



Heart of the RING

“Quality Ring Award Winner”

August 2006 Newsletter

Regular Meeting

Aug 3—7 PM
Best Western

Healing of Magic Mini-lecture

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At regular meeting

John Born Lecture

Aug. 15—7pm
US Toy

Board Meeting

Aug 22—7 PM
Denny's Restaurant
9001 Shawnee Mission Pkwy

NEXT MEETING

Aug. 3, 2006 7:00 P. M.

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



Dale “Huff Daddy” Huffman
Close-Up Magician of the Year

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF CONTEST COMPLETE - FINDINGS SHOW WINNER NOT GUILTY

Over 80 witnessed the investigation of the crime scene at the Roeland Park CC on Saturday, July 29th, and the findings are conclusive - Dale Huffman was the clear winner of this year's Close-up Magician of the year contest. Dale portrayed a member of a CSI team, and picked at the evidence to become this year's clear-cut choice. Second place honors went to Chuck Macan, and Third place honors was given to Mike Melito. And the audience had a part in the very popular People's Choice Award, and this year it was Kyle Scheel that left the scene with those honors. After a nutritious and tasty buffet dinner, we adjourned for the competition, and then returned for dessert and the final part of the evening - being entertained by the magic of Terry Elton. With ten magicians competing, and the field well matched, this year's award was up for grabs, and Dale certainly did not disappoint. Congratulations, Dale, and hopefully we will see you back next year to defend your title.

Ring Report by Ste Lewis

I've often heard the term “blown away” in relation to a magic trick, but I never took it literally until this week. A group of us were sitting around Applebee's sharing some tips on card work after the July meeting when a group of young people walked in and asked what we were doing. This led to an impromptu performance by close-up specialist Jason Dean. As the climaxes

became increasingly impossible, one of the young men was so impressed that he literally bolted for the door, returned, and bolted again. The ladies with him just screamed. The point is that we sometimes forget the impact that our work can have on lay-people, and that something that we would describe as “Jason Dean performed the Ambitious Card and an in-the-hands coins across” can become a virtual miracle with the right presentation.

The meeting itself began with a discussion of the recently completed International Convention, in which Ring 129 played a prominent role. Roger Miller completed his term as International President; Kirk DeWeese worked tirelessly as Telecom Director and also handled the IBM paraphernalia booth in the dealers' room; and Carl Macan served as Event Coordinator. Kevin Spencer praised our own Ken Reedy in his lecture on the Healing of Magic for his work on that program in our area. And former ring member John Born won the convention's close-up contest.

The highlight of the meeting was a lecture by Terry Magellssen on necessary safety precautions while using fire. He showed us a video of a disastrous night-club fire (with about 100 fatalities) caused by the band's careless use of pyrotechnics, and he emphasized the need to follow the proper protocols when using fire in one's act. He reminded us of all the things that can go wrong when using fire. Since he is a fire department captain by day, he clearly knows what he is talking about.

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President's Column

by Chuck Macan

As I begin to write this I am on an airplane having just left the 2006 IBM convention in Miami. What a wonderful week I had. Having the chance to spend time with some wonderful magicians from around the world, see some marvelous evening shows, enjoy some great lectures and special events, and watch some very talented people in the contests (as you all know by know, former Ring 129 member John Born won the Gold Cup Close-Up competition). Roger and Sheila Miller threw a fabulous Presidential gala. Thank you Roger and Sheila for allowing me to be a part of that special night. Hannah Ammar celebrated Michael's 50th birthday Saturday night with a wonderful party. However, the best part of the whole week was having the opportunity to spend quality magical time with my Dad—Carl. Thank you Dad for introducing me to the magical arts, for being my mentor, my friend and for the love only a father can give.

Because of newsletter deadlines, we don't have the results of the Colonel Boone Close Up Contest as yet. Past President Alan Goodheart worked long and hard to make this a special event. Thank you Alan for all you do for the Club.

I want to thank Terry Magelssen for a wonderful mini lecture on fire safety he presented at the July meeting. It is always good to be reminded that affects using pyrotechnics are spectacular but can be dangerous to ourselves and our venues.

As a reminder renewals for the liability insurance program offered through the IBM are due in August. If you don't have liability insurance check out www.magician.org or the July issue of the Linking Ring. This insurance runs from August to August. So if you don't have it, now is a great time to get it.

We have some great lectures coming in August and September, make sure you check out the lecture section in the newsletter and for updates, check out the website.

See you all at the meeting on August 3rd.

Healing Of Magic

The Healing of Magic program is alive and doing well in Kansas City, Missouri. This program has been running since the summer of 2002 in the Mid America MS Achievement Center which is located at The Rehabilitation Institute at 3011 Baltimore. This is just one of only four centers in the United States. The program has been used here to help people who have Multiple Sclerosis to make their lives a little easier and more fun.

This operation has been headed by two members of IBM 129, Ken Reedy, who is the Healing of Magic coordinator, and Walt Mitchell. These two magicians have worked with the patients at

the MS center all this time and have helped them get through life a little easier. Thanks to the sponsorship of Ring 129 and the efforts of the therapists that both Ken and Walt work with, the program has been a success and is still going on. In fact the Center has committed to the program through the year 2004 so that they can make life for their patients more fun and fruitful.

