

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

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May 13, 2023 ◦ 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Henson Home #2
15619 Chicopee Trail, Little Rock



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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...



TOM BURGOON



TODD LAMANSKE



Meeting Information

May 4, 2023
Davis's Burgers, NLR
6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Henson Spring Estate Sale
Date: March 13
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Henson Home #2

"When a professional finds that his act is being copied, he will know he has arrived. Imitators may be able to copy the moves and patter, but they cannot capture the personality of the originator. A dwarf may don the role of a giant, but he remains a dwarf."

- Karrell Fox -



Current/Past Events



Ricky David Tripp

October 12, 1954 - April 12, 2023

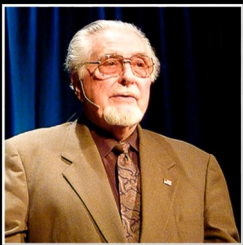
On April 12, 2023 we lost another valued member of Ring 29., Ricky David Tripp. Ricky had been battling health issues for some time.

Some may not have known but Ricky was a multi-talented entertainer. Not only was he a good magician, Ricky was a very talented musician who played the guitar and sang at various locations in Little Rock. His music talents were heard by many Arkansans and will be truly missed.

Our prayers and support go out to his family and friends.

Bill Pitts

FEBRUARY 5, 1926 – APRIL 3, 2023



The *Bill Pitts Magic Ring 75* of Ft. Smith also lost an icon of magic, Mr. Bill Pitts. Bill had been living in a Veterans Home for quite some time. Bill's contribution to the magic community was invaluable to the many magicians not only in Arkansas but the United States. Bill served as a past President of the IBM, 1978-1979. Bill was 97.

Raymond W. Haining

November 14, 1949 - April 16, 2023

One of our newest members, Raymond W. Haining of Hot Springs passed away peacefully in his home on April 16, 2023. Ray was born in New York City and graduated from Sachem High School in Lake Ronkonkoma, New York.

After moving to New York City, Ray met jazz clarinetist Perry Robinson, and the two began a lifelong friendship. Perry introduced him to magic, which would become one of Ray's great passions in life. Performing magic in clubs and restaurants and small gatherings, Ray honed his craft well enough to become a "featured magician" at The Electric Circus in Manhattan. By the time of his death he had assembled a large repertoire of sleight-of-hand tricks and a massive private library of books about magic.

IN MEMORY OF

Bill Pitts, Ricky Tripp and Ray Haining



President's Corner

Dane Dover

Our President has been busy crunching numbers and has promised to be back online shortly.



**Break
Time**

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 members and guests gathered for a very special visit from a Ring friend. We all met at the Stagecoach Village clubhouse, thank you Bob White, and spent the evening with two very funny and excellent magicians, Tom Burgoon and Todd Lamanske.

After a little business presented by Ring Vice President, Joel Nicholson, the torch was handed over to Jim "Mr. Magic" Henson for the introduction. Jim and Tom have known each other for many years and have a little comedic banter between them. Tonight was no different. Jim had some great one-liners that got everyone in the mood.

Tom opened with his corporate comedy opener called "Crazy Eyes". I'm not sure how many really expected to see what they saw but it got some good laughs. If you have not attended a lecture by Tom Burgoon you are missing out on some great fun and crazy magic.

Tom's lecture consisted of so many different things it would be difficult to list them here and they came at you at a rapid fire which made things even funnier. Some of his most memorable comedy bits that come to mind consists of one of my favorites, "Chicken Delite". You had to be there. Truly unexpected and very funny bit. Another favorite that I have seen Tom perform with kids is his balloon and change bag routine. Although we had no kids at the lecture, we found one who is a kid at heart, Treasurer James Kinsey. This is a routine which was performed at this year's Cavalcade of Magic by Paul Carlon. Very funny indeed.

It wasn't long before Tom turned the show, I mean, lecture, over to Todd Lamanske. Todd was on Penn & Teller's Fool Us about five or six years ago. The card routine he performed on the show was pretty darned good. You'll have to look it up on YouTube to check it out and the results.

Todd demonstrated some of his gems like "The Time Machine" with the assistance of member Dan Hecke. By starting and stopping the time machine (one minute hour glass timer) Todd and Dan were able to move back and forth in time using a deck of cards. Interesting and entertaining. Todd's Copper Silver routine was an eye grabber as he used an English Penny and a Half Dollar. Sweet and simple yet complicated for the mind to track down.

Further demonstrations by Todd were an easy fix for the perfect "Mercury Fold", and his Penn & Teller routine. For the latter, his volunteer was Tammy Haughn. A gamble was made by Todd stating he would give Tammy a dollar, which he laid out for display, if the trick did not work. Todd stated that the card chosen would be the Ace of Diamonds.

First, the cards were mixed and Tammy was asked to begin dealing the cards face up and in the process she was stop anywhere she liked. The next card was kept face down and placed on her pile. She then continued dealing the now face up pack onto the face down card and was to look for her card.

Well, her card never surfaced which made everyone suspicious about the face down card. Todd took the pile, straightened them and spread them face down on the table. What was found shocked everyone including Tammy, it was the predicted card! Impressive and a lot of fun but he wasn't finished yet. The dollar he had placed on the table...on the back, written in large bold letters, was the Ace of Diamonds.

