

# The Northwest Ring of Fire

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## Words from the Secretary

**Craig Colombel**

Secretary 2013 – [accolombelzipcon.com](http://accolombelzipcon.com)

Greetings from your secretary, Craig Colombel. 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](mailto:accolombel@zipcon.com).

## President's Message

**Jeff Dial -President 2013**

Greetings NW Ring of Fire,

At the moment of this writing there are no emergencies planned that would preclude the attendance of your president at the meeting this coming Thursday. I plan on being there and it could be a full meeting.

The theme this month is **One is the Loneliest Number – Tricks using the one ahead Principle**. Docc Hilford when listening to all the explanations laymen have for the cups and balls (trick cups, fast sleight of hand, misdirection) summarized the heart of the method as “we have an extra ball”. Having something already done or known in advance is a powerful and mystifying tool in the magician’s arsenal. Let’s see what you can come up with.

This month I hope to present my long overdue teach-in on the Gilbreath Principle, Mark Paulson may be presenting his recently postponed teach-in on Chink-a-Chink, and we may have a report back from the McBride weekend from Ring of Smoke member, Shiah Sarkowsky. (I am currently out of town and off the internet grid this weekend and do not have all the assurances and names I need.)

Coming up November 8-10 is the Three of Clubs convention in Vancouver (actually Colquillum, but I can’t spell it). If you have never been to a magic convention, this is a good introduction. The folks in Vancouver do a good job, there is lots of magic, and great people to meet. The NWRP will be hosting the Friday evening show. It looks like we have a line up from the club set. Thanks to those who have volunteered.

A wonderful opportunity is yours at this month’s meeting. I have started to clean out my magic closet and will be recycling many items. Everything is free for the taking and may not be of much value, but in the right hands there are things that are quite good (ask about an appearing pizza), they just don’t fit me anymore or maybe never did. This is indeed a once in a lifetime opportunity and they will never be seen again. Plans for the club picnic are in the works. There should be an update at the meeting.

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## June 2013 MEETING

**June's theme was Prop-Position Me** – Show and tell night. Bring a prop with you are particularly enamored, perform or demonstrate it.

The night started out with Craig Colombel showing off the confetti bowls that he refurbish. He demo the confetti bowls by scooping up red and green confetti and producing a bowl full of roses. He then asked for some help on developing a full routine.

Leo Kanzelberger showed off his homemade balls for the cups and balls routine, doing a routine that used 2 cups. He then discussed how to make the pom-pom balls for the cups and balls routine. Using instructions, he got from Tommy wonder.

Payne demoed some of the routines that he will be using for his library shows that will have an Alice in Wonderland theme. One prop was a book that had a low, but doesn't see rabbit that was developed by Silly Billy called "Peek a Boo Bunny". Payne redesigned the prop to fit the Alice in Wonderland theme. He showed another routine that was based on the British game called cakes and ladders or snake and ladders and it was about an un-birthday cake. The next routine was a variation of "Picture Fun", which he redesign using Charles Dobson picture and staying with that Alice in Wonderland theme.

He also talked about the other props. He was developing for to show. Payne did lead a discussion on performing discussing stage lights, vents, volunteers, audience abuse and the difference between abusing the volunteer and playing with the volunteer. We also talked about how to read the audience.

In the business portion of the meeting we discussed the Ring of Fire picnic and the fact that the "3 of Clubs" convention will be sponsored by us next year and will need fundraisers to put it on.

Payne showed us five Chinese coins with two shells and one jumbo coin to match; he also had an impossible tennis ball inside a small milk bottle and a deck of cards inside a small milk bottle. He borrowed a dollar and said he was going to show another impossible item in a bottle. He tore a quarter of the dollar and gave the piece to the person who loaned him the dollar and vanished the dollar. His impossible bottle was a soda bottle with a straw in it. He removed the cap and removed the straw. The cap was replaced and then the straw was inserted back into the bottle by passing through the cap. He once again removed the straw from the bottle and tore the straw up with the borrowed dollar inside the straw.

There was a request for person to chair the club picnic. . Anyone who wishes to help contact me at my email. And we also voted to donate \$150 to send a member of the ring of smoke to the Jeff McBride experience.

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>

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

## President's Message continued

Next month our theme is **You've Got Mail – Effects with envelopes, stamps, mail boxes, etc.** And maybe some teach-ins we did not get to in July.

Jeff

PS I did get back on the internet to meet my deadline with Craig.

