

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

April 2022

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Current/Past Events

Cavalcade of Magic 2022

Ring 75's Cavalcade of Magic 2022 was a success. After the two year shut down from COVID the Cavalcade committee hosted an active weekend with visitors from Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Members from Ring 29 were in attendance, of course, with Dane Dover performing a slick coin "maneuvering" trick baffling everyone. Jim Henson bounced on stage with an appearance with his "Perform a Card Trick and Receive a Gift" game. There were several takers for the challenge.

It was great to see everyone and make some new friends. Next year will be bigger and better so mark your calendars for the last weekend of March to attend!

Memphis Ring 16 Lecture

On March 30th three Ring 29 members (Aaron Acosta, Blayk Puckett & Marty Haughn) attended a Joshua Jay lecture. If you have been to one of Joshua's lectures you know that it had to be good, and it was. Lots to learn and discover. He was up for book signing if you brought one.

Officer Selection

During the May Ring meeting we will be holding our Officer election. The board has made their selections. If you wish to add someone to the ballot, feel free to do so at the meeting. Be sure to attend to have your vote counted. The Installation of Officers will be during the June meeting to be held at the Stagecoach Clubhouse. See President's Report.

June Meeting

Prior to the Officer Installation ceremony we will have a Broken Wand ceremony for Mike Jones and Michael Strobel. Please plan to attend.

Picnic Planning

We are working on another Ring Picnic meeting for October. Same location. More details to follow.

April 16 Show

We finally pulled it off! Our show was a success with an attendance of 81 in the audience.

Many thanks to everyone who was there and a special thanks to:

Dane Dover - Emcee; Blayk Puckett - Performer; Paul Carlon - Performer; Dan Hecke - Performer; Aaron Acosta - Performer; Jon Bucher - Performer; Jo Jones - Close Up Performer; Cedric Morely - Close Up Performer; and Bob Bullock - Close Up Performer

Awards were given at intermission: Bob Bullock "Magician of the Year"; Marty Haughn "Outstanding Leader During COVID" a third is to be awarded later for "Volunteer of the Year".

Additionally, Jo Jones was inducted into the "Lifetime Member" group joining Jim Henson, Mike Curtis, James Kinsey, Jon Bucher, Melvin Brown and Mary Ann Campbell. Congratulations Jo!

Finally, a huge thank you to the Officers of Ring 29 for their support, guidance and many words of wisdom which, without it all this show would not have been possible.

Planning Lectures

Currently in the works we hope to have Tom Burgoon here in May or June. This is a lecture not to be missed. Details will be available upon confirmation.

Did You Know?

The longest magic show performed at the same venue by an individual before a paying audience was achieved by Richard Smith (UK) whose show ran for 30 hours 45 min on 7-8 August 2004 at the Liverpool Moat House, Merseyside, UK.

The event was organized to raise funds for 15 year old Chris Hardman's (UK) cancer treatment. Richard went for 11 hours 20 min without repeating a trick and in all performed 331 tricks.

President's Corner

Marty Haughn

We are nearing the end of the current Officer term and need to start thinking of who to vote in for 2022-2023. There was a board meeting on April 23, 2022 to nominate members for all positions. Email ballots will be sent shortly. If you have someone for any of these positions you would like to nominate please let James Kinsey know or bring the name/s to the May meeting for vote. Send your votes to James Kinsey for record.

Nominees:

President: Dan Dover

Vice President: Joel Nicholson

Secretary: Marty Haughn

Treasurer: James Kinsey

Assistant Treasurer: Christy Kinsey

Sergeant at Arms: Gerry Bailey

Historian: Mike Curtis

Assistant Historian: TBD

Newsletter/Website Editor: Marty Haughn

In addition to the nominee selection the board also discussed the Ring bylaws. Over time things tend to change making the bylaws a living document. Each member of the board were given a copy of the current bylaws for review. There were several items discussed and will be reviewed for change.

Once the recommended changes are determined, the bylaws for change will be presented to the members of Ring 29 for approval. Once approved, the changes will be made permanent and followed.

There was a discussion on how to improve visibility of close up magic at our Ring meetings. PROBLEM: When sitting level to the performance table it is difficult for everyone to see the action. An overhead camera was suggested and is possible but how to suspend it without being in the line of site of the audience has not been determined. Any suggestions by members will be entertained and reviewed for possibilities.

Our annual show was a success and a whole lot of fun. Thank you to all the performers and those involved in its planning. Looking forward to next year!