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

The lecture was then turned back to Tom and more craziness followed. Some of the crowd favorites were the "Master Blaster", a "Popup Glove" that found cards, bending spoons on cards, "Baby Wallet" and Baby "Card". One of Tom's classics, and a favorite of mine, is "Snake Eyes". Susan Bucher was asked to assist with looking at dice that when shook in the cupped hands of Tom, Susan was to identify the number shown as Tom tried guessing. Of course, he was wrong on all counts but one lucky guess. When he called out snake eyes, meaning two ones, Susan peaked into the cupped hands only to be greeted by a snake! Her reaction and expression said it all.

Overall, we were pleased that Tom and Todd took time out of their busy schedules to make a special trip to Little Rock just to lecture for us. Time spent with these two gentlemen was invaluable and I do believe they made some new friends and visited with some old ones (so to speak) as well. It was a great night for Ring 29.

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

What was the Ring doing 10 years ago? Let's take a peek back to the April, 2013 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Jon Bucher and the Secretary was Robert (Bob) White. The Ring met monthly at Shufeld Auditorium in Little Rock.

"Our April 3 meeting hosted this year's annual close-up competition. Traditionally our stage competition is held the month after.

After a brief business meeting, President Jon Bucher turned over MC duties for the contest to the capable hands of Jim Henson.

This year, we had six entrants in the senior competition for close-up and two for the junior division. The prizes consisted of gift certificates to our own local magic shop – Mr. Magic & Novelties. There was also a prize for favorite performer. Judging was handled by two former Ring officers and one lay person while the favorite performer was awarded via a write-in ballot passed out to all who attended.

The competition was intense this year, but here is the breakdown of the final winners. Seniors: First Place went to Aaron Acosta. Aaron worked at the table producing coins and other odd surprises from an empty purse frame. Using the produced coins, he moved on to a "Hanging Coins" routine followed by Coins Across, ending with a card and coin Matrix. Aaron wowed with his technical ability.

Second Place was awarded to Jimmy Rhodes. Jimmy started with a comedy cut and restored rope routine with the rope first being retrieved from a dusty burial urn, supposedly the remains of one of his relatives who had taught him the trick – it was just too funny for words. He followed this nonsense with his version of the "\$2.85" trick and then performed torn and restored signed playing card for a finale.

Third Place went to Cedric Morley. Cedric used his medication box (Okito) to first produce his cold pills and then coins, working into a nice Okito routine aided by producing a glass of water with which to take the pills. He followed with a nice sponge ball routine finale.

Juniors First Place went to Blayk Puckett who performed a torn and restored selected card where the restored card appeared in a sealed brownie package inside a sealed carton of brownies. Not only was the magic good, but some lucky people got free brownies.

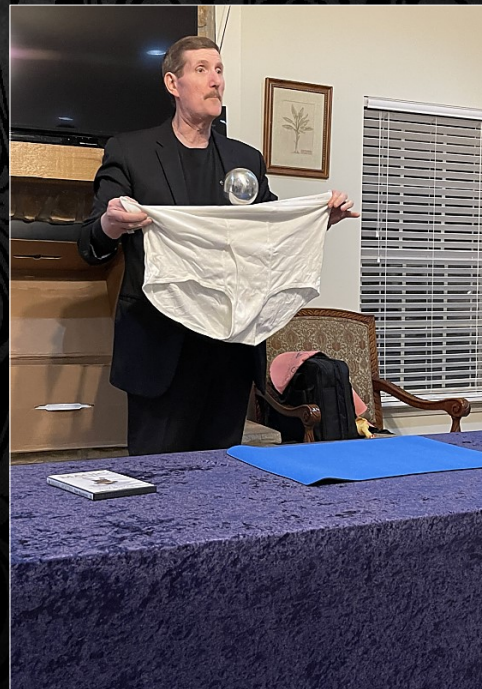
Second Place went to Lana Morley (Cedric's oldest) who performed coin magic with real coins that somehow melted into her iPhone and fell out again. The favorite performer of the evening ended in a tie vote with the award going to both crowd faves: Jimmy Rhodes and Blayk Puckett."

That month's meeting remains fondly familiar, to those that were there, because all were treated to some outstanding memorable performances by the participants. It was fun magical entertainment that displayed the high degree of talent among some of our members and showcased the level of good-natured competitiveness among them. Although there were rankings awarded, all who participated were truly winners from the experience. It's never too early to brush-up on that favorite routine and get ready to "show your stuff" at the next Ring competition. We're all looking forward to it.

Until next time, remember, the past may seem outdated at times, but its wonders can still be viewed with awe if shared with those unfamiliar with it.

April Lecture

Tom Burgoon & Todd Lamanske



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Schedule of Events

2023

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 14, 2023	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Christmas Show	N/A	Marty Haughn
February	Markham Executive Building 10201 W. Markham	Workshop	N/A	Dane Dover
March	Henson Home #2	Open	N/A	Joel Nicholson
April	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Lecture	Tom Burgoon	Jim Henson
May	David's Burgers 3510 Landers Road, NLR	Open	N/A	Dane Dover
June	TBA	Officer Installation	N/A	Larry Bean
July	TBA	TBA	N/A	
August	TBA	TBA	N/A	
September	TBA	TBA	N/A	
October	TBA	TBA	N/A	
November	TBA	TBA	N/A	
December	Ring 29 Christmas Party	N/A	N/A	

* 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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