

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

August 2025

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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...

In the News:

Ring 29 enjoyed numerous giveaways courtesy of Jim Henson and a selection of stories and magic.



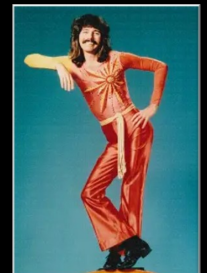
Meeting Information

September 1, 2025
Trevor Duffy Lecture
First Community Bank
2:00

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

August was a fun meeting. We discussed future happenings for the remainder of the year.

The auctions were very successful as each Ring made at a minimum \$1000. Ring 308 topped the list managing to hit just over \$2000, followed by Rings 29, 75 and 403. Ring 403 isn't finished yet with several items left to sell.

September 1, 2025 at 2:00 will be a lecture by Trevor Duffy at First Community Bank's Community.

Plans for an October meeting/picnic is in discussion. Details will be sent to you soon.

The August meeting was themed "Story Telling Magic". We heard some great stories and were very humorous.

Jim Henson, the ever generous one, gave away several books and DVDs. It was a real crowd pleaser.

To cap off giveaways, Marty Haughn brought in 10 "Mystery" boxes. Each box was given away with everyone selecting the one they wanted.

All in all, it was a fun night and everyone went home with new toys and reading material.

Secretary's Report

Mark Mulkerin

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 met Saturday, August 2, 2025 at the First Community Bank's Community Room. President Marty Haughn presided.

The meeting began shortly after 1 pm with a discussion of a Trevor Duffy lecture to be held on September 1st at 7pm. Location was to be determined and attendance cost \$20. The location of the October meeting was also discussed without a firm conclusion as the usual venues were not available.

Marty went on to report the results of the Ransom Estate auction. Collectively, the four Arkansas rings raised over \$5,000 with Ring 29's share coming in at about \$1,800. He also addressed how other rings managed their auctions and the disposition of unsold items. One such item was an appearing animal cage which went home with a Ring member for \$20.

Marty continued to introduce Mark Mulkerin as the new web administrator and mentioned a tentative date for the December holiday party.

With the business concluded, Jim Henson stepped in and elicited an enthusiastic round of applause for Marty and his work on the auctions. Jim went on to generously raffle off books, DVDs, and props including a milk bottle trick which he demonstrated. Marty continued the giveaway with ten sealed boxes containing magic tricks, props, and DVDs.

It was then on to storytelling magic tricks with Marty beginning the show with a Sherlock Holmes themed prediction trick. Sid Salmans shared the story of Professor Dibble Dabble as he made block of wood penetrate off a metal ring. Bob recounted a memory of his magic, quilting aunt who could restore thread that had been torn.

Derrick Rose continued the performances with a tale about how he first got into magic while making money multiply. Each retelling had him get younger and his audience larger. Dan Hecke continued with money magic as he transformed a \$2 bill into 2 \$1 bills then into \$5 in an effort to buy some much needed snacks.

Richard Knoll told a story about watching the night sky as a moon torn from a napkin transformed into a star. James Kinsey shared some linking safety pins and Mark Mulkerin finished up with a story about separating red cards from black as a psychic test performed in college. Marty wrapped up with a few reminders and the meeting concluded.

Blast from the Past

Bob Bullock

Blast from the Past

August 2005

Ring 29 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians

The summer of 2005 brought a flurry of activity for Ring 29 as the Arkansas magic scene stayed hot even as temperatures climbed. August was marked by two meetings, a convention recap, and several standout performances from our local talent.

The regular meeting on August 4th was billed as “A Surprise,” and members were told to bring themselves—but not necessarily their magic. A short magic auction followed the business meeting, with 10% of the proceeds going to support the Ring. The surprise format encouraged a relaxed atmosphere and lots of laughter.

Just five days later, on August 9th, members returned for a lecture by the duo *Wild Magic*—Tom Jones and Rachel Wild—professional entertainers known for blending U.S. and U.K. influences into their act. With over 40 years of combined experience, their lecture showcased close-up and stage routines, plus a dose of comedy. A great value at just \$8 for members.

In member news, several local performers were keeping busy:

Randall Eller continued to perform across the South.

