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RING #29

July 1996

# MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



## July meeting moved back two days, to Tuesday

### NEXT MEETINGS:

✓ **TUES., July 2, 7 pm**  
**Baptist Medical Center**  
**Meeting room 22, Cafeteria**  
**THEME: MENTALISM**

✓ **SPECIAL LECTURE**  
**Friday, July 26, 7 pm, BMC**  
**Bill Spooner**

## SHORT STUFF

✓ Last month, member **Chris Hendrix** performed a show and lecture which members are still talking about. You missed a good one. Try harder to come next time.

✓ Member **Damon Reinbold** will be at **Books-a-Million** in Little Rock on July 5, 6 and 7, signing his self-help books and tapes. He will be there from 7-9 pm on the 5th, and from 2-4 on both the 6th and 7th. Stop by and give him your support.

✓ Remember, the **Northeast Arkansas Magic Club** at Newport invites our ring members to attend their regular meeting on the last Sunday of each month, at 2 pm. That's **Sunday, June 30** this month; **Sunday, July 28th** next month.

✓ Ring membership dues are due **June 30**. Pay before then or be dropped from our mailing list! Bring \$10 to the July meeting and you'll only be a couple of days late.

✓ **Bill Fulton** held the first of his get-togethers of Ring members on June 8 at his home. A small but enthusiastic group came, but at least it's a start. If you would be interested in getting together for several hours with fellow magicians now and then, and just talk magic, learn new tricks, and exchange tips and advice, contact Bill and let him know of your interest. Thanks for the leadership, Bill.

✓ Anyone going to the IBM national convention in Norfolk? Yes, that's a long way from here, but there's lots of magic to be seen and experienced. We're still trying to get a future IBM national convention to Little Rock, and it would be good if some of our members could be active at national.

With the July 4th holiday on our normal meeting night, we are moving back two days to Tuesday for our regular monthly meeting. So reprogram your brain and come to our regular meeting place (Baptist Medical Center, Room 22 in the basement, behind the cafeteria) at the regular time (7 pm), **BUT, two days early!**

Why not come early -- say 6 pm or so -- go through the cafeteria line and bring your tray to the meeting room and eat with fellow magicians?

The theme for the meeting is mentalism, so dig out your best one or two mental tricks and come share them with us. Remember: **July 2**, not July 4.

## Don't miss Spooner lecture Friday, July 26

We are pleased to remind you (since we have told you about it the past two months) that we have a special lecture scheduled for **Friday, July 26** by one of the most creative magicians in the country -- Bill Spooner.

He is a past president of IBM and is still active on the national board. He does it all -- cards, coins, rope, sponge balls - - you name it. Come see for yourself, his famous "Magical Spoonerisms." We'll meet at our regular time (7 pm) and regular place (Room 22 at Baptist). Don't miss this one. Members \$5; guests, \$8.

## Magic reviews trickle south from Branson. Tell us your opinions.

We've heard that the Blackstone Show in Branson May 22 to June 8 was fantastic. We're delighted people in this area got to see a class act and that some of our ring members went up to see him.

On the other hand, the Kirby Van Burch Show has cut back on magic apparently, which takes away some of the excitement for magicians. It's still a good show for most people, but when you want to see magic, everything which is not magic is somewhat disappointing. At one show he performed three levitations, not exactly good variety. Go see for yourself and let us know what you think. In fact, tell Kirby, too.

We still haven't talked with anyone who has seen the "Legends" show, including the Liberace character doing some magic. Let us know if you see it.

## Officers elected for 1996-97

At the June Ring meeting members elected officers for 1996-97:

President: James Kinsey (2nd term)  
 Vice president: Don Baer  
 Secretary: Bill Fulton  
 Asst. secretary: Greg Collett  
 Treasurer: Mary Ann Campbell  
 Asst. Treas.: Lisa Bolin  
 Historian: Mike Curtis  
 Sgt. at Arms: Jim Henson  
 Programs: Don Baer, Lisa Bolin,

Dennis Schick, Derrick Rose  
 Congratulations to all. Let's give them our support during the next 12 months.

