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RING #29

March 2000

MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29
8912 Stagecoach Road, #7, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209 • (501) 455-6242
Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



"Bags and eggs" is theme for March 2nd

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Annual Auction**
February 3, 7 pm
Room 10, Baptist Medical
- **Junior Program Meeting**
Sun, Feb. 13, 2 pm
Mr. Magic Store

BITS & PIECES

● **LAST MONTH** Ring 29 had its annual auction. A full house of magicians got involved and spent over \$1,000 for magic tricks and apparatus of all sorts. That meant a little over \$100 went to the club, since they kept 10% of all sales.

A deep bow and tip of the top hat to:

- **Derrick Rose**, for emceeing, with the able assistance of **Mike Curtis**;
- **Dan Hecke** and **Chris Westfall** for manning the cashier's desk;
- Everyone who brought items to sell and who bought items.

Let's do it again next year!

● **SCOTT HOLLINGSWORTH** of Houston, lectured to about 25 people last Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20. His specialty is strolling magic, including restaurants and trade shows, so he focused on tips regarding that branch of magic. Most of his magic was rather straight-forward, the type which can be "packed on your person." In fact, he said he usually had as many as 32 effects on him when he worked.

A nice bonus was the "ring and string" trick which he gave to everyone. The downer was he went so fast, and couldn't work with each person, that most people didn't learn his "teach-in." If you learned it, please bring your ring and string to the next meeting and volunteer to teach others. Any volunteers?

● **CHECK OUT** Robinson High School on April 14th. They will present a play called "That's the Spirit." It's about a magician who is murdered. A psychic is brought in to solve the mystery. Tickets are only \$4 for the 7:30 pm performance. Plan to get

"It's in the bag" is a common saying for most people, but is especially common for magicians. That (and eggs) is the theme for the monthly meeting of Ring 29 for March. Here are the facts:

WHAT: Ring 29 March meeting

WHEN: Thursday, March 2nd, 7 pm

WHERE: Baptist Medical Center, Room 10 (lower floor, behind the cafeteria)

WHY: To find out more about bag and egg magic of all sorts!

Mike Strobel writes: "First we'll play with bags: egg bags, change bags, paper bags, gags with bags. Everyone should bring any and all types of bags they have, even if you do not plan to present. We would like to see

"Cavalcade of Magic 2000" is March 30-April 1 in Eureka

This year's "Cavalcade of Magic" is set for March 30 - April 1 at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs. Our own Bill Pitts has been putting this on for many years and it is a great opportunity for magicians in mid-America to see some quality magic close by.

On the back of this page is his ad from *Linking Ring* with all the details. Why not get up a caravan and make a weekend of it?

there early to get the best seats.

● **ANYONE SEEN BRETT Daniels'** new show? It opened Feb. 19 in Tunica. Please give us a review when you see it or any show in our area.

● **RING PRESIDENT DAMON** appears on Channel 11 every Monday morning between 6:30 and 7; and **Derrick Rose** appears there on Fridays between 6 and 7.

The next morning after our auction, **Derrick** performed the jumping hank trick he bought just the night before. The cost jumped higher and higher as it was obvious he really wanted it. Now we know why. On the TV show he also performed the Sketch Pad Prediction. When the kids in the classroom were asked who they liked better -- the weatherman or the magician -- **Derrick** won!

● **THE FIRST REPORT** was that the new IMAX show featuring Siegfried & Roy

many different routines, different approaches, different techniques and different types of bags.

And to be sure all magicians are prepared for the Easter season, we also have a bonus second feature: tricks with EGGS! So bring all your egg tricks, too.

Don't forget: everyone who presents will be given a free ticket for that night's door prize. This also includes anyone who presents or reviews a new trick.

LOOKING AHEAD: In April we'll feature "Magic with a Lesson: Gospel and other object lessons using magic." We will discuss and demonstrate how magic can be used to teach different lessons."

was good. Now comes a review from Jim Henson that it's not all that good after all. It's about how the two magicians met. There are some good special effects, says Jim, but the magic was limited, repeating the magicians turning into tigers, over and over. It doesn't sound like he recommends it for a regular run. Any other opinions?

● **SCOTT DAVIS** has been appointed as the club's Membership Trustee by president Damon. It is a three-year term.

Speaking of Scott, he performed a gig during a break at the Arkansas Press Association Winter Convention. Arkansas Electric Co-ops was both his client as well as a client of the ad agency he works for.

● **THE JUNIOR PROGRAM** had a good meeting Feb. 13th. There were 20 people in attendance, showing that there is a solid interest in magic for students 17 years old and younger. We need to support it. Junior president **Kyle Hamsher** presided, with club president **Damon** lecturing on showmanship and presentation.

● **DAVID COPPERFIELD** will be at the Orpheum Theater in Memphis March 12, we're told. He will do two shows, at 6 and 9 pm. Tickets are \$37 and \$42. Pick up a copy of the Memphis newspaper, check with Ticketmaster, or look at his Website for more information. Anyone interested in forming a carpool to drive over? Tell Jim at the Magic Shop if you're interested.

