



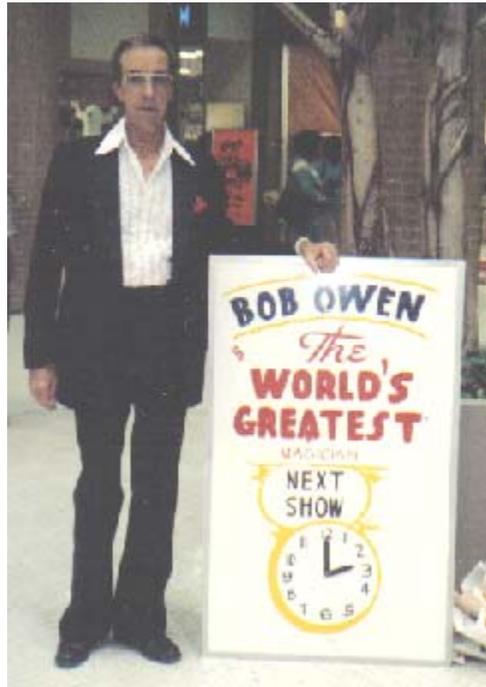
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October 2006



Bob Owen

Halloween Magic Night October 5th at UAMS

Dues: This will be the last newsletter sent for those who have not paid dues. Please contact James Kinsey jamesk39@swbell.net or 501-834-7456 to pay your dues.

♣ *Calendar:*

October 5th – Halloween Magic Night
November 2nd – Greatest Turkey Flop Meeting- Tribute to Carl Ballantine

Got Magic News? Email Gerry Bailey: clown1941@hotmail.com
Newsletter Ed. Tyler Vodehnal

October Meeting

Put October 5th on your schedule to attend Ring 29's Halloween Magic meeting. It will be at 6:45pm at the ACRC building at UAMS. Park in the parking deck and go to the 10th floor of the ACRC building. We will be in the boardroom near the auditorium (same place we've been meeting). So if you have any magic that relates to Halloween, bring it with you! Junior magicians have been invited so hopefully we will have kids at the meeting.

♣ The Ring 29 Board is looking for a new location to have our monthly

meetings. As you know we have had to switch back and forth on occasion from Baptist Hospital to UAMS. The board wants the meeting place and time to be consistent. If you know of a location that would allow our magic group to hold a meeting the first Thursday of every month, please contact Christy Henson cih0914@aol.com or Chris Westfall westfallct@sbcglobal.net

◆ November 2nd Meeting: Start thinking about November's magic meeting. The theme is the Greatest Turkey Flops as a tribute to Carl Ballantine. Bring your sucker tricks or any tricks that are great to mess up.

Remembrance

Bob Owen was a long time member of I.B.M. Ring 29. In 2002, he was presented with the special Lifetime Member award by Ring 29. He rarely missed magic meetings and always supported the magicians. Bob performed onstage for kids shows for many years during the 70's and 80's. He helped run the Mr. Magic store for eight years after his retirement from the Coca-Cola Company. Bob was a major supporter of a local magic legend Col. Frank Seymour until the colonel's passing in 2003. Bob and his wife Janie gave many hours and effort to insure the success of all the Arkansas performers. He will be greatly missed.



Jon Bucher

♥ Ring Report:

"There are three things to remember when teaching: know your stuff; know whom you are stuffing; and then stuff them elegantly" - Lola May

Ring 29s September meeting was entitled "Back to School," and consisted of three of our more experienced magicians teaching some of the classics of magic. Twenty-six people attended the September teaching session. The participants were split into three different groups, and each group spent around thirty minutes in each teaching session before rotating sessions.

The first session was conducted by Mary Ann Campbell with the assistance of Scott Davis, who demonstrated Gene Anderson's Torn and Restored newspaper. Mary Ann started by explaining the practicality of the trick, as well as different venues where she has performed the routine. One of the main advantages to the Torn and Restored newspaper is that it takes up little space but plays extremely big. In fact, it plays so big that Lou Holtz asked Mary Ann to teach him the technique so that he could use it during speeches he used to give. Mary Ann and Scott covered all of the basics of how to prepare the routine including how to tear the newspaper, secrets of how to prepare the gaff, and secrets on how to present the restored newspaper with a flourish. During the teaching session, all of the participants were given a newspaper and allowed to practice creating their own Torn and Restored newspaper.

