



The Performer

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It's all about the Magic...



New winner: Blayk Puckett

Thanks Gerry for passing the torch. Gerry did solve the puzzle but decided to let someone else win the prize.

The prize this month came from **COOL CAPS** of Sherwood, Arkansas.

Good Luck and have some fun with this one.

[Link to Puzzle](#)

Prize: Ring 29 Coffee Cup

Send answers to: mjhaughn@gmail.com

Note: Prize will be available to winner at the April meeting if solved by then. If you are unable to attend, other arrangements can be made.



Just a note that the IBM has a livestream on Tuesday (March 16) night called "Inside the Ring". This is a monthly livestream about the current issue of the Linking Ring as well as going back into the archives. **Dane Dover** sent in a video of a quick trick he had seen in the September issue of 2019 and it is going to be shown on Tuesday night. So if you have finished polishing your linking rings and don't have anything to do then tune in and see the current issue on Tuesday night. Here are the particulars for the monthly schedule.

Beginning January, 2021, the series changed to the following:

- First Tuesday of the month - Variety Talk JAM
- Second, fourth (and 5th if there is one) Tuesday of the Month - Hsuehnanigans Game Night
- Third Tuesday of the month - Inside the Ring

Watch the Facebook Live stream and comment Facebook.com/IBMMagic @ 8:00pm Central Time each Tuesday.

Note, this livestream has been recorded and can be found on the IBM website.



Meetings

Upcoming Events

In Person Meeting: April 3 @ 6:30

TBA - Magician's Flea Market

"Take your time, learn it right, practice hard, and enjoy the journey"

-Chris Capehart-





President's Corner Marty Haughn



Fellow Magicians,

Another month has flown by us as we are still battling this cruddy virus. I hope this finds everyone in good health and spirits. The big question for me since we have been locked down and somewhat restricted, has anyone been working on their magic?

For me, I have been watching a lot of lectures and reading books and more books and more books. Unfortunately, I don't feel any smarter than before. I think they may call it, "Magic Overload". Is there even such a thing? Regardless, I have learned quite a bit more about Houdini and "The 52". My most recent read was about "The 52" in a book called, "Magic is Dead". I may have mentioned this before. It is an interesting read if you are looking for a magic related book with no tricks involved.

We are working on an April meeting scheduled for **April 10, 2021**. Yes, it is a Saturday. The reason for the day change for April allows to us conduct an in-person meeting outside. James and Dane have assured me that we can safely meet at one of the parks in Sherwood and be covered by a pavilion. Social distancing can also be observed and if you want to continue wearing a mask please do so, I will be.

Having this meeting on a Saturday instead of a Thursday night prevents a few challenges. One, IT WON'T BE ANOTHER ZOOM! Additionally, we will have more daylight at the park as we will have the meeting in the early afternoon, weather permitting. Now, if the weather fails us we may have to revert back to a Zoom meeting (YUK!). Stay tuned via emails on updates, information, location and time. We do have a backup plan in the event of bad weather.

As is mentioned in the Secretary's Report, there will be a couple of surprises if we are able to hold a live meeting at a park. If you are comfortable with coming out please join us as it will be fun and best of all nice to see everyone in person again.

I know we have discussed this in the past but I would like to bring it up again. As the moderator of our website I know we get a lot of visits. Today it paid off. We should have a new member at the April meeting. This brings me to the question, do you know of someone who has an interest in magic, no matter their age (sort of)? If so, invite them to join us in April and let them see who we are. We need new members to grow and sustain our Ring for today and the future. It is on us current members to try and build this Ring into a large community of magicians at all levels. What about youngsters who want to learn magic? We are the perfect means of teaching the young generation to carry forward the legacy of Ring 29 and the great art of magic.

Finally, I would like to ask for everyone to promote not only our craft but our website and Facebook pages in hopes of encouraging new magicians to our club. I am always working on ways to promote our online presence and our members who perform in public. Let me see what you have and let's grow our club.

Until next time...

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, and by all means, Stay Magical!