## We need more surveys

If we are going to make some plans based on your responses to our survey, then we need more of them returned. Please mail the enclosed survey back. We'll also bring some to the July meeting.

We really are interested in what you think, but -- in spite of our July mentalism theme - - we can't read your minds!

## What's gnu with you?

Many of you tell Dennis how much you enjoy this newsletter and all the news in it. But he and Jim Henson have to really scramble most months to dig out what goes in it.

Just think how much easier it would be to call either one of them (Dennis at 374-1500 and Jim at 455-6242) and tell them what's going on!

Just do it!

## Letter to Ring 29 members...and guests:

Dear fellow magician:

On **Friday, July 26**, Bill Spooner, past president of IBM and Director of Curriculum at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, will present to our Ring. Spooner has presented many magician lectures on magic history, misdirection and his "Magical Spoonerisms" lecture. He will be in Arkansas to make a presentation (there will be some magic) to our state's math and science teachers. I had Ring 29 in mind when I arranged for his talk to them.

Bill is an avid collector of magic of all types and is well versed in their performance. He has in his collection a lota vessel from a pre-Columbian tribe.

One of Bill's effects will be the "**Snap Knot**." He will cause a knot to appear in the middle of a rope held between his two outstretched hands. It will be a double knot and can be untied by a spectator. Bill originated this knot in 1954 and he has been amazing audiences and magicians ever since.

Dai Vernon saw Bill perform the "Snap Knot" at the Magic Castle in 1975. After the second performance Vernon said that he thought Bill was the only magician in the world who could perform this effect. Later, when Vernon visited North Carolina on his farewell lecture tour, he showed Bill that he, too, had mastered the technique.

We need to make sure Bill shows us this effect. He says that some people are able to perform it immediately and some take several months. Perhaps as a group effort some of us will succeed.

I've known Bill about 15 years and highly recommend him. In fact, he is the reason I am an IBM member.

I **strongly urge you to make a special effort** to come to this lecture, and to bring guests interested in magic. You and they won't be disappointed.

Your friend in magic, Bill Fulton

## Yes, there's magic on the World Wide Web

James Kinsey and Bill Fulton are using the services of Aristotle to connect to the Internet and the World Wide Web. If you have an Internet connection, you may want to visit these magic home pages:

Timothy Lee's Home Page:

<http://www.ualr.edu/~tmlleel/index.html>

The Encore Magic Page:

<http://user.itl.net/~encoure/links.html>

Magic!:

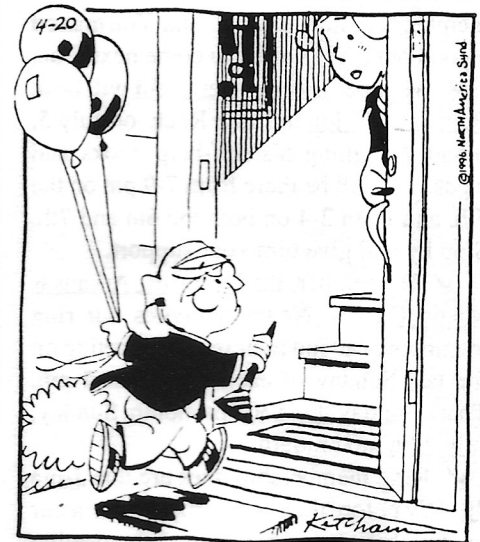
<http://www.websmart.com/magic.html>

Welcome to "The Links":

<http://www.netdepot.com/~gargoyle/links.html>

## DENNIS THE MENACE

Hank Ketcham



"IT WAS A GREAT PARTY! I MADE THE MAGICIAN DISAPPEAR!"

## JUMP START



Robb Armstrong