If you've never been to a magic convention consider attending the 3 of Clubs Weekend in Vancouver, BC. The NWRF will be entertaining in the Friday evening show. The web site for registration is:

<http://www.ibmring92.com/tri-city-convention/index.php>

and the Facebook page is:

[http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/485766131446772/53702524653132/?notif t=plan\\_mall\\_activity](http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/485766131446772/53702524653132/?notif t=plan_mall_activity)

## Reviews by Payne

### Inversion

Andrew Mayne

DVD

Learn to create a balloon tied on the inside

Shock Magic

<http://www.andrewmayne.com/shop/>

Price \$14.95

Inversion is the latest oddity from the prolific and ever inventive Andrew Mayne. I hesitate to use the word "trick" as, at least to my jaded eyes, it really doesn't appear to be one. But decide for yourself. The bare bones effect is thus. The magician brings out a standard party balloon which has been pre inflated. He then, with as much magical aplomb as he can possibly muster, proceeds to pull off and cleanly vanish the balloon's nozzle. The now nozzle-less yet curiously still inflated balloon is quickly (and rather unconvincingly) rotated all around in the magician's hands to show its new and presumably impossible state. A portion of the balloon is now grabbed and magically manipulated to form a new nozzle. This new nozzle is then pressed into the balloon creating an impossible object. A balloon which has been tied from the inside.

In the right time and place this could be a reputation maker. Do this to one of the balloons festooning the decorations at a party and could you have a veritable miracle on your hands. Especially if you give the impossibly tied balloon away so they can take it home and show their friends and family. Presented in a show where you just pull a previously inflated balloon out of a bag and it simply becomes a clever trick -- or worse yet, a puzzle to be pondered. Which is why I think this is far better suited as a bar bet or a demonstration of a strange and esoteric skill than a mysterious unexplainable illusion. You do actually tie a knot on the inside of a balloon and the gyrations you go through to accomplish this are I feel are far more interesting than the effect of supposedly magically removing and reinstalling the latex sphere's nozzle. Even a presentation using two balloons built around demonstrating the different types of belly buttons, inies and outies, could be highly entertaining -- Your helper tying one with the traditional outie but you managing to create one with an inie.

But, of course it's up to you to decide which tack you want to take, Dark Master of the Rubber Orb or Balloon Manipulator Extraordinaire. It's entirely up to you.

However be forewarned. This ain't easy. The hour I was willing to devote to try and learn this skill brought me no closer to acquiring it than I had at the beginning of the endeavor. I know an hour is far too short a length of time to fully develop this esoteric skill and I more than likely would have devoted more time to the project had I not run out of balloons. Perhaps next time I'm at the party store I'll stock up on a bag or two and give it another go. Mr. Mayne himself admits that it took him many days and several hundred balloons to develop the knack and become proficient tyre of internal knots that he is today. If only he had used these powers for the forces of good.

So if you've got a long weekend coming up, a gross or two of balloons to practice on and a stack of DVD's to watch while attempting to master this new skill you too could become a member of a very small and exclusive club of magicians who can tie a knot on the inside of a balloon.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2013 NWRP Meeting Themes

July – **One is the Loneliest Number** – Tricks using one ahead Principle.

August – **You've Got Mail** – Effects with envelopes, stamps, mail boxes, etc.

September – **Make a Beautiful Noise** – Magic set to music.

October – **I'm Not Dead Yet** – Themed magic around life, death, and the undead.

November – **Why Don't You Just Read the Directions?** – Effects requiring the spectator(s) to follow your directions.  
**Lesson** – False calls, multiple outs, redefining what happened.

December – **Liar, Lair, Pants on Fire** – Application of false calls, multiple outs, and redefining.

**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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**Reports from the "Ring of Smoke" the youth group associated with our club. Everyone should make a try to attend one of their meetings. A great group of young magicians.**

The Ring of Smoke meeting on July 7 was very well attended. Bruce gave a detailed presentation of the use of doves during performances and included some very funny (as well as scary) stories about the use of animals during performances. He discussed how much audiences loved the use of animals, but also how important the care and wellbeing of the animals is, to both the magician and audience. The group was also very fortunate to have a free lecture by none other than Seattle's leading mentalist, Lance Campbell! Lance did a great job of teaching the kids the difference between mentalism and how it can be used in performances in contrast to mental tricks, which focus more on the trick itself, or items used for the trick. Lance provided great insight into the incorporation of mentalism into a variety of areas of magic and taught the group some very entertaining mentalism. After the discussion, the kids did a lot of jamming and enjoyed, with Leo and Ben performing a number of close up card magic, while Elliott and Otto worked on Fakini/multiplying ball routines.

Ben and Marty

## 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mark2061@yahoo.com)). It is a wonderful chance to perform for an appreciative audience. It's been standing room only all year.

July 8: JR Russell, Jim Earnshaw, Larry Dimmitt, Master Payne, and Mark Paulson as MC.

August 12: Brian Cook MC, Jeff Christensen, others to be announced.