For the Record

Shawn Miller



Ring 29 members and guest met on Thursday March 11, 2021 via Zoom. Our Zoom meeting was hosted by Vice President Dane Dover. President Marty Haughn presided over the meeting.

This month's meeting was delayed by one week. Attendance was low but we still held to the schedule. Three members were in attendance, Marty Haughn, Dane Dover and Cedric Morely. Discussions included information on the April meeting, the magician flea market, podcasts, coin magic and Dane Dover's appearance on the IBM "Inside the Ring" with Ryan Pilling.

A short discussion about the April meeting began with the idea of actually having it on a Saturday as we hope to meet in person outside. Originally, the meeting would be held on April 1, 2021 but having it at the scheduled time puts us at a park after dark and with no lighting. For the meeting to be held on April 3, 2021, we would schedule the time much earlier in the day and not being a work day. It was decided to send out an email to get an opinion from members as to what they thought about a Saturday meeting. As of this writing, results are still coming in. More details when they are available.

We then started a very short discussion about our Ring flea market. For the time being it will be scheduled for May or June pending virus restriction status. We hope that by then things will be nearer to normal and we can have maximum participation.

How the flea market would work is this: each "vendor" would be able to purchase a space for \$5.00. They would be responsible for bringing in their own table and setup. A minimum of six feet of spacing between tables will be required. Gloves may be available for potential buyers as an added safety measure, again all contingent on the virus status. Details to follow when they become available. If you are interested in being a vendor, break out all the unused and unwanted magic, put a price on them and come join in on the fun.

Finally, we got into a conversation about podcasts and where we could find some to listen to. "The Magic Word" with Scott Wells was the popular one discussed along with an old one no longer available, "Magic Rush" with Larry Bean and Michael Wilkenson.

Dane mentioned that he will be demonstrating a trick on the IBM "Inside the Ring". It will be (before this posting) March 16. it should be available to watch anytime through the IBM website.

Something of interest for you Amazon Prime users. There is a documentary titled "God and the Magician" that Dane says is really good. I will be watching it soon.

And finally, our last topic of discussion was about coin magic and who it was we study. Some of the names that came up were Eric Jones, David Roth, Craig Petty and of course Bobo.

The magic appeared somewhere in the middle of our discussions with Dane performing his trick to be on the IBM show. Marty then jumped in with an un-storied "Haunted Key" mostly looking for some advice from Cedric who performs this often.

That, ladies and gentlemen is a wrap. We look forward to seeing as many of you at the April meeting. Spoiler alert...there will be a few "surprises" at the meeting you won't want to miss. End of spoiler alert.

Stay safe and stay magical, Marty Haughn (in for Shawn)



Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis



This month's report is a rearward look of 51 years. It is remembering the March, 1970 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Logan Pritchett and the Secretary was E. C. Gene Walther. The Necromancers of Ring 29 met monthly at the Albert Pike Hotel. "Our meeting was held as usual in the Albert Pike Hotel. We had only seven members and two guests present.

We are looking forward to a lecture in May by Bruce Cervon from the Magic Castle. A number of our members are planning to attend the Cavalcade on April 24-26 at Tulsa, Okla. We always have a good time at these get togethers. Walt Scott began the fun portion of the evening with some astounding feats of prestidigitation which included Al Koran's Golden Medallion, A Ned Rutledge Astro Mental effect, Seven Keys to Baldpate and several other mysteries. We enjoyed Walter's presentations very much.

John Tucker, who has applied for membership in the I.B.M. demonstrated some unusual juggling abilities. He seems to be a young man of many developed talents and he will be a welcome addition to this Ring.

Logan Pritchett will have a dealer at the Tulsa Cavalcade, the T.A.O.M. In Dallas and the Jubilee at St. Louis. I will go along to keep the booth open while he is out playing around. So hope to see many of our friends soon."

That month's meeting was rather small in attendance but still packed several magical presentations plus a fresh applicant for the Ring. There was also some special events to anticipate with the upcoming Cervon lecture and magic conventions in Tulsa, Dallas and St. Louis. A lot of magic happening in the area.

Until next time, remember, the past may have already gone by, but can be retrieved with just a little thought.





