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Words from the Secretary

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Greetings from your secretary, Craig Colombel and Happy New Year. We are looking for writers for the newsletter. Anything on your thoughts on magic, any performances you are doing, or conventions you have been to. See yourself in print. Send the articles to accolombel@zipcon.com.

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President's Message

Jim Rodgers -President 2014

NWRF Picnic – May 17th

The Northwest Ring of Fire picnic will be on Saturday, May 17th at Everett's Thornton A. Sullivan Park. Bring your families and bring your Magic!

Your Officers have been trying to come up with ways to get Club members involved in the performance of magic. This picnic will be a great opportunity to get together, perform in small groups, share magical knowledge and get tips about technique in an informal setting. And at the same time show each other's families what we can do and what the Club is all about.

We'll meet at 11:00 at the Beach Shelter at Thornton Sullivan Park, rain or shine (that's why we have a shelter). All current members and their families are welcome to attend.

Directions to Thornton Sullivan Park is below on page 3.

March 2014 MEETING

March's theme was – Show Me the Money, Effects with money.

George Zuk demonstrated a Tenyo effect. He had a frame and inside the frame was a piece of metal. George held the frame upright and had a spectator place a die behind the frame so the spots on top of the die could not be seen. Yet George was able to determine the number of spots on the top of the die. The spectator then placed two dice behind the frame and George was able to write on a dollar bill the numbers on the top of each die. Last the spectator took a card and cover the face with another card and placed both against the metal interior of the frame and George was able to determine the value of the card.

Craig Colombel talk about buying his lunch at a grocery store and only had \$3. But after buying the \$2 special he found he still had \$3 dollars. This continue for a couple of times until Craig only had \$1 left but with a magical gesture he turned the dollar bill into a credit card.

Ralph Huntzinger told us that magic showed have 3 beats and to demonstrate he brought out a glass goblet and a small glass dish. He then ask the spectator to imagine 3 coins a dollar coin, a fifty cent piece and a quarter. The spectator was to then think of one and imagined if the coin was heads or tails. The thought of coin was produce with the proper side showing. Ralph turned the Goblet upside down on the dish and placed the coin on the goblet and it passed through the goblet to the dish. Ralph then donated the Goblet and dish to the raffle.

Joe Martinek had a deck of cards and 4 quarters. He offered to teach the spectator how to play poker, starting off on how to deal. Joe then had the spectator deal down some cards down in piles and then collect the piles into 4 piles. The spectator then placed a quarter on each pile. The spectator then turn over the top card of each pile and each was an ace. Joe then use the Aces and quarters and performed a matrix effect.

JR using a stack of coins showed us a bar bet. We were asked to estimate what was the height of the stack. Was the height the same as a quarter, a nickel, a penny or a dime stood on end. If you were not there to find out, I will let you find out at the cost of a beer someday. JR then spread out the stack of coins and had the spectator go through the process of a series of turnovers of the coins, this without JR looking. JR then had the spectator pick one coin and JR was able to predict whether it was heads or tails. JR talked about having a show in a coin purse performing coin magic and also showed us a protector of his paper to money routine that he made.

Danny Dragon had bought the Elmesly's book and was working on developing his Elmesly's count (ghost count) and working on routines to use it with. Danny demonstrated one trick he was working on from the book.

Master Payne showed us a routine that he was working on for the Moister Fest coming up in Seattle. Using a blindfolded spectator, Payne made the spectator feel a metal coat hanger go through parts of their body. It was Payne's interpretation of a Carney effect. Payne then performed a kid's show effect by having us guess what was in an envelope, a hint it was a green animal. As we guess a frog he showed that it was a green rabbit. He coved the rabbit with a white cloth and with some funny business showed that the rabbit was now white. After several times putting the card behind his back and not showing both sides of the card. He finally relented and showed that the rabbit turned into a green frog with the back of the card blank.

After the performances there was a raffle of donated magic items. So come to the meeting to get a chance to win the raffle and perform for more chances.

