introducing Janie Nicholson for the first performance. She required the assistance of Mike Curtis and Bob Bullock. They each took 2 cards which had letters on them. Their task was to make four letter words to answer questions Janie was posing to them. I love this performance as it dealt with the evil of life. Great job Janie, very funny and entertaining.

Next up was David Duggie with a card trick asking Janie Nicholson to choose a card. Somehow he thumbed down the deck 5 of hearts, three clubs and so on ...found the card doing a great job. David then followed up with an interesting feat. He spooled off thread from a spool to about a 12-13 inch segment. The thread was broken into several little small pieces and balled it up having Dane tell a story of a city girl on the farm, not necessarily the best story for this trick but the distractions somehow worked perfectly. At the end of the story with a few jokes David did the impossible and somehow restored the thread into the full length, good show David.

Bob Bullock was next with another card trick. As he held the cards up displaying they were all different (Sven style) and asked Mike Curtis to choose a card as a referral. Somehow Bob brought the card to the top of the deck as he did it again and again several different ways. Bob then repeated the feat with Ricky Trip. We really could not figure out how he was doing it then Bob explained the trick while we all thought it was Sven but it wasn't. It was a really great lesson of the trick that Dai Vernon fooled Houdini with. A really good performance and lesson by Bob Bullock.

Next Ricky Trip, who performs locally at Riverfront Steakhouse. This was Ricky's first meeting he could attend in quite some time and we were happy to have him back. Ricky is a musician, speaker, writer, magician and member of Ring 29. He performed a card trick where the cards found their soulmate and also a throwback to Janie's trick with a four letter word Mike Curtis used earlier. Ricky trip is a great performer and performed some really good tricks.

Next up Shawn Miller. Volunteers Mike Curtis and Janie Nicholson came up to assist and stood to both sides of Shawn. Shawn thought of a number and wrote it on an envelope behind his back. Mike and Janie were asked to think of numbers as Janie was closer so Shawn asked Mike to sit down. It was then Shawn asked Janie to open the envelope and inside it said "The lady would be closer but off by two". As predicted, the number Janie provided was off by two to the number Shawn wrote on the envelope then he asked Mike Curtis the number that he was thinking and he just so happened to have that exact number of change in his pocket! Great trick Shawn.

Dane Dover was next with a deck of cards and paper bags. A prediction was made. Dane placed the deck of cards in one bag and moved the cards one at a time to a second bag where he asked Jim Henson to name a number. When provided, Dane stopped at that number and believe it or not Jim stopped him on exactly the card that he predicted. Great rendition of Cards Across by Tarbell. Good job Dane. He then had a quick lesson on The Short Card which he showed us where a bridge size card of the same deck works perfect as a short card and gave us all a bridge size card to use, thanks Dane.

Up next was Jim Henson handing out a strip of paper face down and gave everyone a pencil. As the trick progressed everyone was asked to turn over the paper finding a paragraph on it. Then Jim had everyone to find how many F's were in the paragraph within 30 seconds. As we all came up with an answer and wrote it on the back of the paper it was



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discovered we were all wrong. Jim asked Janie to help him with the next trick and gave her a set of instructions. Somehow the instructions ended up being a card force great trick and then gave us all a copy. Jim showed us a Rainbow Deck trick and gave everyone in attendance their very own Rainbow Deck. Jim is more generous than words can explain. Ring 29 thanks you very much.

Jim was full of tricks tonight as he had four different people randomly select four cards then somehow Jim knew exactly the card that each of them had chosen. Wow, four ways of brilliance thanks Jim which he also gave us a four-way deck. Continuing this magical journey, Jim demonstrated how to make a Ziploc attachment into a puppet that will take a bow and gave us a Four Card Monte with instructions on how to use it. Next Jim performed the floating head card trick magic postcard. What a fun little interesting card/illusion followed by a performance of Chicken Hatcher a small child trick, very fun and very entertaining. Then Jim used a sock puppet to find Janie's card and passed out a few printouts of different riddles games and puzzles.

We wrapped up the evenings events and with no other business to discuss the performances were over. Have a great month and hope to see you at the next meeting.



Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis



This month's report is from 31 years ago as we remember the May, 1990 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Fred Hartman and the Secretary was Elson M. Bihm. The Ring met monthly at CARTI in Little Rock.

"The May meeting was at the home of member Andy Stephens. Mary Ann Campbell reported on Project Magic, which will be conducted at Camp Aldersgate, a summer camp for children with serious medical problems. Also, Elson Bihm has been conducting Project Magic workshops at the Conway Human Development Center, a residential facility for persons with mental retardation.

Most of the meeting was devoted to reminiscing about past goofs we have made – and every one had a story! Dr. Harold Langston recalled the time his Cleopatra's Beads tried to make a little history of their own, and Dr. Henry Johnson recounted his experiments with a glass of water and a carpet...Scott Davis told us about the time Anderson's paper tear didn't tear according to instructions, and I elaborated on the failure of the coin to make it into a ball of yarn and the subsequent failure of a volunteer from the audience to help me cover the gaffe.

Andy Stephens recounted the saga of the stage bills, the FBI agent, and the treadmill, and Lisa Bolin entertained us by telling us about her version of the Stratospheres, while Mary Ann Campbell kept us laughing with her tale of the fire bowl that worked too well at a fireman's convention! Ha! Tom Leggett related his difficulties with the Zombie that wanted to float on its own and the Monsieur cassette that wanted to talk on its own too! Such independent props!

After all the hilarious tales of disasters and heroic rescues, Dr. Johnson and Dr. Langston phoned the amazing Mr. Wizard, who was able to discern a selected card over the telephone. Dr. Johnson concluded the evening with some wonderful close-up magic: the card stab and the magnified coin. Great job, Dr. Johnson, you're a real pro.

We were happy to welcome a potential member, Greg Gillis from Benton, Arkansas. He was a guest of Scott Davis, who knows a lot about magic. When in Little Rock, give us a call and share in the magic."

The Project Magic program was certainly successful here in Arkansas due to the selfless and committed efforts of several of our members to bring magic and wonderment to those with physical and mental challenges. Inspired by David Copperfield, Mary Ann took on the task of promoting and organizing the local program. The impact it made was truly amazing as well as magical.

The hit of the evening seemed to be the memorable tales of woe over past effects gone awry that were shared by members. We all know that sinking feeling when we realize "Murphy's law" is taking over and those well rehearsed routines and usually dependable props make unexpected turns and we have to scramble to avert disaster.

Until next time, remember, the stories of the past can inspire us to write the plot for an improved future.





April Performers and Guests





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Event Calendar

Date	Meeting	Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
July			Magic of Japan		
August			Linking Ring Magic		
September			Buyer's Regret		
October			Best Trick Ever Purchased!		
November			Something you Created		
December			Found Online		
January			Christmas Show		
February			Free for All		
March			Comedy Magic Night		
April			Prop Builds		
May			I bought it from Jim Mr. Magic Henson		
June	In Person	*Clubhouse	Installation	N/A	Larry Bean

* The clubhouse is where we used to meet near Jim's shop, Bob White's neighborhood.

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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Membership

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.

Using Ring 29 Email Group

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