



MAGIC NEWS

HEART OF THE RING

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

Upcoming Events

Thurs., May 1, 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**

Thurs., May 15, 2003

**Board Meeting
7:00 pm at**

**Magic Supply Co.;
634 SW Walnut;
Blue Springs, MO**

Thurs., June 5, 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.**

Thurs., June 19, 2003

**Board Meeting
Time and Place to be announced**

**CHECK OUT THE HIDDEN
NAME CONTEST!
FIND YOUR NAME IN ITALICS,
COME TO THE MEETING, AND
CLAIM YOUR PRIZE FROM THE
NEWSLETTER EDITOR!**

Pavel Brings Unique Magical Style To A Packed House

Several weeks ago on Tuesday, April 8th at the Roeland Park Community Center, was a night unlike any other. That was when wonderful creative magic came to Kansas City in the form of a magician named Pavel. It was not your normal evening and not your normal lecture as well. Those in attendance were pleased to see fresh new ways of performing some of the classics of our craft. Pavel was able to demonstrate and create in our minds ways to use magic's basis applications. By not just teaching us routines, Pavel opened our creative thought processes to range outside the box to many

other ways you can apply magic principle making "the impossible" possible. He took us through more than the basic of his performance of card, coins, and ropes. He create gimmicked apparatus that aide his techniques, and showed us how to incorporate these into our own routines effectively. For the money, this was one of those lectures that you found out afterward you were sorry you missed attending. Thanks to Pavel, and all those responsible for organizing another great Ring event!



Upcoming Events con't:

**July 1st to 5th
IBM Int'l Convention
Downtown Mariott Hotel**

**July, 2003
Close-up Magician of the
Year Contest
Time and Place to be An-
nounced**

**Thurs, September 11th
Close-up Magician
Tom Craven
At Best Western
Conference Center**

Can You Help Make A Difference?

Assist with Close-up Contest Committee

Hard to think another year has passed, but summer fast approaches, and that means one thing - our ring's Close-up contest looms in the near future. Alan Goodheart has agreed to chair this year's event again, but he needs some assistance. This minor commitment would involve your making some calls with member reservations, and helping coordinate the rooms and event when it takes place. Probably no more than several hours of your time. Anyone care to volunteer to help? It's not fair to place the responsibility on just one person, so let's join in and take part in a truly spectacular event. This year's could be even better than last year's was. Take the plunge - contact Alan at 913-648-0331.



President's Column
By
Larry Warshaw

ellow Magi:

hanks for all of your great ideas to add exciting activities
our club. We have now arranged for a "critique session"
be held on Thursday, October 16th. Get your routine to
performance level, then bring it to the critique session to
et some ideas to improve it -- this is absolutely the best
ay to take your work to the next level. I'm looking for-
ard to getting some help!

onvention activities continue, and I'm so pleased that so
any of you have stepped forward to help. We have a
roclamation from the Mayor declaring the week to be In-
ernational Brotherhood of Magicians week in Kansas City,
Missouri. We are moving forward with various Ring 129
ctivities for the convention, and it's all very exciting We
ill bring you up to date at this month's meeting, and next
month's newsletter will be packed with information about
ll convention events.

ee you Thursday . . .

Larry

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!!

Next month we are publishing a new Member Roster. If
you have changed your address, phone numbers, or email
address, you need to get these changes to Rod Sipe AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Contact Rod at 816-461-3330
or email him at rod@eatfire.com

We tried to get in touch with two members this month,
and their information on file was not correct, so PLEASE
CHECK YOURS AND MAKE SURE IT'S CORRECT!!

**BE SURE TO VISIT
OUR WEBSITE**

(Confidential info for Ring 129 members)

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<http://www.ring129.com>

**Magician of the Month
Winners**

May 2003

Stage
None

Close-up
Ryan Fricke

**Are You Skilled
With Computers?**

Our Webmaster, Tim Zager, is ready to pass along his expertise to someone that is familiar with computers and web sites. And if you aren't, we assure you a crash course in doing it! Interested? Simple and easy, and takes very little time. Contact Alan Goodheart (913-648-0331) or Larry Warshaw (913-381-8829) for more information.

Mark Your Calendars For Sept. 11th

If You are “Craven” Good Magic

Tom Craven Coming to the Best Western Conference Center

Look forward to a fantastically magical experience when you attend the Tom Craven lecture coming this coming September 11th 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 have 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 *Martin Isenberg* Perfect Restaurant 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 mark you calendars. Now for a truly memorable event!

DON'T FORGET!

