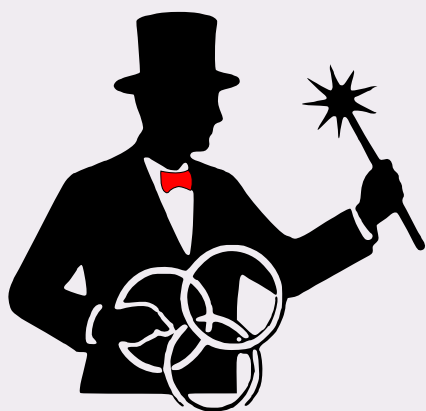


MAGIC *In the Rock*

Little Rock Magic Ring 29



RING 29

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IN THIS ISSUE...

Welcome to this issue of Magic in the Rock!

This is a somewhat unusual issue as we normally have had our monthly Ring meeting prior to the newsletter being published. However, this month is a combined meeting and lecture, scheduled a week from now on the 31st. Because it is on the last day of August there will be no September Meeting.

The Jamie Williams lecture will be free to all (dues paid) Ring 29 members. Jamie's lecture is considered one of the best and most popular of its kind in England and around the world This is a Do Not Miss!

We have updates from Dr. Mary Ann Campbell, about her attendance at the 2026 IBM Magic Convention in St. Louis.

We mourn the passing of Spanish Magician Juan Tameriz who passed on the 18th of this month. The impact his work has had on myself and countless magicians around the world is a testament to his life.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Monday the 31st at the Stagecoach Clubhouse. See the Event Calendar for the address.



August 2026 Newsletter

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MAGIC In the Rock

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IN THE NEWS

Magical items in the news for August.

Dr. Mary Ann Campbell returned from the 2026 IBM Convention in St. Louis (see next page).

We have an upcoming lecture by English Magician Jamie Williams on August 31st. Jamie was voted "The best lecture at Blackpool Magic Convention 2026". This is a Do Not Miss!

A joint Ring 29 & 308 Auction of the Jon Bucher Magic Estate will be held in Searcy 10/10/26



If you have any news for future newsletters, email them to Magicbobj@gmail.com.

Next Meeting Information

No Meeting for
September!

"What the eyes see and the ears hear,
the mind believes."

- Harry Houdini -





IN THE NEWS - (continued)

2026 IBM Convention - Dr. Mary Ann Campbell

When I saw that **Connie Boyd** was the Guest of Honor at the 2026 IBM Convention in St. Louis, I knew I wanted to attend. I had been following Connie's work for some time and was eager to finally meet her in person.

Connie is an award-winning Canadian magician, producer of magic shows, and author. I have watched many of her online interviews with female magicians, and she has also created a wonderful deck of cards featuring lady magicians. We have something else in common: both Connie and I were included in Jonathan Allen's **Magicians on Currency** exhibit in Quebec City, Canada. Apparently, we are now officially worth something!



One of the most exciting surprises came when I arrived at the convention and discovered that **our own IBM Little Rock Ring #29 President, Mark Mulkerin, was there!** It was his first IBM Convention. Thanks, Mark, for your commitment to our Ring.

I also want to encourage younger IBM members to consider an **IBM Life Membership**. Depending on your age and health when you purchase it, it can save money over the years—and the current Life Member leaders are offering some wonderful additional benefits.



I met special performers and reunited with good friends, including **Rolando and Pam Santos**, at the Life Member Reception on opening night. Life Members also had reserved seats at the shows, along with special lectures and even Zoom tours of magic collections.

Mandy Muden, winner of "Britain's Got Talent", closed the final show—and did it in the most hilarious way possible. Mandy is wonderfully funny, and many of her performances can be found on YouTube. If you haven't seen her, you are in for a treat.





IN THE NEWS - (continued)



There was also a special gathering of **Merlin members**, with group pictures being taken. Jim Henson and I each earned our **Merlin 50-Year Pins and Certificates** last year. Unfortunately, neither of us could attend the Houston Convention to collect them in person.

Fortunately, **Lance Burton** shared a copy of our group picture with me this year. Lance continues to do an outstanding job working with young magicians at the

beginning of the IBM Conventions. It is wonderful to see him helping introduce the next generation to the art we all love.

All in all, the St. Louis convention gave me exactly what I hoped for: wonderful magic, wonderful people, new friendships, old friendships—and a few surprises along the way.

And, of course, I finally got to meet Connie Boyd. Sometimes the best magic is simply getting the right people together in the same room.