MORE BITS & PIECES

● **BART ROCKET** has moved from Eureka Springs to the old Kirby Van Birch theater in Branson and is scheduled to open March 15th. No one seems to know where Kirby is. One report is that he was bankrupt. But it's good to have Bart in a better location even though we hate to lose him in Eureka Springs. Plan to go see Bart when you're in Branson, and give us a review.

● **RING MEMBER** Dr. Hughes is reported to be doing great since his medical problems were attended to, and he came to the Feb. 20th lecture. He's still got that great smile on his face. We wonder what he knows we don't know.

● **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

• **Dewaine Duncan, Little Rock**

• **Daniel Young, Conway**

• **Jeff Morgan, Jacksonville**

We will profile these members as soon as they turn in a data form. As for the rest of you who haven't turned in a form, we'll profile YOU when we get yours, too.

● **FOX** finally run the Secrets of Street Magic show Wednesday night. Jim and I both only saw the end of it, but lament all the good tricks and effects the jerk gave away.

I saw the cigarette through a coin exposure, and the levitation exposure. Jim remembers several others. I had it taped and will look at it and assess the damage next month.

● **JIM HENSON** will celebrate his 30th year as a fireman next Thursday, our meeting night. Congratulations to Jim as he nears retirement one of these years.

● **THE RING 29** Public Show is still being planned. Contact Damon at 1-800-248-1530 or Dan at 455-2777 if you are interested in trying out.

● **TUXEDO FOR SALE.** David Roper of the Searcy Magic Club has a tuxedo for sale. It's size 42. Call Jim if you are interested. Scotto recommends them!

● **THE SEARCY RING** will meet at Sam Boyce's office in Newport March 13th, their regular second Monday of the month. If anyone is interested in going, call Jim for details and directions. Sam has a great magic museum in his office so it would be well worth the trip.

● **DON'T FORGET** Don and Lynn's wedding in March. Don is selling tickets to pay for the whole thing and he still has a few left. He's trying to keep up with Copperfield, so has priced them at \$37 and \$42.

GOT MAGIC NEWS? Call JIM at 455-6242 OR DENNIS at 374-1500.

DAN HECKE -- MEMBER PROFILE OF THE MONTH

Dan Hecke is the subject of this month's member profile. He lives in Little Rock with his wife, Jan. They have two children, Melanie Warren who works in human resources for Coca Cola, and Matthew, who is a senior in college. They also have two grandchildren, Brodie (5) and Josha (4) Warren.

Dan was born on July 27 in Hot Springs and graduated from high school there, in 1968. He graduated in 1973 from Henderson, majoring in speech and drama; and also did graduate work in communication at UALR.

Dan is a production supervisor for Comcast Cable. He supervises a staff of five people who produce television commercials for broadcast on cable.

He is a retired Air Force major. His first 12 years he was a C-130 navigator. The last eight years he was in television and motion picture production for the Air Force. He retired as Commander of a Combat Camera Detachment at Keesler AFB, Miss. He also has been a college professor, a car salesman and has managed sales and operations for a temporary employment agency.

Dan is a part-time professional magician and also is interested in the business aspects of magic. His performing name is Major Dan.

Some of his specific magic skills include card magic, close-up, money and coins, stage and bizarre magic.

His performing specialties include children's magic (tailored to each client); corporate magic (company motivation or entertainment), and trade show magic.

He lists as his three favorite magic tricks which he performs:

- (1) Duo Tech II
- (2) Sword through the neck
- (3) Close-up card magic.

Thanks for sharing with us, Dan, and for allowing us to get to know you better.

Doug Henning died Feb. 7 of liver cancer at age 52

The magician who has been credited with reviving magic as a modern art, died February 7 in Los Angeles. He was 52. He had suffered from liver cancer for five months.

Born in Winnipeg, Canada, Henning -- recognized by his trademark long hair and tie-dyed shorts -- became well-known in the U.S. in the 1970s and '80s. His rock musical -- "The Magic Show" -- ran on Broadway for more than four years in the '70s.

The attention he won on Broadway helped him land an NBC special called "The World of Magic." He recreated Harry Houdini's "Water Torture Escape" before a live audience, and ratings were so good that NBC made the show an annual event. The shows won an Emmy and seven nominations.

Henning, who had long been fascinated with transcendental meditation, spent his last years working on plans for a TM theme park in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He also was supposed to have been planning a magic comeback, according to several sources.

So long to a legend.

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Inn of the Ozarks Room Rate: \$42.00 single or double. Make room reservation direct with the Inn. 1-800-552-3785

Convention Registration: \$60, magician; \$75, Couples. Children under 14 years old, \$25. Send your advance registration to: Bill Pitts 1121 S. Elm St., Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903. (501) 484-7512. Make checks payable to Bill Pitts.