

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...

In the News:

Ring 29 officer installation happened on June 14, 2025. Although the term of service is 2 years, there have been a few changes to the lineup,

President: Marty Haughn
Vice President: Dane Dover
Secretary: Mark Mulkerin
Treasurer: James Kinsey
Historian: Bob Bullock
Sergeant at Arms: Al Henager

- Mike Curtis was finally able to "retire" as the Ring's long-time Historian. Thank you Mike for your many years of service.
- Due to health issues, Joel Nicholson has stepped down as Ring Secretary and replaced by Mark Mulkerin. Thank you Joel for providing entertaining reports and we all hope you get to better health.

AUCTION, AUCTION, AUCTION!

July 12, 2025 Ring 29 will have an auction selling of as much of the John Ransom estate. We will also include club members to bring no more than 2 items to sell. The auction will be a cash or check ONLY purchase so please come prepared to bid. ALL RANSOM PROCEEDS GO TO THE RING! All Rings are auctioning off items from the John Ransom estate. If you can, plan to attend as many as possible.

Other auctions happening will be at:

Ring 75 (Ft. Smith) July 13, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m. Ft. Smith Library (Contact Larry Bean for more info)
Ring 308 (Searcy) July 14, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. Susan Bucher Home, (Contact Blayk Puckett for more info)
Ring 403 (Springdale) July 16, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. 109 Spring Street (Contact Christy Vodehnal for info)

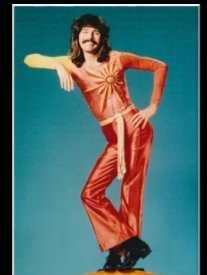
Meeting Information

July 12, 2025
Ring 29 Auction
Stage Coach Clubhouse
1:00

Upcoming Events

Annual Show
November 1, 2025
Doors Open: 6:30
Show Begins: 7:00

"Make the difficult easy and the easy beautiful"
- Doug Henning -



President's Report

Marty Haughn

There have been a few changes for the Ring in the past few months. When the board met earlier this year we talked about attendance and what we might do to help improve the numbers. It was decided to have a poll amongst the members using an online polling system. The link was sent to all members and given a week to respond. Sadly, the end result had produced only 18 votes. Based on the information we received from the poll it was a 15 to 3 decision to change meeting dates to the first Saturday of the month along with the time of 1:00 p.m. The meeting location was not changed and we will continue to meet at the First Community Bank.

I understand this may not be a viable option for some but until a better time and day has been produced, this is what we have. Thanks for your understanding.

Officer changes this year. Although halfway into the two year term it was necessary for a few changes in the lineup. The changes affected the Secretary and Historian positions. They will fulfill the remainder of the term and continue on for another two years...well, maybe the historian will be uh, "longer".

Our auction will be July 12, 2025...times and location is on the schedule of events. Items up for auction have been photographed and posted on our website. The items came from the John Ransom estate and we hope to get most, if not all, of the items sold. Members will also be able to sell items at the auction as well. Please limit the number of items to two. We have a lot to sell off and need to be rid of it quickly.

The money raised from the estate will go directly to the Ring. There are several larger items we have been emailing and posting pics on the website. These items have a bit of a reserve and will sell. The money raised from them will be split among the four Rings of Arkansas. Several "high dollar" items have been sold already.

Hope to see you all in July.

Secretary's Report

Mark Mulkerin

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 met Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the Stage Coach Clubhouse. President Marty Haughn presided.

The meeting began with food and fraternity. After having our fill of potluck and conversation, Marty, Ring 29 President, began the day's business by handing the officiating duties over to Larry Bean, Arkansas Territory Vice President.

Summoning up Marty along with Dane Dover, Mark Mulkerin, and Bob Bullock, Larry began the officer installation with great wit and plentiful verbal flourish. Marty was installed as Ring President with Dane joining him as Vice President. Relative newcomer, Mark, was installed as Secretary with Bob taking on two offices as Historian and Sergeant at Arms. While unavailable for the ceremony, James Kinsey continues as Treasurer. Larry then bestowed custom engraved name tags and pencils for each officer. Larry's generosity continued with engraved Ring 29 pencils for all attendees. He concluded with more humor, advice, and gifts that provided visual puns to accompany his words. These included many brands of soap like Zest, Dial, and Dove.

With the installation concluded, Marty returned the meeting to other matters of business – mostly around the sale of items from the Ransom Estate. Marty recounted how the items came to be donated and how leadership decided to share the opportunity to purchase and the proceeds between Arkansas's four Rings. With the extent and variety of various materials, different portions of would be handled differently. Many items were divided up and would go for auction at the July meetings for each Ring. Marty also described several particular items that would come to auction including a variety of Tarbell and other posters. Dane added to the discussion with encouragement for members to give a good look at the books – Magicana and Card Control.

Other items that had been unboxed and inventoried later was offered either at a set price or as part of a silent auction during this meeting. Similar collections of items are going to the other Rings. A debt gratitude was expressed for the Ransom donation and for Marty's long hours of inventorying, sorting, and distributing the numerous materials.

