

The Prestidigitator Press



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF
LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS



Ring 29 meets at 6:45 on the 1st Thursday of the month at Baptist Hospital's Shuffield Auditorium
Call Mr. Magic or a Ring 29 Officer for changes (see back page).

Septembers Theme: Paper and Money Magic!

September 2014



Congratulations!



On Thursday July 24th 2014 magician Randall Eller tied the knot with Kasey Miller. The ceremony was held at 2nd Baptist Church downtown Little Rock. It was attended by immediate family only. After the wedding, the party moved to Dizzy's in the River Market district of Little Rock. The happy couple only had a couple of days for a honeymoon, which they spent in Hot Springs. They did the usual touristy things and then spent a wonderful evening with long time friend Scott Davis and a great lunch with other long time friends Ed Magic and Sean Westbrook. Upon returning to their home in Sherwood, they were back at work. Randall stills performs several times a month along with his 2 part time jobs, Case Manager for Family Promise and the Director of the MLK Reads tutoring program for 2nd Baptist Church. Kc is the math specialist, or Instructional Facilitator, for Horace Mann Middle School. They are currently living in Sherwood, AR.



Randall and Kasey Eller

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Themes for meetings!

September: Paper & Money magic
October: Halloween & Thread magic
November: Teach In
December: Christmas Party
January: Holiday Party (Dec 17th)
February: Creativity Night
March: Close up contest
April: Photo Session/My first magic trick
May: Stage Competition
June: Installation Meeting

Jr. Magician Meeting

The Jr. Magician meetings are held every other month at Mr. Magic and Novelties. This month's meeting will be Sep. 7th at 2pm. It is a great time to come out and help the next generation to learn and respect magic and all the wondrous secrets the art holds. There is no cost to join the Jr. Magician Club; you just have to be under 18yo. Quite often Jim will give the kids awesome magic tricks, and there is also a prize drawing for great tricks, books, and DVDs! It really is a lot of fun and magic. It is always nice to have Ring members come and help out with instruction and support. For more information and what to bring please give Jim Henson a call at 501-455-6242

Message from the Editor

I would like to thank everyone that has sent me emails and messages for their kind words of encouragement about the newsletter. I really appreciate it. I hope everyone else is enjoying the newsletter as much.

Don Baer, a talented balloon artist and ring29 member will be having heart surgery on Oct30. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

This summer my family and I took a trip to the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee. It is possibly one of the most beautiful places I have ever been. The mountains there are breathtaking and magical. We did not have time to take in a magic show, but we did get to tour the magic museum at the Wonder Works Theater in Pigeon Forge. I have included some pictures of the museum. It was small, but cram packed with antique magic props, costumes, and posters.

I would like to add a trick, book, video review column. However I do need some volunteers to send me some reviews. If you have recently

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Presidents Corner

Another Month has passed and summer is coming to an end, School has started back and we get ready for the Holiday Season approaching us quickly. The Board has been working Hard to make sure this next year is a great one for you and the club from coming up with Fantastic themes for the Monthly Meetings, & also planning a great Holiday Party coming up in January it will be here before you know it. Again we are always looking for ideas to better the club or the newsletter any contributions or ideas are appreciated. We also have 3 fantastic Lectures coming this year and would love for everyone to attend. Even if you are not sure about who they are I am sure you will get something out of it I have never attended a lecture and not got nothing out of it every magician I meet I learn and take something away. In last Month's Column I asked if anyone wanted to get together and Jam before the Meeting If you want let me Know I have had one person talk to me and they thought it was a great idea as so I so I will try and Make it around 5:45 to 6:00 and we can jam on anything you would like from Cards to Ropes and anything in between. I hope you have been able to catch a show or two on TV about Magic with so Many of them on their is Master Of Illusions, The Carbonaro Effect, Penn & Teller Fool Us, & Wizard Wars just to name a few these have all been Great shows Catch one if you have not got a chance you will not be sorry. Thanks and I hope to see you at the meeting.

