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April 2007



Gerry Bailey and Jim Henson at Ring 29 Auction

April 5th Close-up Competition at UAMS

* Calendar:

April 2 – Mr. Magic Sale

April 5 – Ring 29 Close-up Competition

April 12 – Barrie Richardson Lecture

April 15 – Junior Magician Meeting at Mr. Magic

May 3 – Silk and Cabaret Magic

June 7 – Ring 29 Stage and Platform Competition

June – Installation of Officers Banquet

July 5 - Mentalism

April Meeting

April 5th is the Ring 29 Close-Up Competition. It will be held at the Reynolds Center at UAMS inside the Jo Ellen Ford Auditorium. If you take Interstate 630 east, take the Cedar/ Pine Exit. Make a left over the overpass at Pine Street and turn left immediately after crossing the overpass at the first stop light. Go one block. The Reynolds Center is on your right. Turn into the closed parking lot (the arm will left when you pull up) and walk through the front door to the elevator. Go down one floor and turn right to get to the auditorium. The Business meeting will begin at 6:45pm. The competition will begin immediately following the business meeting. If you plan to compete,

call the magic shop by April 1. You need to know the Rules and Information prior to the competition. If you have not received a copy, please drop by the magic shop to get a copy or email Christy at cih0914@aol.com to receive a copy via email. Professional and Amateur Magicians are invited to put a routine together and perform for a panel of judges, ring members, and laymen for awards. The competition will be open to all I.B.M. members and all interested junior magicians.

An entry fee of \$5.00 will be required of each I.B.M. contestant and \$2 for each junior contestant. Prizes will be awarded to top contestant winners.

There is a seven-minute time limit for each contestant performance and a three-minute set-up limit. Penalties will be imposed for

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performances exceeding these limits.

There will be five judges (at least two magicians and at least one non-magician)

Criteria:

1. Originality (if the routine is a standard routine or one taken from another performer, has the routine been altered enough to be considered the contestant's own magic)
2. Technical difficulty/execution (did the performer "flash" a palmed item, or fail to deceptively execute the routine)
3. Treatment of audience/audience-provided assistants (Was the performer courteous? Did the performer belittle or embarrass his/her assistant?)
4. Poise, stage presence, costume, voice.
5. Entertainment value (was the magic enjoyable?)

There will also be a "People's Choice" award along with other prizes.

Stage Competition

June is just around the corner. The meeting will be the Stage Competition. All I.B.M. members are invited to compete. More information will be given in the next newsletter.



Lectures



Lonnie Chevrie

On March 16th, seventeen members of Ring 29 met at the Donald W. Reynolds Auditorium at UAMS to enjoy a lecture by Lonnie Chevrie. Lonnie shared his views on how magic should be performed and the need to share with each other in the magical world. He also taught many of his tried and true techniques that he has used for years for walk events. Needless to say, everyone that attended had a wonderful time and came away with a few new tricks up their sleeves. But don't just take my word for it, here are some quotes from some of the Ring 29 members who attended the Lonnie Chevrie lecture:

From **Michael Wilkinson** - "The lecture was very beneficial for anyone who does restaurant magic. I performed 'String Em Up' five times tonight and the spectators loved it. If you missed the lecture, I recommend buying the DVDs."

From **Mary Ann Campbell** - "I try to take away at least one usable new trick or idea from each magic lecture I attend. Lonnie Chevrie served up the mother load for me. He shared so many instantly usable and amazing effects that I discovered a whole new repertoire.

I highly recommend both his DVDs."

From **Chris Westfall** - "A wonderful lecture by someone who is clearly a working pro ... his twists and refinements for well-known effects were a refreshing look at magic many of us grew up with!"

Junior Magicians

Mark your calendars for April 15th at 2pm. The juniors will be meeting at Mr. Magic for their magic club. Thirty-two juniors and nearly two dozen parents packed into the magic shop in February to learn rope tricks. If you are out and about on that Sunday, I know Jim and Christy would appreciate an extra magic hand or two to help.

