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RING #29

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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



Double deal: Movie Magic, Wed.; Card Forces, Thursday

NEXT MEETINGS:

Wednesday, May 3 7 pm

● **Movie Magic Night**

Thursday, May 4, 7 pm

● **Card Force Workshop**

BITS & PIECES

● **ANDY STIRMAN** will perform at Riverfest this Memorial Day weekend, as a strolling magician: May 27 and May 28.

● **MARGARET LECLAIR** just purchased a poster of the movie "Black Magic," starring Orson Wells, from the 1930s. Ask her to see it sometime. In fact, bring it and show and tell to some meeting, Margaret.

Margaret also is performing at the Christ the King School, giving "Unbirthday Parties." Also, she would like to express her gratitude to Don Thompson and Penny Springer for showing pity on her at the Calvacade of Magic in Eureka Springs. Her cars (yes, two) broke down and she was without transportation.

● **SCOTT DAVIS** will perform in May at high school proms and also is doing some corporate gigs. Ask him for details.

● **THE MAXWELL BLADE** Theatre of Magic is now open Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Be sure and call to ensure the theater is open for any specific evening. Shall we car caravan over some evening like we have in the past?

● **TOM BURGOON**, comedian and magician, was at Sanford's Comedy House April 5-8. He was as entertaining as usual. If you missed his act, he'll be back next year. We'll try to give you a heads up.

● **JOHN QUINT**, our Mountain Home member, performed at the Mountain View Folk Festival, April 14-16. He performed using audience participation, around the Courthouse Square. This is a huge festival so it was good exposure for him.

● **BART ROCKET** has moved his show from Eureka Springs to Branson, to Kirby Van Burch's old theater. If you want

Next week we have a doubleheader planned for you and your guests. Plan to attend both.

On **Wednesday, May 3** there will be a special meeting, previously postponed. It will be at 7 pm in dining room 10 at Baptist Medical Center.

Hollywood Magic Wednesday

Brian Staron from Tennessee, will show the 1950s movie, "The Mad Magician," starring Vincent Price. He also has a rare copy of the 1960s television program "The Danny Thomas Show," which has a magic theme.

This is a great opportunity to see two shows you've never seen, which feature magic. The cost is only \$5 per person and the program will last about two hours. Come and have a fun evening.

We realize Wednesday is not the best night for some of you, but it is the only time Brian was available.

Learn Forces Thursday

The following night -- **Thursday, May 4** -- is our regular monthly meeting. It all begins at **7 pm** at the Baptist Medical Center, behind the cafeteria in one of the meeting rooms.

This will be a special teaching (and learning) night, so you can't afford to miss this fun, informative meeting. The subject: **card**

● **DUES ARE DUE** June 30th. The cost is just \$20. But here's a **great deal**: pay before August 1st and the cost will be reduced to only \$15. Contract Ring treasurer James Kinsey for more information. Please bring your money with you May 6.

to know dates and times, call Jim. Tickets are \$22 each. Bart will get to benefit from all the money, time and effort Kirby put into the theater. It's a shame Kirby couldn't hold out, but it's a great opportunity for Bart. If you go to see him, please bring back a report.

● **THE NEXT JUNIOR MEETING** will be Sunday, May 7th at 2 pm at Mr. Magic. Drinks will be provided. We have had about 15 youth inquire about the program. The meeting will include planning for performing at the medical camps this summer. Please call by Saturday, May 6 to confirm your attendance.

forces. The force is one of the most important techniques in all of magic, especially card magic, of course. If you know and are good with several forces, you can perform many great card tricks. Here's your chance!

We have brought together four of our own members who are very **force-full**. (Get it?)

Greg Gillis, Scott Davis, Damon Reinbold and **Chris Westfall** will lecture at four different stations within the room. They will be demonstrating card forces and illusions using forces. Come learn from these experts. You'll leave with some new skills which will last you a lifetime!

At a fifth station **you** can perform your own trick using a forced card. Please limit your trick to four minutes so we can get in as many as possible.

Bring a deck of cards with you if you want to practice what you will learn. Jim Henson will set up a "Dealer's Table" in the back of the room, at Chris' request, and will sell different types of gaffed forcing decks, tricks requiring a force, and books and tapes about forcing cards. We had to twist his arm to do this, but he finally agreed. We appreciate his wanting to keep a low profile, but this is a big favor to US, so let's thank him.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of this new method of teaching by our own Ring members. If you have a question about the meeting, call Jim at Mr. Magic.

The FORCE be with you!

Anyone else want to go to the Texas Magic Convention?

The Texas Association of Magicians (TAOM) annual convention will be in Dallas, Sept. 1-4, and a number of our Ring members will be going.