With a few items requiring extra attention, Marty discussed the largest item available, an appearance cabinet. Christy Vodehnal has photographed and is storing the cabinet. Pictures and procedures for voting on it are available through Ring 29's website.

With business out of the way, Larry resumed officiating and called each of the officers up for their required magic performances. Marty was first. With a key ring attached to a rubber band which was looped between the index fingers and thumbs each hand, he would cause the ring to jump from a section of rubber band to an upper and back again. He intends to put the effect to good use on an upcoming cruise. He then passed out key rings and rubber bands to the attendees and taught us all how to perform it.

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Larry brought up Dane next for what looked like would be his take on cups and balls, but then he put away the balls and performed a cups and water monte. The audience correctly guessed the first two locations, but on the third try, we were proven wrong as Dane turned the cups over proving the cups were empty.

Larry brought up Bob next who brought ropes, but this proved a bit of a tease as he segued into disappearing a silk and metamorphizing a coin repeatedly. Then, as he is known to us as the Sultan of Strings, his Professor's Dilemma expanded into more as ropes combined, ends leapt to middles, and ends leapt entirely off a given rope.

Mark was next with his take on Mental Epic which he supplemented AI-empowered palm reading and an Arduino attached to silly putty. With Blayk Puckett as volunteer, Mark discerned Blayk's passions and preferences.

Larry then offered a book test in which Mark selected any larger word off any page of a proffered book. With mentalism and mental acuity, Larry made several statements that Mark affirmed before revealing the word to be supermarket.

Blayk then offered a demonstration of his impossible triangle pendant which materialized back and forth between his shirt then defied gravity when it did not slide down the necklace cord until prompted.

Scott Davis rounded out the performances with the help of Sid Salmans who guarded the envelope with a prediction. Davis then has Paul Carlon along with Blayk and Bob write down three-digit numbers in his notebook. He then passes the notebook to Dane to total the number before having Sid open the envelope and read the correct prediction aloud.

The meeting concluded though socializing continued for some time after.

Blast from the Past

Bob Bullock

Officers (2005–2006):

President – Don Baer

Vice President – Christy Henson

Secretary – Chris Westfall

Treasurer – James Kinsey

Sergeant-at-Arms – Gerry Bailey

This month we go back 20 years. July 2005 was sizzling not only from the Arkansas heat but also with magical energy at IBM Ring 29. The club leaned into summer with a packed schedule starting with the “Card Mania” meeting on July 7th. Members Chris Westfall, Sid Salmans, and Jim Henson took the lead, teaching classic card moves like palming and lifts in a night focused on hands-on learning. Coming off a well-received June lecture by Chuck Rubey on “Black and Red Card Magic,” July also marked the continuation of Ring 29’s annual auction—expanded this year due to a surplus of donated items. A mini-auction of ten items was planned at the start of the meeting.

The big event of the month was the Officer Installation Banquet held at Grandpa’s Southern Catfish House. Besides the usual fish and fellowship, the evening included performances and a solemn Broken Wand Ceremony honoring the life of Dr. Henry Johnson.

Club president Don Baer was spotlighted as Member of the Month. Known as Mr. Don the Magician, Patches the Clown, and The Great Waldo, Don shared his story of transitioning from part-time hobbyist to full-time professional magician. A student of Col. Frank Seymour, Don emphasized practice, finding your magical niche, and continual learning. His passion for balloon animals and parlor magic, especially for kids, continues to define his style.

Pam Medrez (aka Mommy Magic) reported a flurry of summer gigs, from Regions Bank to Supercenter Arcades. Joey Williams sent in a fascinating story about attending a Berlin magic club while in Germany. His tale of pendulum magic and cultural camaraderie was a highlight in international Ring 29 adventures. Meanwhile, Jimmy Rhodes performed in McCrory, AR, showcasing his signature Signed Paintball in Mouth routine.

Looking outward, many Ring 29 members were gearing up to attend the IBM Convention in Reno, and there was a buzz about the Southeastern Association of Magicians (SEAM) convention coming up in Huntsville, AL. For those heading to Branson, a bevy of magic shows awaited—including performances by Darren Romeo, Brett Daniels, and Tom Mullica as Red Skelton.

From card sleights to balloon art and European magic clubs, July 2005 captured the spirit of magic in full summer swing. Whether at Grandpa’s Catfish House or across the Atlantic, Ring 29 was definitely making magic happen.

Bob Bullock, Ring 29 Historian
(July 2025 Edition)

Jon Bucher



Jon Bucher



Schedule of Events

2025

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
TBD	Location to be announced	Arkansas Masters of Illusion	N/A	Marty Haughn
February	First Community Bank	Open Magic	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	Larry Bean
July	1:00 p.m. Stagecoach Clubhouse	Ring 29 Auction	N/A	
August	First Community Bank	Storytelling Magic	N/A	
September	First Community Bank	Box Magic	N/A	
October	First Community Bank	Haunted Magic	N/A	
November	First Community Bank	Annual Show - Finally	N/A	
December	TBD	Ring Christmas Party	N/A	

- The clubhouse address: 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- First Community Bank Address: 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, Arkansas

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

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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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