♥ Ring Report:

"People always say congratulations. When you're a successful bidder it means you're willing to spend more money than anyone else. I'm not sure if that's congratulations or condolences." – Eli Broad

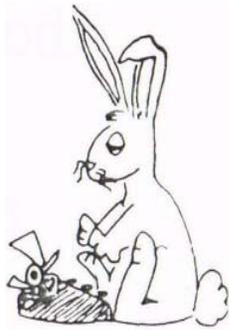
Going once...going twice...Sold! On March 1, 2007, Thirty-two members of I.B.M. Ring 29 met at Baptist Hospital to enjoy our annual magic auction. Much as in years past, many a magician opened up the wonders of their magical collection in order to allow our members to partake in a treasure hunt for new and wonderful oddities. The night began with a silent auction, which left many a magician and wizard apprentice hovering over hidden gems found among the items up for auction. However, those lonely props and novelties that were not being bid upon were not about to be left in the cold. For **Gerry Bailey** put those items up for display in front of the wonder filled visages of the magicians that had not thought to bid on them during the silent auction. When the night was over, every magician in attendance had enjoyed a

wonderful evening and left to adventure forth to show their new tricks of delight to the wide world beyond. A special thanks to all those that helped work the auction, all the magicians who supplied magic for sale, and **especially Mike Curtis** for his generosity during the event.

♣ **Blast From the Past:**

Elwood Rabbit Rites

Carefully edited by Van Clove



There are always more card fans in a magic act than there are in the audience.

I want to get me a Change Bag so I'll have a nice place to keep my dimes, nickels, and pennies in.

I heard a magician say he would be entertaining on TV. If he is, it'll surprise me!

Lots of magicians are doing the CARD IN THE WALLET, but not one is doing the MONEY IN THE CARD CASE trick!

I went a pasted fuzz, all over a lump of coal - because I wanted to see a Hairy Blackstone.

There was once an albino magician who did a White-Art act.

A waitress at the last magic convention told me that all she could say about magicians was, "THUMB TIPS . . . and THUMB DO NOT!"

*Your Friend
Elwood*

Magic Matters

♣ **Monthly Bio:**



Melvin Brown

Melvin got his start in magic when he learned one card trick in elementary school. From that point his magic career was postponed until Melvin married his wife of 40 years, Janis. On their first Christmas together, Janis gave him a magic kit as a joke, and it was downhill from there. He enjoys all magic except card tricks and the Zombie Ball. His favorite trick is the Professor's Nightmare. He has one which was given to him by the inventor of the effect, and he is not referring to Schwartz or Tarbell.

Melvin has many memories from his performing. His favorite would be after a school show in Louisiana when a small boy came up to him, gave him a hug, and said "When I grow up I want to be just like you." His second would be after a clowning gig in Mississippi. He had stopped at a bank to change a large amount of single bills into larger bills. After leaving, he went to a park to remove his makeup and was surprised to have a visit from two squad cars and the locals finest. This was funny then and still is to this day.

His favorite Magician is Chen Ki. Melvin has been to several conventions: IBM, SAM, Seam, TAOM, and Cavalcade of Magic... to name just a few. His goal at this time is to have a paid gig in all 50 states. At this time he has

performed in 29 states to date with the Pro Hall of Fame Festival in Canton, Ohio, the Charleston Seafood Festival in Rhode Island, the Forty-niner Festival in California, and the Hettinger Festival in North Dakota so far for this year. Only his crystal ball can predict what will come next.

Being a school custodian (known by most as the School Administrator for 28 years), says that the most important people in his life are his wife, his 4 children, (2 of them are into magic) and last but not least is Jesus.

Keep up the great job of promoting magic Melvin.

♥ Ring 29 Member **Dennis Schick** is the new editor of the Broken Wand section of the *Linking Ring*. Continue reading Dennis' articles in the *Linking Ring* about the Magic Shows in Branson, Missouri.