About a dozen other members of the club have received Healing of Magic training and offer the program to other rehabilitation centers in the metropolitan area.

The Healing of Magic program involves the teaching of simple magic tricks to people who have been the victims of stroke, accident, spinal cord and head injuries, developmental disabilities, and other diagnoses. It is a carefully designed, systematic approach that has gained widespread support from therapists as a viable treatment modality. It combines the skills of entertainment professionals (magicians) with those of the medical field (therapists) to provide a quality of therapeutic training that exceeds the limits of traditional rehabilitative techniques and programs.

The movements required to learn the simple tricks help patients regain lost physical skills while increasing motivational levels and self-esteem. Therapists who have tried this program are impressed with the way it captivates the interest of their patients and carries them through obstacles such as pain, frustration, and boredom with the more traditional approaches. In their eagerness to master the magic, patients willingly practice a trick over and over again, often hundreds of times. And since all the tricks are designed to improve physical, psychological, perceptual, or social functions, the patient's rehabilitative progress is more quickly achieved than in some traditional methods.

The Healing of Magic Mini-Lecture will be on what is taught at the sessions and how easy the tricks are. It will show everyone that you don't have to be a great magician to teach a Healing of Magic session. You can teach anyone with just a few simple tricks. You don't even have to be in magic for a long time. You can be a newcomer and still be able to teach a class to people that need it.

This should be an exciting and informative lecture about one of the greatest programs that Ring 129 participates in, mark your calendar and be sure to attend this month's meeting!!



Magician Ken Reedy & Patient Reta Wilson

Ring Report Continued...

Each of our monthly contests featured two contestants, and Mike Melito came away a double winner, taking the close-up contest with an unusual revelation of a card force (by use of a magical pen) and the stage contest with a small floating, spinning ball. His competition came from Stu Lewis in close-up (“Any Card, Any Number” and the endless chain) and Doc Blum (a prediction effect based on the Statue of Liberty theme.)

In the open, non-competitive segment of the meeting, Jason Dean did a multi-phase card routine in which a card vanished from the deck and a prediction was found on a reversed card. His routines move so fast that they are hard to describe in print. Phil Franklin did a prediction effect with business cards, in which a word magically appeared on a blank card held between a spectator’s hands and a selected card matched a prediction written on the business card. Finally Harris Deutsch did a ventriloquist act with his trusty dummy Nigel.

The last week of June a number of Ring members got together for a public show as a memorial tribute to our late president L.C. Collier, a fund-raiser for the family. Barron Stringfellow served as M.C., and Dale Huffman, Bob Klamm, Blake Silvernail, Gene Turner, Duane Fields, and Kyle Scheel were among the performers. It was a magical tribute to a great guy.

Magi-Que 2006
Friday Aug. 25 - Sunday Aug. 27
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Be sure and wear your Medallion to each event!

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I received one want ad this month and it went to my junk email filter and got lost. Sorry about that!! Please send want adds as directed below and this will be avoided. Thanks –EW

Submit your Want Ads:
& Buy, Sell, and Trade...

Check the website and you will see a new form in the **downloads section** that will allow you to put your want ads in the newsletter. This free service to all paid members may include, but is not limited to magic items.

Magician of the Month Winners

| Stage | | | Close-Up | | |
|-------|---------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| | Stage | Close-Up | | Stage | Close-Up |
| 01/06 | Roger Miller | _____ | 07/06 | Mike Melito | Mike Melito |
| 02/06 | Barron Stringfellow | _____ | 08/06 | _____ | _____ |
| 03/06 | Eric Woods | _____ | 09/06 | _____ | _____ |
| 04/06 | J. E. Mastin | _____ | 10/06 | _____ | _____ |
| 05/06 | Marty Isenberg | _____ | 11/06 | _____ | _____ |
| 06/06 | Steve Steiner | _____ | 12/06 | _____ | _____ |

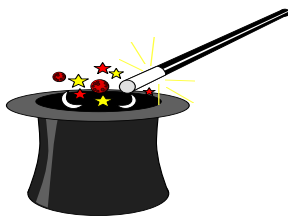
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RING 129 AGENDA

Items in red have firm dates, all others are not yet set or are subject to change.

- Jan 28 **Magician Of the Year Stage**
- Feb 18 **Kids Show (RPCC.)***
- Mar 11 **Magic Auction**
- Apr ??
- May ??
- Jun 03 **Ring Picnic**
- Jul 29 **Close-up Magician of the Year**
- Aug ??
- Sep ??
- Oct 13 **Halloween Show (RPCC.)***
- Nov 4 **Roger Miller Roast**
- Nov ?? `
- Dec ??

***Roland Park Community Center**

4850 Rosewood Drive
Mission, KS 66205

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Earl Chaney Lecture

Aug 10—7PM
SAM sponsored \$10.00

John Born Lecture

Aug 15—7 PM

Doc Hilford Lecture

Sep. 6—7 PM
Doc Hilford Workshop
Sep. 8 US Toy for details

Richard Sanders Lecture

Aug 15—7 PM

All lectures held at:

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

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