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# MAGIC MUSINGS

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## It's Comedy Magic for June 5 meeting

### JUNE MEETING:

● **Thursday, June 5**  
**Regular monthly meeting**  
**7 pm**  
Baptist Memorial Hospital

### Bits & Pieces

✓ Don't forget the **Tiny Tot Circus**, at Robinson Auditorium, Sunday **June 8** at 2 pm. Randal, Damon, Derrick and Don Baer will perform. It's all free, so plan to go and support our members..

✓ 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**, the Searcy Magic Society, which meets the **first Monday of each month**. They'll meet June 2 at 7 pm at John Patterson's office, 103 North Main.

✓ And **Ring 75** in **Fort Smith** meets the 2nd Sunday each month at the Fort Smith Library. Go visit them, too.

✓ **Last month** two dozen members had a great time with Bizarre magic. If you've been passing up our regular meetings, you've missed not only some good entertainment, but also some good magic and friendships. Why not try to be regular in attending?

✓ Did you see the two recent magic specials on television. There was the well-promoted "Street Magic" show last week, followed by a repeat of the "Champions of Magic" show just this week.

## Two members profiled this month by Bill Fulton

Ring member Bill Fulton has written several profiles on our members and two are included this month. The idea is to get to know each other better, not only to be better friends, but also to be able to recommend certain people for certain engagements when you hear about them.

Thanks, Bill, for this nice way to get to know our members.

Get out your **Comedy Magic** for the next regular meeting of Ring 29, **June 5**.

We'll meet at our usual time (7 pm) and at the usual place (Baptist Hospital), in a meeting room behind the cafeteria. Enter from the Southwest corner of the hospital. Go down the stairs near the parking garage.

Dust off your comedy props. Let out the waist in your comedy costume. Practice your best comedy routine. Everyone should come prepared to perform at least one comedy trick. That's what makes these theme nights so much fun. See **you** there!

## Things & stuff

● We know of a couple of **graduations** this month:

• **Chris Curtis**, son of historian **Mike Curtis**, was the Valadictorian at Paron High School.

• **Tim Schick**, son of newsletter editor **Dennis Schick**, graduated from UALR, the third of his children to do so.

● **Bob Escher**, from Louisville, Kentucky, and a member of the IBM national board, was in town recently for continuing treatments for cancer. He stopped in Mr Magic for a nice visit. He'll be back in August.

● **Ed Magic** is working at the Pizza Company in Jacksonville Saturday nights.

● **Randal and Ed** will perform at McGehee at the Fairgrounds June 6.

● Over 50 people attended the magic club's recital, even an unexpected werewolf.

## Our sympathies

Ring President **James Kinsey's** mother died May 24. Our sympathies to James and Christy and their families.

World-famous magician **Harry Blackstone, Jr.** died May 16, from a bacterial infection and cancer, in California. He was cremated and his remains will be interred in Colon, Michigan at **Abbott's annual convention**. We're sorry to lose another giant in the World of Magic. We'll miss him.

## Election coming in June; dues also are due now

June is the month for our annual election of officers, as well is the month to pay your annual dues.

Please come with \$15 to pay for our 1997-98 year. **Deadline** to pay is July 1.

## Don't vote yet! Get facts.

There is considerable confusion about the upcoming I.B.M. national elections. You who are members have received several communications about claims and counter-claims, new vs. old guard, clicks and good-ole-boys, etc. Are you confused?

You will receive a ballot with your June "Linking Ring." **Don't** fill it out and mail it until **after** our June meeting.

Ring member **Bill Fulton** and **Jim Henson** have **new information** you need to know before you vote. **Turn this page over** for a fax from Bill regarding some of his findings. Come to the June meeting for more.

## Hot Springs is becoming a hotbed for magic!

What's going on over in Hot Springs these days? It has turned into **Magic City!**

**Maxwell Blade's** Theater of Magic is now open on Friday and Saturday nights. Soon he will also be open on Thursday nights, too, for his 8 pm show of illusions.

And at that same theater, **Damon** is performing on Wednesday nights as well as at a 10 pm show on Saturday nights. His show focuses on mentalism, as you know.

Let's all make a point to go over and support these magic shows. And tell your friends about them, too.

On top of those magic opportunities, **Mr. Magic** has opened a **new store** in the Spa City. It's at **412 Central Avenue**, directly across the street from Bath House Row -- specifically the Quapaw Bath House. It's in the **Cheyenne Trading Post**.

Our own **Fred Hartman** will manage the shop, with the help of **Grant Ludder**, **Dan Block**, **Bill Webb** and **Scott Davis**. Drop in and say Hi (and buy something).

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Hi Bill. Part of the ability for Committee for New Leadership to put out all sorts of items is that they (mainly Ken Klosterman) have and are willing spend thousands of dollars. I expect that they will have spent more than ten thousand dollars by the time it is over. They have a political party bent on winning an election with the resources to mobilize ads, pamphlets and mailings. It is a very small group of people that can make a decision and carry it out almost immediately.

Their opposition are individuals, who are volunteers and take their time away from their IBM volunteer duties trying to counteract a bunch of very slanted and distorted material. The current board is not a political party and has no source of funds to counteract the amounts the Committee for New Leadership is willing to spend. IBM funds should not be used to wage a political campaign.

It will be a real shame and will set the IBM back many years, if spending dollars will win the election. There will be many hard working people, who give so much of their talents, time and personal funds to the IBM who will just walk away from the situation if the Committee for New Leadership's candidates win.

I am sending you a copy by fax, or regular mail if that doesn't work, of an article David Sandy wrote for his Ring newsletter. He says it well. He does not remark on the Klosterman and Dietrich letter because it just went out. However, it too is filled with distortions and partial truths.

For example the losses that they talk about on the convention occurred when? It was when Dietrich and Klosterman were on the Board and of course when Klosterman was President. They accuse themselves of violating the Constitution and By-laws for they were on the Board when the supposed violations occurred. The person who they promote as seeing that the Constitution and By-laws won't be violated (Glen Weissenberger who is running for Vice President on their slate) was the legal counsel during the period of time of the supposed violations and never questioned the move of the nomination time of which they are so critical. I could go on but you get the picture.

I hope the material I am sending will help.

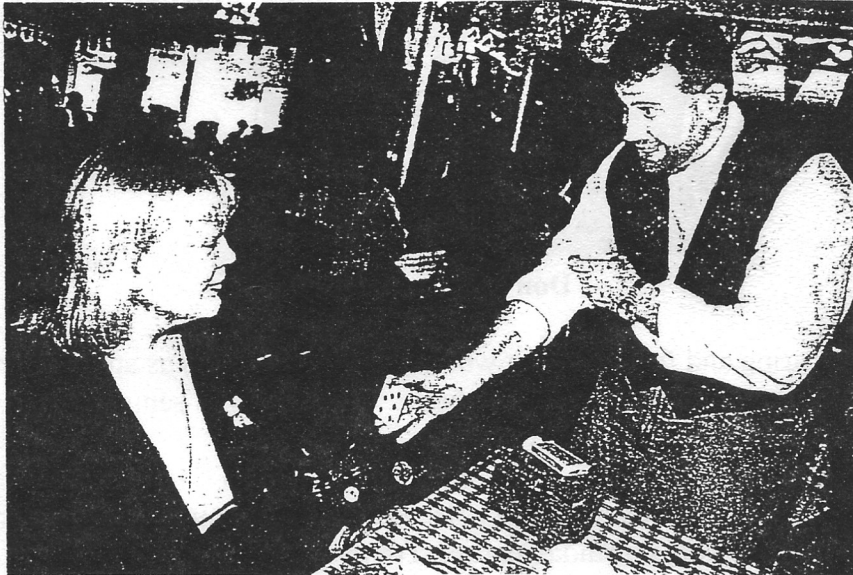


# Spotlight on Ring Performers

By Bill Fulton

In order to get to know our Ring members better, I will be writing a few short notes to highlight some of our members. Armed with these bits of information, we can recommend our brothers (and sisters) to others as performers and help one another out in promoting magic.

These performers submitted some of their performance information to me to help write this article. Please send this information or something you have written to me (or bring it to a Ring meeting) for an article.



**Derrick Rose**

Derrick started out performing in 1982 at Disneyworld. He was the Jungle Cruise Skipper and would perform simple magic tricks for people as they waited to board his boat. His magic and humor have grown since then. He is now performing some very sophisticated close-up magic at the Little Rock Shorty Smalls on Rodney Parham every Sunday from 11:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. and the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 6 - 9 P.M.

If you have paid attention to his performances at Ring meetings, you will have noticed that he keeps up with the latest of close-up effects. He is a fine performer with a great sense of humor.

Damon Reinbold, Randal Eller, and Derrick recently performed for the Houston Oilers in Nashville, TN. What better way to help the Ring out than to work together.

Recently, Derrick, his wife Tracy and his brother were at a charity event in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Derrick was asked to fill in a vacant spot on the show with his magic. He was a great success and made many new contacts that may lead to bigger bookings. I hope you all saw a picture of Derrick in the Arkansas Democrat/Gazette eating worms with Scott O'Grady, the Air Force pilot.

When he is not eating worms or entertaining, Derrick is communication director for the Arkansas Development Finance Authority by day. He says he tries to find one hour every other day to practice after his 11 month old son goes to bed at night. He tries to introduce one new effect a week. His restaurant work forces him to put the practice in that he needs to perform well.

Derrick is available for performances in restaurants, birthday parties, private parties, and stage. He can be contacted at 21 Oak Forest Loop, Maumelle, AR 72113, or by calling (510) 851-6715.



**Don Baer**

We know Don as a very caring and funny person who sculpts balloons as an art form, and we get to see him from time to time as a clown in Mr Magic. By day he is a senior printer in the Media Services Department at UAMS.

Don has been interested in clowns since childhood. He started performing over 15 years ago as Patches The Magic Clown. He works birthday parties, company events, festivals, mall events, craft shows, hospitals and nursing homes. Don performs magic for stage or small groups, and does balloon sculptor, and paints participants faces. You might think of a clown's performance is just for kids. Not so with Patches. He weaves humor and great stories into his tricks that catch the imagination of the young or old. He obviously loves people and entertaining them. Derrick Rose says that he thinks that Don is the best children's performer that he has seen.

Don has attended clown schools over the years and for the past several years has been one of the directors of The Clown, Puppet and Storytelling Camp at Camp Tanako on Lake Catherine in Hot Springs.

Don says that many of his performance ideas come to him while he is in the car driving. Once he is at the house he gets his props together and goes over the ideas several times before a performance.

Don is available for the wide variety of performances listed above. Contact him at 613 Hacienda Drive, Benton, AR 72015 or call (501) 794-1927. Don has developed an excellent publicity package that I hope he would show to our Ring members at one of our meetings.