Aaron Acosta

Ring Report

Ring 29 met on August 7th for a regular business meeting and a night of magic and fun. During the business meeting, we talked about an upcoming lecture by Charles Gauci on November 7, we encouraged everyone to attend the Weekend of Wonder hosted by Maxwell Blade in Hot Springs during September, and we discussed possible ideas for the monthly newsletters, such as tricks, book reviews, or DVDs.

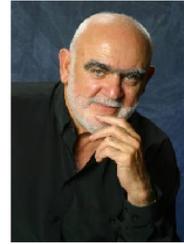
The magic program began with Bob White performing an oil and water effect with cards using a high school science theme. Ralph Felder, past president of Ring 27 in New Orleans, performed his Bermuda Triangle, which was published in the *Linking Ring* several years ago. He used a coin box and playing cards representing airplanes and ships. Next, he did a *Miser Dream* production using music and several audience members to produce some of the coins. Tre' McDonald executed a card effect using questions to detect the selected card, the 3 of diamonds.

Lance Howell, who was lucky to be with us due to his anniversary, made a napkin rose, which he placed into a box, and proceeded to produce a bouquet of roses for his wife, who was not present! Cedric Morley performed Barry Mitchell's *Mother of All Diamonds*, using a theme of developing patience while in a classroom setting. David Duggie shared with us an original version of the *Mother Hubbard Die Box* made by Col. F. M. Seymour. Dan Hecke performed *Microphysics* with the assistance of Jo Jones. He used a wand made from a tree struck by lightning, giving it magical powers, and a large nut and bolt. Jo fastened the nut onto the bolt and Dan magically unfastened the nut with the magical wand. Our president, Aaron Acosta, finished the evening of magic by skillfully performing a close up version of *Linking Rings*. If you are in Little Rock on the first Thursday of the month, come join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and magic. You can call Mr. Magic at 501-455-6242 for location and/or directions.

Magically Yours,
David Duggie,
Secretary

Friday November the 7th starting at 7pm place
TBA

He only deals in cash, no checks or credit cards as
he has no US bank account.



Charles Gauci

The "WOW" Factor
Lecture/Workshop

Lately, there has been a plethora of magic TV specials by Dynamo, Criss Angel and David Blaine. It is a moot point as to whether these shows do harm or good to the local magicians. Of course we all know that having your own production company enables you to present seemingly impossible effects, which raises the bar far too high for the average magician to replicate.

Charles Gauci the creator of some of the best-selling effects including, Eye to Eye, Body Language, Nostradamus, The Houdini Deck Mystery, Believe it or Not, The Diabolical Wallet, Destination Unknown, 15 Minutes No Mnemonic Memorized Deck System, Winner Takes All, Mystic Vibrations and his latest release "Numerologie".

During this brand new two hour lecture Charles Gauci will share with you several new, very strong stage and close-up effects that will leave a lasting impression on your audience.

He will demonstrate and explain effects from his professional act which you can perform close-up or on stage. This is practical commercial magic that is easy to perform and you will use.

TESTIMONIAL

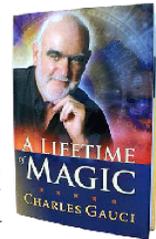
"Charles Gauci gave an outstanding lecture which will long be remembered by all who attended." - Fort Valley Magic Circle, Scotland

A LIFETIME OF MAGIC

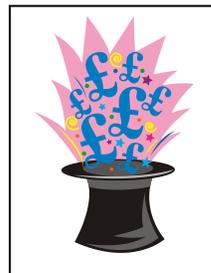
Turning professional at 16 years of age, Charles very quickly realized that to succeed in this tough entertainment business his act had to be different. Consequently, he began to create new and original routines.

"A Lifetime of Magic" is a treasure trove of thirty-six of his favorite effects from his two professional shows, "Magic of the Mind" and "Mysteries of the Mind." They include instructions of how to build seven of his top selling commercial effects thus saving you hundreds of dollars.

This book is aimed at the professional/semi-professional entertainers. The material is well tried and tested over thousands of performances.



Other upcoming Lectures!



Lee Earl 3-26

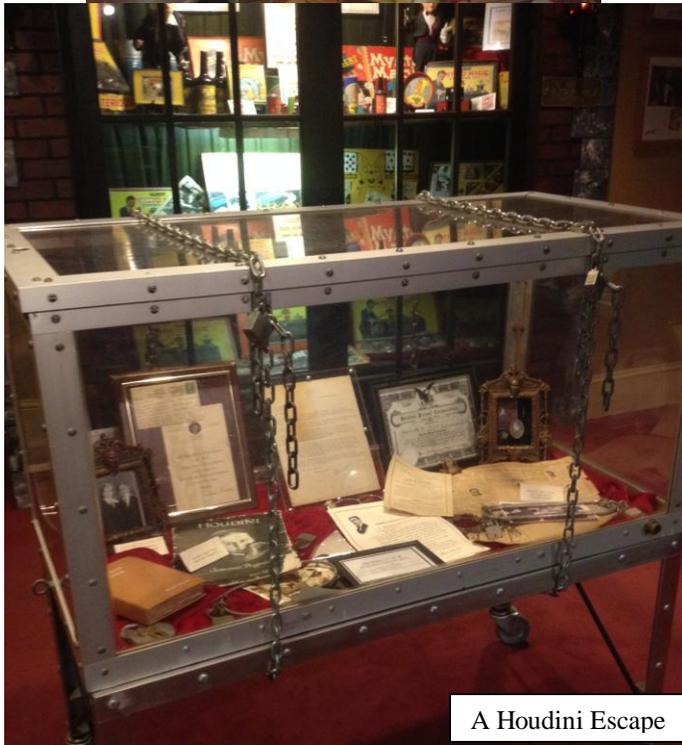
Rich Marotta February or March
TBD

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purchased a trick, book or video that you would like to let the other members of the Ring know about. Send me your review at morleyfamilymagic@gmail.com Use the subject line Review for Newsletter. Also, if you have magical themed clip art that is royalty free, please send it along too.
Thank you,
Cedric Morley



A brick from Blackstone's Theater



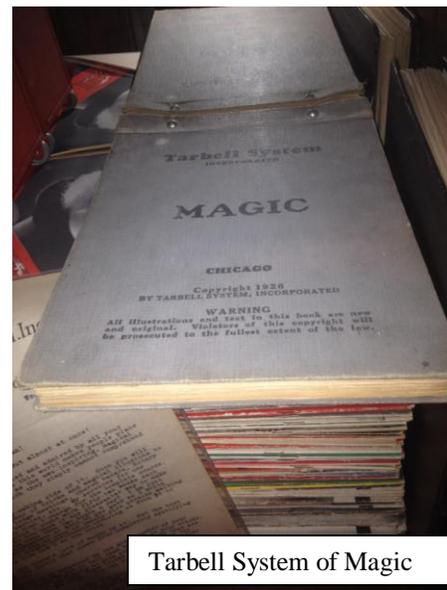
A Houdini Escape



The Wonderworks Theater



Mickey Magic



Tarbell System of Magic

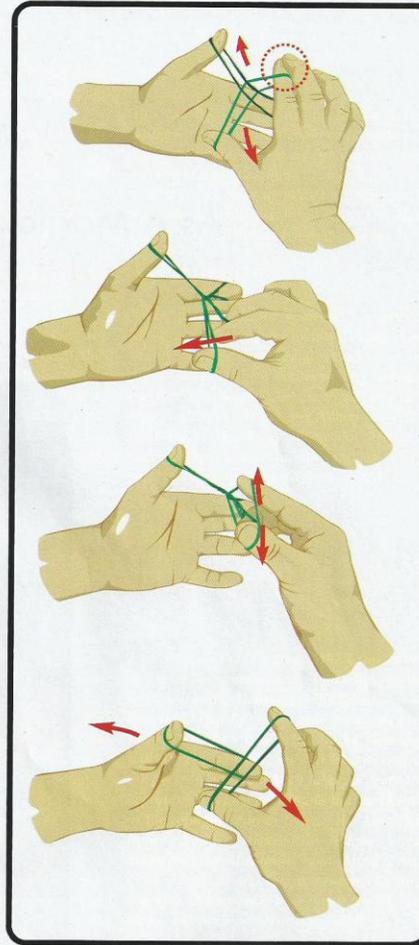
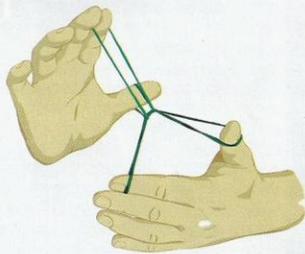
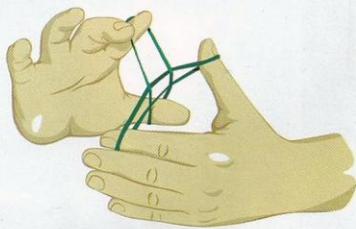
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Trick Cabinet

