

MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29 1917 N. Grant, Little Rock, ARkansas 72207 ● (501) 666-8735



SEPTEMBER 1993

Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, CARTI, St. Vincent's Hospital

Yes, we're meeting in September: this Thursday

BRIEFS

Coming events:

Right Now -- Annual dues (\$10) are due September 2nd -- Regular meeting October 7th -- Regular meeting Dick Zimmerman from California

Magic People:

- ✓ Jesus Reviera moved to New York City August 29. Good luck, Jesus.
- ✓ Andy Stirman performed at Zoo Days -- August 28-29.
- ✓ **Dennis Schick** spent a couple of hours in Calgary, Alberta, Canada a few weeks back (on a combination business/vacation trip), looking for magic books in used book stores. He found a half-dozen. (See a partial list of his book collection on the back of this page.)

Where is your data form?

Last call to be in the new Ring #29 Membership Directory! The deadline is September 20. Speak now or forever hold your peace! (We may only give directories to those who are in it, too. Maybe THAT will be an incentive for some of you world-class procrastinators.) Bring your form to the meeting or mail it to Dennis ASAP. People who have returned the forms so far include:

Ben Bradley Melvin Brown Mary Ann Campbell Mike Curtis Fred Hartman Earl Hughes Henry Johnson Mike Jones Christy Kinscy James Kinsey

Tom Leggett Danny McDorman Ray Neal Jeremy Newton Trivedi Deepakkumar Theron Nunley, Jr. Mike Pridemore Dennis Schick Andrew Stirman Daniel Veazey Sean Westbrook

Where's your news?

If you have news, call Jim or Dennis and we'll include it in this newsletter.

Call Dennis at 374-1500 or mail to: 701 Broadway, Little Rock 72206

Oops! Between vacations, people being out of town on business, and a few other distractions, noone arranged for a program this month and the meeting almost didn't get announced before it happened.

But ye ole lemon turns into lemonade

SEPTEMBER RING #29 MEETING:

Thursday, September 2nd 7:30 pm -- CARTI

Member Magic Showcase:

"My Favorite Trick"

because that gives us the wonderful opportunity to SHOW OFF!

Yes, we're announcing a "Member Magic Showcase" this month, during which we'd like every member present to demonstrate his or her favorite trick!

(Of course if your favorite trick is David Copperfield's walkiing through the Great Wall of China, you can't very well DO it.)

We're talking about your favorite trick to PERFORM.

All of us will have the pleasure of watching a bunch of great tricks. We'll even ask performers to explain the trick and show how it's done, so we all can learn while being entertained.

"Prince of Magic"-- Kirby VanBurch -- now showing in Branson

Going to Branson anytime soon? We understand there is a new, major theatre there featuring Kirby VanBurch, known (according to an ad in the Harrison newspaper) as "The Prince of Magic" and the "Master of Illusion."

The ad says: "It could be said that VanBurch was already on his way to being a star by his 16th birthday when he was given a Bengal Tiger as a present. Already an accomplished young magician, the animal immediately became part of his act. With the help of an uncle who was an animal trainer, the act gradually grew until it included other wild animals, birds and reptiles.

"VanBurch really did learn the mysteries of magic as a boy. When he arrived in Las Vegas he combined his magical abilities with the beauty and excitement of exotic animals. His act has included tigers, panthers, leopards, ducks and a python.

"His first Las Vegas appearance was in a small revue at the Fremont Hotel. He followed that with his own show, "The World of Magic." He also appeared in the stage spectacular "Jubilee" at the MGM Grand

Recently Kirby purchased some of the famous illusions of retired magician Doug Henning, including the water levitation illusion. He plans to incorporate more magic in his shaw, we're told, than any show has ever had in Branson.

Co-starring in the new show at the Five Star Theatre, is Bobby Berosini and his orangutans. This is the man who trained the orangutans for the movies "Every Which Way but Loose" and "Going Ape," and many television shows.

The theatre is at 3701 West 76 Country Music Blvd. in Branson, and their telephone number is (417) 336-6220 if you want to order tickets in advance.

Whoever goes to see them first, bring back a brochure, a program and a report about it.

Anyone know Dean Mathis?

A small article in the Camden News the end of July said Dean "Pee Wee" Mathis would present a magic show mixed with country music for residents of Longmeadow Nursing Home. Anyone know him?

How about Steve Pennington?

The First Church of the Nazarene in North Little Rock featured a program on "Magic and Message" by Steve Pennington and The Pro-Kids Show Aug. 20. Anyone see it?

Have you paid your dues?

Annual ring dues (\$10) were due July 1 and are now overdue. Don't be a delinquent. Pay up! Please bring your check to the meeting.

