

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

October 2022

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President's Corner
For the Record
Blast from the Past
Event Calendar



It's all about the Magic...



Dane Dover Home October 6, 2022 meeting

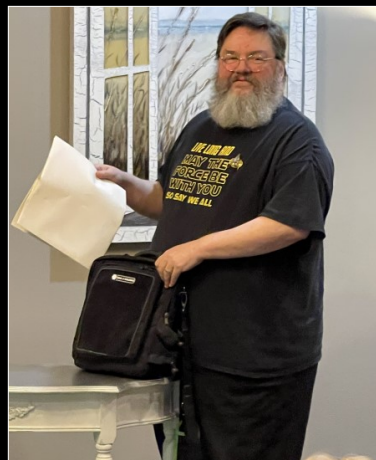
Blayk Puckett



John Wofford



Timothy Walker



Next Lecture: TOM BURGOON
February 2023



Fool Us New Season
October 14, 2022 on the CW



**BELIEVE
IN MAGIC!**

**ADULTS: \$5.00
KIDS 3-13: \$3.00
UNDER 3: FREE**

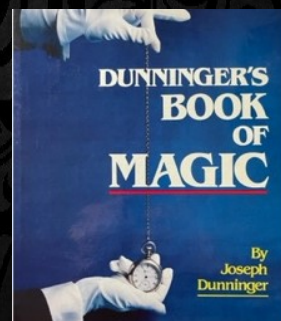
**RING 29 MAGIC
CHRISTMAS SHOW
JANUARY 14
JACKSONVILLE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

FOR SALE

**Dunninger's Book of Magic
(hardback)**

\$8: Contact Ring 29 Secretary for
details



Meeting Information

Monthly Meeting
November 3, 2022 @ 6:45
Location: TBD

Upcoming Events

December Christmas Party -
December 13, 2022
Stagecoach Village Clubhouse
January Show 2023 -
January 14, 2023
Jacksonville Community Center

"Unlike a mere deception or a simple secret, which gives the impression that something's been taken away, a great magician makes you feel like something's been given to you."

- Jim Steinmeyer -



Current/Past Events

November Meeting Info

Scheduled for November 3, 2022, to be held at Henson Home #2.

Newsletter Archives

The newsletter archives has been a long and arduous process and is continually being added to. If you happen to have older newsletters either electronic or paper, please let Marty Haughn know. We will make arrangements to get it posted if not already.

Estate Sale!!!

The past two weekends Jim Henson held an Estate Sale. The turnout was better than the last year's sale but still haven't sold enough of the magic.

Jim is threatening to have ONE more in the spring of 2023 and that is it, no more, he is finished. All money received goes to the widows or retired magicians who own the magic. You will be helping these folks out by buying everything! See you in the spring.

October Meeting

Our October meeting was graciously hosted by Dane and Sarah Dover at their home. We started at 6 p.m. with food and soft drinks and hung out in the beach-themed back yard. There was plenty of fellowship and conversation with some folks catching up with members who have not been to meetings as of late. It was very nice to see everyone having a great time. Thanks Dane and Sarah!

GOT NEWS?

Doing a show? Been to a good show? Met any well known magicians? Write about it and send to: mjhaughn@gmail.com to be published here.

Cavalcade of Magic 2023

Am I too early in mentioning next year's Cavalcade of Magic? I might be but now is a great time to start looking at your calendars and get to planning. Normally, the Cavalcade is held during the last weekend of March, beginning on Thursday night and ending Saturday night.

In the coming months I know Ring 75 will be having meetings to plan the annual event. Emails will be sent out detailing the event. Prior to that email though will be a request for magicians to perform, be it close up or stage. Look for info in this newsletter and our website when details become available. You don't want to miss it!

Magic Show in Little Rock

"Lucy Darling" (aka, Carisa Hendrix) will be performing at Robinson Center, November 17, 2022 at 7:30 pm. This is a CAN'T miss show! Jim Henson and Marty Haughn saw her show at TAOM 2021. One entertaining show! Get tickets early.

Did You Know?

Lance Burton nearly died when an escape trick he was performing for the taping of a television show went awry. He was tied to the tracks of the Desperado rollercoaster at Buffalo Bill's Casino-Resort in Primm, Nevada, with an unoccupied rollercoaster riding on the tracks, when he discovered he couldn't free himself from his bonds. He escaped, quite literally, at the last possible moment (he later commented, "That was STUPID!"). He frequently opens his stage shows by showing that clip on a projection screen.

November Birthdays

Joey Williams - Daniel Gladstone - Paul Prater

December Birthdays

Clyde Hayre (Ring 75) - Bob Bullock

January Birthdays

Shawn Miller - Jody Birchfield (Ring 75)
Sid Salmans - Aaron Acosta

President's Corner

Dane Dover

International BROTHERHOOD of Magicians

Brotherhood is defined as “an association, society, or community of people linked by a common interest, religion, or trade”.

Well, yes we are linked by the Magic but brotherhood is so much more.

Brotherhood means wanting what is best for the group. While we all have our little quirks (Not Magicians!!) Each one of us can benefit from this brotherhood. I for one enjoy getting to know people hearing their story how they were attracted to Magic. What type of Magic do they enjoy performing? Brotherhood is making a way for all interests in Magic to be explored and welcomed. (Hey we even let in Jugglers, Clowns, Bubble artists, balloon artists, Side show Blockheads, etc.) I certainly have seen my share of bad magic (and if I'm being honest have performed bad magic). But our shared experiences make us all better. So, what if someone messes up their trick, what better place than at a Magic meeting to test your material? I think it is great when someone messes up and then at the next meeting they do it again. You see there is enough negativity in the world let's make sure we leave negativity at the door. I have frequently asked the question, how could I improve this effect and sometimes I can tell the other Magician is just being nice. Sometimes for us to get better as a group a little guidance, constructive criticism, etc. helps us all.

Brotherhood means fellowship. I want to tell you that when you came to my house for a recent picnic/meeting I really enjoyed the fellowship. I can't tell you how nice it was to sit around the circle meet new friends, see old friends, and fellowship with the regulars. The Magic was good, but the fellowship was great. Guess what, you can't fellowship if you are not here. Fellowship starts with you being a part of our meetings, the club, etc.

Brotherhood means support. When I took on the role of President I knew that at times my schedule was going to get in the way. That the Board was going to have to do a lot of what the previous President did (Thanks Marty for really pitching in). I have been amazed at the support you have given me. Our club gets better and better as we all support the club and its activities. Support can look different depending on the person. But whatever you have to give please give it. I got off the phone today and as we ended the phone call one of our club members said “Hey if there is anything I can do let me know”. This has been repeated multiple times and by multiple people in our club. I have been overwhelmed by the support you have given me.

What is Brotherhood? It's hard to define but you know when you have experienced it. We are a BROTHERHOOD.

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 meeting for October was hosted by Dane and Sarah Dover at their home in Sherwood, Arkansas. Dane managed the grilling of hotdogs while Sarah Dover managed the buffet style food line for everyone. Club officers brought in several snacks and additions to make the picnic/cookout/meeting complete. All in attendance lounged in a beach themed back yard and enjoyed food and great fellowship.

Before we adjourned to the magic, Blayk Puckett wanted to do his part while outside fearing possible damage to any interior objects of the house. He spoke of "insignificant" skills jugglers seem to acquire and demonstrated his ability to swing a ball into a cup, you know, the old toy where the ball is attached to the cup and handle by a string. He was pretty skillful at it as well. Blayk then moved to wooden cigar boxes, well, not really cigar boxes but of similar shape and size. He began tossing the center box of three around and catching it with the other two. His routine was accompanied by music where he stayed in time with it. Blayk is a very talented juggler and his skills aren't insignificant.

After about an hour of socializing and Blayk's juggling, we all moved indoors to begin the meeting. President Dane Dover conducted a short round of business regarding possible locations for our November meeting. It was noted by Vice President Joel Nicholson that our regular meeting place prior to COVID, Baptist Hospital Classroom One, will no longer be available for use. It is unfortunate but understandable given the circumstances which remain.

Dane also wanted to inform everyone that we will have a Ring 29 Christmas Party at the Stagecoach Clubhouse on December 15, 2022. Everyone is encouraged to attend as it was a huge success and a heck of a lot of fun last year.

Finally, in closing out the business, a quick reminder that the Tom Burgoon lecture will happen in February, a specific date is to be determined. Additionally, a brief mention of Gregory Wilson coming later next year for a lecture as well. From the looks of things, the Ring is coming back in line and appears to be getting stronger demonstrated by the larger attendance this month. So good to see everyone again.

Now, to the magic and kicking things off was Vice President Joel Nicholson with a Halloween themed trick using two bottles of different sizes. Joel presented a key to Tammy Haughn and asked her to check it out. The key's head was determined too large to fit into the bottle opening, yet when spooky magic words were mentioned the key ended up in the bottle with no means of escape.