♣ **Scott Davis** is busy performing around Arkansas as well as out of state. On March 11-17th he performed in Charleston, South Carolina for schools, libraries, and corporate events. On April 14th he will be doing a corporate event in Fort Wayne, Indiana. April 16th-20th he will be in Southern Arizona for programs in schools and one corporate event. He then will be in Ohio for schools and corporate events on April 22nd-28th. And finally he will be back in Columbus, Ohio for schools and corporate events May 4th-May 12th.

♥ New Ring member **Billy Heavner** shares information from his trip to Las Vegas. "My wife, Misty, took me on a surprise trip to Las Vegas for my 30th birthday last month and we stayed in the Luxor hotel/casino. The irony is, she kept looking on Criss's website trying to find where he would be, since I'm a BIG Criss Angel fan, but the site kept saying "check back later" to see where he would be. So she just went ahead and booked the trip to Vegas at the Luxor. Come to find out, he was at our hotel that

week (which is also where his production office is located). He was shooting a show for his Season 3 of Mindfreak. We had planned a trip to Hollywood that day, but couldn't pass up the chance to see him. So we stayed to see him shoot his show. What makes the situation even better, the producers chose my wife and me to talk on camera for a spot on the show! We got to meet Criss and take pictures with him and everything! That episode should air around June or July, and unless we get edited out, we'll be on it. It was an exciting 30th birthday!" Billy says thank you to his wife, Misty. What a great gift!

♦ **Mary Ann Campbell** was the guest speaker at the White Hall Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Banquet. Her topic was "Use Your Magic for Life and Community Success", and she performed several magic tricks.

♣ **Derrick Rose** is performing Tuesday nights from 6 -8 pm at "Chee Burger/ Chee Burger"- same shopping Center as Parisian on Cantrell. He is also performing at the Texas Roadhouse on Monday nights in North Little Rock from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Look for him in May at Toad Suck in Conway.

♥ **Brad King** is performing a large stage show on April 10th at Doverhill School.

♠ **Don Baer** is working at Mazzio's on Monday nights, Pizza Hut on Tuesday nights, and Western Sizzlin on Wednesday nights.

♣ Derrick Rose and Don Baer went to "Twist and Shout", a Balloon Convention, in Franklin, TN last month. Ask them to show you what they learned!

♦ Many of you know **J.C. Henson, Jim Henson's** dad who has helped at the magic shop on Thursdays for many years. He spent a few days in the hospital in mid March. I know the Henson's would

appreciate prayers for his quick recovery.

♣ **Maxwell Blade's** Theater of Magic will open March 9- April 7 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Call for reservations 501-623-6200

♥ Ring 29 member **Margarette LeClair** moved to Memphis a couple of years ago and was recently elected as president of Ring 16. Congratulations to Margarette.



Magic Auction

Trick Time

THINK OF A CARD! Dr. Ed Prendergast

"Think of a card!" says the magician, to one or more persons, while he shuffles an imaginary deck of cards and "fans" it for all to "see." "The spot cards count as they are; the Jacks are eleven, the Queens, twelve, and the Kings, thirteen." "However," he continues, "it will be easier for you if you select a low card."

Having ascertained that everyone has a card in mind, the magician tells everyone to multiply the spots or value by two, add three, and multiply by five. They are to make a mental note of the result.

Now if the card was a Club they are to add six; a Heart, seven; a Spade, eight; and a Diamond, nine. The magician then asks three or four persons - one at a time -for their final figures and from this information he reveals their chosen cards.

Here is an effect which has been in print several times, and yet one rarely sees it performed. It is both entertaining and mystifying and does not even require a deck of cards! How many magicians, when asked to do a trick, have said: "Sorry, I didn't bring a thing with me!" Here is a trick to carry at all times.

The secret is simple. The spectators' results will always be two or three figures. If the last digit is a one, the card was a Club; if a two, a Heart; if a three, a Spade; and if a four, a Diamond. This is based on the word "CHaSeD", where C stands for Clubs, H for Hearts, etc. Users of Si Stebbins' principle will have no difficulty remembering this. The magician always subtracts two from the left hand number, or numbers, to obtain the value of the card.

