

Magic Musings

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 29
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Meets 1st Thursday of nearly every month @ Baptist Medical Center



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March 2005

March 3rd Meeting is Our Annual Auction!

March 3rd will be our Annual Auction with our very own Auctioneer Gerry Bailey. We will meet at 6:30pm in Sheffield Auditorium at Baptist (same place as usual). About 200 items can be auctioned off that night. As of now we have not reached the 200 item cut off so if you have something to auction off, call the magic shop 501-455-6242 and reserve the number of items you want to auction. If you do not want to auction anything, come and bring your wallet and we'll make your money disappear. If you have nothing to sell and you don't want to buy anything, come and be entertained. It is always fun watching "certain" members of our group who will buy anything for five dollars or less. If you plan to auction off items, you need to arrive at 6pm so that we can organize your items on the stage.

News from the Ring

*Those of you who missed the **Tom Vorjorhan and Daniel Herron** lecture last week missed a great balloon lecture. I believe we all learned some great secret twists and turns in the art of balloonacy. We also had fun popping several dozen balloons at the end of the evening.

*Remember Tom Mullica as **Red Skeleton** will be at Murray's Dinner Theater on March 8-9. Be sure to call for reservations

Conventions:

*Bill Pitts will be holding the

Cavalcade of Magic March 24-26 in Eureka Springs. Check out the advertisement in this newsletter.

If you have never attended the Cavalcade, this is something you do not want to miss. Bill does such a great job each year on the Cavalcade.

*Don't forget to register for the **I.B.M. Convention in Reno** this year. Dates are June 28- July 2. We already have a few going from Little Rock. Look online at www.magician.org for registration forms or check your Linking Ring magazine for the form.

*Mark Wilson will be in Little Rock for a workshop on April 16th. To insure your spot for this once in a lifetime experience send your registration fee of \$50 to: IBM Ring 29, c/o James Kinsey, 8901 Merryman, Sherwood, AR 72120. The location will be at the ACRC auditorium at UAMS. More detailed info should be available at the meeting Thursday. Space may be limited so send in your registration today!!!

Member

***David Mariner** is performing at Western Sizzlin in Cabot and Ruby Tuesdays in Bryant.

***Paul Carlon** has made several road trip since Christmas performing 8 school programs "Making Wise Choices" throughout central Arkansas. He also performed just recently in Lake Charles, Louisiana for a youth rally

and will be in Lawton, Oklahoma in April performing at a youth rally.

***Jeffery O'Connell** is going to Reno, NV to the IBM Convention June 28 - July 2 and is looking to share a room with someone. If you would like to go, contact Jeffery or Jim Henson to make arrangements.

*Note from **Bob Owen**: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board and my fellow magicians for selecting me for Lifetime Member of Ring 29. (Off the record, I would also like to add that this award is long overdue :-)"

Note from board: Bob has done a great job promoting magic throughout AR for so many years. We thank him for his dedication to magic and Ring 29.

Mark Your Calendar:

March 3, 2005- Auction- Baptist Hospital 6:30pm

March 8-9, 2005- Tom Mullica at Murray's

March 24-26, 2005 - Eureka Springs Cavalcade

April 1-2, 2005- Magic at the Public Theater

April 7, 2005- Magic Meeting Baptist Hospital

April 16, 2005- Mark Wilson in Little Rock

June 28- July 2, 2005- IBM Convention in Reno, NV

Branson Update

Brett Daniels March 6 thru mid October.

David Copperfield 2 wks this summer.

Report from World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas 2005 by Richard Knoll and Jim Henson

The convention was better than the previous years if that's possible.

David Copperfield opened the first stage show which was a surprise to the group. He borrowed from Joey Williams his hand transformation routine which had everyone laughing.

Following Copperfield on the stage was Jeff McBride who made an issue of Copperfield being his opening act.

McBride's Lecture was outstanding even though it was advertised as a stage lecture. The majority of the material was applicable to most any situation

Lennert Green performed his controlled card routine perfectly. It still amazes us how his card manipulation always comes out perfectly.

Jason England and Paul Wilson lectured on the work of the movie "Shade". They were the technical directors of the film and taught all the card dealing skills to the stars.

If you do not have a copy of this film and would like to see it, I will loan my copy of you promise to take care of it and return it quickly. Call me (Jim) for more info about the movie 455-6242.

Tony Clark lectured on Slydini and had almost everyone in tears with his emotional presentation. Slydini was a true master and his students have done him proud.

The stage competition had representatives from 5 different countries and it is understandable why these performers were chosen to compete.

Illusions included in the performances had fire, comedy, flowers, balloons, hand shadows, clowns, doves and assistants floating and dividing.

Carl Andrews lectured on making a living performing close-up magic. He has taken restaurant magic to a new high.

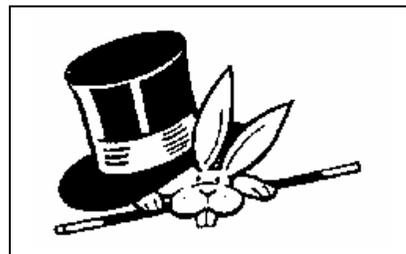
The teen talent stage show is always the highlight of every convention and this was exceptional. Fourteen performers from 9 years of age to 19 worked long and hard to prove their abilities. In most cases their performances makes professionals look like the experts need to look for other work. They were that good. Frank says, "Teenagers can

be messy" (Glitter, Snowstorm, Confetti Cannons, etc.)

The finale show held Wednesday afternoon, Roy of Seigfreid and – made an appearance at the end, to help present the "Sarmoti" award to the South Africa group from the magic college there. With Roy's appearance, there was not a dry eye in the house. He is apparently making a recovery from his terrible accident.

A list of the lectures includes Michel Close, Jeff Sheridan, Flip, David M., Phillip Kaiser, Joe Devlin, V. Bossi, Glen Farrington, Nathan Gibson (winner 2004 Teen Competition), Bob Sheets, Johnny Fox, D. Hilford, Rich Block, and many others. Lance Burton, Siegfried, and Roy hosts each year this wonderful get-together. If you have the money (not expensive) and time you need to attend next year. Same date and location.

Note: Frank won \$2000 with a \$10 bet on a \$1 slot machine. That's quite a return on his investment.



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Inn of the Ozarks Room Rate: \$56.00 single or double. Make room reservation direct with the Inn. Their toll-free # 1-800-552-3785

Advance registrations up to March 15th will be eligible for drawings up to \$200.00 in merchandise from RNT-II

Convention Registration: One price, \$75, for entire family. Send your advance registration to: **BILL PITTS** 6214 Carthage St., Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903. (479) 484-7512. Questions/comments – E-mail: BandRPitts@aol.com