If anyone would like to go, we want to car caravan and room together as a group. The cost is \$75 before August 1st and \$85 after that. This includes the membership fee into TAOM. Registration forms are available at Mr. Magic. Those interested in driving and/or riding or going need to contact Jim Henson.

MORE BITS & PIECES

● CLUB ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD BY MAIL AND AT JUNE MEETING

Looking ahead, be reminded that Ring 29's annual election will be held at the June meeting. **Dan Hecke** is still soliciting nominations for any position. You can even nominate yourself. This is called volunteering. The final day he will accept nominations is May 4th. Ballots will be sent out in the June newsletter, or you may vote in person at the June meeting.

● MAGIC AT DOLLYWOOD.

We received a newsletter from Dolly Wood recently, telling about the highlights of their 15th season this year. Among the shows they discussed is "Magic Laughmaker." It is described as "Catch a special bit of Dollywood magic in the Village area at the outdoor stage located beside the Magic Shop. Our magician always keeps a few tricks up his sleeve in this fascinating exhibition." If

you go, please bring back a report. In case you don't know, Dollywood is located in the Gatlinberg, Tennessee area.

● **THE BRETT DANIELS SHOW** at the Gold Strike Casino at Tunica has opened a new magic act. If you haven't seen his new show, plan to attend on Sunday, May 28th, at 5 pm. That's when we are planning to attend as a group. If we can get enough members and guests together, we will be able to buy tickets for only \$12.50 each, half the regular price of \$24.95. The Memphis magic club is also trying to line up a magic lecture in the theater immediately before or after the show. If you are interested, call Jim, Bob or J.C. at Mr. Magic and put your name on the list.

● **YOUR EDITOR** conducted a Freedom of Information seminar in Forrest City April 6, the day of the monthly Ring 29 monthly meeting. Heading back at 4:30, he was to

take his two passengers home and then go directly to attend and perform at the club meeting, on gospel and object lesson magic. He wanted to show several newspaper tricks he uses in his seminars and talks.

But at 75 miles an hour, near Carlisle, the left tire on his minivan literally blew apart. After a harrowing stop, (with cars bearing down on him and three 18-wheelers in the right lane), the passengers changed the tire, only to find no air in the spare. An hour later AAA showed up. The travelers finally got back to Little Rock after 8 pm, too late for Dennis to deliver his riders and get to the meeting he really wanted to and planned to attend and perform at.

Such is life.

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

YOU MAY BE A REDNECK MAGICIAN IF....

- you ate one of your doves or rabbits
- you think SLEEVING is something you do when you have a cold.
- you think you disrobe to do a STRIPPER routine.
- you lose your THUMB TIP while picking your nose.
- your TILT makes people think of Jaws.
- your CLASSIC PALM makes people want to give to Jerry's Kids.
- you think the VERNON CHRONICLES is a PBS special.
- you don't perform an effect because the instructions did not include the patter.
- you think the SQUARE CIRCLE is a good ole boy's bar.
- you think ORAGAMI is something you don't talk about in front of kids
- you think the MIS-MADE FLAG is something Betsy Ross did stoned.
- you think TWISTED SISTERS is a couple of old girls you used to date.
- you wonder why an EXPANDED SHELL won't fit your shotgun.
- you think NEEDLE-THRU-THE-ARM is something done by a clumsy seamstress.
- you think a FINGER FLASH is showing someone your naked finger.
- you think an EGG BAG is an old lady who raises chickens.
- you think a MIS-MADE BILL is a crazy guy named William.
- you think a DOUBLE UNDER CUT is something the wife gets at the beauty parlor.
- you think a FALSE CUT is making that noise under your armpit.
- you think RING ON STRING is high fashion jewelry.
- you buy a magic book just to color the illustrations.
- you think COPPER & SILVER was an episode of America's Most Wanted.
- you think the 3 SHELL GAME is something you do with a Winchester.
- you think MULTIPLYING RABBITS is just nature taking its course.
- you think a FRENCH ARM CHOPPER is something you order from an infomercial for \$19.95 (Plus S & H).
- you think BRO. JOHN HAMMAN might be the name of the guy that plays the organ at church.

Thanks to Tom McKee and Jim Ford, members of IBM Ring 37, Nashville, for coming up with these, and to Margaret for passing them on to us.

<http://edge.edge.net/~mfulghum/redneck.htm>

HAVE AN E-MAIL? LET US KNOW.

We already have a good list of E-mail addresses of Ring members. But we want it to be as complete as possible. Please check the list to see if we have yours. Also, please check to see if the one we have is accurate. We have sent several E-mail messages and have gotten several returned as undeliverable. Here is the list we have:

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Are there others? Are all these accurate? Please help us to help you. We can get messages out almost instantly, can remind you of special events, etc. Please send your E-mail address and any corrections to dschick@arkansaspress.org We'll print the entire list here from time to time.