The second session was taught by Jon Bucher, who taught his secrets on Dice Stacking. Jon discussed how he got started in stacking dice and some techniques that people who really wanted to learn should practice. The group was taught the variety of different cups to use as well as some to avoid, the types of dice that can be used, what types of surfaces to attempt dice stacking on, and techniques on how to move the dice stacking cup. Throughout Jon's presentation, participants were given cups with dice and allowed to practice Dice Stacking, and toward the end of the meeting he was happy to report that at least one participant in each group had been able to stack four dice.

The third session was lead by Jim Henson, who lectured on the many uses and handling of sponge balls. Jim started by discussing some of the basic methods of how to vanish a sponge ball. Using this knowledge, the group was then shown how they could do multiplying sponge balls such as Peter Rabbit. Jim them

demonstrated the different types of sponge ball routines that are available. He demonstrated morphing sponges like Dinosaur Egg and then how to put morphing sponges and multiplying sponges together to form a routine. The group was also taught some unique sponge tricks such as Pair of Boxes, Go Go Gone, and how to have fun with sponges and squeakers.

The 'Back to School' teaching meeting was a wonderful experience for all in attendance, and a big thanks goes to those that taught during the meeting. The club is looking forward to October's "Halloween Magic" meeting.

- Seymour Rumps



Mary Ann Campbell

♣ **Blast From the Past:** Ring 29 Report from February 1987 Linking Ring.

NO. 29, LITTLE ROCK. ARKANSAS - Logan Pritchett Ring

Meets 1st Thurs. each month, 7:30 p.m., CART! (Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute), Markham at University, Little Rock, AR.

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Attending the November meeting were Dr. Henry Johnson, Al Houpt, Andy Stephens, Melvin Brown, Mike Curtis, and Elson Bihm. Business centered around the upcoming lecture by Manfred Thumm of the Magic Hands of West Germany.

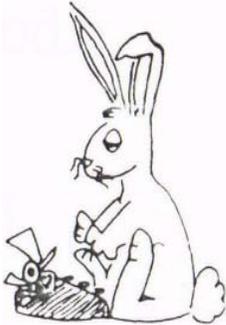
ANDY STEPHENS distributed trick bills and performed an effect with miniature cards, as well as producing a red silk from the center of a green silk (very good!). MIKE CURTIS performed several startling visible card changes, changing four Aces and a ten of Clubs to a royal flush, and then changing four Kings to four miniature Aces! DOC JOHNSON performed the sponge ball to rabbit, then showed us one he invented with jumping magnets (an entertaining card revelation!); the good Doctor also distributed wooden card stands to all the members. HENRY JOHNSON demonstrated Triple Coincidence by Scarne, a silk from air effect, revealed his traveling match trick, and showed his favorite method of palming a cam.

MIKE CURTIS rounded out the evening by pulling a safety pin along the hem of his shirt and exhibiting a sliding hole — a hole in a red card moved to a black card!

Elson Bihm

♠ *Blast From the Past II:*

Elwood" Rabi Rites



Carefully edited by Van Clove

KARRELL FOX tried to show me a magic trick of HANGING A SPOON ON MY NOSE . . . but I blew it!

A majician told me to take out a silver dollar and remember the date on it. Well! These days there is no way you can have a date on just a dollar! A nice date costs at least \$1.35!

Nobody ever got an ENCORE for doing a CARD TRICK!

VAMPIRA told me that being in love with Count Dracula is a GRAVE AFFAIR.

CARL DREHER told me that he was going to be a famous

majician one day. One day isn't a very long time to be a FAMOUS MAJICIAN . . . but I suppose we all have to take turns.

Oriental majician TUNG PIN SOO used to do Chinese SCHTICKS. He said his name was TUNG PIN SOO because Al Wheatley would be a funny name for a Chinese majician. He said it CHOP CHOP!

Your Friend

Elwood

Magic Matters



♣ *Monthly Bio:*

Tyler Vodehnal, co-secretary of Ring 29, was born in Searcy, Arkansas. His first magic trick was a card trick he learned when he was thirteen years old, but he did not get serious into magic until he met his mentor Jon Bucher (who is also his step-father). His first memory of magic involves watching Jon perform and sometimes picking on him as a kid. And with Jon, he has performed at magic shows on numerous occasions.