We have something new on our website starting this month. I have included a VIDEO LIBRARY showcasing members of the Arkansas Rings 29, 75 and 308. James Kinsey will be providing some older videos to share in the coming months. If you have a DIGITAL version of a video you want to share, get with me to make arrangements for sending.

As always, stay safe, healthy and magical.

Very Respectfully,
Marty Haughn

Secretary Report

Shawn Miller

As most of you know our Ring had to postpone the annual magic show normally held in January. Although we had this delay it did not mean our show fell short, on the contrary, the show was great. Everyone in attendance had good things to say about each of the performers.

Speaking of performers Blayk Puckett, Ken Zelnick, Paul Carlon, Dan and Jan Hecke, Aaron Acosta and Jon and Susan Bucher, we thank you for taking time out of your lives to prepare and put on a fun and entertaining show.

We won't go into performance details too far but Blayk put on a skillful demonstration of juggling but did not stop there. He then combined his magic talents with juggling providing fun entertainment but a very surprising ending to his act. Go check out his video on the Ring 29 website.

We invited Ken Zelnick from Ring 75 to join in on the fun. Folks, Ken did not disappoint. Ken has worked hard to develop and refine a complete silk routine set totally to some mellow playing music. If you have not seen this routine you have missed out. There was so much in his show trying to describe it all would be futile. Best to see his video on the website. Thanks for entertaining us all Ken.

Paul Carlon took the stage next and had some great fun with kids. He began with a torn and restored newspaper. You know the routine. The one torn piece which falls to the floor was given as a souvenir with instructions to put under the pillow. Then, with a stern look, turned to her father and commented that in the morning there would be five dollars in its place. Getting the laughs Paul moved on to a musical chairs routine involving a card prediction. Lots of fun. Again, check out his video.

After Paul there was a short intermission then on to a little business. There were some awards handed out this year and they are as follows: "Magician of the Year" - Bob Bullock; "Volunteer of the Year" - To be announced at May Meeting; Special award of "Outstanding Leader During COVID" - Marty Haughn. Our roaming "Rabbit E. Lee" was handed over to Janie Nicholson and charged with his care for the next year. Paul Carlon was the previous caretaker and he added a mask which we all thought was appropriate. And finally, a member was inducted into the Lifetime Member group, Jo Jones. There are now seven members.

Dan Hecke opened the second half of our show with the whole audience participating. With one volunteer on stage, Dan explained a game that Merlin used to teach King Arthur, as the story goes. Nine pieces on a grid and a paper version in each hand of the audience using stickers for pieces. The audience was asked to start anywhere on their given sheet and move according to the volunteer. As a cover was moved from piece to piece another next to it was removed and the audience placed a sticker in that location. When left with one piece Dan asked the audience to stand if they were left at the same location. The majority stood. Video on the website.

Aaron Acosta came out looking for a volunteer to help with an Emoji card prediction. He presented a deck of Emoji cards, had the volunteer select one and display to everyone. After some back and forth conversation, Aaron removed from an envelope his predictions, actually, many pages of predictions for the laugh. To everyone's surprise each page was identical to the selected card. Aaron then proceeded to a book test, worked through discovering the choices and had fun with a volunteer on stage. See video on website.

Jon Bucher teamed up with his wife Susan for some comedy golf. No matter how hard Jon tried he was unable to get a functional club from his caddy, Susan. Every club had a humorous defect of one sort or another. Set to music and a lot of physical comedy the duo had the crowd in stitches. You have to see the video. Susan closed the act by...Hmmm, well, go watch the video. This was a great way to close the show and have a curtain call. If you were there I sincerely appreciate your attendance and hope you had a good time.

See you in January for the next show, hopefully without any postponements.

Stay Safe and Magical,
In for Shawn -
Marty Haughn

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month's tour of the past, again takes us back 16 years to the April 2006 meeting of the Ring. The President that year was Don Baer and the Secretary was Chris Westfall. The Ring met at Baptist Medical Center, Room 20.

"The themes of our April Meeting were "Spring Magic," and "Magic with Thumb Tips."

Ring President Don Baer conducted an excellent business meeting, reviewing recent and upcoming magic in Little Rock and beyond. Past I.B.M. President Bill and Ruth Pitts' Cavalcade of Magic in Eureka Springs was a big success, as usual. Joey Williams offered Ring 29 members free admission to Arkansas' Masters of Illusion later this month.

Jim Henson announced an upcoming magic sale in honor of Ring member Tom Baumgardener, who has decided to share his magic collection with Ring 29. The sale will be in Jim's shop, Mr. Magic. Thanks, Tom and Jim, for supporting our Ring!

