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RING #29

MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



Dec. 4 meeting at Mr. Magic; Scott Berry back Dec. 5

NEXT MEETINGS:

● **Thurs., December 4**

Member business meeting

Mr. Magic Shop

● **Fri., Dec. 5 • Scott Berry lecture**

Last month...

David Roper lectured to about 24 members on November 6th, and J. Scott Berry lectured to 19 members on November 14.

Both did a good job. It was generally agreed that the Berry lecture was one of the best the Ring has ever had, if not THE best.

Bits & Pieces

✓ **Scott Davis'** public relations man (himself) has been working overtime recently. Did you see the great photo in the November 7 issue of Weekend in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*?

He, **Greg Gillis** and **Mike Strobel** went to Memphis to see Penn & Teller recently. The magicians hung out in the lobby, talking and signing autographs. Scott says it was one of the best magic shows he's ever seen.

✓ On November 22nd, the 4th Annual Holiday of Lights, Searcy, was a big success, as always. Congratulations to all who participated and made it a success.

✓ **Don Thompson** is now the treasurer of the Arkansas Society of Certified Public Managers. Good job, Don.

✓ **Randall and Ed** continue to travel and perform in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Keep them in your thoughts as they are on the road so much.

✓ **Paul Carlon** is doing more shows and seems to be staying busy with family magic.

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

✓ **Lisa Bolin** continues to improve and is doing better. She has had a tough road recovering from not one but two automobile accidents. Keep her in your prayers.

✓ **Dennis Schick** was on Channel 4 the other day, kicking off the annual Holiday Highway Hero "Don't drink and drive" campaign. He is immediate past president.

Our Ring has lots of business to conduct, and rather than just have the Board of Directors get together and decide, we will have a general member business meeting to have as much input as possible.

So plan to come at our regular meeting time, 7 pm, Thursday, December 4. We'll meet at the new location of Mr. Magic, just two doors down from the old store, on Stagecoach Road. And it won't be all business,

FLASH! Best lecture ever is back Dec. 5

What people said after the Nov. 14 lecture was the best lecture we've ever had, is coming back. **J. Scott Berry** will be with us at 7 pm Dec. 5. Call 455-6242 for the location. He'll repeat some of his first lecture, and add good stuff from his workshop. Don't miss this one! \$10 each.

Grand Re-opening of Mr. Magic went well. Stop by.

Many of you have contributed to the need for Mr. Magic to have to expand by buying from him regularly. Also, owner Jim Henson has had a dream for many years to have a magic museum, a library, a performing area and enough display cases to put out all (or at least most) of his magic.

Last Sunday afternoon there was a Grand Re-opening at the shop. Winners of door prizes were: Clay Curtis, Lenia Posey, Lisa Bolin, Jay Miller, Tom Leggett, Jamie Owens and Charles Walther. Good event, Jim.

Magic is everywhere on TV

Magic is everywhere these days.. Magic shows were on television three (3) times Thanksgiving week. We'll review all three of them next issue.

Be sure to watch the A&E channel for two specials on the history of magic. On Dec. 7 at 8 pm is "The Story of Magic: Centuries of Deception." Then two nights later, Dec. 9 will be "The Story of Magic: Mystery in America," also on A&E. Get out your tapes. They should be classics.

either. There surely will be some magic, too, especially if YOU bring some.

If you missed the Grand Re-opening of the Mr. Magic Store, this will be another good opportunity to see the new facility.

Among the topics we will discuss are: a new constitution, the Christmas Party (Jan. 10); annual programs; regular meetings; lectures: frequency, costs; annual budget; dues; location of meetings; annual public shows; and preparations for national convention, including who is going to the Los Angeles IBM convention in 1998?

Please make a special effort to come since these subjects concern all of us.

Christmas Party set for January 10. Info to come

Yes, the annual Ring 29 Christmas Party historically is several weeks PAST Christmas, and this year it is January 10.

Most of the details have yet to be decided so come to the December meeting, and watch for the January newsletter.

More Bits & Pieces

• **Mary Ann Campbell** spoke October 30 in Augusta, GA on "Believe in your magic for success." It was for a woman's forum at Taylor Infinity Motors. She even got to shop for hubby Guy at the Augusta National Golf Shop while in town.

• **Maxwell Blade** and assistant Cathy (his wife) have created a new assistant for his magic act. They had a baby girl, **Alexis**, Nov. 12, 7# 2 oz. Congratulations all.

• **Damon** will be on Channel 7 Friday, Dec. 12 on their morning show (5:30-7 am) promoting his "Who stole the presents" dinner mystery. It will be Dec. 14 at St. Gabriel's Restaurant in Sherwood. Call now to make reservations.

• **Susan Bucher**, wife of magician Jon, can be seen on a Searcy car commercial, which is shown in this market. (Have her wiggle her nose to us next time, Jon.)

• **Bill Fulton** would like help for performers at the Arkansas Children's Hospital. Please consider doing this as a way our ring can serve the community, as well as to get some good exposure. Call him.

Life Underwriters to sponsor second Halloween Magic show

The North Arkansas Life Underwriters will sponsor the second annual Halloween Magic show at the L.C. Sammons Youth Center at Cooper Park beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday. Illusionist Jack Taylor will perform at 6, 7 and 8, and there will be a costume contest at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. for the youngsters with prizes donated by area businessmen.

All proceeds will be donated to the L.C. Sammons Youth Center by the North Arkansas Life Underwriters for additional equipment. Last year's Halloween Magic raised enough money to donate the pool table that is currently in use at the center.



Scott Davis serves a slice of magic at Perkins Family Restaurant in Hot Springs.

Restaurants have been around forever. Magic has been around forever. Combine the two and what have ya got? A good time while eating out.

Perkins Family Restaurant in Hot Springs and magician **Scott Davis** have joined forces. Every Friday and Saturday night, Davis, a Benton native, serves up some magic along with your meal. Expect card tricks and other amazing feats, all performed right by the table.

And perhaps Davis can make some of those calories disappear!

Magic by Scott Davis, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Perkins Family Restaurant, 3630 Central Ave., Hot Springs. Free. (501) 624-5000.

Halloween magic show planned

The Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library will sponsor a Halloween magic show on Saturday afternoon at 2, in the Round Room of the library.

Magician Rocky Clements will be featured in a program recommended for children from the age of four and up.

The magic show is admission-free to the public.

Magic set put dad on road as a performer

BLYTHEVILLE COURIER NEWS

BLYTHEVILLE — Tim McGowan of Paragould said he began doing magic when he gave his twin sons a magic set for Christmas about nine years ago. McGowan says he liked the kit so much that he hid it from the children and began building his own magic act.

But McGowan, 43, who has performed at many functions in the Blytheville area, is not the average magician.

McGowan uses the magic act to proclaim his Christian faith.

His first show was at his home church in Paragould and incorporated sleight-of-hand tricks to demonstrate the importance of faith and having Jesus Christ in one's life, McGowan said.

But McGowan said his act, the props for which fit into a 1- by 3-foot trunk, is fun for everyone. Besides performing for church groups, he has performed at Springtime on the Mall in Blytheville and recently at the Immaculate Conception Church Fall Festival.

McGowan is a member of the Northeast Arkansas Magic Club, the Greene County Magic Club and the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

He has performed all over the state, and adjusts his program for audiences from age 5 to 105. McGowan said he especially enjoys the shows he does for senior citizens groups.

"They get a bigger kick out of the show than the little ones do," McGowan said.

McGowan also sets up a balloon art booth before and after his shows. He works for tips, which he said helps to cover his expenses.

But McGowan said he never forgets where his talents come from and doesn't start a show without a prayer.