**TO SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FOR THE 2003
IBM INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION BEING HELD
RIGHT HERE IN KANSAS CITY AT THE
DOWNTOWN MARRIOTT HOTEL
JULY 1ST TO JULY 5TH
DON'T BE LEFT OUT!
SIGN UP TODAY!**

Close-up Winner Ryan Fricke



It's great to see our newer, younger members participating in Ring meeting activities. Last month was no exception. Ryan Fricke did not disappoint. His love of magic, especially close-up, proved to make his goal come to fruition – qualifying for the C/U contest in July. He has been working hard for a few years on his love of magic, and truly enjoys sharing his unique takes on the classics, as well as exchanging ideas amongst friends and other Ring members. We appreciate having magi like Ryan Fricke as part of our special hobby and profession. It's people like him that set the bar high for the rest of us. Good luck in the near future and the close-up contest.

Critique Night Planned For Oct. 16th

Have a magic routine that needs critiquing? Need your contemporaries' opinions? Do you have skin thick enough to take great advice from those willing to give? Then you need to sign up for this year's chance of being critiqued by the Ring 129 "advisors". October 16th is the date for "Critique Night". But you need to sign up for this opportunity (First come; first served). So contact Larry Warshaw or Alan Goodheart, or any Board member. What a wonderful chance to hone your craft!

Teach-A-Trick

Want to show us a routine you think others would enjoy performing? Take the time to TEACH it to us. If you would like to perform a Teach-A-Trick, contact Larry Warshaw at 913-381-8829, or email him at larry@warshawmagic.com.

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**Ring 129
Lecture Fees**

Unless listed otherwise,
are as follows:

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

Couldn't Make It To the Meeting Last Month?

You May Have Missed One Of The Best

Special Thanks to Stu Lewis, Our IBM Ring Reporter

The name of Pavel is such a legend in magic that when I attended his lecture at our Ring on April 8, I expected a much older person. Though he is in his fourth decade as a lecturer, his magic seems fresh as ever, and he presents it in a highly entertaining fashion. His approach to lecturing is not simply to teach individual routines, but rather to demonstrate how some basic principles can have multiple applications. As he says, in a lecture the explanation should be better than the effect. (This points out a key difference between magicians and laypeople-when laypeople learn how a trick is done, it takes away the magic; when magicians learn the same secrets, they say, "Wow! How clever!" As Art Emerson once quipped, you can recognize magicians in the audience of a magic show because they are the ones applauding when everyone else thinks nothing is happening.)

Much of Pavel's magic depends on gimmicks, such as magnetic rope-ends, and the impact of his magic comes from his originality in combining principles to make it virtually impossible even for most magicians to reconstruct his routines. One device he rarely uses is the one-ahead principle. He prefers to be three or four steps ahead of his audience. We recommend him highly to other rings.

Our April meeting, held on April 3, began with a mini-lecture by Harris Deutsch on children's magic. Essentially, he showed us his act, stepping out of character periodically to analyze what he was doing. He uses a lot of gags that get him down to the kids' level, as well as some ventriloquism. Harris calls himself the "Nearly Normal Magician," and his act has enough zaniness to keep anyone entertained.

During our business meeting, Ken Reedy spoke about the progress he and some other Ring members are making with the Healing of Magic. Roger Miller spoke about the history of the Ring. And Terry Davis was awarded a certificate which somehow got buried twenty-one years ago and finally resurfaced. Gene Turner told us that he served as technical advi-

sor on pickpocket techniques for the film "Bullet-Proof Monk."

There was only one entry in the stage contest, leaving it up to the Board to determine whether there will be a winner. The sole entrant was Larry Poague, who performed a card location under the guise of mental magic.

Two competitors vied for the close-up honors. Ryan Fricke did an ambitious-card routine, revealing at the end that all of the other cards had blank faces. He concluded with a three-card monte. Stu Lewis performed "Sam the Bellhop," unfortunately jinxing himself by joking that if he made a mistake he would switch to the Doc Eason routine. Unfortunately, the outs are not as simple as Doc makes them seem. Needless to say, Ryan took first place.

The largest number of performers waited for the open, non-competitive portion of the meeting. Josh Stiles, age 14, showed us a color-changing deck and revealed a chosen card. Danny Mahar did a number of gag predictions. Terry Elton and L. C. Collier both demonstrated how the use of words could enhance the effectiveness of props often utilized in silent acts: the square circle and linking rings, respectively. Joe White performed with an Okito box and did some *Harvey Stege* card transpositions. Dale Huffman used the "anagram" principle to have spectators freely count to cards in two different piles and have them match. Finally, Ryan Fricke brought out some props and asked us to brainstorm some ideas he could use with them.

By the time you read this, many of you should be packing to come to KC for the International Convention. See you soon.

--Stu Lewis, ring reporter

