

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

August 2024

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Quadri-Ring All-State Magic Meeting



**Who: IBM Rings 29, 75, 308
and the new NWA Ring**

**Where: Yesterdays Restau-
rant , 1502 North Oak St.,
Morriton, AR 72110**

When: Saturday, August 24

Time: 2:30-6:30PM

Menu is at <https://www.yesterdaysrestaurantmorriton.com/menu>

**They have salads, ribs, pizza, burgers, sandwiches, wraps, chicken– fried or grilled,
porkchops, BBQ, seafood, steaks and pasta.**

**We will have a meet/greet to start with. Tables will be available for a self-service
magic swap meet. All wanting to will have a chance to perform. We'll eat around
5:15-5:30 so we can be done in time for everyone to get home before dark.**

More info to come later. Please save the date!



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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...

GOOD BOOK RECOMMENDATION

During the August meeting Jim Henson, as usual, provided everyone with a classic: "Out to Lunch". If you know this trick then you know it is a real fooler to the layman.

A few years back I purchased the book called "Lunch is Served" by TC Tahoe and Paul Romhany. This book contains 60, yes, I said 60 different routines which were compiled by these two known magicians. There are at least 19 contributing magicians to this book.

If you like Out to Lunch then you will absolutely love this book! I am confident anyone who does Out to Lunch will find many jewels of magical variations in this book.

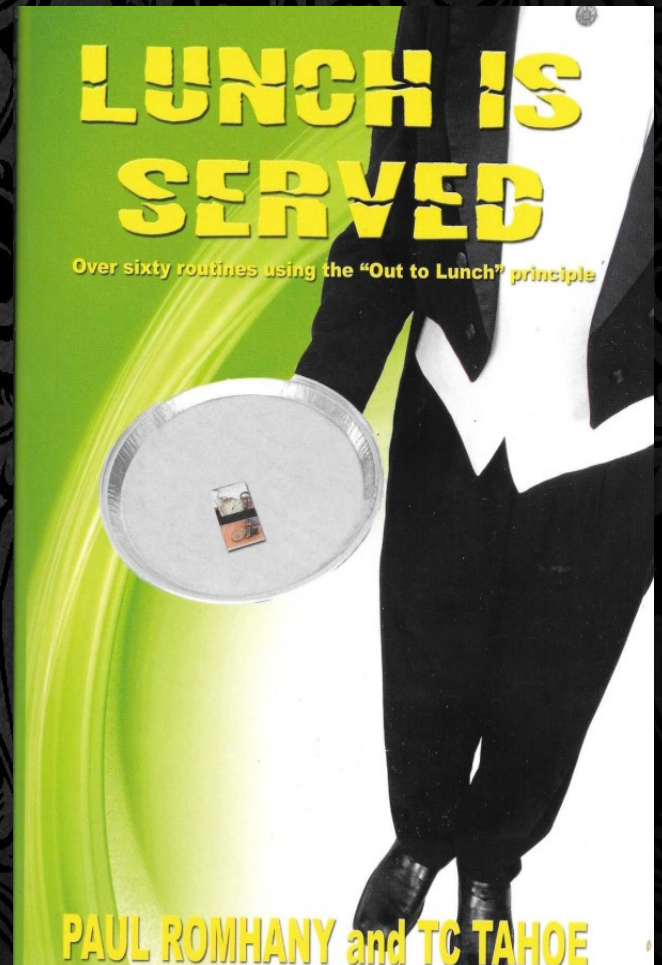
Currently, the book can be found on Amazon selling for \$24. I know there are more valuable routines than the cost of the book.

I give this book



Go on, get your copy before they are no longer in print.

No, I do not receive a commission or any fee.



Meeting Information

Quad-Ring Meeting
August 24, 2024
2:30 - 6:30
Yesterday's

1502 Oak St, Morrilton, Arkansas

Upcoming Events

Meeting September 5, 2024
Meeting October 3, 2024
Meeting November 7, 2024
Ring Christmas Party
December 6, 2024

"Generally, magicians don't know what to say, so they say stupid and redundant crap like, 'Here I am holding a red ball.'"

- Teller -



President's Report

Marty Haughn

Fellow Magicians,

What a great lecture. If you missed it, you missed out on a lot of good information and some magic. Giancarlo Bernini did a great job presenting his material and did not charge a fee. Cannot beat that at all.

We are still in need of committee members for the next benefit show. I need a chair-person and two committee members to get things rolling.

Please don't forget the Quad-Ring meeting on the 24th of August. See the flyer a few pages back to get the details. Plan to attend? Please send a RSVP to mjhaughn@gmail.com with your name and how many guests will be joining you. I need this info by the 20th to ensure "certain" items can be taken care of. Sorry to be cryptic but you will need to be there to know what I mean.

Our August meeting was a good one with some pretty interesting magic performed by members.

Already, the year has blown past the half-way mark so we will be looking toward a possible picnic (maybe October) and our Ring Christmas Party in December. Those of you reading this newsletter and have not attended a meeting in a long time, please consider the October event as well as the December event.