Tyler's first performance was at Jacksonport State Park for around 25 spectators, and he still performs and does balloons for the park at their annual Easter event. He typically performs three to four shows a year including donning a Middle Ages costume for a Madrigal Feast at Batesville every December. He also performs yearly for a

Celebration Day at a Methodist Church in Searcy. Tyler has attended several magic conventions including the Cavalcade of Magic in Eureka Springs as well as Ring 29's convention in Hot Springs at which he competed for two years in the Close-up Competition. His favorite trick is a Chop Cup and Balls Combo, and he considers Jay Scott Berry his favorite magician.

When not working on the magic newsletter you receive each month, he is at his real job at EDS in downtown Little Rock. He has served as a Provider Representative there for six months. He formally worked at Hendrix College where he graduated in 2002 with a Liberal Arts degree with an emphasis in History. At Hendrix he was the Campus Visit Coordinator and Admissions Counselor.

He works hard each month with the newsletter and has done a great job serving as Co-Secretary of Ring 29.

♥ TAOM, 2006 – There was a great contingent of Arkansans in Dallas for TAOM on Labor Day weekend: **Bill and Ruth Pitts, Wilma and Ernie Staggs, Mike and Deedee Curtis, Jim and Brenda Henson, Chris Westfall, Jesse McKinney, Larry Bean, Ron Stevens, and Christy Henson**

♠ Thoughts from **Chris Westfall** from TAOM:

"Fifty, count 'em, fifty magical hours - and barely enough time to eat or sleep. Nonstop wizardry. There was Johnny Thompson, Magical Perfectionist, whose love of magic put him in the front row at the last history lecture at the last minute on the last day; wacky David Williamson, who's "cards across" was truly one for the hysteria books; meticulously dignified Rene Lavand, who has achieved with one hand what most of us can only dream of attaining with two; heart-touching Tina Lennert and her rag-mop; and home movies of an other-worldly Fred Kaps ... movies that catapulted Mr. Kaps to the top of

my all-time-greatest list. But best of all, was time spent with the Arkansas group- entourage par excellence - in a never ending pursuit of wonderment. What a magical time we had!"

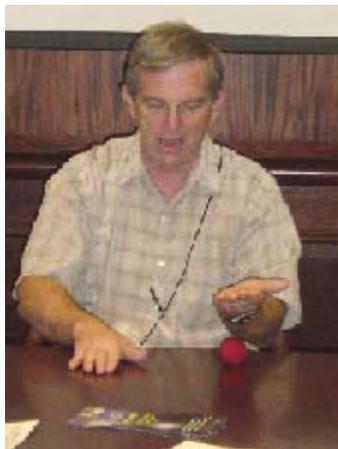
♥ **Scott Davis** performed school shows in Indianapolis, Indiana for ten days -at the end of September

♦ **Maxwell Blade** will be open every Saturday in November and December except Dec. 30. Be sure to call for reservations.

♣ **Michael Wilkinson** performed Tuesday, September 19 at Immaculate Conception Church in Sherwood. He appeared on 103.7 "The Buzz" FM from 12:15 to 1:00 on the afternoon of September 21, and did two shows at the Argenta Coffee Company in North Little Rock on September 22 and 23.

♥ Little Rock's Ring 29, Fort Smith's Ring 75, and Searcy's Ring 308 are working on meeting this fall for a tri-ring meeting. More information will be given in the next newsletter.

♠ **Jon Bucher** and **Tyler Vodehnal** performed for about 40 kids at Grace United Methodist Church in Searcy in September. It was called a celebration Sunday and children from multiple congregations were invited.