Magical History



Marshall Brodien (July 10, 1934 – March 8, 2019) was a professional magician who played Wizzo the Wizard, a wizard clown character which appeared on WGN-TV's Bozo's Circus and The Bozo Show from 1968-1994.

Brodien was born and raised in Chicago. At age 8, he took an interest in magic after a magician came to perform at his school. He never graduated high school and began working at age 14 selling and demonstrating magic tricks and novelties at the Magic Center in downtown Chicago. At age 16, Brodien worked at Chicago's Riverview Park, performing magic tricks.

Brodien served in the Army during the 1950s at Fort Carson in Colorado and performed more than 700 shows while in the Army at hospitals, non-commissioned officers clubs and private parties.

Brodien, who had been making semi-regular guest appearances performing magic tricks as himself on Bozo's Circus since 1962, began appearing as a wizard character in an Arabian Nights-inspired costume in 1968 and evolved into Wizzo the Wizard by the early 1970s. He was billed as being from "Arobia" and possessed the magical Stone of Zanzabar. According to Brodien, the first time he touched Bozo (Bob Bell) with the stone, Bozo quipped: "I remember when you got stoned at the Zanzabar."

Oliver O. Oliver (Ray Rayner) left Bozo's Circus in 1971 and was briefly replaced by Pat Tobin as Oliver's cousin Elrod T. Potter, and then by magician John Thompson (an acquaintance of Brodien's) as Clod Hopper. By 1973, WGN gave up on Thompson and increased Brodien's appearances as Wizzo. Brodien left the program in 1994.

In 1970, Brodien was the spokesperson and creator of a trick magic card deck known as TV Magic Cards, which was a renamed Svengali deck. The deck resembled a regular playing card deck, except that the cards could be shown as all the same card. Many other card tricks could be performed with the deck. Over 17 million decks of the cards were sold. Brodien sold his company in 1992.

Brodien had a car with vanity license plates reading "WIZ" and custom pin-striping which contained a tiny "WIZ" within the striping.

Brodien designed magic trick sets for children through a company called Cadaco Toys. He occasionally made public appearances in the Chicago area, and a biography, *The Magical Life Of Marshall Brodien*, was published in 2007. One of his Wizzo costumes is in the WGN-TV Bozo's Circus exhibit at the Museum of Broadcast Communications.

Brodien was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2007. In 2018, the mayor of Geneva, Illinois announced that July 10 would be known as "Marshall Brodien Day" in the city of Geneva.

Brodien and his wife Mary had six children and stepchildren. Brodien died on March 8, 2019 from Alzheimer's disease in Geneva, Illinois at the age of 84.

Source: Wikipedia





Event Calendar

Date	Meeting	Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
July	Zoom	Home	Free for All	N/A	Dane Dover
August	TBA - ZOOM	TBA - HOME	Free for All	N/A	Dane Dover
September	In Person	Henson Home	First Learned Trick	N/A	Jim Henson Marty Haughn
October	In Person	Dover Home	Halloween Magic	N/A	James Kinsey
November	TBA	TBD	Free for All	N/A	Adrian Steelman
December	In-Person/ Zoom	Cool Caps Facility	Free for All	N/A	Shawn Miller
January	Zoom	TBD	TBA	N/A	
February	Zoom	TBA	TBA	N/A	
March	Zoom	TBD	TBA	N/A	
April 10	In Person	Hughes Park	Free for All	N/A	Marty Haughn
May	TBA	TBA	TBA	N/A	
June	TBA	TBA	TBA	N/A	

There are a lot of TBAs here on this calendar. Once the State of Arkansas begins to loosen things up a bit changes to this calendar will begin to happen.

EVERYTHING on this calendar is tentative but we need to continue planning the future as if we will be back to some resemblance of normal soon.

These are our normal meeting gatherings. Any additional activity throughout the month will be listed on the website beginning in August.



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Membership

All members of Ring 29 must first be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. I.B.M. Applications can be obtained 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*.

www.littlerockmagic.net or www.littlerockmagic.org

Our 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.

Using Ring 29 Email Group

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