



Heart of the RING

“ Quality Ring Award Winner “

May 2005 Newsletter

Regular Meeting
May 5—7 PM
Best Western

Ron London Lecture
May 11—7 PM
US Toy

John Calvert Lecture
May 16—7 PM
US Toy

Board Meeting
May 19—7 PM
Alan Goodheart
8803 W 102 PL. Apt 1
Overland Park, KS

NEXT MEETING

May 5, 2005 7:00 P. M.

Best Western
Rainbow & Southwest Blvd.
(directly behind Applebee's Restaurant)



Harley Manker

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Over 50 Years of Magic!! By Alan Goodheart

What a special night we were treated to last month when a legend of magic spoke to the Ring and gave us a unique perspective on what magic in Kansas city used to be. We speak of none other than our very own Harley Manker. Many of you have seen him at both our meetings as well as events for years. But few of you really knew of his accomplishments and the extent of his being a part of magic history here in Kansas City.

Harley got his start in magic over 50 years ago as a young man, learning his magic skills from the likes of Faucett Ross. He watched as the country's most famous magicians made their way through KC, and would do whatever it took, including skipping classes or work to see them perform - sometimes seeing them two or three times in a day. At the young of age 13 he was performing at the Emery Bird Thayer department store downtown, and was drawing crowds that challenged the Fire Marshall in those days. As Harley

advanced in magic, he worked trade shows and introduced new products and businesses. Harley did corporate work and conventions, as well as private parties and events for special clients.

Today he still remains active in his endeavors to bring unique and fun magic to those that appreciate it. We are very lucky to have Harley Manker as a member of our Ring, and thank him for giving us an insight to his magical world. Next time you see Harley at a meeting or Ring event, be sure to go up and introduce yourself or just say Hello. You'll be glad you did!

Be sure and attend the meeting in May!!

Possibility of a
Surprise Guest!!!



President's Column

by Alan Goodheart

As I reflect on this past month, I realize how truly monumental of a time this month was. I have reached what people in the world today call "middle age". With our life expectancy getting longer and longer, turning 50 signifies a rather interesting time to reflect, and look forward all at the same time.

I'll try and relate this to how I have evolved in my "magic world". For it was just 41 years ago when my enthusiasm for magic began, and I have always enjoyed and loved seeing things that I could not figure out. I am remorseful for not pursuing this interest at a much younger age as I am sure that my proficiency would have been ten fold of what it is today. As they say - hindsight is always 20/20.

But the good fortune of finding this wonderful group of both talent and friends has made the approach to "middle age" so very special. For over 5 years now I have explored the "magic iceberg" I'll call it - the tip that we see is what magic we know, and the rest below the surface is magic yet to be discovered.

That is my challenge today, and the challenge that I ask each of us - to search magic that we have yet to learn. Let us try a routine that we haven't done before; or change the pattern of an old routine to make it fresh and exciting. Let's try this challenge - if you haven't been in front of the Ring in a while, or if you are a new member, you should try to perform at least a two minute routine at minimum. Show us the trick or sleight that you know best. **But DO IT!** Get out there and share the magic! For the longer you wait, the closer to or further past "middle age" you may go. See you at the meeting Thursday!!!

Attention:

The newsletter editor would like your help.

If you have taken pictures at any club events recently or if you plan to bring your digital camera along to future events, the editor would greatly appreciate your sending copies for possible inclusion in future newsletters.

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Magic Trivia

- 1) Who of the following is not a regular contributor to the website: www.onlinevisions.com?
 - a. Kenton Knepper
 - b. David Ginn
 - c. Scott Guinn
 - d. Peter Marucci
- 2) Which is the name of a yacht owned by John Calvert?
 - a. "the Sea Fox"
 - b. "the Mystic Lady"
 - c. "Lady Godiva"
 - d. "the Oriental Harem"
- 3) Which of these local dealers sell the products 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on-line?
 - a. Magic Supply
 - b. Bradbury Books
 - c. US Toy Magic
 - d. All of the above
- 4) The Magician Levante was from which country?
 - a. USA
 - b. England
 - c. Australia
 - d. India
- 5) Which magician was among the first performers of ventriloquism to use a figure or dummy?
 - a. Isaac Fawkes
 - b. Alexander Herrmann
 - c. Imro Fox
 - d. Signor Blitz

**Wear your badge at the meeting
and you may win a prize!**

Earn More Sorcerer's Circle Points!!**Submit a news article today!!****The ALL NEW Ron London Lecture is coming!!**

Contributed by US TOY

Ron London has been a full-time entertainer since 1971; specializing in Banquet, Hospitality and Trade Shows. He has appeared with Bob Hope three times and has been the opening act for

Louise Mandrell, Pat Paulsen, the Smothers Brothers, ect. He was a consultant on the David Copperfield Alcatraz TV Special (and two resulting Specials.) In 1998 he made his 18th weekly appearance at the Hollywood Magic Castle.

