

The Northwest Ring of Fire

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Words from the Secretary

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Greetings from your secretary, Craig Colombel. I am trying a new format for the newsletter. Let me know if you like it.

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.

President's Message

Jeff Dial

President 2012

Greeting from the NW Ring of Fire. Just a reminder that the theme of our meeting this month is "**Cups and/or Balls**", a theme conceived and approved by the membership. It should be interesting. Also, the July meeting is the Ring of Smoke invitational. We have extended a special invitation to all the ROS members (the local youth magic club) to attend our meeting. We will open the doors early at 6:30 to provide some additional hang out time. And as a special attraction, Phil Reda, will be presenting a workshop on the Brainwave Deck. Phil is a club member who has been on hiatus from the club, but not from magic. It should be a fun meeting.

Thanks to Jim for filling in for me last month. My daughter is married and things are back to a bit of normalcy.

Looking ahead we have a picnic coming up in September that you should be receiving an update on at the meeting. The theme for **August is "Fred Sanford Night" (Bring your worst magic purchase and perform it)**. Those of us that have just attended the PCAM we might just have some fresh material. Also check the website for all the upcoming lectures.

Keep enjoying the summer.

Magically,
Jeff Dial
NWRP President

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June 2012 MEETING

June Meeting theme was Dai Vernon Night
We started out with a Teach a Trick by Danny Dragon- He was demoing and teaching the Elmsly Count with a follow up with the Jordon's count. He showed different variations and demonstrated with Twisting the Aces. He informed us that the description of the counts could be found in Dai Vernon's Inner Card Trilogy by Ganson and Card College Vol 2. The audience gave their own suggestions in performing the counts and variations and where descriptions could be found.

During performance time

Jim Rodgers did a version of Twisting the Aces using the Queens.

Bennett Haselton performed mentalism first trying to guess a song that a person was thinking of during a particular day and time. He then wrote down the song and it was a miss. But he then pull from an envelope a photograph of a digital clock showing that the picture was taken at the exact time and day the person was thinking of the song. This was a commercial effect called Alarmed.

Danny Dragon told us about a friend of his an inventor named (Quincy Kumquat)who is no longer with us, killed in an accident with a milking machine that he invented that was set to blow rather than suck and the cow exploded.

His friend invented the key chain of life, which had a coin holder attached to it. This was before cell phones and a person could put a quarter in the holder to use in an emergency at a pay phone. He borrowed a quarter and had the person initial it and place the quarter in the coin holder. He then showed that the quarter could be kept safe by impaling the quarter with the key. When needed one just remove the key from the quarter and remove the quarter whole and in good condition from the key holder.

Ralph Huntzinger did a show and tell of a couple illusions. The first was a small wooded model of an illusion he is looking to build. The plan is the person goes into a box and the box is disassembled and the person has vanished. The illusion is based on a plan from the book Technique and Understanding by Steinmeyer. Next he showed an arm chopper built by Owens and a head Chopper built by Babcock. He then performed his RenFair routine with the head chopper.

Mark Paulson brought out a clear folder filled with cards with names from literature on them. He had as spectator chose one and he then read the

spectators mind and cut out a silhouette of whom he thought it was. He then asked what the name on the card was, it was Sherlock Holmes and showed the silhouette, and it was Sherlock Holmes silhouette.

Remember come to the meetings and see and learn magic. Also enjoy great company and do a trick. The meetings are a great place to practice that new routine. Here you can goof and learn. The Club's unofficial motto is: "This may or may not work"

We also have a great library that everyone should take advantage of.

After the performances the meeting was adjourned and those that wanted to went to Maddox's for refreshments.

If anyone wants to add to the meeting notes send to me and I will add in the next newsletter. My email address is at the bottom of each page of the newsletter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2012

July – “Déjà vu Night” – The same effect all night long. A chance to see and perform the same trick. (Cups and Balls.)
Performance and workshop.

August – “Fred Sanford Night” – Bring your worst magic purchase and perform it.
Workshop TBD.

September – John Ramsey Night – Tricks with food, groceries, and all things supermarket. Workshop TBD.

October – Theodore Annemann Night – Mentalism and things bizarre. Workshop TBD

November – “Some Assembly Required” – Show and Tell tricks you needed to put together, find parts for, or build. Or just an unusual prop you’d like to show off.

December – “I’ve Never Really Done this Kind of Thing Before.” – You’ve had all year to get ready, now do something you’ve wanted to do, but never have.