Jim Henson

President's Corner

Magic is alive in Ring 29 so come join us. There is more magic at Ring 29 meetings, and we are having more lecturers come to visit. A survey has been passed out at the most recent meeting which the board members have asked all ring members to complete in order to help improve different aspects of Ring 29. One of the most exciting events going on right now is the reinstatement of Little Rock's Junior Magicians Club. Many rings die out because there are so few younger magicians who join. We are blessed to have both older and younger members who are working together to keep the magic alive in Little Rock. Bringing in these new magicians under the age of seventeen will guarantee the survival of Ring 29. Any encouraging words you can give to these young magicians will help. Do you have comments or suggestions for Ring 29? Please let me know: Christy cih0914@aol.com or 501-580-5632

Ring Ramblings

♦ *September Birthdays:*

Oct. 19th **Andy Stirman**

Oct. 26th **Judy Bailey**

♠ *Ring 29 Magic Meeting Themes for 2006- 2007:*

October- Halloween Magic

November- Great Turkey

Flop- Tribute to Ballantine

December- Holiday Magic

January- Christmas Party

February- Annual Auction

March- Ring 29 Close-Up Competition

April- Mentalism

May- Silk and Cabaret Magic

June- Ring 29 Platform and Stage Competition

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Trick Time

The Comedy Cut and Restored Paper (Clippo)

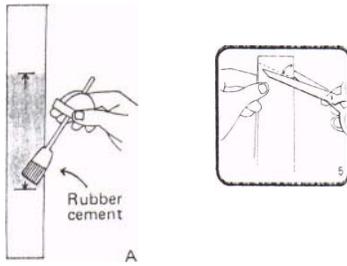
EFFECT

The magician displays a single column cut from the classified section of a newspaper. Folding the paper strip in half, the performer cuts away the folded center leaving him with two separate strips of paper. When he "unfolds" the two individual strips, the performer finds that the news column has mysteriously restored itself back to one piece! It seems as though the ends of the strips have magically "healed" together. Somewhat puzzled at this strange occurrence, the magician repeats the cutting process, this time cutting the center fold at an angle. To everyone's surprise, when the paper is unfolded it is again found restored - *with a sharp bend in the center of the column!* Finally, the paper strip is cut for the last time, and is once again restored to its original form.



Secret and Preparation

A) This Clever 'Cut and Restored' effect works on the same principle as inflation as described on Page



distance, no one will notice that the strip is secretly joined at the center.

4) Pretend to read another crazy add then fold the strip again and snip off another section from the center. This time, instead of cutting straight across, cut the paper at an *angle* to the right as shown.

227. To prepare, with a pair of sharp scissors cut a single ad column from the classified section of a newspaper. The column should be about 24 inches in length or longer if possible.

B) Now place the strip of paper on the table and apply a thin coat of *rubber cement* all along the center section of one side as shown and allow it to dry. Next, sprinkle a little talcum powder on the treated (rubber cement) area. Spread the powder over the entire surface with a tissue or soft brush. (The powder will prevent the treated surfaces from sticking together when the strip is folded in half.) This done, you are now ready to present this clever mystery.

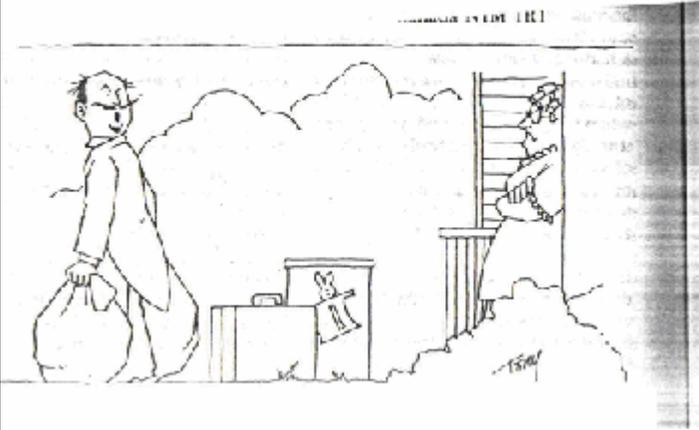
1) Begin by displaying the paper strip as you make some comment about the large variety of items that you can find advertised in the newspaper. This is a good opportunity to inject comedy into the routine by pretending to read some humorous ads. These are really ads which you have memorized and should be as crazy and absurd as you can make them. As an example; "For Sale: Used tombstone — great buy for someone named Murphy!"

2) After apparently reading the first ad from the center of the column, fold the news strip in half so the treated surfaces of the paper are together.

(3) Now, carefully open out the paper strip revealing it restored to one piece! Because of the rubber cement, the paper strips will stick together at the cut edges giving the illusion that the news column has restored itself. Even at a slight

September Meeting





*"I'll bet David Copperfield doesn't have to take out the garbage on the way to a show."
The Linking Ring 1993*

September Picnic:

