

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

November 2022

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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...



Next Lecture: TOM BURGOON
February 2023



Meeting Information

Monthly Meeting

December 13, 2022 @ 6:45

Location: Stagecoach Village Clubhouse

Upcoming Events

December Christmas Party -

December 13, 2022

Stagecoach Village Clubhouse

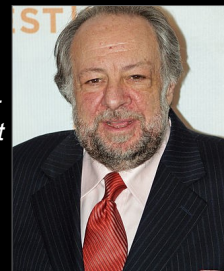
January Show 2023 -

January 14, 2023

Jacksonville Community Center

" I was considered a comedy magician.
And – how do I put this without sounding
egotistical? – it didn't take me long to real-
ize that comedy magicians usually couldn't
do comedy or magic. "

- Ricky Jay -



Current/Past Events

December Meeting Info

Scheduled for December 13, 2022, to be held at the Stagecoach Clubhouse, 6:45. Potluck party.

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.

Feed the Vets

For the months of November and December, members are asked to bring in non-perishable food to donate to Feed the Vets. This organization take care of Arkansas Veterans who are struggling to stay ahead. PLEASE, bring as much as you can to the December meeting/pot luck so we may do our part in support of those who gave so much for us to live as we do.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and still wish to donate, PLEASE, visit:
www.feedthevetsorg.com There is a DONATE button at the top of their page for cash donations. Any amount is very much appreciated.

In Memory of Don Terry



Don was the Ideal Bread spokesman; Appeared on the Bozo Show for several years; Performed magic shows for company picnics, Christmas party's etc. Don had a call-in talk show on KARN Radio for a couple of years; Five years ago he went to Honduras and did his last magic show.

Don was a past member of Ring 29. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Don's Family.

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!

Did You Know?

John Archer: I was once performing for a corporate event which was not going very well at all. Everyone was drunk and talking loudly to each other I had the attention of about 10% of the room and had tried everything to win more people over.

It was on a cabaret floor and I was just trying to get through my time when a lady approached me and handed me a small baby (maybe 6 months old) and said "will you hold this for a minute"

In a slight state of what the @***! I took the baby from her and she went to the bathroom. I stood there for several minutes talking to the few who were listening to me about the strangeness of the situation until the lady returned and reclaimed her child..... Bizarre!

December Birthdays

Clyde Hayre (Ring 75) - Bob Bullock

January Birthdays

Shawn Miller - Jody Birchfield (Ring 75)

Sid Salmans - Aaron Acosta

February Birthdays

Yak Williams (Ring 325)

President's Corner

Dane Dover

THANKSGIVING

While we begin the Holiday Season I want to reflect on some things to be thankful for in the Magic Community.

As I write this today is Veteran's Day. I want to first say thank you to all our Veterans in the magic community. I know who some of you are but I suspect there are those who have served that I am not even aware of. Thanks for your service in whatever capacity that you served to keep our country free. Thanks for the response at our last meeting with the canned goods for the "Feed the Vets" organization. We will be taking up canned goods again at our December meeting thanks for all who donated.

First thanks to our board. Joel Nicholson our Vice-President who is always volunteering to help in whatever way is necessary. Marty Haughn, our Secretary, who is still doing the bulk of the work that needs to be done behind the scenes (website, newsletter, programs, tickets, keeping me on track, etc.) James Kinsey our Treasurer who may be the longest serving board member who continues to do an outstanding job, even while battling some health issues. Gerry Bailey our Sergeant at Arms who despite some complications with his health continues to make most of our meetings and keeps me on track for our business meeting. Mike Curtis our Historian who has to keep up with all the history of the club (and the paper documents) and has done an excellent job, he is still looking for an Assistant Historian if any of you want to help your Magic Club this would be a great place to start.

Thanks to Jim Henson who has always been an ardent supporter of our club. He continues to provide us a place to meet while we are still looking for a permanent home again since we are not able to meet at the Baptist Hospital. He is more than generous with Magic giveaways.

Thanks to all our members, without you the club wouldn't exist. Thanks for attending the meetings, performing magic, paying your dues, etc. We are still working on attracting new members so if you know someone who might be interested, please encourage them to join us.

I'm thankful for a club who allows its members to "mess up" when they perform. With this safe community it only lifts the whole art of Magic.

Dane Dover

President, Ring 29

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 met on November 3, 2022, 6:45 pm at Henson Home #2, presided by President Dane Dover.

This month brought on some charity in support for an Arkansas Organization called "Feed the Vets" where cash, food and volunteer assistance provide an opportunity for Veterans in need. Each Veteran goes through the facility with a shopping cart and chooses what foods they prefer at no cost, no questions asked. President Dane Dover and Secretary Marty Haughn organized a Ring 29 food drive by asking members to donate as much non-perishable food they could afford. Although an actual amount cannot be determined, it is estimated to have brought around \$250-\$300 in food and cash donations. We thank each and every member for their generous donations. Feed the Vets also extends a gracious thank you to the Ring. Well done everyone!

Discussion of additional details about Feed the Vets were provided by Dane and Marty to help members understand more about the organization. Continuing with business, Dane reminded everyone about the upcoming potluck Ring Christmas party to happen on Tuesday December 13, 2022 at the Stagecoach Clubhouse. Additionally, more details regarding our annual Christmas Show to happen Saturday January 14, 2023 at the Jacksonville Community Center.

Dane stated we currently have six performers lined up for the show with a few backups, just in case. Like last year, tickets will be sold by the Ring Officers and are currently available. Please get your tickets early as we sold out last year and expect to repeat it again this year!

Historian Mike Curtis came up to present the Ring with a book donated by Mary Ann Campbell. Titled "Scott Robinson's Pure Imagination" by Andy Gladwin and John Campbell, Mary Ann's son. This book is available for checkout by Ring 29 members for one month, first come first served. Contact Mike for details.

Dane closed the business end of our gathering moving us right to the business of magic.

Blayk Puckett was introduced first with a most impossible card trick. Cedric Morely was asked to take the deck, move to the back of the room and secretly select a card. After several rounds of "Nobody Ever Picks These Cards" as stated by Blayk, a card was left and supposed to be Cedric's card. Unfortunately, magician in trouble again, it was not the selected card. Given a second chance, Cedric was asked to select a card then sit on it. After the round of "Nobody Ever Picks These Cards", Blayk was finally able to locate the correct card.

Richard Knoll was next with a bit of a tribute to the late Max Maven by performing the Jumbo "B' Wave". It has been some time since we have had Richard perform and it was a real joy to see him go to work with "B' Wave". As the routine progressed through the elimination of colors and suits, Richard was left with one card, the named card, Queen of Diamonds. Very nice routine and we will be able to see more of Richard performing at the Cavalcade of Magic in Eureka Springs, March 2023.

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Cedric Morely entertained everyone with a common object, an ink pen. Cedric asked everyone to call out which direction the pen was pointed. As we all called out the correct direction he proceeded faster and faster. All of a sudden, we were all wrong. Somehow the direction had changed from what was expected. As Cedric slowed we noticed the cap had changed positions and back again. The point was never where we thought it would be. Pretty mind-boggling and makes your eyes water. Cedric presented Gregory Wilson's "Pointless" very well and had us all confused with what we thought we saw. Well done Cedric.

Dane Dover took over and bragged about being one of 2000 magicians who owned a special deck of cards. Of course, he was referring to the 100th Anniversary deck for the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Funny thing about it, he kept bragging! As Dane moved through his routine a card was selected. Dane had a card selected from two stacks and tried to identify it. Fail after fail after fail he eventually had to resort to his Magicians Insurance Policy, another gem from the 100th anniversary. After reading the obligatory jokes from the policy, a card was revealed to be the seven of spades, fail. Dane pulled out the last of his insurance and opened the policy fully exposing the Queen of Hearts, the chosen card.

Dane provided the next intro as someone who could use an insurance policy (due to the number of fails in past months) and without a name being announced, Marty Haughn walked up front to the humor of all in attendance. They all knew!

Marty began asking if there was a difference between the paranormal and the paranoid, and is there really such a thing as a coincidence? He explained that many years ago he was doing cards tricks when someone came up and grabbed the card and proceeded to tear them in half. These cards were his favorite and decided to keep them, damaged and all. Mike Curtis and Armilda Morely were asked to help by taking half of the cards each and mixing them. Mike was then asked to mix both halves. At this point there was no specific order and Marty chose two cards reflective of each assistant. Each assistant then dealt as many halves on the table and insert their chosen half face up on the pile. The cards were then spread showing the chosen cards, removed with the card on top of each. Paranormal, paranoid, coincidence? I think not, magic brought the matching pairs together.

