



MAGIC NEWS

HEART OF THE RING

IBM Ring 129 - "The Heart of America Ring" - Kansas City

Upcoming Events

Thurs., August 7, 2003

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

At Best Western Inn
and Conference Center,
Southwest Blvd.

**(IN KANSAS – I-35 AND RAINBOW
BLVD. EXIT) At Rainbow**

501 Southwest Blvd.

Behind the Applebee's on North side –
lower level

August 24, 2003

Board Meeting 7:00 pm

At Kirk's Magic Supply

623 Walnut; Blue Springs, MO

Thurs., September 4, 2003

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

At Best Western Inn
and Conference Center,
Southwest Blvd.

Thurs., September 11, 2003

Tom Craven lecture

At Best Western Inn
and Conference Center,
Southwest Blvd.

September 18, 2003

Board Meeting

Location to be Announced

October 2, 2003

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

At Best Western Inn
and Conference Center,
Southwest Blvd.

October 9, 2003

Mark Strivings lecture

At Best Western Inn
and Conference Center,
Southwest Blvd.

October 16, 2003

Performance Workshop

Time / Location to be Announced

November 8, 2003

Kansas City Played Host to IBM Int'l Convention *Ring 129 Shined in the Spotlight of Success*

It seemed like we were just beginning talking about all the exciting things that will be occurring at the Convention. And before we knew it, it was here.....then it was over. WOW, and what a week we had! Where do you begin to remember this magnificent event? Well, we'll do our best.

First, we must give thanks to the members of the IBM Planning committee that put their efforts into advertising, registration, coordinating entertainment and the many unnoticed tasks that need to happen to make an event like this happen. It all began for us with the Ring getting together to orient ourselves with the facility. That was followed by the Ring greeting the delegation at a Welcome show, one of the week's highlights. Each day was filled with lectures from magicians from around the world. You had choices to attend these, or see the preliminary round of the stage and close-up contests. There were tigers to see and be photographed with, one man shows, lectures, grabbing one of the Stars of Magic and discussing a routine with them, or rushing to get a seat for the Close-up finals (some of the most innovative and daring magic we have ever seen). Then after relaxing and grabbing a bite to eat, you got to see some of the Greatest Magic entertainment we have seen in years. Each night there was one act after another that left you wanting more – illusions, comedy, black art, and what was nice was that this year there was a limited amount of dove acts. And the late night lectures; and don't forget the hours spent in the dealers room. And just when you were getting to sleep, you had a wonderful "hot universal alarm" clock that woke you up at 6:45 am (courtesy of the Marriott).

What was truly the most memorable moment was having our own David Sandy installed as the IBM's International President. This occurred at Saturday's black tie banquet. We do not know how truly lucky we are to have David as a part of OUR Ring. He will bring honor and prestige to this position, and spread his knowledge of magic and brotherhood everywhere he goes this next year. Good Luck, David.

So if you missed this year's convention, you missed a lot.

Kyle Scheel Brings Home Top Honors From Las Vegas SAM Shindig



How lucky are we? We should consider the resources we have in Ring 129. A prime example is our own Kyle Scheel. He is one of the hardest working magicians we know.

Kyle entered the Stage Contest at our IBM Int'l Convention several weeks ago, and unfortunately did not place. But just as our convention was ending, the Scheel "caravan" (including Kyle, Rob and Sharon Scheel, his grandparents, and assistants Megan Spears and Sarah McPhail and their families) were packing up and readying themselves for a 27-hour marathon drive to Las Vegas, NV for the Int'l SAM Convention at the Riviera Hotel where Kyle was slated to participate in the final of their Stage contest. The SAM works their contest differently; Kyle entered a video of his performance and out of over 350 videos, they selected 6 Junior magicians and 8 adult magicians to participate in their Finals. After a briefing on Monday, and performing on Tuesday, it was announced that Kyle won the entire Youth division of SAM! Congrats to all for the hard work paid off! For this Kyle got a beautiful plaque and \$30 cash (which he did not leave in Las Vegas).