### Notes To Self

By Phil Reda

Hope everyone had a great 4th. These are my notes to self as I read the Classic "Magic And Showmanship". This is a meaty read and find that I have to re-read the chapters to fully grasp the concepts. Many say this is an outdated book and in some ways it might be but it is an eye opener - I just wished I had read it years ago.

This little article is reflecting back on chapter 3 - "The Measure of Meaning". On page 37 there is a little exercise that helps form an outline of the effect you are working on. It is actually four simple questions that help identify the major areas of the effect and once identified give you a skeleton on which to drape a presentation around.

1. Who is involved? You need to identify all the personalities involved. For example in a pick a card trick the people involved would be the performer and the person picking the card.
2. What power is being displayed? For example is this a mind reading effect, gambling demonstration etc.
3. What is the purpose or why? I submit this is we're most effect fall short they do not have a purpose. Is the purpose to prove the hand is quicker than the eye as in a gambling demonstration or in the mind reading effect are you really able to read minds? If you look at most tricks - as cool as they are - what's the point? And this is a critical question.
4. How is the power proved - what is the proof- in the gambling demonstration I am able to deal myself a winning hand every time. In the mind reading effect maybe I made a prediction.

As an exercise the book recommends to take each of your tricks that you perform and try to answer each of the four questions. It also works well when watching a demo tape.

On another note - buried within the pages are some interesting tricks that Mr. Nelms uses as an example for the different principles discussed. My copy is already getting marked up and dog eared.

Until next time



MAGIC



SHOWS!



LECTURES!



FUN!



SHOWS  
SURPRISES!



- TWO EVENING SHOWS • AWESOME LECTURES •
- THE SORCERER'S SOCIAL • THE MAGICAL LUNCH •
- DEALER ROOM • AND MORE •

**LOCATION** — Your convention committee is hard at work negotiating the best deal they can to not only get the best venue with all the amenities required, but also the best room rates for attendees.

**SOUVENIR T-SHIRT**—Once again we will be producing a Souvenir T-Shirt for our Convention, which will include the names of everyone registered by October 15th. T-Shirts are \$20 each (all sizes). Don't be disappointed, pre-order yours now!

**SATURDAY EVENING DINNER & SHOW**—Tentative plans have been made for a BUFFET DINNER at 6:00 pm on Saturday evening. Seating for this event is limited so be sure to sign up early. The cost will be \$30 per person. Price includes an exclusive DINNER MAGIC SHOW that only those attending the dinner will get to see. Please reserve your place prior to the Weekend if you are interested in taking part.

For more information call Mike Norden at 604-916-9879

**REGISTER ON LINE AT:** [www.ibmring92.com](http://www.ibmring92.com)  
or mail this registration form with total amount due.

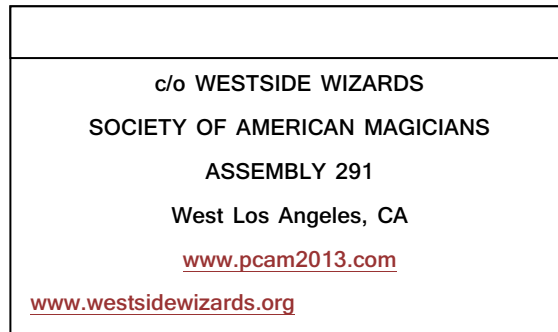
**NOTE:** Canadian & American funds at par.

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## Performers and Lectures Announced for PCAM 2013

*The Pacific Coast Association of Magicians event will be held in Burbank*

BURBANK, Calif. (**For immediate release – 6/1/13**) – Magicians from all over the world will gather Aug. 1-4 in Burbank for the 80th anniversary of the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians (PCAM) convention. The Society of American Magicians, Assembly 291 (also known as the Westside Wizards from Venice, CA), will host the event at the Burbank Marriott Hotel.

The PCAM hosts an annual convention for professional, semi-professional and amateur magicians to learn, practice, and perform magic. Approximately 200 attendees from the United States, as well as Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Canada are expected.

Performing at the convention will be Shawn Farquhar (Canada), Andrew Goldenhersh, Rob Zabrecky, Jimmy H, David Gabbay, Paul Green, Tim Mannix, Ice McDonald, and Trevor and Lorena Watters (Canada).

Lectures will include Max Maven, David Regal, Howard Hamburg, Shawn Farquhar, Ice McDonald, David Gabbay, Tim Mannix and Paul Green.

The convention kicks off on August 1<sup>st</sup> with a 'Tribute to the Larsen Family', honoring the LA-based family responsible for creating the world famous Magic Castle, a private club for magicians, which is celebrating it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

One of the most popular activities at the convention will be magic competitions in a variety of categories: stage magic (adult, junior, juvenile); platform magic (adult, junior); comedy magic (adult, junior, juvenile); mentalism (adult); and children's magic (adult, junior, juvenile). One award also will be given out in each of the following categories: best assistant, outstanding showmanship and presentation, and most novel or innovative.

