

The Northwest Ring of Fire

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Secretary's Message

Greetings from your secretary, Craig Colombel. If you know of any magic events or performances or are performing yourself let me know and I will place it into the newsletter. If you want to see your name in print write up something with a magic theme, send it to me and I will place it in the newsletter. I am looking for articles for the newsletter. You can help make this a great newsletter.

President's Message

A message from your President Master Payne

So here it is September already. Hope everyone had a great time at the Club Picnic. We've got lectures coming up, and of course our Day O' Magic\Tri-cities convention as well. So I hope everyone has marked their calendars accordingly and are planning on attending these events. We are lucky here in Lynnwood to have events such as this to attend. Growing up in Central Washington as I did there was never any magic events to go to apart from the yearly show Stan Kramien put on for the local Elk's Lodge. We almost have a full slate of officers for our club as well. These will be announced at the next meeting and published in the October Newsletter. So if you really want to know who the next President of your club is going to be you better make your way to the Blue Ridge Fire Department this Thursday.

MAGIC Live was a couple of weeks ago and it was great to see several of our club members in attendance there. I am also happy to report that our club was also represented in the line up as one of our members gave a very well received talk at one of the General Sessions while another had a line of products for sale in the dealers room. Not too many clubs can lay claim to that.

So for a complete run down on everything that happened at MAGIC Live and the Club Picnic make your way to the next meeting

August 2011 Meeting:

Business portion: There was an announcement that the October meeting will be at the other firehouse. A reminder for members to take advantage of the club library. Congratulations were given to the Ring of Smoke for their performances and winning of trophies at PCAM. There was a report on Magic Mondays the last one had a full house and they are looking for performers.

There was an update on the Tri-Cities/Day of Magic convention coming up.

The cost of the convention is \$65 until September 15th then it goes to \$85 and at the door it will be \$95. The Saturday show only will cost \$10 for the general public. It will be held at the Everett Performing Arts Center except for the Friday show which will be at Shawn O'Donnell's. Performing on the Saturday show will be David Regal, Shawn Farquhar, Oscar Munoz, Christopher Bange, and Matt Baker. More information on the Ring of Fire Website.

Everyone was reminded of the club's picnic at Bruce and Jennifer Meyers house on Labor day.

Magic portion: Jeff Dial did a demo on the handling of a silk routine. He demonstrated how to tie and untie the silks for a sympathetic silk routine. He showed some moves on how to tie and untie without the audience seeing.

Ron performed "Diamond Jim Penny Paradox" Set up a square with 10 coins in each row, have the spectator place a new coin anywhere they like and after some movement of the coins there was still 10 coins in each row. This was repeated 4 times.

Fred first talked about how he and Payne and some others are doing a round robin in the reading of IBIN(sp?) magazine. It was a magazine full of magic of the highest level. He then performed a trick from the magazine. Where he showed both sides of a set of blank cards, while he recited a Shel Silverstein poem. After the poem's end he then show that the words of the poem was now written on the cards.

Dick Ptask performed a card trick where the chosen card disappeared from the deck and ended up on his forehead.

George Zauk did a poker trick where the spectator could chose his own cards and at the end even though the spectator had a high hand the magician had a better one.

Mark did a mind reading and prediction effect where he guess the card the spectator was thinking of and then showed that it was the only red card in a blue deck.

Payne gave a demo of a card effect talk about how many permutations can be in a card deck. He then showed a card with a large number on the back. Using that number he found the chosen card and on the back of the card with the large number was the words predicting that a particular card would be chosen.

Samuel performed a trick where he demonstrated that he could alter perceptions. He worked with three spectators had each pick and card and found them by three different methods. The first was a rising card, the next was a haunted deck where the card shot out of the deck and the last card was written on the sharpie he used.

After the meeting some of the members went to Maddox for refreshment and more magic. Come to the meetings a place where you can talk magic and perform that trick you are working on without fear. Remember the Club's motto is "This may or may not work"

REPORT ON THE RING OF FIRE PICNIC

**The picnic was held at Bruce and Jennifer Meyers house, again they were our gracious hosts
Thanks Bruce and Jennifer**

Fabulous!

Didn't think we could top last year's picnic for fun but I think we did because of all of you! The sun smiled and sent its mystic rays and warmth down to the shores of Crabapple Lake. Special thanks to all of the performers both competitors and those who generously regaled us all with their magic. The swap meet was great and mysterious magic was bought & sold.

And of course, again a BIG thanks to the Ring of Fire for a great picnic!

Here are the award winners:

The Golden Barbecued Rib Award -- Alex Seaman & Billy Bales

Best Use of Left or Right Foot -- Charlie Russo

Mystery Award -- Charlie Russo

Meyers Award (for going over time) -- James Hanson

Best Junior Presentation -- Josh Cizek

Clever Presentation Award -- Brianna Carlson

Dropped Zombie Award -- Logan Earle

Congratulations to you all!

Special thanks to the non-competing performers:

Steve Dickson

Crystal Sinclair

Danny Dragon

Ray Roch

Most Sincerely;

Bruce & Jennifer Meyers

EXTRAS

Magic Mondays

What is Magic Mondays. It is a venue where you can perform in front of real people(not other magicians) and find out in the real world how your act is received. It is held once a month on Monday(surprise) and you will perform on a small stage in front of a family audience. It is a free performance but a great chance to hone your skills in front of a appreciative audience. It is reported that there is usually a full house It is held at Third Place Books in Ravenna in Seattle. They are always looking for Magicians to perform, if interested send a email to fredrick@blarg.net or call Fred at 206-304-1088. You be glad you did.