Mary Ann Campbell



In Memoriam: Juan Tamariz (October 18, 1942 – August 18, 2026)

The magic world mourns the loss of Maestro Juan Tamariz, a visionary whose wit, philosophy, and peerless sleight of hand permanently transformed modern conjuring.

Beyond his infectious onstage exuberance, imaginary violin, and signature top hat, Tamariz was one of magic's deepest theoretical thinkers. His landmark texts—including **The Five Points in Magic**, **The Magic Way**, and **Mnemonica**—fundamentally reshaped how illusionists approach psychology, memory distortion, and narrative construction. He pioneered the concept of closing all false solutions in the spectator's mind until only pure wonder remained, elevating card magic from a craft of clever tricks to an authentic, high-art form.

As a founding pillar of the modern Spanish school of card magic, Tamariz's generosity as a mentor influenced multiple generations of performers across the globe. He demonstrated that supreme technical mastery shines brightest when delivered with warmth, playfulness, and profound emotional connection.

We extend our deepest condolences to his family and to the global community of magicians who carry his torch.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

With the upcoming Jamie Williams' lecture on the 31st, we opted not to have a regular September meeting; however, that hasn't kept the officers from brainstorming and planning for the coming year. Over sandwiches and cold drinks the other day, we discussed lectures, community outreach, volunteer opportunities, collaborating with other Rings, the show in April, and how to best make our monthly meetings something everyone is eager to attend. It was a busy two hours.

As Marty indicated on the group email, we've decided to use Ring 29 funds for the next several lectures to make them free to current members with guests or non-members attending for the normal \$20. It would be great to have magicians in the area who aren't members join us for the lecture to give them a taste of what we have to offer. Meanwhile, James and Marty are already busy lining up at least two lectures for next year.

I've been exploring performance and teaching opportunities at locations like the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts. We also discussed possible media connections to bring community awareness to the Ring and magic in general. Finally, we discussed some outside the box options like having a booth at local, street festivals and the like which should tell you that we are very open to creative ideas.

Marty continues to be very engaged with Feed the Vets and there will likely be an opportunity for some to donate their services providing table hopping magic at a fundraising dinner for them. We'll keep everyone apprised of developments on that front. We also discussed the April show and who might be asked to perform. If you are interested, let us know.

Finally, we considered how to encourage members to attend more if they can. To that end, we discussed having more special event programming like teach ins. If there are things you'd like to see at a teach in or a meeting in general, again, let us know.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the lecture and perhaps at some of the other magic events coming to our area. You can catch Blayk Puckett, Paul Carlon, and Gene Berry at the Loony Bin on September 12, Lucy Darling at the Robinson Center on October 27, and the Revollusionists at the Collins Theatre in Paragould on October 30. In the meantime, enjoy the magic of air conditioning.



Mark Mulkerin - President



FOR THE RECORD

This will be a short article (and Newsletter) since, due to the Jamie Williams lecture, we are not having our meeting until after the newsletter is published. the combined meeting/lecture will appear in the September issue.

I have added a Special Events section at the bottom of the Home page of LittleRockMagic.net. This is for posters and items of Magical interest in Arkansas; Auctions, Magic Shows, Lectures, etc... If you have an event you would like posted, email it to me as a JPG or PNG image with a brief explanation. Any information such as location, dates, etc. must be included as a part of the image. This is for image display only and I cannot add text to the display. I will evaluate all submissions, space is limited, and if approved, I will add it to the Special Events display

As Ring 29 Historian (different hat) I have been going through boxes of archived material. We have a collection of Linking Rings from the 50's and 60's. Many of them were water damaged and ruined. All the Linking Ring magazines are available on the IBM website now there is no need to maintain the odd few that remain. I have gone through them all and salvaged what I could. I am listing the dates of the remaining magazines below. If any members want a particular date (birthday, etc...) call or email me and I will bring it to the next meeting, or you are welcome to pick it up at my home in West Little Rock. Please notify me within the next couple of weeks, as any of them that are not selected will be thrown away.

Linking Rings by Year and Month (1-12)

1952 - 1,4,6,8,9,10,12

1953 - 3,7

1954 - 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11

1955 - 1,5,7,9

1957 - 11

1959 - 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12

1960 - All Months

1963 - 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12

1964 - All Months

1966 - All Months

1967 - All Months

1968 - All Months

1969 - All Months

Your Up-to-the Minute(s) Secretary,

Bob Bullock



Bob Bullock - Secretary



BLAST FROM THE PAST

We're going back this month to August 2010!