Following Joel was John Wofford. Carrying a large bag John stood in front of everyone and shocked us all by removing a straitjacket from the bag! John asked Blayk Puckett to do the honors and strap him in. Of course, all of the normal jokes about the strapping came into play then John began the struggle. Initially looking good then a bit of trouble began to show itself. Well, turns out it was all part of the show then things got serious. Very nice performance John, glad to have you back into the meetings.

Dan Hecke was next with a couple of card decks, one red and one blue. Asking for the assistance of Historian Mike Curtis, Dan had Mike choose a deck to use and was asked to choose six cards randomly. These cards were placed face down on a table then Dan chose six random cards. When it was all said and done, both sets of six were then compared and found to be matching cards.

Bob Bullock worked out some Ambitious Card magic. Bob had several familiar moves which proved the chosen card would always appear to the top. However, there were a couple of unfamiliar moves, at least to me, which made the Ambitious Card routine pretty nice. Bob is normally a rope kind of magician and it was good to see him out of his comfort zone. I look forward to seeing what Bob will do next month.

We were then treated to some "comedy grossness" from Timothy Walker. Yes, I said comedy grossness. First Timothy opened with a large printed poster which described his type of show. As he folded the poster, the message gradually shrunk to say the same thing but more to the point. This continued for three or four folds and the final message was "Will Do Tricks for Food". From there he went right to the grossness by apparently jamming Tic Tacs into his eyes and nose finishing with "chocking them up into his mouth where they were deposited into and "expensive" glass. Whew!

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Secretary Marty Haughn presented a few tricks he was working on beginning with having Mollie Mae choose a sweetener packet and pouring it into her palm. Marty then began rubbing the sweetener with his finger in a circle and magically a white rabbit appeared from the sweet powder. Then moved right to a Mark James bit using a number force to talk about subliminal messages from commercials. Numbers were selected, added and the total matched the prediction held by Richard Knoll. The kicker was Marty used the Pepsi logo in reverse to share the same number. Thank you Mark James!

Blayk Puckett took center stage again with a card trick he had been working on. It involved Patrick Taft. Patrick's job was to shuffle the cards and then from behind his back he was to choose a card. It was then up to Blayk to determine its value and suit. Although they both had some fun something went the wrong direction. Of course, magic doesn't come without mistakes and tonight was no different. We were all entertained anyway.

President Dane Dover challenged us all with another number force using 1-16 as choices. Several members then chose a number from his chart and circled while the same row and column was crossed out. Once all the numbers of Dane's chart were marked in one way or another, the circled numbers were added. Dan Hecke was then given a deck of special cards to count down to the total given. On the face of the cards were photos of old time gangsters. The selected card was of Al Capone. During the entire evening there had been an envelope hanging in front of everyone. Inside was Dane's prediction which, when opened, was a photo of Al Capone.

Closing the evening was none other than Mr. Generous himself, Jim "Mr. Magic" Henson who is determined to get more people to the meetings, and is successful. First item to give away was "The Devil's Mark" performed, well an attempt at performing, by Marty Haughn. Each family received a DVD and required gimmicks. More DVDs were given along with various fun tricks to carry around and try out. Jim is always coming up with items to give away so if you are not at the meetings you are truly missing out on not only the giveaway items but a great time of fellowship and magic.

Many thanks to Dane and Sarah for putting up with everyone and providing a comfortable location for our meeting this month. See you all in November...

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month's report looks back 15 years to the October, 2007 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Christy Henson and the Secretary was Tyler Vodehnal. The Ring met monthly at UAMS Hospital in Little Rock.

"Eye of newt, and toe of frog, Wool of bat, and tongue of dog, Adder's fork, and blind-worm's sting, Lizard's leg, and owl's wing, For a charm of powerful trouble, Like a hell-broth boil and bubble." – William Shakespeare

"On October 4, thirty-seven members came together to enjoy a night full of "Halloween and Bizarre Magic." In all, twelve different magicians showcased their spooky skills to the wonderment and sometimes horror of those present. Chris Westfall served as the M.C. for the evening's scary activities.

Chris started the evening by showcasing his spinning wheel of death trick that made a volunteer's head appear to grow at an alarming rate. Christy Henson followed with a masterful performance of "Five Alive," and Michael Wilkinson showed the odd, I mean awed the crowd with his mental powers to solve a Rubik's Cube while blindfolded and hooded. Mark Lowman was next in line with a terrific disappearing and appearing pencil routine and a Torn and Restored Paper routine. It was Mark's birthday! And the crowd roared, "BIZARRE!"