REMEMBER, TO VISIT THE CLUB'S WEBSITE,
[HTTP://WWW.NWRINGOFFIRE.COM/INDEX.HTML](http://www.nwringoffire.com/index.html)

And also visit the clubs Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire/429616737105973>

CLUB PICNIC DIRECTIONS PICNIC SATURDAY MAY 17th AT THE THORNTON A SULLIVAN PARK

Directions to Thornton A. Sullivan Park
11405 W. Silver Lake Road
Everett, WA 98208

One person in your car:

Take exit 186 – 128th St SW off of I-5 (O'Donnell's exit)
Head East on 128th St SW
128th becomes 132nd
Turn left at 19th Ave SE (after Fred Meyer)
Turn left at 121st St SE
121st becomes Silver Lake Road
Follow Silver Lake Road around the lake
Park in the gravel parking lot for Thornton A. Sullivan Park

More than one person in your car? Use the
Commuter Exit off of I-5:

Just North of Exit 186, take the left lane exit to
South Everett Park and Ride.
Go up the ramp to the city street level
Turn left on 112th St SE
Immediately turn right on Silver Lake Road
Follow the road around the corner and park in the
gravel parking lot for Thornton A. Sullivan Park

Ring of Smoke Report

The April 6 Ring of Smoke meeting was well attended. It was led by Elliott who just returned from McBride's Mystery School. Elliot provided a lot of valuable info to the Club about his experiences. In addition, the kids discussed the upcoming Mystic Pasta Presentation and had a great time jamming as well.

Ben and Marty

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014 NWRF Meeting Themes

April 10 – Unfinished Magic – bring in effects you haven't finished yet, or that aren't turning out like you want, and let's workshop them! Maybe breathe new life into them!

May 8 – Magical Bookworm Night – Share one of your favorite magic books with the club. Bonus points awarded if you perform an effect from it!

June 12 – Not playing with a full deck – Tricks with a partial deck or just a few cards.

July 10 – Totally Mental Night – Performances of Mental magic – or- magic that drives people crazy!

August 14 – No Theme Night – It'll be a Magic Free-for-all!

September 11 – Magical Inspiration Night – Bring in magic from a Magical Creator who inspired you! Vernon, Harris, Wagner, Maven, Sankey, Regal, Colombini . . .

October 9 – Creepshow Magic – Bring in your magic that's creepy, spooky, ghoulish, etc.

November 13 – Look who's coming to Dinner! – Perform magic sitting down at the Dinner table.

December 11 – "Tell me a story" night – Spin a yarn to go along with your magic.

Make sure to check the website for upcoming events and lectures.

[HTTP://WWW.NWRINGOFFIRE.COM/INDEX.HTML](http://www.nwringoffire.com/index.html)

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[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAGES/NORTHWEST-RING-OF-FIRE/429616737105973](https://www.facebook.com/pages/NORTHWEST-RING-OF-FIRE/429616737105973)

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR THE YEAR 2014. \$25 PER YEAR OR \$35 FOR A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP. BEING A DUE PAYING MEMBER GETS YOU DISCOUNTS TO THE LECTURES. Either come the meeting and pay or pay by Mail

Make check to NWRF (Northwest Ring of Fire) and send to:

**Brian Melicher
15329 31st Ave W
Lynnwood, WA 98087-2413**

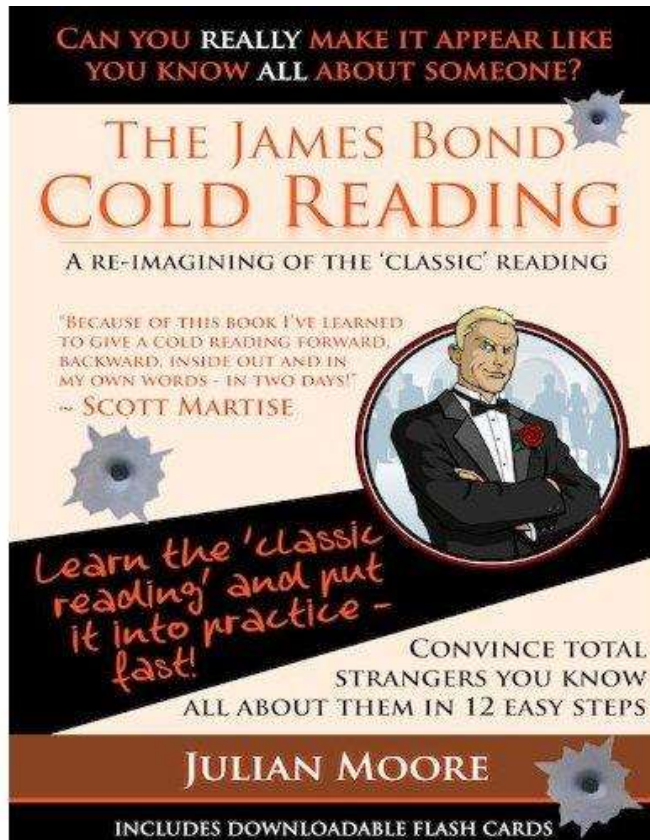
Notes To Self

By Phil Reda

Ordered a couple of items and thought I would provide my thoughts.