Finally, if you know someone interested in magic please invite them to our meeting to see if this is something they might want to continue.

Stay Safe, Healthy and Magical.

Marty

Secretary Report

Joel Nicholson

Little Rock Ring 29 had fun Thursday, August 1, 2024, when we met for the "card magic" theme meeting at our special meeting location of First Community Bank at 17820 Chenal Pkwy in Little Rock, AR. Once more we thank Mary Ann Campbell for securing this special meeting location.

Our newly elected President Marty Haughn opened the business meeting with info of upcoming events. Upcoming this month will be a Quad Ring meeting on Saturday, August 24, from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM, in Morrilton, AR, at a fine place to dine; Yesterday's Restaurant, 1502 N. Oak St., where all four of Arkansas' Magic Rings will meet. For preparation of the reserved room please notify Marty with the headcount that you'll be bringing. The Quad Meeting agenda so far includes introductions, a magic-themed game, volunteer performers, a possible micro-lecture. There will also be a flea market so bring cash and items you want to sell and be in charge of maintaining the table where your items are displayed. If you'd like to arrive early at 2:00 you can help territorial vice president Larry Bean prep the meeting room.

Marty handed out tickets for a drawing for prizes that he brought, and the card close up mat prizes were very appropriate for the meeting "card magic" theme. After the thunderous applause for Blayk Puckett died down he unrolled his prize, a beautiful new card mat and amazed us. He had Bob Bullock join him at the table, and Bob shuffled a pack of Blayk's cards, and per Blayk's instructions selected random ones, discard, conceal selections, and pick a "favorite" secretly. With amazing ability Blayk named the cards in Bob's hand accurately until the last card was the only remaining card in Bob's hand and then Blayk also named it correctly as the "secret card."

Next to perform was Bob Bullock. First was an impressive series of card flourishes. Sid Salmans selected a face down card and viewed it privately and returned it to the spread deck in Bob's hand. Bob then manipulated the deck multiple times and produced the "selected card" every time. He ended with a crisscrossed rubber band wrapped deck that he laid on the table. Bob tapped on top and only the selected card popped across the table out of the banded deck.

Sid Salmans expertly presented "Crazy Dazzle" by Adrian Vega. He started with a few cards in his left front shirt pocket and a packet of all blue-backed Jokers cards in his hand. A red backed card was taken from his shirt pocket placed in the packet and all the cards changed to red backed Jokers. As a different color or design was pulled from his pocket and added to the packet the packet changed all back designs in accordance to the design that was placed in the packet. At the end a double faced Joker was placed in the packet and all the cards changed to Jokers face and back.

Dan Hecke used Bob Bullock as a volunteer to shuffle and deal the deck into 4 stacks of 13 cards. Dan told Bob to select any 1 of the 4 stacks of 13 cards, fan the 13 cards, select 1 secretly and put it into his pocket, and replace the 12 remaining cards on the table. Dan picked them up and looked at the faces and replaced them. Dan repeated this for 2 remaining decks. He selected a card and showed it to Bob and it matched Bob's pocketed card. Dan's 2 nd trick started with a layout of 3 rows of 7 cards from a shuffled deck. Row 3 was selected and Dan picked them up, laid them into the other rows, and repeated this several times then he laid cards into 5 stacks of 5 and 1 alone. With Sid Salmans assistance Dan had him pick at random cards to add to a single stack until one card was left alone and Dan showed it matched the secretly selected card. Dan's next trick was with help from Blayk Puckett. Dan had cartoon characters cards laid out in three rows and he had Blayk place

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any one of the plastic characters Dan provided on any card on any row. Dan then showed us that the cards Blayk picked were in fact the only ones that were matched sets.

With mercy applause from Jim Henson Joel Nicholson brought out a 12" diameter disc printed with numbers on one side and colors on the other. Blayk Puckett selected a number and Joel counted the number of spaces out and moved to the selected spot. Joel then asked Blayk to find and open an envelope nearby. Inside the envelope was Joel's prediction color which matched the color on back Blayk's number selection landed on. To further confuse the audience Joel brought out a long square tube which contained a square die held in place by a magic wand that went through the tube and die. There was no apparent way that the die could slide out of the tube. But with a little tap the die fell out and the wand remained through the tube.

Paul Carlon sat at the table and asked for someone to call out any card. He then picked up cards from the deck approximating the location of the card. He showed the card he selected and it did not match. The audience groaned. He then stated a number and said he'd dig down into the deck counting to that number and the called out card was in fact the card at his predicted location.

"Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm." Winston Churchill

Joel Nicholson, Secretary

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month we take a very short 6 years rear look to the August, 2018 meeting of the Ring. This one might be a little easier to remember. The President at that time was Jo Jones and the Secretary was Gary Fambrough. The Ring met monthly at Conference Center at Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.

Rooty-kazoo, wowie kazow, Jim Henson is my favorite pal! Ring 29 met Thursday, August second at 6:45 p.m. in Classroom #1 at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, AR. We had a great attendance of over thirty members and guests. Fantastic for August! As is the norm, club President Jo Jones presided of the meeting and started off with announcements.