- **Gene Berry** and **Greg Maxwell** were drawing crowds at the Pizza Company in Jacksonville and at Western Sizzlin’.
- **Scott Davis** had gigs in Montgomery, Alabama and a string of school shows and corporate events in Arizona.
- **John Patterson** wowed a packed house at the Searcy Performing Arts Center for Kidstage.
- **Pam Medrez** (a.k.a. Mommy Magic) returned from Clown Jam in Branson with a glowing review of a European performer who trained cats and dogs for an astonishing comedic routine.
- President **Don Baer** attended a Gospel Clown Convention in Georgia.

A standout mention goes to the many Ring 29 members who attended the IBM Annual Convention in Reno from June 26–July 3. Among them were **Jim and Christy Henson**, **Mike Curtis**, **Vernon Hallum**, **Bob Bullock**, and others. Over 1,200 magicians were in attendance. Jim Henson called the stage contest “probably the best overall” he’d seen at a convention. The prestigious Gold Medal for outstanding stage performance was awarded—only the 8th time in IBM history!

2005 Officers (based on available sources):

- President: Don Baer
- Secretary/Treasurer: James Kinsey
- Board Members included Christy Henson, Chris Westfall, Gerry Bailey, and Mike Curtis

Efforts were also underway to launch a Junior Magicians Program, with hopes to support the next generation of magical talent. The program was set to kick off in the fall, with scholarships available to help young magicians attend conventions.

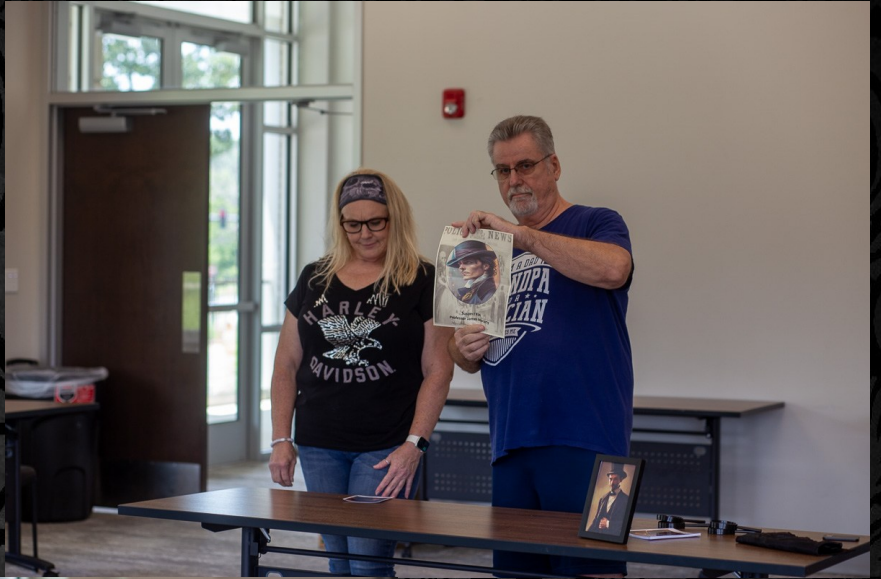
August 2005 proved to be a magical month of camaraderie, learning, and performance—hallmarks of what Ring 29 has always stood for.