Ron has lectured well over 500 times. He probably consistently does more lectures year-after-year than any other lecturer in our field. In 1998 he made a 14-city lecture tour to England and made his 8th lecture appearance at the Magic Castle. In 1997 he made his 5th Lecture appearance in Las Vegas. In 1996 he made a 10-city lecture tour to New Zealand, Australia and Hawaii.

ALSO...He has performed at Conventions such as the Baltimore IBM Convention, Abbott's Get-together, the Columbus Magi-Fest, the Wisconsin Houdini Conclave, NYCAN, Florida State, the M.A.E.S. and numerous FCM conventions...

The May 11 Lectuer will be cover General Magic, ideal for Stage or Banquet Shows, using items you can easily make. Plus Ron will cover tips on

equipment you already own--This may be the boost you need to dust off those old tricks you've stored away and put them back in your act!!

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March Magician of the Month Winners**Close Up Winner****Kevin Emerson****Stage Winner****Terry Elton**

Congratulations to the winners! We look forward to the upcoming performances.

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See all the new changes that have been made and that you can download!! If you have questions, contact Ken Reedy at **816-734-1484** or email him at ...

webdesigners@kc.rr.com.**Ken Reedy****Tentative Lecture Schedule****Ron London**

May 11—7 PM

John Calvert

May 16—7 PM

Aldo Columbini

June 25—7 PM

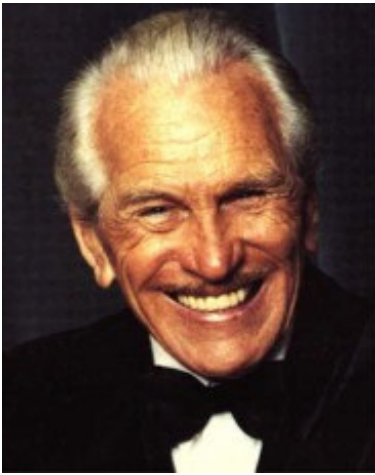
Tom Jones & Rachel Wild

Aug 15—7 PM

All lectures held at:

US Toy Magic
2008 W. 103rd Terr.
Leawood, KS 66206

Sorcerers Circle: \$5**Regular Member \$6****Non-Member \$15**



The Hypnotic King Of Magic

By Eric Woods

One of the most romantic figures in the theatrical world was a charismatic man by the name of John Calvert. The self proclaimed “Hypnotic King of Magicians,” a title he adopted in 1947, started in magic when he was eight years old, after seeing the famous Howard Thurston Show in Cincinnati, Ohio. An excellent sleight-of-hand magician, a capable illusionist and a remarkable hypnotist are but three descriptions of this tremendous showman.

John had two great interests as a youth; magic and boxing. He studied theology at Asbury College, but sometime before his graduation he left boxing and theology and began touring as a magician. He has never looked back.

When John was growing up they did not have the magic clubs like we have today; he never even read a book on magic before he was performing a complete magic show. John had to create a lot of things that he had never even seen another magician do.

His first break into the upper echelons of show business came about via a show advertised as “Calvert’s Oriental Harem with a bevy of unveiled beauties” in 1939. While the slogan may sound racy the show was as classy as all Calvert material is.

In the 1940’s he began a career as a screen actor and motion picture producer in Hollywood. Between films he continued his magic show tours. John admits that he would have never worked in the movies if he had not first been a magician. To date he has taken part in forty motion pictures.

Recognized as a qualified air pilot and yachtsman, John owned about a dozen airplanes and a number of motor yachts, in which he traveled the world. There is hardly a country on Earth that has not been honored to have the Calvert entourage entertain them.

Calvert’s show is the longest running show in the history of show business. He has been performing for over 70 years, that is more that twice the length of the Howard Thurston and Blackstone Sr., tours combined.

It is an honor to have a true legend of magic come to Kansas City. Make sure you mark your calendar for May 16. This is one lecture you don’t want to miss!!!

Want Ads

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LC Collier 6417 Larsen Lane Shawnee KS 66203
913579-1506

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Check the website and you will see a new form in the **downloads section** that will allow you to put your want ad in the newsletter. This section may include, but is not limited to magic items. If you are in need of a new vehicle, need to sell a boat, or have a computer for sell (for example) then this is a free place for you to place your ad.

Editor's Column

By Eric Woods

The club is nearing 100 paid members. I for one think that is exciting. To witness the support that the members of this club have for one another proves that we are REAL magicians.