1. Bently - the bending paper clip. You probably have seen the ad by now for this. I bit and luckily I was able to turn around and sell the DVD on Ebay and almost recoup my investment. The problem with the effect are twofold. One the paper clip does not bend 180 as shown in the trailer. This seems to be the most common complaint. I cannot get it to go past 90 - still a good bend. My biggest complaint is the action of the bend - in a real psychokinetic experiment the bend would be slow - Bently springs up quickly then slows down - it almost suggest the method. You may like the effect but I rated it a 2 star.
2. Library.com - I downloaded "Scripting and Story Telling for Paranormal Entertainers" This is a guide that walks you through scripting a story, developing a theme and character. I am really delighted in this publication and recommend it those who want to learn scripting.
3. If you ever wanted to learn Cold Reading may I recommend "James Bond Cold Reading" This is a very easy learn method - the author has developed a memory system as well as flash cards for learning Cold Reading. He also has written several other books - One I am currently reading is: Learning Star Signs". Again simple memory system and flash cards. You can download a Kindle version of the Star Sign book for .99 cents. Excellent material. Here is the web site for all his material (All his books are available on Amazon both bound and Kindle):

<http://thecoldreadingcompany.co.uk/coldreading/>



Reviews by Payne

Secrets of Mind Reading and Telepathy Revealed

Donald D. Engstrand

\$15.99

Xlibris

<http://www.Xlibris.com/DonaldEngstrand.html>

Softbound 6" X 9" 60 pages

ISBN # 978-1-4415-3969-4

Reviewed by Payne

In the foreword to his opus Mr. Engstrand tells us that it is "written in a simplistic style with a minimum number of words". This he says was done to allow the reader to "focus on the effect" and allow them to create a presentation that will be a "reflection of their own personality rather than copying the presentation of other performers". An admirable endeavor which unfortunately in this case doesn't manage to hit the mark.

Unfortunately the style is too simplistic. The book reads more like the old "101 Easy Tricks You Can Do" pamphlet that was included in the old Adam's Magic Sets than a serious volume on the performance of mental magic.

Important details in the handling of certain effects are inadequately explained or pertinent details left out making some of the tricks unworkable as written. His explanation of the Gilbreath Principle leaves out an all important detail. At least one effect simply doesn't work at all.

Those that do work are far from being anywhere near the cutting edge of modern mentalism. Many fall into the old "Think of a number. Add seven to it. Divide it by twelve. Subtract your original number. You're number is eighteen" category.

Of the 29 effects in the book eight of them are card tricks. Half of the remaining 21 feats fall more into the category of impromptu or bar bet stunts than routines one would actually include in a formal presentation mental magic.

Apart from a progressive anagram lifted from T. A. Waters "Mind Myth & Magic" none of the material contained in the book is credited. But this really isn't an issue since a great deal of it is in the public domain. The old 1089 prediction trick is in there as well as the workings of a very, very basic magic square. There really is nothing in the book that the average mentalist would already not be familiar with. Which presents the publisher of this thin volume with a bit of a quandary. Since the book is too "simply" written to be of much use to the novice performer yet contains little if any information of value to the serious performer. There really is no viable market for this book that I can see.

PORTLAND MAGIC JAM

Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday 'till 4pm.

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Magic Shops in the Area

Below is a list of the Magic shops in the Area. None have paid for this listing and if anybody knows of others let me know and I will list them.

Seattle's Market Magic Shop

Pikes Place Market
1501 Pike Place #427
Seattle, WA 98101

www.marketmagicshop.com

(A store that many know about. In existence for 30 years)

Terjung's Studio of Gifts

4547 Calif. Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98116

(This is a gift store with a counter in the back where they sell magic)

Lakewood Costumes

5932 Lake Grove ST SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

<http://www.clownshop.com>

(Mainly Costumes and Clown items, they have a counter where they sell magic)

Dave's Killer Magic Shop

910 NE Minnehaha St. Ste 1
Vancouver, WA 98665
1-888-360-6244

Brian Cook's

WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM

Seattle Juggling and Magic Shop

9460 Rainier Ave South,
Seattle, WA 98118
206-859-8363

<http://SeattleJuggling.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/SeattleMagicShop>

Magical happenings

That's Impossible

Tim Flynn is looking for performers, If interested contact Tim at 206-290-7767 or on Facebook at notification+khiuhkim@facebookmail.com

Magic Monday! Magic Monday is an hour of magic, conjuring, & prestidigitation which stars magicians from the Northwest region on the second Monday of each month.

Location: Ravenna Third Place Books in the Ravenna neighborhood of Seattle.