OPEN SOURCE

CRAZY MAN'S HANDCUFFS

History: Daryl called it the "Crazy Man's Handcuffs", and the name stuck. It is a classic "solid through solid" that has been performed by thousands of magicians. Invented by Arthur Setterington, cleaned up by Herb Zarrow, and screwed up on p.214 in Vol. 7 of The Tarbell Course in Magic (1972). Then Dennis Marks brought it to the CA from NY where it was adopted and significantly popularized by Bob Jardine while he was the resident magician at the Magic Castle. Michael Ammar again popularized it with his handling in the "Magic of Ammar" on p.238, and then again in "Crazy Man's Handcuffs" 1989. It is a fantastic trick, but is not new. It is yet another effect picked up on by a younger generation and touted as the "next best thing".



Learn More: If you follow along from top to bottom, you can see that the effect is two linked rubber bands unlink as if by passing through each other. Study the images carefully above and you will see that what actually happens is the middle finger of the right hand clips down on the index finger and traps the band. As that band is pulled away from the band on the left hand and pinched together, it rotates off the index finger, is then clipped by the middle finger, and the index is reinserted into the bands so they can be brought back together in one movement.

Our presentation here in Street Magic Magazine simply doesn't do this effect justice; it is here to get you interested in one of the greatest close-up magic tricks ever invented. If you really want to learn it and really understand it properly, we strongly suggest you pick up written work on it from Michael Ammar and a recent video presentation by Nabil called "Link". Study it, consume it, and present it properly; it is worth the investment in time and money.

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This trick was brought to you from the awesome library of our president Aaron Acosta. It was in a StreetMagic magazine from 2007 Oct Nov issue. Of course this trick is much older than that, as the history can be read in the column to the left.

If you have an old trick that is not copy written and would like to see it in the Prestidigitator Press, feel free to email it to the editor at morleyfamilymagic@gmail.com
Thank you,
Cedric Morley II

Finish

Ring History

This month's report takes another 10 year look back to the September, 2004 meeting of the Ring. It was an active meeting with several members performing. The President that year was Don Baer and the Secretary was Dr. Chris Westfall. The Ring met monthly in room 20 at the Baptist Medical Center.

"The theme of our September meeting was "Bring a Trick!"

Vice President Christy Henson conducted the business meeting with special emphasis on the finalization of plans for the Ring 29 Convention to be held in Hot Springs from 24-26 September. Our annual picnic to be held at Pinnacle Mountain in two weeks was also discussed.

Jim Henson, in his never ending efforts to support the Ring, offered a number of video tapes at drastically reduced prices to club members. These were acquired from another gone-out-of-business magic shop, underscoring Phil Wilmarth's editorial in the August edition of *The Linking Ring* --namely, if you want to make your local magic shop disappear, buy your supplies on the internet. Support Mr. Magic...without it, Ring 29 would be a shadow of its current self!

The evening was filled with magic. Lance Howel kicked it off with a performance of the Lota Bowl and a four ended rope trick. Bill Fulton read a few minds in exemplary form. Dane Dover's Book Test ended with a card and dice prediction kicker. Chris Kline's Cups and Balls evidenced much effort and commitment to our art. John Bucher's Triumph- like card prediction was a baffler.

