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



May 5 meeting to feature Al "Elbo the Clown" Collier

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RING #29 MEETING:

Thursday, May 5

7:30 pm

Special Guest:

Al Collier

32 people went to Branson

What a great turnout! The modest plan to car caravan to Branson to attend magician **Kirby Van Burch's** new show led to **32** folks going. Wow! Everyone thought the day-long event was well worth the time and cost.

The show was only in its second day of the new season, and some illusions had to be left out. But overall Van Burch put on a great show, using many of Doug Henning's old illusions. He used 11 animals in the show, adding extra showmanship and excitement.

After the show Kirby met with our folks for 30 minutes or so and signed photos for everyone.

Last month and recently:

There was no Ring meeting in April, due to the double-activity of the major trip to Branson, along with the lecture given by **Steve Corbitt** of Denver.

Corbitt's lecture was short, but good, according to reports. It was a last-minute arrangement, so some didn't get the message.

He demonstrated a new, clever trick using a rubberband and a finger ring. Those who attended will teach it to those who weren't at the May 5 meeting. Everyone should bring several rubberbands (and rings) for those who forget.

*We want your
magical news!*

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

Call Dennis Schick at 374-1500 or mail to: 1701 Broadway, Little Rock 72206

May 5 is the date for the next regular meeting of IBM Ring #29. It will be held at the regular place, the CARTI auditorium at the Northeast corner of St. Vincent's Infirmary Medical Complex.

Featured performer will be Al Collier, also known as "Elbo the Clown." Originally from Oklahoma City, Al will present a 45-minute performance.

(We understand his "hair" sometimes gets out of control, so someone bring a can of hairspray.)

The meeting will also include:

- ✓ A discussion of the upcoming election of new officers;
- ✓ A report of the Branson trek;
- ✓ Learning a new trick shown at the last lecture. (Everyone bring a rubberband and a

Little Rock has good shot to host 1997 IBMI Convention.

We understand that Little Rock has an excellent chance to host the international IBM convention in 1997. It would take a lot of work by all Ring members, so we'll need you to volunteer to help solicit the meeting as we get closer to it.

finger ring.);

- ✓ A report on "Project Magic," the summer program for disadvantaged kids from either **Mary Ann Campbell** or **Jim Henson**; and
- ✓ A "Magic Book of the Month" and "Magic Travels" reports from Dennis Schick.

As always, anyone who has bought or learned a new trick is invited to perform, demonstrate and explain it to those who attend. Please do your part to make an interesting meeting.

Use your magic talents to help disadvantaged kids this Summer.

A couple of meetings ago member Mary Ann Campbell told us about "Project Magic," started by David Copperfield. We understand the concept is to use rather simple magic tricks to help youngsters to gain self confidence and esteem, to work muscles which need to be worked and other similar goals and benefits.

With Summer coming up quickly, we hope to learn at the May meeting how some of our Ring members can participate in the project at Camp Aldersgate in coming months. Come hear all about it.

◆ So what's going on in the world of Arkansas magic? ◆

● **Randall Eller and Scott Davis** are in California making the rounds of performing. Perhaps we can get a first-hand report when they get back.

● **Merritt Hendricks** performed again at the "Party in the Park," for the 1994 version April 16 at the Arkansas Arts Center.

● "**The Magic Store**" has opened in **Magic Springs, in Hot Springs**, by the log ride. **Danny McDorman** is running it for **Jim Henson**, who also owns the Magic Store in Little Rock.

● Speaking of **Danny McDorman**, he was the emcee and opening act at The Comedy House in Little Rock, April 18-24. He used his comedy, magic and juggling to warm up the crowd, and was outstanding in his own right. In fact, he was so successful it is likely they'll invite

him back to do it again. If Danny will tell us far enough in advance, we can tell you here.

● A new **Clown Company** has started in Conway. For more information, call **Don Baer (Patches the Clown)** or **Al Collier**.

● Watch for a new **David Copperfield Special** on television in May. Jim seems to think it is May 23, but watch your newspaper. It should be on CBS. We understand it will be 100 minutes of the highlights of all his specials. Again, we'll have to wait and see.

● **Jim Henson's magic students** will give their annual show June 3 at the Baptist Hospital. The two-hour show will begin at 7 pm in Conference Room 22 in the Gilbrith Center. The performance is free and true magicians should enjoy watching 21 young magicians perform.