6504 20th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA. Time: 7-8pm

Magic Monday is not only a great place to see local magicians doing what they do best; it is also a great place for YOU to perform. It happens the second Monday of each month. If you want to hone your magic skills, get in touch with Mark Paulson, the producer of this venue (mark2061@yahoo.com). It is a wonderful chance to perform for an appreciative audience. It's been standing room only all year.

The April 14 Magic Monday will have the following performers:

Mark Paulson

Jim Earnshaw

Philemon Vanderbeck

Master Payne

If you wish to perform contact Mark at:

mark2061@yahoo.com or on Facebook at

<http://www.facebook.com/thirdplacebooksmagicmonday?fref=ts>

The PCAM (Pacific Coast Association of Magicians) 2014 convention will be held in Vancouver (British Columbia, Canada) and will continue with the tradition of being the biggest and best annual convention on the West Coast. As usual, the convention will run on the August long weekend, beginning the afternoon/evening of Thursday July 31st and wrapping up the evening of Sunday August 3rd.

Hosted by Mike Norden and Gord Boyes (Norden & Gordon Productions) who are working hard to make this one of the best conventions you've attended.

Register early so you don't miss out on....

- Two Evening Shows
- 6 Awesome Lectures
- 12 Workshops
- Exciting competitions
- The Magical Lunch
- Dealers Room
- Fun & Games

2014 will be known as "**The Year of the Workshops**" with a total of 12 workshops covering a variety of topics, something for everyone!

There will be all the usual PCAM competitions, with the Children's Entertainer and the Comedy Magic being performed in front of a public audience.

And don't miss out on the Sunday Awards Luncheon and Show, with

"Normondo the Great"

Ladies and gentlemen, introducing Normondo the Great! Normondo is one of the many hilarious and sometimes educational character creations of comic magician Norm Barnhart.

<http://normbarnhart.aces-show.biz/normondo.html>

Tickets to the Awards Luncheon and Show are just \$20



Visit www.PCAM2014.com to register RIGHT NOW!

The whole School of Scoundrels

Pop Haydn, Bob Sheets, Chef Anton

PLUS

Gregory Wilson, Norm Barnhart, Bob Fitch, Bruce Kalver, Dan Harlan, Brian Anderson, Amanda O'Leary, Sterling Dietz, Mike Norden And MORE!

Did we mention BOTH IBM and SAM current Presidents will BOTH be there??

Shawn Farquhar, Ice MacDonald

Again – go sign up at www.PCAM2014.com and save some money today. This way you can guarantee you get the WORKSHOPS that you want! We appreciate your support!

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Saturday April 27, 2013

7:30 - 9:00	Registration: Pick Up Notebook & Magic Store Open 7:30 AM-10 PM	
8:45 - 9:00	Welcome and Introductions	
9:00 - 10:00	Entertaining Pre-Schoolers	Dave Risley
10:30 - 11:30	Performing for Birthday Parties	DJ Ehler
11:30 - 12:30	Family Fun Shows	Steve Kissell
12:30 - 2:00	Lunch with a new friend	
2:00 - 3:00	Educational Table Sessions: Hands On	STEVE / DAVE / DJ
3:00 - 4:00	Twisting for Cash	DJ Ehler
4:00 - 5:00	Creating Theme Shows	Dave Risley
5:00 - 6:00	Q & A: Networking	
6:00 - 8:00	Dinner on Your Own	
8:00 - 9:00	Hilarious Staff Show	

Sunday April 28, 2013

7:30 - 9:00	Registration & Magic Store Open 7:30 AM-9:00 PM	
8:45 - 9:00	Welcome and Introductions	
9:00 - 10:00	Performing for Young Children	Dave Risley
10:30 - 11:30	50 Performance Tips for Entertainers	Steve Kissell
11:30 - 12:30	Capturing the Corporate Market	DJ Ehler
12:30 - 2:00	Lunch on your own with an old friend	
2:00 - 3:00	Educational Table Sessions: Hands On	STEVE/DAVE/DJ
3:00 - 4:00	Storytelling With Puppets	Dave Risley
4:30 - 5:30	Student Performance & Critique	Participants
5:00 - 6:00	Q & A: Networking	
6:00 - 7:00	Dinner on Your Own	
7:00 - 8:00	America's Funniest Magician Contest with Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd <i>You must be registered for both days to compete.</i>	
8:00 - 9:00	Battle of the Magicians	

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&
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WHEN: May 3rd, 2014 at 4:00pm
WHERE: Shawn O'Donnell's, 122-128th ST SW, Everett
RESERVATIONS: 360-652-5779
info@brucemeyers.com

Note: Reserve now! This has sold out in past years