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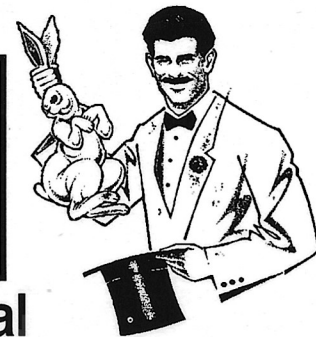
# MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



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### NEXT MEETING:

● **Thursday, November 6**  
**David Roper lecture**  
 Southwest Hospital

## Last month...

Some four dozen folks had a great time at the annual IBM Picnic at the home of Jim and Brenda Henson. There was lots of good food, fellowship and magic. You missed a good one, so plan to attend next year. Thanks to Jim and Brenda for their hospitality.

## Bits & Pieces

✓ Newsletter editor Dennis Schick, Executive Director of the Arkansas Press Association, recently was elected president of Newspaper Association Managers. That is the group whose members are all the press associations in the U.S. and Canada.

✓ On November 17 at ASU, Beebe, magician Kevin King will perform. Tickets will be available at the door.

✓ On November 22nd, the 4th Annual Holiday of Lights will be held in the Searcy High School Auditorium. Magicians in the Searcy IBM Ring will perform the 90-minute show. Cost is only \$5.

✓ How about \$200 for winning a talent contest? On Nov. 7-8 there will be a contest at the Jamboree Music Theater in Hot Springs. There is a \$30 entry fee. Entries must have a country, gospel or bluegrass theme. If interested, call Dwain White at 753-0473.

✓ We are currently talking with Baptist Medical Center about meeting space for 1998. If you have any suggestion for a better place to meet, please speak up now.

✓ At the annual statewide gathering of magicians Oct. 19 in Russellville, a small (21) but enthusiastic group were able to buy some great magic at super low prices. You really missed out on some great bargains. Plan to attend next year.

✓ **FOR SALE:** wireless and standing mike. Call **Fred Hartman** at (501) 623-6340. Such a deal!

OK, listen up and listen good. Our regular monthly meeting will be at a NEW location for November, and will be a special lecture you won't want to miss.

It will be at 7 pm, next Thursday, Nov. 6, but not at Baptist Medical Center. For this month we will meet at Southwest Hospital, in a meeting room near the cafeteria.

Our program will be a lecture on comedy magic, by the man who wrote the book. Yes,

## Jay Scott Berry to lecture Nov. 14

Hey! We have two (2) lectures in November. Jay Scott Berry from Georgia will come with his wife, to show us how to use fire, dry ice and other special effects. We'll be at Southwest Hospital at 7 pm. Check out Jay's web page at:

[members.AOL.com/jsbwiz](http://members.AOL.com/jsbwiz)

## Who wants a lecture? We could have one every month!

We have so many requests and ideas about lectures, we could have one every month. But we need to hear from you. Do you want to have more lectures this year? Are you willing to pay for them? Will you help recruit new members and bring guests to help pay the freight?

Here are some of the lecture ideas we are working on. Mark your calendars.

● Jay Scott Berry from Georgia is already booked to lecture to us November 14. See the separate article above.

● Bryon Staron from Dyersburg, TN is one of the funniest magicians in the country and is ready to come when we invite him.

● Len Sparagowski, from Oklahoma City, has developed one of the neatest memory systems used anywhere. He's ready to come lecture to us when we ask him.

And these are only three who have contacted us or who we have contacted. There are many more available. Tell any Board member your philosophy about lecturers: many this year or just two or three?

David Roper from Searcy, the author of *The Comedy Magic Textbook*, will be with us. Admission will be only \$5 per person.

David said he would do either a comedy or gospel lecture. Our Board selected comedy, but I bet we can talk him into giving us some tips on gospel magic, too. Several of us use gospel magic and would love tips.

This would be a good time to bring a prospective member. So be there!

## More Bits & Pieces

• Paul Carlon performed for over 600 people at CAC High School recently. He also was the opening act at Jam '97 at Romance, AR.

• Randal Eller is busier than ever these days. Next week he is appearing at five places in Mississippi. He'll then be at Decatur Middle School Nov. 17; in Louisiana on the 21st and 22nd; at White Hall, Dec. 2 and at Wynne, December 12. Catch his act.

• Who else is performing during the holiday season? Let us know as soon as you know, so we can publicize it in our newsletter. Some of our members would like to make the effort to come support you.

• Dennis Schick was in Myrtle Beach, S.C. recently. He says it has boomed into a major tourist destination, much like Branson. There are at least three magic stores in the area, including one at the new Broadway on the Beach entertainment complex. Look them up when you are in the area.

• The Mr. Magic store will be moving this weekend, but only two stores down. His new triple space more than doubles his current store space. He will incorporate a magic museum in the store and a small close-up performing area.

He will be closed Sunday and Monday, and reopen on Tuesday. There will be a Grand Reopening on Sunday afternoon, November 14 from 2-4 pm. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

## Where is your news?

How can we produce a newsy newsletter if you don't let us know what you're up to? Call Jim or Dennis and tell us!