

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

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Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Let me begin by stating that this will be a very short newsletter. I will have to do a better job with timing our vacations around meetings instead of during them. Next, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Blayk Puckett for taking care of the meeting notes in my absence this month.

Marty

First was a business meeting, discussing possible lecturers for the club. The consensus was that Adrian Vega seemed quite interesting!

- James K led the meeting, calling up performers for a coin-magic themed night.
- Dan H performed a quick appearing coin, bearing a cross cutout and John 3:16. It's a giveaway item he uses, and he shared with the club where to buy similar coins in bulk.
- Bob B's empty hands suddenly held a silver coin—nice! Before we knew it, it had magically changed to a red Chinese coin. It changed back and forth multiple times.
- Aaron A surprised members with a club appearance, and he performed a masterful rendition of coins across, with four silver walking liberty halves traveling from a spectator's hands.
- Sid S showed us a cool coin he found online. Its inscription cracked us up—"Alakazam, Alakazoo, Alaka-seltzer!" Then he showed us his chameleon-skin wallet, a beautiful black leather. But not for long—it changed colors, to tan, green, then red.
- Derrick R displayed unmistakably empty hands, before 3 coins materialized, then vanished one-by-one (yes, the hands were empty before and after; no, he never went to his pocket).
- Will K did a similar trick, perfect for a quick magical surprise. With empty hands and rolled up sleeves, a gold coin appeared at his fingertips.
- Jim H closed the meeting with lots of coin and money-themed giveaways. We all left with impressive and much-appreciated magical souvenirs to celebrate his 50th year in the club!

Blayk

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month we take a short peek back just 7 years to the March, 2017 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Jo Jones and the Secretary was Gary Fambrough. The Ring met monthly at classroom #1 at Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.

Ring 29 met March 2nd in classroom #1 at Baptist Hospital. As per usual, the night started off with club President Jo Jones presiding over the meeting. Twenty-four club members were present for the meeting. The first item on the agenda was a reminder of our upcoming lecture with Kieron Johnson March 23rd, 2017. It will be held in classroom #1 at Baptist Hospital where the normal club meeting is held. Kieron has been featured on Scott Wells' The Magic Word Podcast episode 292 if you are interested in learning more about him. It should be noted that Kieron is not only a magician but also a renowned regurgitator so that should make for a very interesting lecture.

Also announced was the club's close-up competition to take place as our regular meeting in April. Participants are sure to have fun with this event. The remainder of the club meetings will be comprised of an auction in May, a stage competition in June, and our officer installation in July. However, the most noteworthy announcement of the evening was our very own President Jo Jones' birthday! Happy Birthday again, Jo!

The meeting continued with a mini lecture by Bob White. He demonstrated a "Chop Cup and Ball" routine. Afterwards, he went to great lengths to describe the purpose of each action and stage of the presentation. It was a very informative study on the routine and was sure to inspire those in attendance. Once he completed the explanation, Bob then went on to display various chop cups he has acquired over the years. This was a delightful experience and felt like a little trip to a magic museum and/or magic shop.

Following Bob was a bevy of performers for the evening. The theme for the night was "kids' magic." Mike Curtis had the pleasure of being the night's master of ceremonies. He did a superb job with his humorous introductions for each magician. First up was Marty Haughn performing several excellent effects from the "Fabulous Four" by Michael Ammar. Following him was Gary Fambrough with "Polished Ring Thing" by Garret Thomas and then a stellar card production trick.

Next up was Adrian Steelman with a crowd pleasing performance of "Acrobatic Knot." It should be noted that Adrian is one of our incredible junior magicians. Also from our juniors was Carlos Yang with some very impressive sleight of hand magic using a Sharpie pen. Both of these young men are excellent performers and rising stars!

Joel Nicholson was next with a unique version of "Three Card Monte" that included a fancy card stand and jumbo cards. His lovely assistant, Janie, was on hand to add a nice bit of elegance to his performance as well. Following Joel was David Dougie with a fantastic rendition of the "Card Gun" followed by two cards finding their mates. This was definitely a crowd pleaser!

Blast from the Past

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Not to be outdone, Dane Dover amazed the crowd with his paper bands. Using two volunteers, each band was cut down the middle to reveal one giant band or two linked bands. Of course the volunteers expected the two bands to be unlinked but were completely surprised when their results differed!

Cedric Morley had the pleasure of following with a special version of the “Professor’s Nightmare” called “Baggie Professor’s Nightmare.” The effect was a fascinating teleportation involving two sets of ropes and a gallon sided Ziploc bag. Cedric’s son assisted and our audience was duly amazed. Bringing up the tail end of our performances were Derrick Rose and Jo Jones. Derrick performed “Rocky Mountain Pizza Box” which is a variation on the popular die box. This delighted all the kids in our audience, especially when the “pizza” ended up on Derrick’s backside.

Jo concluded our set with her spectacular mentalism skills. She was able to unbelievably name each volunteer and their favorite flavor of ice cream that they had written down on blank cards.

To conclude our meeting, club member Dennis Schick spoke of several magic related events in the news including the tragic passing of Daryl. He also brought a magic Christmas card to show that he received from I.B.M. Past International President Vanni Pulé.

All in all, we had a well-attended and fantastical meeting. Looking forward to seeing everybody next month for the close-up competition!” That meeting was jam packed! Not only were plans laid out for an upcoming lecture from Kieron Johnson and later close-up and stage competitions as well as a magic auction but there was the bonus of celebrating our own President Jo’s birthday. Many may also remember the fun had with the mini lecture from Bob White and the several performances by our energized members.

This included outstanding performances by our younger magicians, Adrian Steelman and Carlos Yang. Let’s continue to foster interest in magic with our younger generation and encourage them to join in the fun at our meetings. Until next time, remember the words of Marion Bekoe, “Your past will determine your present, your present will soon be your past but your mindset will determine your future.”

Schedule of Events

2024

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 13, 2024	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Public Show	N/A	Mary Ann Campbell
February	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Number Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
March	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Coin Magic	N/A	Joel Nicholson
April	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Liquid Magic	N/A	Joel Nicholson
May	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Classic Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
June	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Officer Installation	N/A	Larry Bean
July	TBA	Rope Magic	N/A	
August	TBA	Card Magic	N/A	
September	TBA	Prediction Magic	N/A	
October	TBA	Mentalism/Halloween	N/A	
November	TBA	Escape Magic	N/A	
December	TBA	Ring Christmas Party	N/A	

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

These are our normal meeting gatherings. Any additional activity throughout the year will be listed.

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Mailing Lists

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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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