Don Thompson's Comedy Light Bulb show-cased how a spectator's reaction can define an effect. Dan Hecke predicted a selected colored poker chip. Lannie Cox found a spectator's card with lots of entertainment. And finally, Derek Rose's comedy magic left us rolling in the aisles as he limited the spectator's answers to "three burned matches."

It was an evening full of varied magic and high anticipation of the upcoming Hot Springs Convention. The "Bring a Trick" theme was not so much a "theme" as a call to get involved. Several answered the call and did just that. It was entertaining and fun for all. More on the Hot Springs Convention to follow next month, so stay tuned.

Until next time, don't forget to keep the past alive by pumping new life into those old tricks that you thought you would never use again.

Your humble historian, Mike Curtis.



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Paul Prater

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John Venus

Eric Stevens

Hot Springs, Arkansas
Sept 19, 20, 21, 2014

For Tickets and Info, Call 501 623 6200

www.Facebook.com/WeekendofWonder
www.WeekendofWonder.com

Upcoming MAGIC

Boo at the Zoo:

It's almost that time of year again. Dust off that wizard/witches hat and come out to the zoo. If you would like to volunteer to perform walk around or a 30min stage show, you can contact the president Aaron Acosta via email (acosta-magic@att.net) with the subject line Boo at the Zoo.



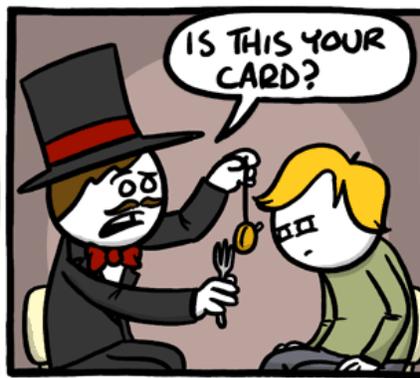
Tri Ring Meeting:

October Saturday the 4th 2:00pm to 7:00pm
in Dardanelle, AR Directions and Address to Location in next's Month newsletter

This is a meeting for all 3 Rings in Arkansas Ring 29, Ring 308, & Ring 75 to get to gather and fellowship and enjoy incredible Magic and have a

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Magic Flea Market. So if you have some Magic to sell this Might be the place to sell it. Our TVP Larry Bean is working hard Behind the scenes to put this together, This will be a great meeting and a awesome time to meet some new friends and talk to some friends you might not have seen in a while. See you there. -Aaron

If you know of any upcoming shows or magic events please contact the editor Cedric Morley at morleyfamilymagic@gmail.com and it will be added to the list.

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* Special Note to people not on the yahoo group. Please email Aaron or James to be added. This is the other way the Ring communicates. This way if the newsletter does not go out people can still know what is going on.

September Magic Theme Details (Paper & Money Magic)
Bring your favorite torn and restored newspaper, origami fold, paper hat trick, dollar switch, multiplying bills, or anything to do with paper or money.

Membership

All members of Ring 29 must first be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. I.B.M. Applications can be picked up at Mr. Magic or from http://www.magician.org/membership_application.pdf. Contact Mr. Magic or any Ring 29 Officer for information on joining the IBM or Ring 29.

Mailing Lists

In addition to this newsletter Members can receive last minute email information on meetings, events, and lectures. If you wish to be added to our email list, please contact Treasurer **Col. James Kinsey**.

LittleRockMagic.org

Our new website has been filled with a wealth of information to assist our members (and potential members). New features are being added daily. Check out the Ring 29 Highlights video, the Magicians for Hire page, or the Ring 29 Event Calendar.



Ring 29 is proud to endorse and support Little Rock's world class magic store Mr. Magic.

Mr. Magic, under the ownership of retired Fire Chief Jim Henson, provides a place for magicians to gather and a collection of magic that is unexcelled. Mr. Magic is also a primary contact for Ring 29.

Mon-Fri 11:00 – 5:30

Sat 10:00 – 5:00

Sun CLOSED

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