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RING #29

# MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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



## September 7 meeting to feature close-up

### NEXT MEETING:

✓ **Thursday, September 7**  
**7:30 pm, CARTI**  
**Regular time and place.**

### ● BITS & PIECES ●

● Randall Eller is back on track after his recent surgery (Snip! Snip!). He performed for 30 minutes at one of the Grand Opening events at the new Books-a-Million store in West Little Rock recently.

● Christy Henson is finally able to eat again as she continues to recover from her dental surgery. During the six weeks her jaws were wired shut, big sister Summer says it was the quietest six weeks in the Henson household in many years.

● Lisa Bolin is still having trouble with her back resulting from a car accident several months ago. Call and pep her up.

● Randall Eller has his ladder suspension illusion for sale. He now is using a different effect in his act. Call him at 851-7768 or 1-800-354-6442.

● Speaking of Harry Houdini (see back of this page) Dennis Schick was in Maine several weeks ago and found in an antique store a First Day of Issue cover honoring Houdini on the 50th anniversary of his death (1976). He'll bring it to the September meeting to pass around, and then give it to Jim for display in his magic shop. Keep on the watch for historic magic.

### Magician-comedian will be at Comedy House until Sept. 3.

Don't miss Tom Burgoon, a professional comedian and magician, at Stanford's Comedy House, August 29 through September 3. It's in Breckenridge Village and you can make reservations by calling 228-5555.

He has over 20 years experience with cruise ships, night clubs and comedy clubs, and is an inventor, writer, designer and expert on close-up magic. Call a fellow magician and go.

"Close-up magic" will be featured at the September 7 meeting of Ring #29, which will take place at the regular time and place, **7:30 pm**, in the CARTI auditorium, at the east end of St. Vincent's Hospital.

In addition to lots of good close-up magic by members, the meeting will feature several special performances:

✓ Mike Harwood will give his membership acceptance performance;

✓ Greg Collett will perform "The

### **Annual picnic is Sept 17**

Plan now to attend the annual Ring Picnic., Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17 at 1:30 pm at Maumelle Park (two miles west of I-430 on Cantrell). Call Jim to find out what to bring (besides tricks).

### **You missed a good one if you weren't at the August meeting**

Reports from the August meeting are that it was fun, fun, fun! And since the theme was "comedy," it should have been. Apparently we have some really crazy people in our club and they let it all out August 3.

After the meeting Chris Hendricks, Don Baer, Jim and Christy Kinsey, Bob Owen and Jim, Christy and Summer Henson went to Denny's restaurant to relax.

While there a guest saw Chris performing some tricks and asked him to do some for them. He went table to table, performing and spreading the good word of magic. As they say, a good time was had by all.

### **More bits & pieces**

● Someone gave Jim Henson an article on Harry Houdini which was on the Internet. It's several pages long so we'll run it one page at a time on the back of our newsletter (over).

● The Northeast Arkansas Magic Club in Newport meets the last Sunday of each month, at 2 pm, at attorney Sam Boyce's office. All magicians are welcome and invited.

● Also, the Searcy Magic Society -- Ring #308 -- meets the Second Monday every month, at 7 pm.

● Thanks to Joe Farrar for taking care of the CARTI banquet for the club.

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✓ Bill Fulton will amaze everyone with a surprise trick.

Back to the close-up theme: we want everyone to perform his or her favorite close-up magic trick (or tricks) and teach it to the rest of us. We can also talk about any tips to performers about how they can improve their performance.

Also at the September meeting, please bring your 1995-96 membership dues (\$10) which now are overdue. Membership cards have already been made out with names on them and await the payment of dues. Membership rosters are still available from Jim.

### **Ring loses CARTI as meeting place, effective in January**

We have been very fortunate to have been able to meet at CARTI the past 12 years. But they are closing the auditorium to all outside groups so we'll have to move by January. Other sites are available so call any Board member if you have ideas.

### **Mark your calendar for the Dick Barry lecture, Sat. Oct. 7**

California magician Dick Barry will bring his popular lecture to our club at 7:30 pm, Saturday, October 7. Mark your calendars now.

From San Clemente, he has been nominated seven (7) times for the parlor award at the Magic Castle. He has quite a resume:

✓ Performed for many years as in-house magician on several cruise ships  
✓ Producer of large magic shows  
✓ Consultant to Doug Henning  
✓ Teacher and lecturer on magic  
✓ Magic author. Latest book is "Magic with class."

✓ Magic inventor.

✓ Consultant to many celebrities  
Magician Ron London says: "One of the best lectures we have had. No pipe dreams. Good routine material we can put to use."