— *submitted by your Ring 29 Historian* ☐♂☐

Storytelling Magic



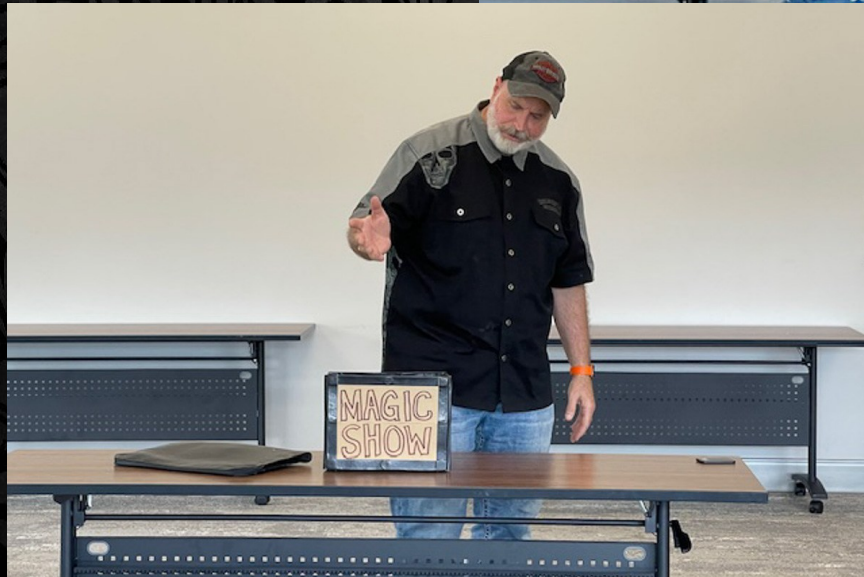
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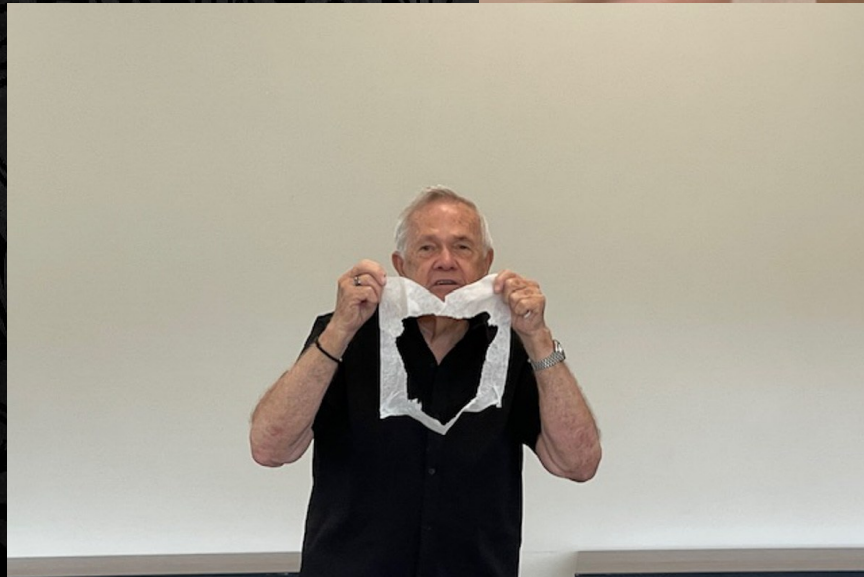
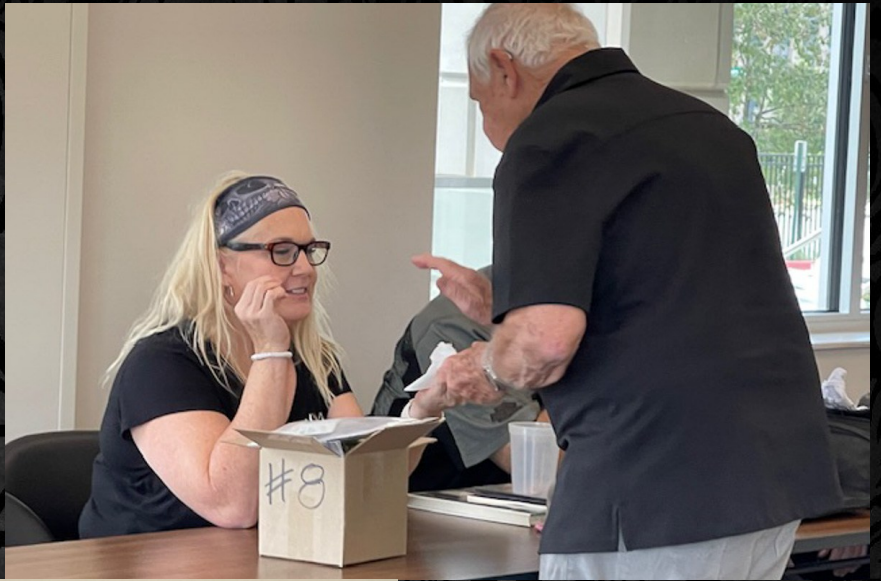
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