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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



## Brian Staron to lecture at March 5 regular meeting

### NEXT MEETING

- **Thursday, March 5, 7 pm**  
**Brian Staron lecture**  
Baptist Medical Center

## Last month...

The Annual Auction brought in close to \$100 for the Ring. That means lots of buying and selling went on and that lots of people went home happy.

## Bits & Pieces

✓ **Bill Fulton** has developed a new member handbook. Jim Henson has a copy of the first draft if you'd like to look at it and make any suggestions. Thanks again, Bill for all you are doing for our Ring!

✓ The 28th Annual Cavalcade of Magic will be held in Eureka Springs, March 26-28. See the ad on the back of this page from The Linking Ring for more details. Let's have a good representation from our Ring. Anyone want to carpool?

✓ **Sam Boyce** of Newport had a nice write-up in the regional edition of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* recently. Jim has a copy of it at Mr. Magic if you want to read it. Sam is recoverig nicely from two separate operations. Get well soon, Sam.

✓ **Bill Pitts**, veteran magician and former president of IBM national, from Fort Smith, is selling off his entire collection of magic. But he wants to sell it as a whole, not by the piece. It's a great collection. He already has a couple of offers from out of state, but he'd rather see it stay in Arkansas. Jim Henson is looking for probably 8-10 people to go in with him to put together an Arkansas bid. See Jim immediately if you want to get part of an historic collection.

✓ A week from Monday (March 9), **Brad Matchett** will lecture at the Searcy Ring. He now lives in Richmond, VA and is formerly from Arkansas. He'll talk about balloon sculpture, how to book clients, how to handle an audience, how to clown, how to dress, etc. Call Jim if you want to go. Maybe we can get up a carload. Call (501) 268-7959 for details.

## Comedy at its best

We are fortunate to have at our regular monthly meeting for March 5th, a lecture by comedy master Brian Staron, from Dyersberg, TN. The title of his lecture will be: "Comedy Magic at its Best."

The meeting and lecture will be at the regular time and place: Baptist Medical Center, 7 p.m. In all likelihood, the lecture probably won't start until closer to 7:15 or so.

## Komedy Kid Klinik is coming March 7

There will be a special Komedy Kid Show Klinik next Saturday, March 7 at St. Andrews United Methodist Church on Baseline. It will be from 8 am - 5 pm.

Presenters will be David Ginn, Samuel Patrick Smith and Steve Taylor. The theme will be "Komedy Kid Show Magic and Marketing." We're very lucky to be on the national tour. Let's all get out and support this great line-up so more such events will come our way! Call 455-6242 for details and a brochure.

✓ **David Copperfield** will appear at Robinson Auditorium on Easter Sunday, April 12, at 6 and 9 pm. Our Ring purchased 25 tickets to get a discount and, as of this writing, there are only seven tickets left. Call Jim immediately to see if any are left. Copperfield was here last four years ago. He's great!

✓ **Paul Carlon** has been performing all over the state: Soup Sunday, Kids for Christ, Christeens, drug programs for the Kiwanis, etc. Tell us when and where in advance, Paul, so we can come see you in action.

✓ **Randal Eller** will perform at The Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs April 17. It will be open to the public. We'll have more details next month.

✓ The **Theater of Magic** in Hot Springs is about to open for 1998. Watch here for more information next month.

✓ **Michael Strobel** has been traveling, from California to Florida, and soaks up everything having to do with magic. See him for some tips of where to visit to see magic.

Staron says: "Don't take any wooden nickels, don't eat at anyplace called 'Mom's,' and don't shoot pool with a guy named 'Pops.'"

Staron breaks all the rules. Come see how. You'll laugh so hard you'll cry!

## So what's on television?

The flood of television specials about magic continues. Here are some:

• On March 3, Fox will repeat its big hit, "Breaking the Magicians Code," followed by a new exposure show. We understand the network is planning six more shows due to the success of the first one. **BUMMER!**

• On March 10, "The Secret World of Magicians and Mentalists" will be shown on The Learning Channel.

• Later this Spring (dates to be announced) will be: "Grand Illusions;" "Mysteries of Magic;" and "The World's Most Dangerous Magic," live (we're told) on NBC.