Ring 29 Officers (August 2010)

President: Tyler Vodehnal

Vice-President: Jon Bucher

Secretary: Kylan Mann

Treasurer: James Kinsey

Historian: Mike Curtis

Sergeant-at-Arms: Pam Medrez

Webmaster: Bob Bullock

Newsletter Editor: Joel Nicholson



Wayne Houchin's Magic, Order of Merlin Honors, and a Tribute to Frank Caple

August 2010 brought an incredible wave of modern creativity to the Little Rock Magic Ring 29, balancing world-class education with some very poignant moments of reflection for our local magic family.

A Visit from Wayne Houchin The undisputed highlight of the month was our special meeting featuring a lecture by Wayne Houchin, one of the hottest and most charismatic young creators in magic. Stopping by Shuffield Auditorium in the midst of his 2010 World Tour, Wayne performed and taught powerful close-up material, including his hit effects Stigmata and Sinful. Beyond the mechanics of the tricks, he gave us an invaluable look into character development and shared his perspective on "Why Magicians Fail".

Local Triumphs & Order of Merlin Accolades At the recent I.B.M. Convention in San Diego, California, two of our finest were rightfully spotlighted. **Larry Bean** was recognized for 25 continuous years of I.B.M. service, and our very own Mr. Magic, **Jim Henson**, was awarded his 35-year shield in the prestigious Order of Merlin.



Bob Bullock - Historian



BLAST FROM THE PAST - (Continued)

On a separate historic note, our Webmaster Bob Bullock reported on the **Essential Magic Conference** (EMC 2010). Broadcasting live from Portugal, it made absolute magic history as the world's very first completely online magic convention, featuring masterclasses from giants like Max Maven and Cyril Takayama.

Broken Wand: Frank Caple On a sadder note, the club draped its charter for former member Frank De Jalma Caple, who passed away after a brave bout with cancer. Frank was a true hero, serving as a P-51D Fighter Pilot in WWII who survived 11 months in a Nazi POW camp before being liberated by General Patton. In retirement, he turned his passion into a full-time pursuit, touring the globe with his legendary two-hour characterization show, *The Wit & Wisdom of Mark Twain*. He will be deeply missed.

Around the Magic World

In the broader magic community of August 2010:

The **FISM Grand Prix winners** and international champions were dominating the magic landscape, pushing card and stage manipulation to astonishing new technical heights.

The global community rallied together behind the release of the *Wild at Heart* benefit e-book, raising over \$8,000 in a matter of weeks to assist Rachel Colombini with her medical treatments.

As we review our own busy calendars and upcoming public shows, looking back at the incredible standard set in August 2010 reminds us exactly why we strive to keep the magic alive every single day.

Your Humble Historian,

Bob Bullock



Bob Bullock - Historian



EVENT CALENDAR - 2026

Date	Time	Meeting Location	Description	Lecturer
Apr 11, 2026	1:00 pm	Saint Michael's Episcopal Church 12415 Cantrell Rd. Little Rock, AR	Meeting	N/A
May 02, 2026	7:00 pm	Veterans' Park Event Center 508 North Lincoln Street, Cabot, AR	Club Magic Show	N/A
Jun 06, 2026	1:00 pm	Saint Michael's Episcopal Church 12415 Cantrell Rd. Little Rock, AR	Officer Installation	N/A
Jul 11, 2026	1:00 pm	Saint Michael's Episcopal Church 12415 Cantrell Rd. Little Rock, AR	Meeting	N/A
Aug 31, 2026	7:00 pm	Stagecoach Clubhouse 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, AR	Meeting/Lecture	Jamie Williams
Sep 2026	—	NO MEETING	—	N/A
Oct 03, 2026	1:00 pm	TBA	Meeting	N/A
Nov 02, 2026	1:00 pm	TBA	Meeting/Lecture	Keith Leff
Dec 12, 2026	—	TBA	Ring 29 Christmas Party	N/A
Jan 2027	1:00 pm	TBA	Meeting	N/A
Feb 2027	1:00 pm	TBA	Meeting	N/A
Mar 2027	1:00 pm	TBA	Meeting	N/A



For up the most current calendar visit our website LittleRockMagic.net



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Membership

To become a member of Ring 29, you must first be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.
Contact Mr. Magic (below) or any Ring 29 Officer for information on joining the IBM or Ring 29.

Visit:

LittleRockMagic.net/Information.html

Website

Our website has been filled with a wealth of information to assist our members and potential members.
You can view current and past Newletters, photographs, or the Ring 29 Event Calendar.

LittleRockMagic.net or LittleRockMagic.org

Ring 29 Email Group

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 group, please contact *Vice President **Marty Haughn***.

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We now use GOOGLE GROUPS for our email service.



Mr. Magic (Jim Henson)

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