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

<http://www.nwringoffire.com/index.html>

Once again Payne has been willing to share his reviews he writes for MUM. Thank you Payne for your generosity

Bottles

Multiplying Bottle Routine
Paul Romhany

Reviewed by Payne

One of the complaints one frequently hears about learning magic off of a DVD is that it promotes blatant mimicry. Many feel that the seemingly endless stream of Tabaray’s, Amar’s or Sankey’s that we see parading through your average magic club meeting or magicians competition is due to this magician see magician do mimicking the instructor’s presentations. It would be nice to say that Paul Romhany has come up with a solution to this problem with his multiplying bottle routine DVD, but he hasn’t. In fact, he’s exacerbated the issue by including with the instructional DVD a CD that has a scripted soundtrack to perform to.

Yes, this is the Banana\Bandana version of the multiplying bottles trick. Not that it’s a bad routine. It’s serviceable enough and in the right hands it could even be a reasonable interlude to include in ones performance. It’s basically the Ken Brooke version of the trick with all the requisite stock lines and typical bits of business. Thus, if you’re looking for an original take on this classic routine one should keep looking as there is very little in the way of originality here.

The routine requires your standard multiplying bottles setup – three sets of three nested bottles, two tubes and two glasses. Pop the audio CD into a player and you’re ready to go. Not only will you be doing Mr. Rohmany’s routine exactly like he does, but exactly like everyone else who has purchased this DVD as well. And thus is the crux of the problem with routines of this ilk. They are basically paint by numbers magic. Everybody’s end result is pretty much the same because you’ve tied your routine to a soundtrack which allows for very little leeway in the matter of self expression or originality. Karaoke allows for more self expression as at least there you have a chance to interpret the lyrics. Here, you’ve basically allowed yourself to become a trained monkey dancing to the tune of someone else’s barrel organ.

MAGICAL HAPPENINGS

Bruce Meyers will be performing at Club Hollywood on Friday June 15th at 7:30pm . The address is 16716 Aurora Ave N in Shoreline. You can get a Prime rib dinner for \$9.95 with the show. This has been a regular monthly show for Bruce.

The Everett AquaSox Baseball team on July 1st will have "Bruce Meyers Magic Day" during the game.

July That's Impossible will be hosted by Tim Flynn, and the entire evening will be with Ron Stubbs a local hypnotist...

August We will open with Maritess Zurbano and close with Just Sage.

I haven't got a walk around performer yet.

That's Impossible is held once a month at Egan's Ballard Jam House,
1707 Northwest Market Street
Seattle, WA 98107
(206) 789-1621

Doors open at 6pm. The show begins at 7pm and goes to about 8:30.

Egan;s seats only 46 so reservations are highly recommended.

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

Magic Mondays at Third Place Books in Ravenna. Remember if you want flight time at the longest running magic show in the PNW, click reply and get on the boards.

All the best

Fredrick

If you want to perform at Monday Night Magic contact Fredrick at fredrick@blarg.net

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 other 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 were 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)

Information on the "Ring of Smoke"

The Ring of Fire and the Ring of Smoke is having a combined meeting on July 12th.

There will be an informal gathering at 6:30 for anyone that wanted to come early and "smooze". (An old phrase from the early days of the Lynnwood Magic Ring that means to hang out.)

For those who don't know the Ring of Smoke is the affiliated Youth Group for the Ring of Fire.

PCAM AUGUST 2-5 2012

A reminder to everyone that the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians annual convention will be coming up this August 2-5th 2012. It will be held at the Sea-Tac Marriott. It is a must see convention and if you haven't register do so post haste. I have my registration and will be there. Will You?

A lot a great talent will be there and fun to be have by all. More info at <http://pcam2012.com/> or at the club's website at www.nwringoffire.com. Poster below. Thanks to Brian Cook for putting this on.

PCAM 2012
magic at the end of the world
Sea-Tac Marriott August 2nd - 5th
Featuring the Magical Talents of

Eric Jones
Robert Stevens
Kainoa Harbottle
Jeff Mcleod
Rick Merrill
Farrel Dillon
FIELDING WEST
Chasing
Funney

Plus a once in a lifetime, not to be missed Panel Discussion with three Master Craftsmen Mel Babcock, Chance Wolf and Richard Gerlitz
As well as a yet to be announced all new \$500 Magic Contest
All early registrants will be entered in a drawing to win one of five seats in a special one on one session with Rick Merrill

Registration is \$185.00 Adults \$150.00 Spouses or Children
Prices to Increase June 5th

For futher information or to register see
www.pcam2012.com or e-mail Brian Cook at briancookmagic@msn.com