

MAGIC MUSINGS

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



May 1 meeting to feature BIZARRE magic

MAY MEETING:

● Thursday, May 1 (May Day) Regular monthly meeting

7 pm

Baptist Memorial Hospital

Bits & Pieces

- ✓ Be sure to catch the **Tiny Tot** Circus, at Robinson Auditorium, Sunday June 8 at 2 pm. Randal, Damon, Derrick and others will perform. And it's all free.
- ✓ Remember: the Northeast Arkansas Magic Club at Newport invites us to attend their regular meeting on the last Sunday of each month, at 2 pm. at 307 Main, the Boyce Law Firm.
- ✓ The same goes for Ring 308 in Searcy, which meets the first Monday of each month at Searcy High School.
- ✓ And Ring 75 in Fort Smith meets the 2nd Sunday each month at the Fort Smith Library. Go visit them, too.
- ✓ The reports are in and it looks like guest lecturer Greg Wilson was a huge hit last Monday. He emphasized impromptu magic and sold lots of tapes. You missed a good one!
- We just found out about it (let us know a bit earlier, please), but there is a Clown College going on this weekend in Rogers. If you think you can go Saturday call Jim Maguire at 636-0089.
- ✓ We understand that <u>Toad Suck Daze</u> is looking for clowns for May 3 and 4. Call Jim Henson or Don Bahr if interested.
- ✓ This Saturday, April 26, at 7 pm on NBC (Channel 4) is "The World's Wildest Magic." Set your tape recorders.
- ✓ We understand that a set of four collector telephone calling cards as been issued featuring Houdini. Jim is willing to buy some (he has to buy them in quantity), so let him know if you are interested. Let's pool our interests and get some!.
- ✓ The annual Cavalcade of Magic took place April 3-5. Three of our members attended, with their spouses: Jim Henson. Bob Owen and Stella Stout. About 80 people attended. Plan to go next year!

Our next Ring meeting is May 1 (May Day), so let's celebrate the merry month by doing something quite BIZARRE. In fact, that's the theme of the month: out of the ordinary, odd, extravagant, eccentric and unusual. You know, mentalism (most of it is weird) and the like.

We'll meet at our usual time (7 pm) and at the usual place (Baptist Hospital).

We hope that everyone who attends will perform a bizarre magic trick. Also, bring any show-and tell stuff: new magic book, new trick, a trick you'd like critiqued, etc.

We get 1999 IBM confab?

Jim Henson called Past IBM president Ken Klosterman the other day, and during the conversation Ken congratulated Jim about Little Rock getting the 1999 IBM convention. When Jim told him that we had not been notified yet, Ken said as far as he is concerned it is a done deal. We started to celebrate, but decided to wait until we get the official word. We'll keep you posted.

How to book performances

Ring member Bill Fulton has written a great article for our members about booking magic performances. It is enclosed. Read and study it closely, and then let's discuss any aspects of it at our May 1 meeting. Thanks for a great job, Bill!

Searcy magicians are active

We've been watching our Searcy magicians and notice that John Patterson, Jon Buher, Clayton Cavaness, David Roper and Bill Gardner are much in the news lately. Talk about an active Ring.

Ring dues now \$15; due July 1st

Your 1997-98 dues are now due, and the deadline is June 30. Also, while you're paying local dues, go ahead and join IBM national. The monthly Linking Ring magazine is worth the fee.

So what's your news? Call Dennis at 374-1500 or Jim at 455-6242 and tell what's going on!

Mr. Magic students set annual recital on May 10

The magic students of Jim Henson will hold their annual recital (with some guest performers), Saturday, May 10 at the Southwest Hospital cafeteria at 7 pm. Why not attend and give these folks some solid encouragement and reinforcement?

Things & stuff

- Damon, Derrick and Randal performed for the Houston Oilers in Nashville recently. Damon wants to publicly thank his two collegaues for helping him look so good.
- Dan Hecke took our advice and looked into the new web site "The Daily Magic." If you missed the address in last month'snewsletter, it is:

PRMMagic@aol.com.

- Don Thompson has been performing for local schools recently. And the best part is he keeps the kids under control!
- For you who are IBM members and thus get "The Linking Ring," you have noticed the quality write-ups our ring has been getting. A special thanks and deep bow to club secretary Bill Fulton!
- Randal (and Ed) have been performing all over, including a recent gig for Murphy Oil in Little Rock.
- Scott Davis recently returned from Las Vegas and saw a number of magic shows. He also got to talk with Lance Burton.

Report from Hot Springs

Dennis was in Hot Springs last Saturday evening so decided to take his wife to The Theater of Magic. Damon was there, and so was Scott Davis, with a lady friend.

He said he would be right back, slipped out and shortly was introduced by Maxwell Blade as a guest magician. The funny thing is that his date didn't know he was going to (or even could) perform (magic, that is).

It was a fun hour of magic and we urge you to attend, if you haven't already. In fact, go back again and again to support live magic in our area.