Just for everyone's information, Kyle plans on participating again next year, and his goal – to win BOTH the IBM and SAM in the same year! So watch out for that!

THIS SPACE IS FOR YOUR
RING 129
MEMBERSHIP CARD
IF YOU ARE READING THIS,
THEN YOU ALREADY HAVE
YOURS.
CARRY IT IN YOUR PURSE
OR WALLET PROUDLY!

MINI-LECTURE

This month is very special. Our very own Jerry Loney from Topeka, will be discussing HIS KNOWLEDGE OF BALLOONS AND BALLOON ANIMALS.

We will have sample balloons for everyone to use. If you have your own balloons AND IF YOU HAVE A BALLOON PUMP, then bring them.

But come prepared to have a fun time and maybe even learn how to blow up balloons by mouth!

THE NEW ROSTERS ARE HERE!

We have enclosed our most current roster with as many current PAID members as we have listed so far. If you have any questions, or if by chance you find an error (which I am sure will not be the case), then you can call Rod Sipe at 816-461-3330, or Alan Goodheart at 913-648-0331 and we will get these corrected.

NAME BADGES ARE REQUIRED!!!

It has always been Ring policy to have your name badge at all Ring meetings and Ring sponsored events. We have become a little lax in this area, but with the issue of our nice, new blue Ring 129 badge holders for the Convention, and our laminated ones used previously, there are NO EXCUSES for not having yours on at the next meeting or lecture.

Have it be known that it is Ring policy that Badges MUST be worn at all times!

Thank you for your cooperation.

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<http://www.ring129.com>

Magician of the Month

JULY 2003

Stage
Roger Miller

Close-up
None

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- The Ring would like to formally
- WELCOME our newest members:
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- Chuck Macan
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- Laird Wilcox
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- Congratulations to the Ring and let's all
- make sure that we meet and greet these
- fine additions to our group.

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Are You “Craven” Innovative Magic?

*Then Don't miss Tom Craven's Lecture September 11th
At the Best Western Conference Center*

Look forward to a fantastically magical experience when you attend the Tom Craven lecture this coming September 11th (Thursday) at the Best Western Conference Center. Tom is the compiler and author of the "Havenly Close-up" column in the Linking Ring magazine, and is one of four people who has attended every FFFF convention. Everything he does has a special twist to it, and is relatively easy to do. He is known for a Four Ace routine called Blue Collar Aces – easy (self working). He talks in his lecture of a Perfect Restau-

rant Approach (if you work restaurants, a very sensible way to approach a table; and if not, the routine with the prize they won't win is hilarious!). Along with this are lots of numeric card effects, random shuffle card moves, Four Coins and a Purse, and predictions using wine glasses, colored silks, and a random spectator's selected coin. This is a lecture that you don't want to miss. Be sure to circle this date on your calendar for a truly memorable event!

Stage Magician of the Month Roger Miller

Hard to not know the guy from Tonganoxie. But for those of you that don't, he was the guy who won last month's stage contest.

Roger Miller is the kind of member we should all emulate. He participates on a local as well as international level (he was recently installed as the Int'l Vice Pres.). Roger has been doing magic for many years, and still is active performing for Clubs, banquets, private parties, banquets, hospitals...well, we should just say where Roger DOESN'T perform! He is most helpful to whomever he can, and is ready to volunteer when needed. He and his lovely wife, Sheila, always make events worth attending.

We wish Roger the best of luck if he chooses to participate in the main contest in January, and plan on hearing more of Roger two years from now when he is installed as the second International President from this Ring.. Thanks Roger for all you do!!

Mark Striving Makes Triumphant Return to Ring 129 Venue

October 9th At Best Western CC

A Very Special Night lies ahead on October 9th when renowned magician Mark Strivings returns to Kansas City. It has been several years since this expert in parlour, close-up and mental legerdemain and KC is ready to see him once again. If you have seen him before, come see a fresh new lecture, and if you haven't ever seen Mark, you are in for a rare treat. So don't be late!

Come early to get a good seat on October 9th at the Best Western Conference Center.