We had a guest in attendance all the way from Nashville by the name of Terry Hedges. He's a magician and motivational speaker. If you happen to be in the Nashville area, look him up. He has some great sleight of hand trickery with cards among many other magical talents.

The club is also considering putting together a calendar of upcoming events. That said mark your calendars for this. Maxwell Blade has invited our group of magi to come see him perform in Hot Springs and tour his magic museum. The cost is normally around twenty-five dollars a person but I hear rumor that we could get a substantial discount if we let him know ahead of time. The potential date set for this run on Hot Springs is Saturday the 18th of August.

One of our very own was lucky enough to visit the Magic Castle in Hollywood recently. Adrian Steelman was there with his family. He met all kinds of celebrity magicians. I'm sure he'll be performing there one day himself.

Last but not least, our very own Bob Bullock reported that he spent some time in Savannah, Georgia over the summer. While there, he had a chance to hang out with David Erricson (a previous guest back in April). Sounds like they had some great time together talking about magic and the Savannah area.

Jo served as emcee for the performance portion of our meeting and first up was Jim Henson with a full lecture of sorts regarding the Invisible Deck. He left no stone (or card for that matter) unturned when it comes to different variations of this trick. Dane Dover, Terry Hedges, Jon and Susan Bucher, John Wofford, Adrian Steelman, Mike Jones, Derrick Rose, and Gary Fambrough all assisted with routines.

We also had a little impromptu discussion about the Amazing Kreskin. All that said, Jim did a fantastic job explaining the nuances of this trick. If you have any questions about the Invisible Deck, feel free to call Jim, or better yet make an appointment to see him in person, and he'll be glad to talk about it one-on-one. Jim also spoke about using key cards. No, not cards you would use at a hotel while on vacation, but rather specific cards in a deck that are either marked, bent, or embossed, to serve as locaters in a deck of cards. One of the standout routines using this method was "I Dream of mindreading" with variations performed by both Jim Henson and Mike Jones.

Did I mention that Jim Henson was the lecturer? In true Jim style he came prepared with lots of magic to give away for free! Yes, for free! Jim's generosity knows no bounds when it comes to the club and magic. It's true that Jim used to own a huge magic store in Little Rock with an inventory of over 15,000 tricks on hand. He closed the brick and mortar shop but still sells over the phone and out of his warehouse. So, if you were at the meeting in August, you didn't leave empty handed. No siree. Everyone went home with something if not several somethings like silver dollars, DVDs, cups and balls, and even a few extremely rare items.

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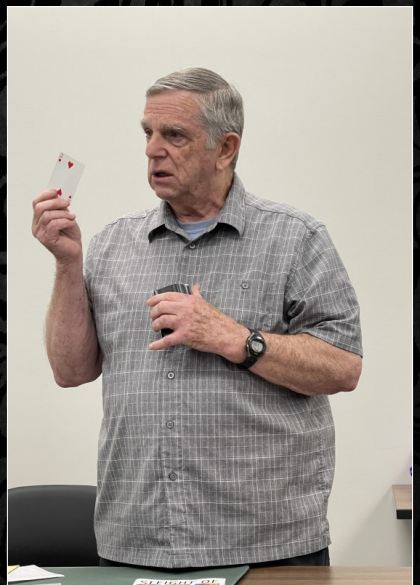
I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that Jon and Susan Bucher announced that they are great grandparents. Yes, I know what you are thinking... that's a little braggadocios but I don't mean great in that sense of the word. I mean their kids have kids with kids. Got it? It's confusing I'll admit but what a fantastic announcement nonetheless!

I'll be ending on that happy note. Hope to see everyone for the September meeting at Baptist Hospital!"

What a great meeting! There was great attendance, a visiting magician along with reports from members who had traveled and experienced magic in other states. Also the Ring was treated to a lecture by our resident magic dealer, Jim Henson, who showed us a variety of routines and uses for the invisible deck and key cards and treated the members to free magic gifts. Truly a night to remember.

Until next time, remember the words of Angela Duckworth who said, "One form of perseverance is the daily discipline of trying to do things better than we did before."

August Performers



Schedule of Events

2024

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 2025	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Public Show	N/A	
February	First Community Bank		N/A	
March	First Community Bank		N/A	
April	First Community Bank		N/A	
May	First Community Bank		N/A	
June	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Officer Installation	N/A	
July 11	First Community Bank	LECTURE TIME	Giancarlo Bernini	Marty Haughn
August 1	First Community Bank	Card Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
August 31	Yesterday's - Morrilton, Arkansas See address below	Quad-Ring Meeting	N/A	Larry Bean/ Marty Haughn
September	First Community Bank	Prediction Magic	N/A	
October	First Community Bank	Mentalism/Halloween	N/A	
November	First Community Bank	Escape Magic	N/A	
December	TBA	Ring Christmas Party	N/A	Marty Haughn

- The clubhouse address: 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- First Community Bank Address: 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, Arkansas
- Yesterday's Address: 1502 Oak Street, Morrilton, Arkansas

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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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