EXAMPLE: 8 DIAMONDS

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \times 2 = 16 \\ + 3 = 19 \\ 5 \times 19 = 95 \\ D + 9 = 104 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} C 6 = 1 \\ H 7 = 2 \\ S 8 = 3 \\ D 9 = 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 104 \\ - 2 \\ \hline 102 \\ \hline 102 \div 8 = D \end{array}$$

President's Corner

Christy Henson - How often do you get a call from someone asking you to perform for free to help a charity? Do you have a charity group you perform for each year? As an entertainer, it can sometimes be hard to turn down people when they plead their case to you to do a benefit performance. I know some magicians who do many benefit performances every year and are content with that while others struggle to find excuses for each one. Especially those who are just getting into performing for the public; they are unsure how to handle these requests. Many magicians have chosen to do the following: Choose one or two

benefits and only do those one or two shows for charity each year. So when magicians receive a phone call pleading for a free show, the answer is that they are sorry but they support so and so group each year. Those who choose to do a charity show each year find it exceedingly rewarding. Many performers ask if their business cards can be placed at the event or even put in the event program if there is one. I have spoken with many magicians who have performed for a charity and received several paying shows following it. If you are looking for a charity to support or have questions regarding the handling of situations, talk with some of the performing magicians to get their ideas.

Questions, Concerns, Comments, Suggestions about I.B.M. Ring 29, send me an email at cih0914@aol.com



Ring Ramblings

♣ **Sean Westbrook** needs two volunteer magicians for a children's performance in celebration of Hot Springs' 175th year. The date is April 21st.at Hill Wheatley Plaza. Please call Sean if you would like to participate in this event. Home 321-0577 or cell 844-6317

♦ There will be a sale at Mr. Magic for mostly used magic. It will be Monday evening, April 2, beginning at 6:30pm. Call the magic shop for more information.

♣ The Society of Memphis Magicians, IBM Ring 16, is planning a day trip to Little Rock and Hot Springs on June 2, 2007. They will

visit Mr. Magic and Novelties and then head over to Hot Springs to catch Max's Show. Exact time of arrival at Mr. Magic has not yet been established.

♦ International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention will be held June 26-30 in Reno, Nevada. Check out magician.org for more info. Several Ring 29 magicians are already planning to go.

♥ Reminders and information about meetings and lectures are sent out through email several times a month via the Ring 29 email address. If you are not receiving these emails, please contact **James Kinsey** so he can add you. Jamesk39@swbell.net

♠ Calendars will be handed out at the March meeting showing Ring 29 activities for April and May. If you miss the meeting, you can pick up a calendar at the magic shop.

♣ International Brotherhood of Magicians applications can be picked up at the magic shop, or ask an officer at a ring meeting.

♦ **April Birthdays:**

April 27th **Lisa Bolin**

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

April- Ring 29 Close-Up Competition

May – Silk and Cabaret Magic

June- Ring 29 Platform and Stage Competition

July - Mentalism

♦ **Advertisements:**

Available at Mr. Magic

* **New Book-** Setching by Hen Fetsch. More than 100 unique items of magic and mentalism for close-up and stage. Cost \$45.00

* Multiplying Soap Bubbles by Vernet. Cost is \$16.20

* Hot Leads are back in stock. Produce a flaming business card from wallet \$36.00

* Hatching – Borrowed and signed quarter ends up inside an intact egg. The spectator may open the egg to find the signed quarter inside.\$25.20

* **Antique-** World's Smallest Magic Kit (smaller than a paperback book). The owner wants to sale it for \$200 but will lower price to \$120 if someone is interested. You may see it at Mr. Magic.

* Dollar Die Box (Stage trick using Jumbo half dollar) Cost is \$27.00

* "Zoom, Bounce, and Fly" Jeff McBride DVD. Cost is \$36.00

* PK Magnetic Rings are available in Gold and Silver. Cost is \$18.00 a piece

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