Jason Dean Gets Close Up and Personal With Ring Members

Takes First Place Two Years in a Row

As if we haven't had enough magic this year, we were not disappointed by the caliber of magic we were treated to at this Year's Col. Boone's Close-up Magician of the Year Contest. We returned to the Holiday Inn Lenexa for this year's event. Those that qualified to participate were: **Harris Deutsch, Terry Davis, Jason Dean, Kyle Scheel, John Hicks, Tamara Vitale, Ken Reedy, Helmut Vitale, Ryan Fricke, L C. Collier, and Todd Lamanske.**

We met before the contest began for Happy Hour cash bar, and then **Harris, Jason, Kyle, Ken, and Jason** treated us to some truly memorable magic going between three rooms and performing for different audiences. After the competition, we all returned to the large salon where

we were treated to desserts and an ice cream sundae bar. When all the scores were tallied, **Jason Dean** returned as this year's winner. **Kyle Scheel** took home the second place award, while **Harris Deutsch** picked up the third place plaque. The attendance was slightly lighter this year vs. last, but considering the time of year, coming off the IBM convention, and those catching up on vacation time, it was a great turnout. Special thanks goes to **Walt Mitchell** for getting the 5 judges, **Alan Goodheart** for coordinating the event, to **Dale Huffman and John Born of Wichita** for assisting with room hosts and a special thanks to **Mike Blum** for being a room host and assisting with the judges tally.

We thank all those in attendance, and look forward to an

A Message From Your International Brotherhood of Magicians

TO: Larry Warshaw, Ring 129 President

FROM: Don Wiberg, IBM International Secretary

Dear Larry,

Many years ago the IBM Board of Trustees voted to organize the annual convention committee and to ask local Rings for assistance. The quality of involvement by the local Rings varies from year to year. I must say that the cooperation and involvement of the members of Ring 129 has set a benchmark that will be hard for other Rings to meet in the future. It seemed that there were "blue vested" people at every turn reaching out to lend a hand where needed. I was particularly impressed with the opening night show. Your members did an admirable job entertaining the convention registrants and set the mood for the rest of the week.

The staging, sound, and talent were of extremely high quality and demonstrated what I have known about your Ring for some time. It's a first rate club and one others can hope to emulate. The leadership, past, present, and future should take pride in all the members who were involved in this year's convention. May you have continued success with all your magical endeavors in the future. You and the members made many new friends for Kansas City and for magic of the IBM.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the IBM, I thank you for efforts in making the 2003 convention the success that it was.

Most Sincerely,

MORE FROM THE CONVENTION.....

A Note from Mindy Burden

Larry,

Many, many "thanks" for all your help in planning the Convention! You and Ring 129 were a tremendous help and probably spoiled us. It was a wonderful gesture having the Ring in the lobby after Saturday's show - Super idea!! I'll look forward to seeing all my new KC friends at future conventions.

Mindy



New Sorcerers Circle Shirt

A new Sorcerers Circle logo golf shirt incorporating the design above is truly a good looking shirt that you will be proud to wear. The shirt is black and the logo will be embroidered in metallic gold. The price will be approximately \$30 for size: small through X-large and slightly higher for 2,3 and 4X.

To insure that we have the right number of shirts in the right sizes it is important that all Sorcerer's Circle members contact Terry Elton at 913-268-8187 or telton@kc.rr.com by August 15th and indicate how many shirts you intend to buy and in what sizes.

Terry looks forward to hearing from you!

CONVENTION MEMORIES 2003



Xijia Hong (China) 2nd Place Stage



Chase Curtis (Dallas) 1st Place Close-up, People's Choice Award Close-up, and Gold Cups Winner



Ken Reedy takes magic to those in local hospitals



Kelvin Kwong (Canada) 2nd Place Junior. Close-up



David Sandy takes the reigns as International President from Mike Stratman



Carl Macan makes money change in front of this nurse's eyes!



Mirko Callaci (Argentina) stole the show taking First Place Stage



Gold Cup Winner Chase Curtis



Barry Mitchell and his snazzy jacket entertains the crowd!