## More Bits & Piece

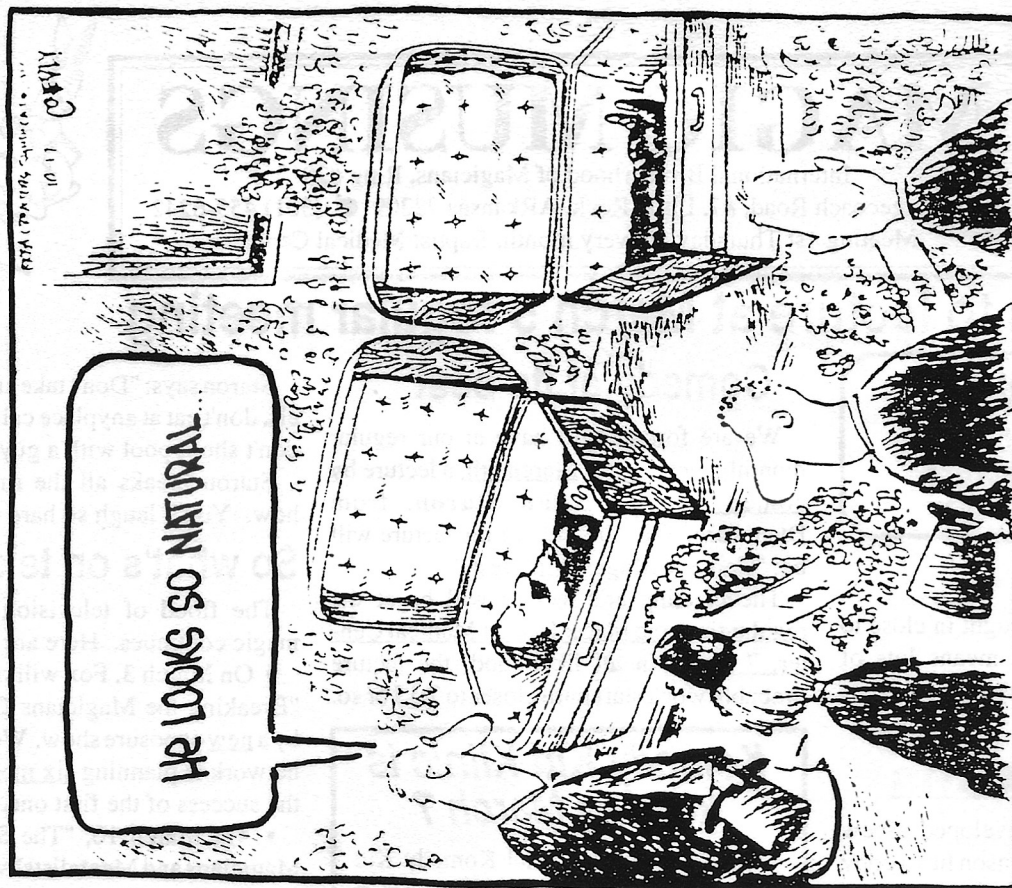
✓ Quick, go back to the envelope you received this newsletter in. If there is NO "PD" next to your name and you HAVE paid your dues, call Jim Henson or James Kinsey (834-7456). Our records show you haven't paid your 1998 dues.

✓ Also, we are updating our IBM member number list. Please call Jim to confirm your member number of you belonging to IBM.

✓ **Derrick Rose** was in Los Angeles recently and was making balloon figures on Santa Monica Beach. Along came Rosie O'Donnel photographers, liked what they saw and taped him for one of their shows. It might be shown any day now. Call Jim to see if it has run yet.

✓ **Lucky Russell** of Clinton, has put together a production show and he is looking for some volunteers to help him with it. He performs for elderly and handicapped groups, using lots of music. Call Jim Henson for more information.

✓ If YOU had called Jim or Dennis (374-1500) and given your magic news, it might have been published here. We can't run YOUR news unless YOU call us! Let's make this a newsy, magic newsletter.



Magician funerals

# 28TH ANNUAL CAVALCADE OF MAGIC



Resort Motel & Convention Center  
P.O. Box 431  
Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632  
Phone (501) 253-9768

Eureka Springs, Arkansas  
March 27-28, 1998  
(Nite Before, the 26th)

Lectures, Close-Up, Videos, Comedy Magic,  
Illusions, Stage Magic, Collector's Magic,  
Nite-Before Party.

Dealers: Bob Hale, Tom Westerheide, Dave  
Emerson, and Howard Hale.

Inn of the Ozarks Room Rate: \$42.00 single or  
double. Make room reservation direct with the Inn.

Convention Registration:  
\$75.00 for Magician and entire family.

Send your registrations to:  
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