Jim Henson provided a superb lecture on the use of the Thumb Tip, performing a very clever Blendo routine, and demonstrating D'Lite. He discussed nuances for vanishing a silk with the Tip, acknowledged Alex Lyons' comments concerning the Sixth Finger and concluded the lecture with his famous dollar bill vanish...using a black Thumb Tip.

A lively discussion followed with Derrick Rose explaining how he uses magnets with his Thumb Tip, and Scott Davis pointing out how such a Tip and a borrowed, crumpled bill can be used in a Chop Cup routine.

The performance section of the evening opened with Derrick Rose's production of a Slinky from a previously shown empty box... spring magic to be sure! Lance Howell's production box routine showcased "spring cleaning" items and concluded with a recreation of Didi's legendary effect of biting off and then restoring the head of a bird. Lance left us rolling in the aisles.

Don Thompson changed a picture of a flower pot filled with weeds to a flower pot filled with flowers. Don Baer's remarkable balloon giraffe found Judy Bailey's selected card. Scott Davis' return after a very busy year of professional performances was a highlight of the evening as he performed his most excellent \$100 Bill Switch complete with knock 'em dead comedy touches.

Mike Williamson, in his Ring 29 debut, flawlessly performed a Signed Quarter to Soda Can effect with Lisa Bolen's uniquely identified 25-cent piece. 'Twas a great show!

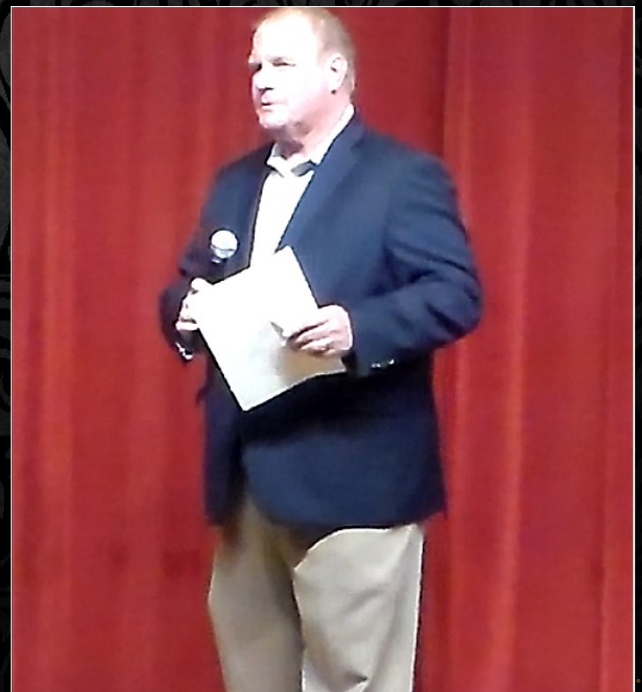
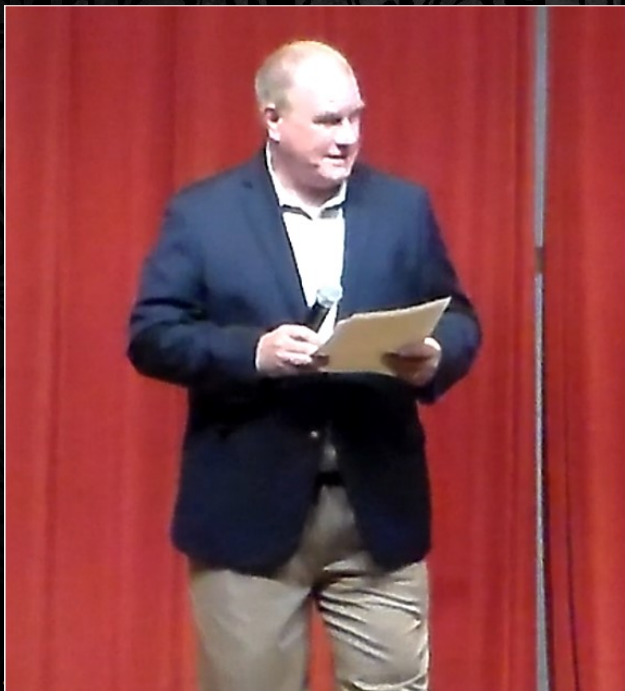
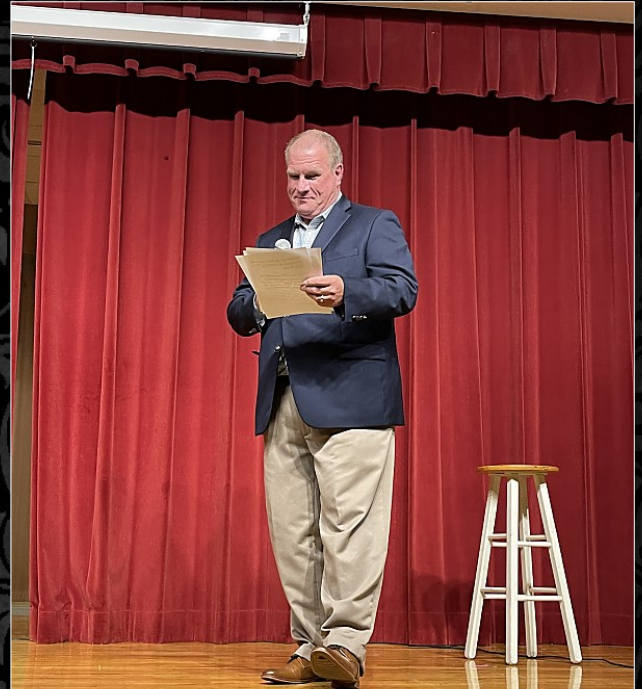
The formal meeting closed with the announcement that next month's theme would be Rope Magic. Most of our members remained for an informal discussion of restaurant magic, Thumb Tips, \$100 Bill Switches and many other things magical."