Harris Deutsch participates in the Strolling Olympics at the end of convention

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Lecture Fees

Unless listed otherwise,
are as follows:

Non-Members \$15
Members in good standing \$12
Sorcerer's Circle Members \$10

*SEE OUR SCHEDULE INSIDE FOR ALL
THE EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS!*

You Have A Lot to Catch Up On; Linking Ring Reporter Stu Lewis Can Help

The IBM Convention has come and gone, and many of us have never felt prouder of our Ring. The highlight of the week, of course, was the banquet, when we got to see our own David Sandy given the chain of command as international president of the IBM. It was great that so many of us could be on hand to see David receive this much-deserved honor, and we are confident that he will be as effective a leader for the International as he has been for Ring 129. We're also proud of Roger Miller, who moved up the ladder from treasurer to vice resident.

The opening night show was also a great source of pride for us, and many attendees told us that it was one of the best such events they had ever seen at a convention. Ring president Larry Warshaw served as master of ceremonies and also entertained with an egg-bag routine. The show featured the comedy magic of Brent Ahsmus (including an impressive bill-in-lemon), the eight-of-hand mastery of Terry Magelssen, a flashy performance by L.C. Collier, and an the droll humor of Terry Elton, with an original square-circle routine, using a unique version of that prop designed and constructed by our own Ken Reedy.

We kept rolling along. Ring 129's Tom Burgoon led off the Wednesday evening public stage show with his unusual brand of humor, which has made him one of America's top comedy magicians. He also gave a lecture later in the week. Though Matt Grunwald did not make the finals in a tight close-up contest, his amazing coin handling drew a lot of praise. Harris Deutsch was named top comedy act in the final-night Strolling Olympics, and he also participated in the Magic Idol competition. After his opening-night performance, Terry Magelssen continued to star behind the scenes, supervising most of the tech work for the shows. Rod Sipe gave selflessly of his time at the information booth, and Kirk Dewese sold IBM memorabilia in the dealers' room. Throughout the convention, Ring 129 members were visible in our blue vests, creating a welcoming atmosphere for our out-of-town guests and personally thanking them for coming to Kansas City after the closing-night show.

It's too bad that the Marriott did not get as many high marks as the

ring, due to an early-morning fire Thursday that got everyone out of bed shortly after 6:00 a.m. On the other hand, no one was hurt, and the alarm did help people get up for the 8:00 a.m. close-up contest. With a touch of unintended irony, that evening's show included a routine by Nicholas Night to a piece of music whose title, when translated into English, means "No One Shall Sleep."

One final thought—the last time that the International Convention was held here in K.C., the Royals won the World Series (1985). As I write this, they are in first place, so we are hoping history will repeat itself.

One week later about forty of us got together again for our monthly meeting. Much of the business meeting was devoted to sharing the good feeling we had about the convention and our role in it. There was also some discussion of the unfortunate incident at the closing show, when Andre Kole interrupted his show to deliver a lengthy diatribe on his controversial religious and political views. Instead of celebrating what unites us as magicians, he chose to sow discord and divisiveness. Roger Miller assured us that the incident had already been discussed at the top levels of the organization (it's nice to have an international officer around when you need one) and assured us that steps would be taken to prevent a recurrence in the future. We have heard that Mr. Kole will be issuing an apology, but it's a bit late for those of us in Ring 129 who had sold tickets to our friends only to have them made uncomfortable and embarrassed by Mr. Kole's actions. I wonder if he is proud of the fact that he is probably one of the few magicians to be booed by many in attendance at a closing-night show.

Space permits only a brief summary of the rest of our July meeting. Roger Miller won the stage contest with a routine involving the spectators' counting off several cards to match a group of pictures of animals (the palindromic stack). Other competitors were Jay Steffan, Stu Lewis, and Dale Huffman. No winner was selected in the close-up contest involving Stu Lewis and Dale Huffman; Marty Isenberg, Terry Elton, and Jason Dean performed in the operatic segment.