Mommy Magic, a.k.a. Pam Madrez, had the audience rolling with laughter after her Betty Buzzard comedy ventriloquist routine. Ernie Staggs then showcased his spooky performance with "Monkey Bar" and a "Mirror Card Production," and Sid Salmans performed a vanishing and reappearing quarter routine. Jim Henson put on his mask and performed a multitude of ghostly tricks including "Milk from Silk," a Silk Tube vanish, a Harry Houdini "Haunted Photo," the ever popular "Mismade Frankenstein" effect, and ghostly Twentieth Century Silks mystery. And the crowd roared, "BIZARRE!"

Dan Hecke kept the evening moving by teaching the audience how to create a cemetery. He was dead right and he nailed it! David Duggie showcased his talents with a "Haunted Nail through Mirror" routine. Tyler Vodehnal showed his version of "Ghostly Delights," and Jon Bucher finished the evening with his version of "Vlad's Coffin of Death." And the crowd screamed, "BIZARRE!"

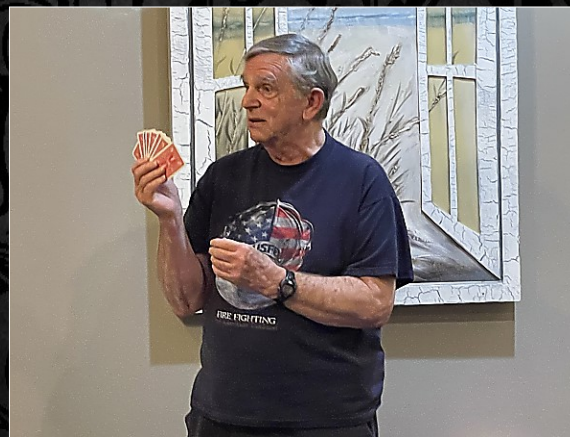
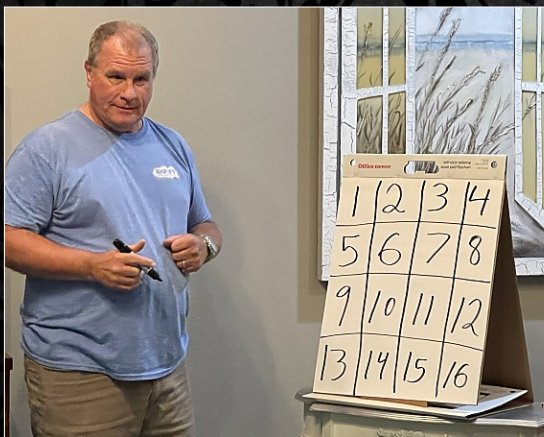
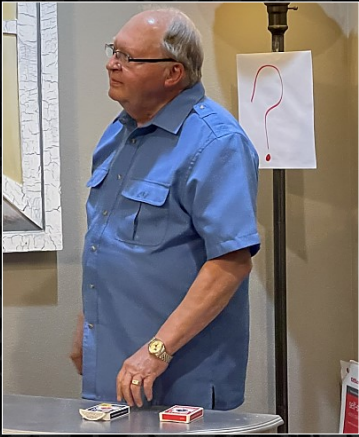
It appears the Ring was getting into the festive spirit of Halloween that night as attentions turned toward the darker, spookier and more bizarre side of magic. Those there, witnessed some "impossible" effects that could make you question what your eyes beheld. Laughs and hoots of "BIZARRE" abounded. It's always fun to see what creations our members come up with for theme nights. Be sure to let us know if you have a theme you would like to see explored at a future Ring meeting.

Until next time, remember, the past is your personal reminder of what the future may also be.

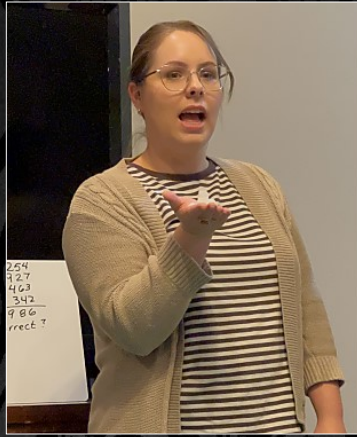
October Performers



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October Assistants



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	Henson Home #2	Evening at the Pops	N/A	Dane Dover
August	Markham Executive Center Conference Rooms 10201 W. Markham	Round Robin Workshop	N/A	Dane Dover
September	Stagecoach Village Club House	Lecture	Suzanne	Dane Dover
October	Dover Home	Open Mic	N/A	Dane Dover
November	Henson Home #2	Spooky Magic	N/A	Marty Haughn
December 13	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Christmas Potluck	N/A	Dane Dover

* The clubhouse address: 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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 Magic Vendor, "Mr. Magic"
Mr. Magic is owned and operated by retired Fire Chief Jim Henson and is a primary contact for Ring 29.

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