Joel Nicholson was next and needed a little prep time to get things rolling along. He enlisted the assistance of Blayk Puckett and Mike Curtis to work it all out. Once Joel was satisfied all was well the threesome approached the group and began a routine with a Jumbo version of "Find the Queen". Joel had the three of them move about which was to mix the location of the queen. Once mixed the audience was asked to locate the queen. Of course, the first two guesses were incorrect. One more mix and still no luck. Joel had fooled us all.

In what seems to be a closing regular now, Mr. Generosity himself Jim "Mr. Magic" Henson stated he had a lot to give away again then proceeded to demonstrate each item, the list went as follows: Billy Benbow's Best book, Clear Force Bag, Wire Grams, Max Maven Reel Magic DVD, Mathemagic, and Spade Card Monte. To cap off the giveaway, tickets were drawn to select a limited number of different Reel Magic DVDs and not quite finished, a table was unfolded and covered with very old Sphinx magazines donated by Mary Ann Campbell. Some dating back to the 1920's. All in all I would say we had yet another successful Ring 29 meeting and gathering.

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month's report looks back again 15 years to the November, 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.

"I would rather entertain and hope that people learned something than educate people and hope they were entertained." – Walt Disney

On November 1, thirty members met for a "Teaching Session" themed magical meeting. Five different magicians agreed to act as magical professors for the evening. Each magician brought a different specialty to the group, which ensured that everyone in attendance left having learned a new magical skill.

The first magical instructor was the ever talented Pam Madrez. Pam taught the group the fundamentals of ventriloquism. She discussed the problems that beginning ventriloquists encounter and even passed out mirrors so that each participant could practice. We are happy to report that only one magician was harmed from seeing their own reflection.

The second session was taught by the master balloon artist Don Baer. Don's session was entitled "How to Pack Small and Play Big." In Don's session the magicians were taught how to pack light, yet still be able to perform a quality show for large groups. As Don stated, "An amateur will take ten thousand tricks to perform for six people, but a professional can take six tricks and perform for ten thousand people."

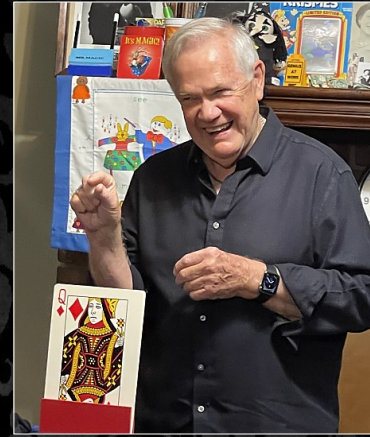
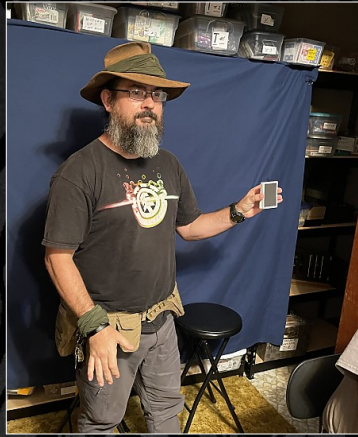
The ever jovial Jim Henson conducted the third session and taught the group some wonderful tricks with rubber bands. The tricks ranged from rubber band handcuffs to making a ring climb up the rubber band on its own accord. Not to be outdone, the professor Scott Davis taught the group the benefits of the Classic Force. Scott taught the group the best way to practice the force, as well as telling some wonderful stories about how the technique has served him in his magical endeavors.

Finally, master magician Sid Salman led a teaching session dealing on coin palming. Sid started with a Coins Across routine that amazed the group. He then showed and taught the many different palming techniques that he used in his routine, including the Classic Palm and the Finger Palm. Thanks to all who participated!"

Another great "teach-in" was held by the Ring featuring some of our star member performers. I remember that all came away from that meeting with some insight into areas of magic they may not have fully appreciated until they saw it masterfully demonstrated by those in the know. What a great way to expand one's repertoire!

Until next time, remember, past experiences enrich our present understanding.

November Performers



October Performers



Schedule of Events

2022

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 2023	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Christmas Show	N/A	TBA
February	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Lecture	Tom Burgoon	Dane Dover
March		TBA		
April		TBA		
May		TBA		
June	TBA	Officer Installation	N/A	Larry Bean
July		TBA		
August		TBA		
September		TBA		
October		TBA		
November		TBA		
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.

Mr. Magic (Jim Henson)

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