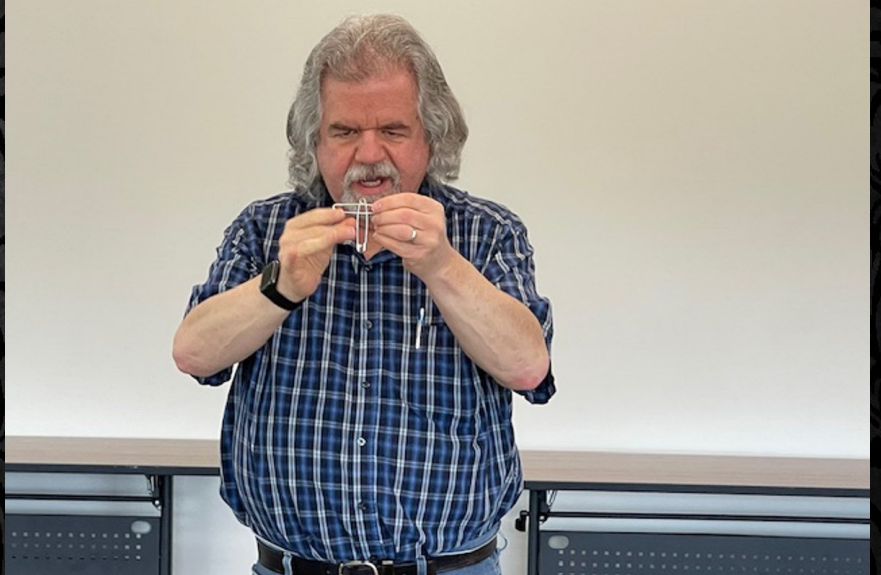
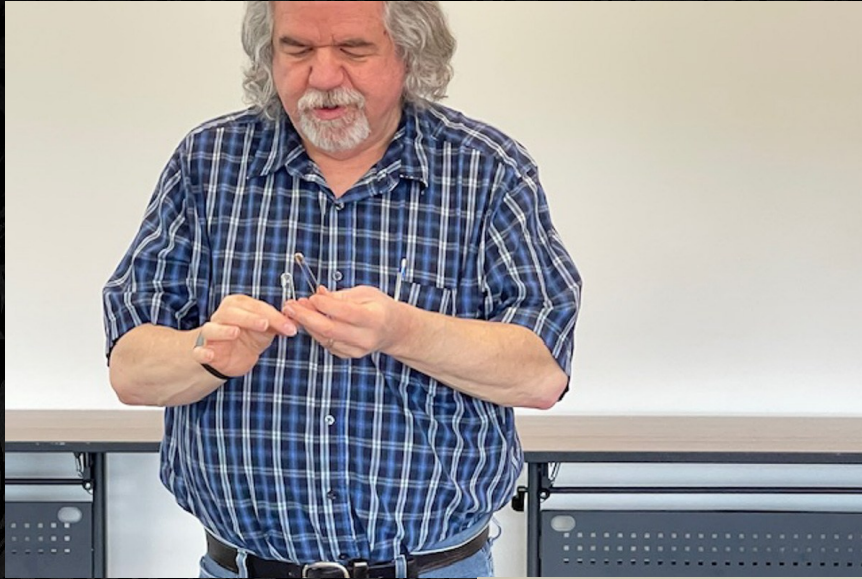
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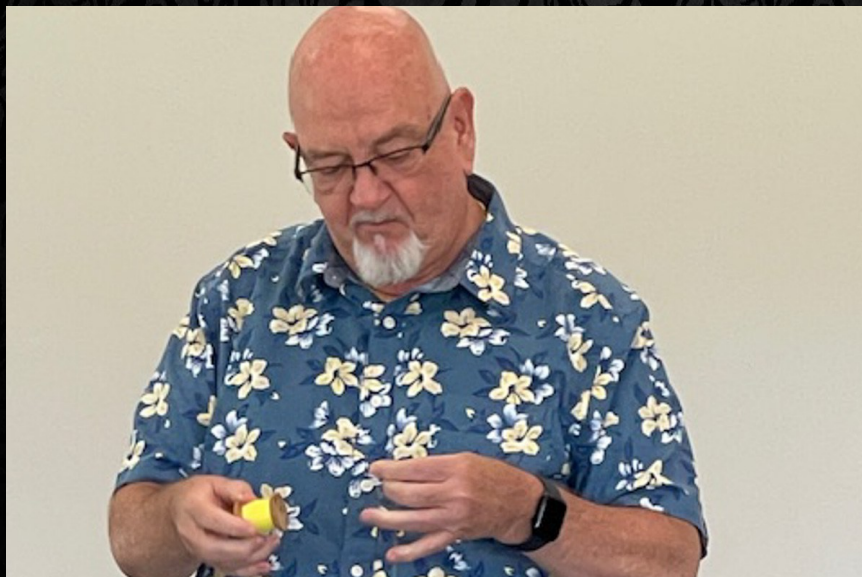
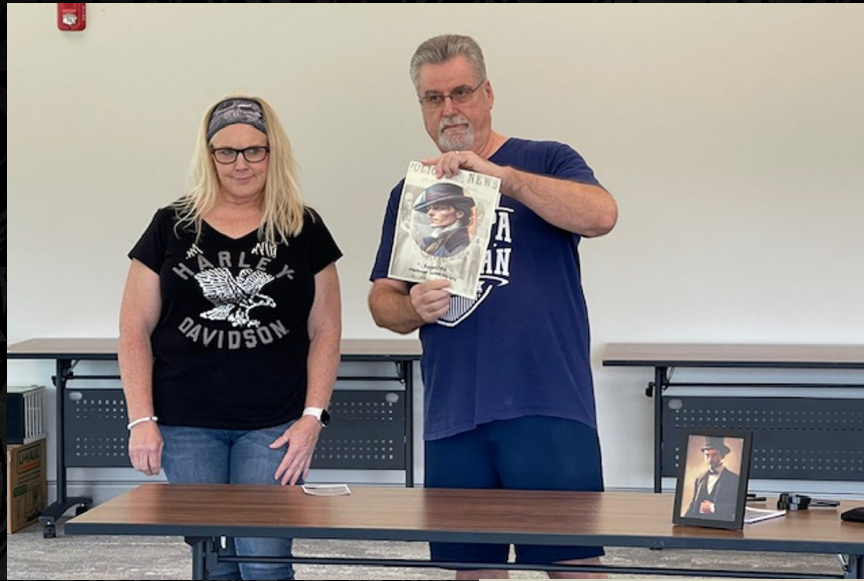
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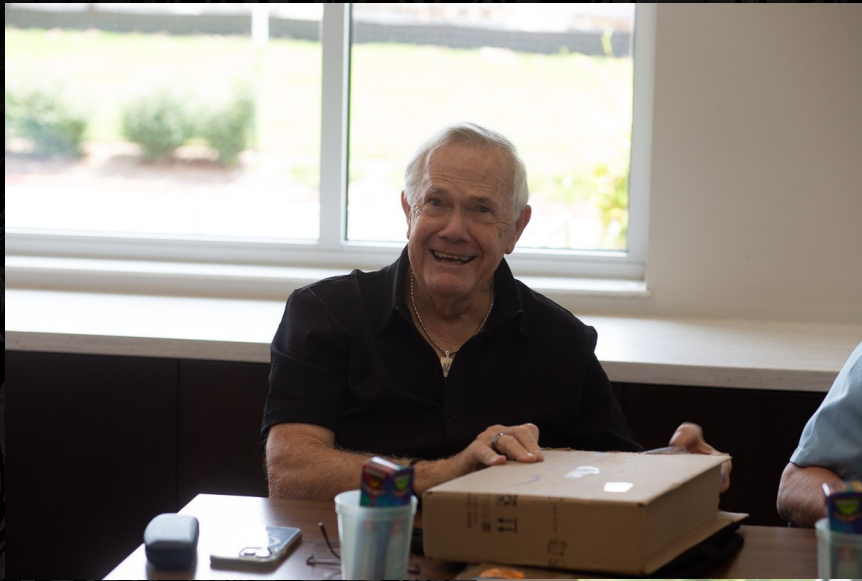
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Schedule of Events

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	Trevor Duffy Lecture	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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