DENNIS SCHICK'S BOOKLIST ON MAGIC (Part 1)

GENERAL:

Dawes & Setterington	The Encyclopedia of Magic 1989	Gallery Books	Commentary, tricks too
Einstein, Bob	This is my first magic book	and lancastronal Pro	
	so I'm a little nervous 1970	Price/Stern/Sloan, LA	Gag photos
Gordon, Henry	Henry Gordon's World of Magic 1989	Stoddart Pub. Co.	History, magicians, tricks
Graham, Walter B.	How to Become a Magician for Fun & Profit 1967	Modern Litho	Self published
Hay, Henry	The Amateur Magician's Handbook 1950	Signet Book	Paperback
Kaye, Marvin	The Stein and Day Handbook of Magic 1973	Scarborough Book	Seventh printing
Kraske, Robert	Harry Houdini: Master of Magic 1973	Scholastic Book Services	
Kreskin	The Amazing World of Kreskin 1973	Avon Books	Paperback
Kreskin	Secrets of The Amazing Kreskin 1991	Prometheus Books	Biography
Williams & Epstein	The Great Houdini 1951	Pocket Books	Biography

TRICKS (explained and illustrated):

Abraham, R. M.	Easy-to-do Entertainments and Diversions	1933		Winter Nights Entertainment
Anderson, Gene & Frances Marshall Newspaper Magic		1968	Magic Inc.	SPiral bound paper
Bailey, Vanessa	Rainy Days Card Tricks	1993	Shooting Star Press	Great photos
Baker, James W.	Illusions Illustrated	1984	Lerner Publications	Easy, common illusions
Behnke, Leo, ed.	LInking Rings	1990	Magic City Library	Vol. 2 of series
Blackstone, Harry	Blackstone's Trinks Anyone Can Do	1983	Citadel Press	200 tricks
Caruba, Bill	The Magic of Folding Money	1979	Tannen Magic Inc.	Good illustrations
Dunninger, Joseph	Dunninger's Complete Encyclopedia	1987	Gramercy Pub. Co.	Oldies but goodies
Dunninger, Joseph	100 Houdini Tricks you can do	1954	Fawcett Book	Good old photos
Ferrell & Eisenberg	More Sneaky Feats	1976	Pocket Books	Paperback
Frederick, Guy	101 Best Magic Tricks	1956	Bell Publishing Co.	Index
Fulves, Karl	Self-working paper magic	1985	Dover Publications	81 tricks
Fulves, Karl	Self-working Coin Magic	1989	Dover Publications	92 foolproof tricks
Garcia, Frank and	Magic With Cards	1975	Reiss Games	1
George Schindler	i at Totalog i held aword grown in the			
Gibson, Walter B.	Magic Made Simple	1963	Doubleday & Co.	Good copy, little art
Gibson, Walter B.	Papercraft: tricks, games and puzzles	1963	Castle Books	Good art43
Gibson, Walter B.	Professional Magic for Amateurs	1947	Prentice-Hall (Dover)	
Good, Arthur	100 amazing magic tricks	1989	Mallard Press	Translation 1977
Harbin, Robert	Illustrated Teach Yourself Magic	1983	Treasure Press, London	Full color
Hay, Henry	The Amateur Magician's Handbook	1950	Thomas Crowell Compan	
Javna, John	Cool Tricks	1989	Contemporary Books	Tricks, games, etc.
Jeffreys, Michael	Selling with magic	1989	Powerful Magic Pub.	30 routines
Jeffreys, Michael	Speaking with magic	1989	Powerful Magic Pub.	32 routines
Jillette, Penn & Teller	Cruel Tricks for Dear Friends	1989	Villard Books	Puns and fun
Jillette, Penn & Teller	How to play with your food	1992	Villard Books	Silliness and fun
Jonson, Wilfrid	Magic Tricks & Card Tricks	1954	Dover Publications	Two books in one
Killen, Thomas E.	Bar Tricks	1990	Berkley Books	Thin paperback
Leeming, Joseph	More Fun With Magic	1948	J.B. Lippincott Co.	Oldie but goodie
Longe, Bob	World's Best Card Tricks	1992	Sterling Publishing	Original 1991
Pentagram	PentaMagic	1992	Fireside Book	COlorful, fun
Randi, James	The Magic World of the Amazing Randi	1989	Bob Adams Publishers	Favorite tricks
Reed, Graham	Magical Miracles You Can Do	1977	Elsevier/Nelson Books	England England
Scarne, John	Scarne's Magic Tricks	1951	Signet Book	Paperback
Schindler, George	Magic with Everyday Objects	1976	Dorset Press	Over 150 tricks
Severen, Bill	Magic Across the Table	1972	David McKay Company	Simple props
Severin, Bill	Amazing Magic	1992	Stackpole Books	Ordinary things at home
Severin, Bill	Magic Money	1977	Stackpole Books	Coins and bills
Tarr, Bill	101 Easy-to-do Magic Tricks	1977	Dover Publications	Great illustrations
	World's Best Magic Tricks	1993	Sterling Publishing Co.	Good art
Turner, Bill	How to do Tricks with Cards	1949	Collier Macmillan Books	
	Conjuring Tricks	1949	Bulfinch Press Book	Mini-book
A service wheel from the Service	Conjuming Tricks	1774	Duffillell F1688 DOOK	IVIIIII-UUUK