It was interesting that the Ring had a dual theme night. It seems the evening was packed with magic as members got several valuable "tips" during Jim's lecture and routines and follow-up discussions. The additional performances, provided by members, also gave everyone additional laughs and entertainment variety to enjoy.

Until next time, remember, those past mistakes are just educational moments to make us better.

April Performers

Emcee Dane Dover



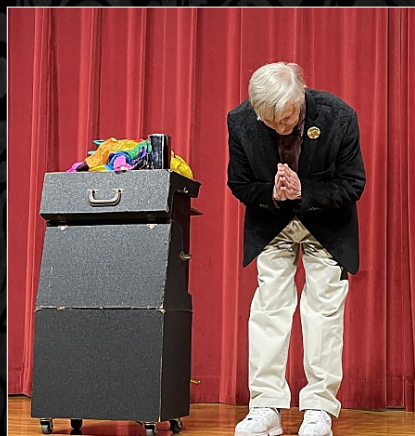
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Close-up Magicians



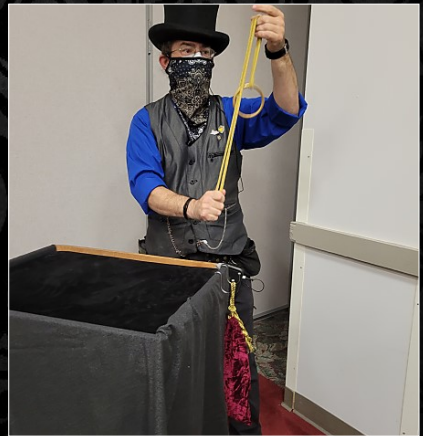
Bob Bullock



Jo Jones



Cedric Morely



Awards Ceremony



Bob Bullock - Magician of the Year



Marty Haughn - Outstanding Leader During COVID



Janie Nicholson - Rabbit E. Lee Caretaker

Lifetime Membership



Jo Jones
Ring 29 Lifetime Member



Schedule of Events

2022

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January	---	---	---	---
February	---	---	---	---
March	Henson Home #2	Comedy Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
April	Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Ring Magic Show	N/A	Dane Dover
May	Henson Home #2	I bought it from Jim "Mr. Magic" Henson!	N/A	Mike Curtis
June	Stagecoach Village Club House	Officer Installation	N/A	Marty Haughn Larry Bean
July	TBD	Evening at the Pops	N/A	Dane Dover
August	TBD	Raiders of the Lost Magic Drawer	N/A	Dane Dover
September	TBD	Photographic Magic	N/A	James Kinsey
October	TBD	Spooky Magic	N/A	Chris Thompson
November	TBD	793.8	N/A	Marty Haughn
December	TBD	Christmas Potluck	N/A	Dane Dover

* 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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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

To be added to our email group, contact James Kinsey or Marty Haughn

We now use GOOGLE GROUPS for our email service.

Ring 29 is proud to endorse and support Little Rock's world class ONLINE Magic Store, "Mr. Magic"
Mr. Magic is owned and operated by retired Fire Chief Jim Henson and is a primary contact for Ring 29.

Mr. Magic (Jim Henson)

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