This brings me to the matter at hand. I could use a little help from the working professional in the club.

As some of you may know I am student at UMKC, studying *the History and Practice of Performance Magic*, through the American Studies program.

Over the summer I will begin working on my thesis for graduation in December. I will be concentrating on working professional of the current time period. My foremost focus will be on local entertainers, so if you are one of the rings working pros I would be glad to hear from you and let you in on the particulars of what this project will entail.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you all next month!!!



Harris Deutsch to present at National Magicians Conference

Harris Deutsch, COMBAT prevention specialist at Bernard Campbell Middle School and Lee's Summit North High School, has been asked to share his "magic with a message" at the Society of American Magician's National Magician's Conference, scheduled for July 6,7,8 & 9, 2005 in Boston. Harris uses magic and puppetry to make presentations focusing on positive choices and remaining drug-free.

Deutsch will be a member of a small panel of magicians from around the country. He is proud to be sharing with other magicians on using magic with a message. Deutsch reports he is glad to part of organizations, like the International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 129, and Assembly 38, where many of our members utilize magic with a message, as part of the solution right here in the Metropolitan Area.

Time is Running Out!!!

If you would like to attend the 2005 IBM Convention it is time to get registered.

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Just take a look at some of the talent already booked for performances, lectures, workshops and/or special forums:

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| Les Arnold & Dazzle | Stan Allen |
| Gay Blackstone | Rich Bloch |
| Mike Caveney | Mike Close |
| Aldo Colombini | Steve Dacri |
| Dana Daniels | David Ginn |
| Lee Grabel | Paul Green |
| Tina Lenert | Hank Morehouse |
| Frank Zak | Chip Lowell |
| Cyril Harvey (France) | Mark Kalin & Jinger |
| Jorgos Katsaros (Germany) | Marvyn Roy & Carol |
| Steve Walker (Australia) | Johnny Lonn (Sweden) |
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DON'T MISS THIS CONVENTION!

Kirk DeWeese

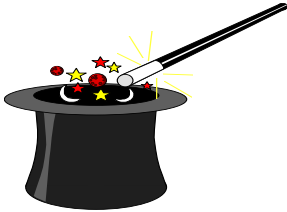
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Articles must be in the Editor's office by the 20th of the month.
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Last Months Meeting By Stu Lewis

April may be, as the poet said, the cruelest month, but for Ring 129 April 2005 started off with a bang, featuring a lecture by Chris Capehart (jointly sponsored with the U.S. Toy magic shop). About thirty magicians were on hand April 5 for one of the most entertaining lectures I have seen in recent years. Mr. Capehart, a veteran of years of street performances, focused his lecture on presentation rather than sleights or routines. For the most part, he left the details of the sleights for those who remained after the lecture for some close-up instruction. There were lots of valuable tips, but for the most part, he is just fun to watch and listen to. His three-ring linking-ring routine, performed under the noses of the spectators, is maybe the best I have seen. Except for this routine, which requires a separate DVD, the rest of his material was contained in a reasonably priced set of notes. We give him our highest recommendation.

About forty-five members and guests made it to our regular meeting place the next evening for our April meeting. We began with a special feature--a reminiscence by veteran magician and long-time ring member Harley Manker, featuring tales both about his own career and about magic in the Kansas City area in the old days. He showed us some of the home-made apparatus he used when he first began performing over half a century ago. He explained how he combined his magic with his various day jobs, and he discussed the careers of some of Kansas City old-timers such as Claude Enslow and Harry Otto, as well as some of the celebrities he worked with, such as Art Linkletter. It was an entertaining and informative look into the past.

Two competitors took part in each of our two monthly contests. Marty Isenberg led off the stage competition with a "murder mystery" plot based in which the "guilty" spectator was able to tighten a knot that the others were not able to. Terry Elton continued with a rope routine based on the premise that he had to keep starting over after cutting the rope and forgetting the routine, making believe he did not notice that the rope had restored itself before each restart. Ken Reedy led off the close-up with a routine involving copper and silver coins, and Kevin Emerson did a comedy routine with borrowed objects, including a borrowed thumb tip. Along the way, he cut and restored a silk. In the voting, Terry and Kevin were voted the winners.

The open performance part of the evening began with Baron Strinfellow doing an impressive spoon-bending routine with baby spoons. Jim Wright demonstrated a two-sided disk which upon being folded was shown to be of six different colors. Phil Franklin did a mathematics-based routine in an attempt to divine which cups the spectator had moved when they were out of his sight, and Dale Huffman asked for input for performance ideas for a silk pole he had acquired lately.

Following these performances, a number of us headed out into the warm spring air and up the hill to Applebee's for some more fellowship and good times.

--Stu Lewis, ring reporter