Attendees will have a chance to win a year's free membership to the Magic Castle, hundreds of dollars of magical gear and a special drawing for four tickets to the David Copperfield show in Las Vegas which includes a meet & greet with the master magician. Travel and accommodations not included.

Founded in 1933, the PCAM convention is held in a different city on the Pacific Coast each year. The last time the convention was held in Los Angeles County was 1981. The convention hotel, Burbank Marriott, is conveniently located by the Burbank Bob Hope International Airport, will offer a special rate for registrants. Early registration is highly recommended.

To find out more information about the convention or to register online, go to [pcam2013.com](http://pcam2013.com).

# PCAM 2013 IS IN BURBANK, CA! ...and time is running out to register!

REGISTER ONLINE at <http://PCAM2013.com>  
or email [registration@pcam2013.com](mailto:registration@pcam2013.com) for more information.

Pacific Coast Association of Magicians  
is celebrating its 80th convention! *And you're invited!*

## August 1-4, 2013

Los Angeles Marriott @ Burbank (Bob Hope) Airport,  
2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505



Near the World Famous Magic Castle, Universal Studios and the Hollywood Walk of Stars!

\* Max Maven \* Trevor and Lorena Watters \* Ice McDonald \* Tim Mannix \* Howard Hamburg \*  
\* David Gabbay \* Paul Green \* Larsen Family Tribute \* James "Jimmy H" Holguin \*  
\* Andrew Goldenhersh \* Shawn Farquhar \* Rob Zabrecky \* David Regal \* and even more! \*

Three Days of  
Lectures & Shows!  
Dealers' Room!  
Raffle to Win 4 V.I.P. Tickets to  
meet and greet **David Copperfield**  
and see his Las Vegas Show!  
Contests for Youth and Adults!  
Compete for Prizes!  
Late Night  
Jam Sessions  
with Jon  
Armstrong!  
Hotel Rooms  
at \$139/night!



\*You must be present to win and raffle tickets are only available to PCAM 2013 attendees. This prize will be awarded at the Sunday Luncheon.

### 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](http://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](http://WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM)

[accolombel@zipcon.com](mailto:accolombel@zipcon.com)

Diamond Jim Tyler has offered to donate some material from his upcoming book Bamboozlers Three. For the next couple of months I will print them here. More information on the book can be found at [www.diamond-jim.com/originals](http://www.diamond-jim.com/originals) Bamboozlers- The Book of Bankable Bar Betchas, Brain Bogglers, Belly Busters & Bewitchery: Volume Three by Diamond Jim Tyler is due out June of 2013.

Expect the same classy style pocket-sized book. It contains 75 effects with over 100 illustrations and is bound in green faux leather, with silver gilt edges, silver foiled stamping and has a ribbon marker. The foreword of the book is by Mac King. The book will be sold exclusively at [www.diamond-jim.com/originals](http://www.diamond-jim.com/originals) for \$19.95.

## GAME OF 31

**BET:** This is a variation of Nim that uses six pieces of paper numbered one through six. Explain that you will take turns with someone by pointing to the numbers and keep a tally of the points. The first one to hit 31 wins. No one is allowed to point to the same number that has just been chosen. Also, similar to blackjack, you cannot go over 31.

**SECRET:** If you have any knowledge of Nim, then you know there is a special sequence to abide by. If you know the special numbers involved then you will always win. The key numbers for the game of 31 are (3, 10, 17 and 24). Once you hit one of these magic numbers you are home free.

If your opponent goes first and chooses a number then simply pick a number that adds up to one of the special sequence numbers. For example if they point to the number 4, then you'll want to point to the number 6 so you'll hit one of the sequence numbers (10). After that, once they've chosen another number, you should pick the number, that when added to theirs equals seven. For example, if they point to 5 then you would choose the 2 because it adds up to the third number in the sequence (17). Keep doing this and you will ultimately win.

If they want you to go first then simply choose the number 3 to begin and you will have already won! Play out the game by making your total selections equal seven and you'll always triumph.

If you don't have a piece of paper handy, then think on your feet and use sugar packets, coasters, napkins or business cards. If there is a deck of cards nearby then you could use the cards numbered ace through six. Better yet, fork over three one-dollar bills and have your friend do the same and write the numbers on the back of the bills. Suggest that whoever hits 31 first keeps all the money.

If they are foolish enough to take your bet, say something comforting like, *"I don't know what is going on in your head. It's like there are two monkeys inside there and only one banana."*

