



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.

President's Message

Jim Rodgers -President 2014

None this month.

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May 2014 MEETING

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!

May meeting was magic bookworm night. The night to share your favorite books and maybe perform a trick from them.

In this section I will talk about the tricks performed and list the books shared at the end of the newsletter.

Danny Dragon performed a card routine inspired by the John Bannon book “High Caliber”. He talked about the 3Ms, moves, Misdirection and Money. Using a packet of 4 Aces of Spades, he demonstrated the moves with all of the cards starting face up then turning face down, misdirection with the backs of the cards all becoming different, and money with the cards changing to a Royal Flush.

The second routine had 4 Queens with blue backs. The spectator chose one of the queens (the Queen of Diamonds). The chosen card then was the only one reversed in the deck. In the second packet of cards the Queen of Diamonds was the only reversed card and the only blue back card in the red back packet and all the other cards were Jokers.

Leo Kanzelberger had a card chosen and lost in the deck. He then held the deck behind his back and try to find the card by his sense of touch. He missed finding the card (it was the 7 of clubs). When told what the card was he removed it from the deck and tore it into pieces. He kept one corner piece and vanished the rest. He then took another deck and removed the 7 of clubs and to the amazement of all the card was missing a corner, which the corner of the previous card matched.

Tom Payne showed us the items that he used performing magic when he was in high school. They were items for tricks that he did from the book “This is your Hobby”.

Craig Colombel performed a linking rope routine from Paul Curry book, the center of the ropes were looped together without the ends moving. This is the source of the Dean Dill box routine. While the ropes were still loop together he had the ends tied and proceeded to unlink the ropes.

Master Payne performed a prediction effect with hotel keys with X-men pictures, an 8 ball and cards. The prediction picture had a baby holding a card with the back to the audience. When turned around it match the prediction card folded and clipped by a bulldog clip, on a frame that was in full view from the beginning of the routine.

At the end of this newsletter is the list of books that people brought to share. See if your favorite is there or is there a few you would like to read and study.

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>

And also visit the clubs Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire/429616737105973>

Ring of Smoke Report

The Ring of Smoke has had a lot of activity in the last month. The Mystic Pasta annual dinner theater and awards ceremony took place on May 3 at Shawn O'Donnell's. Bruce, Jennifer, Zinger and others worked hard to make sure that the stage was set and that the kids were prepared for the great event. A number of magicians, including Ben, Leo, Elliott, Theo, Devin, Logan and Otto went from table to table doing outstanding close up magic prior to the dinner. The dinner was great as usual and followed by the awards:

Magician of The year: Elliott Hofferth

Close Up Magician of The Year: Leo Kanzelberger

Stage Magician of The Year: Elliott Hofferth
Shawn O'Donnell Community Service Award: Joshua Cizek

Sterling Dietz Award: Otto Miller

Mystery Award: Ben Eskenazi

Bud Staple Merlin Award: Zinger The Magick

Josh and Leo both helped Bruce out as emcees, and did a great job creating a fun and entertaining atmosphere for the magical evening. The kids then did individual stage performances that wowed the crowd. All in all, it was a wonderful night of magic. Hats off to Shawn O'Donnell's for being such great hosts and to Bruce (and Jennifer of course) for making sure that it happens successfully every year (and to Bruce for throwing in some magic and real tears as well)!

As if Mystic Pasta wasn't enough, the following day, Devin, Leo, Theo and Ben continued the magic jam in the upstairs of Shawn O'Donnell's, with Bruce and JR helping out. They worked primarily on card tricks and shared new moves as well as ideas. Devin did some work with magnets while Theo's dad explained the science behind it. A fun time was had by all!

Ben and Marty Eskenazi

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014 NWRP Meeting Themes

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.NWRPINGOFFIRE.COM/INDEX.HTML](http://www.nwrpingoffire.com/index.html)

FACEBOOK :

[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 NWRP (Northwest Ring of Fire) and send to:

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Something Of Interest

By Phil Reda

A couple of months ago I wrote a short blurb about the publications of Julian Moore, owner of coldreading.com – a UK based company. Since then I have purchased all of his booklets and would like to review them here. All of them are available on Amazon – both bound and Kindle (I purchased the Kindle versions) His publications center around cold reading and reading systems in general. If you have ever tried to learn a reading system or cold reading for that matter you know it can be a lot of work and some of the text are just down right boring and mind numbing. Enter Julian Moore. As the old adage goes “find a need fill a need”, he has done just that. He has simplified the whole learning process and has adopted memory techniques for easy recall. So lets dive in and look at his different publication (I have also included a links to Amazon for his publications)

1. **Palmistry - Palm Readings In Your Own Words (Speed Learning)**

This is one of the first books I would start with – it teaches a simplified Palm Reading method. The other thing it teaches is how to put together a reading in your own words. Comes with down loadable flash cards and an MP3 version of the booklet so you can listen to it on the go. Very enjoyable read and a very easy to learn system.

2. **The James Bond Cold Reading: A Re-Imagining of the 'Classic' Reading (Speed Learning)**

Now we are getting into cold reading – this publication teaches a basic cold reading method and uses the character of James Bond to remember the different aspects of cold reading. This is a stock reading system that hits all the personality profiles of both men and women. Also comes with flash card download

The above two booklets will give you a great start in giving a reading and while enhance the systems reviewed below. The next group of books are for different reading systems – they are all great and recommended. They are not in any particular order. The one I almost did not order was the Hand Writing analysis booklet – but I am glad I did

Speed Learning Cartomancy Fortune Telling With Playing Cards

This is a great book – the system laid out is very unique. He has you take an old deck of cards and write on them different memory ques. This has two benefits. First you converting the deck into a stack of flash cards. Second the deck can be used for a reading while learning the system. This system will take a while to completely learn but with the deck marked up it helps simplify and does not dilute the reading – in many ways it actually enhances it by allowing the participant to follow along. This is one of my favorite publications of his.

Numerology: Numbers Past And Present With The Lo Shu Squares

This is a very interesting reading system. You start out with a Magic Square. Then you take three personnel pieces of information – birth date, lucky number , and their cell phone number and create a personnel reading. I think this is a very versatile as well as intriguing reading. When you are finished they have a souvenir to keep – which could have your personnel information.

Star Signs: A Cool System For Remembering The Dates And Meanings Of The Twelve Signs Of The Zodiac

If you have ever tried to memorize the star sign dates and personnel characteristics based on their birth symbol then this is for you.

Graphology - The Art Of Handwriting Analysis

I almost passed on this – I am glad I made the purchase. You have your sitter right out a phrase -using just 10 letters. Based on this you give a personnel reading. At the end they have a souvenir with your information

These are great booklets and they are priced very well. Here is a link to all the booklets on Amazon. As I mentioned I have the KINDLE version on my IPAD .

http://www.amazon.com/Julian-Moore/e/B008RZ5CBM/ref=dp_byline_cont_book_1

Reviews by Payne

Mister Meech's Merged Mailouts

By Oliver Meech

\$15.68

<http://www.olivermeech.co.uk/>

E-book

Reviewed by Payne

Mister Meech's Merged Mailouts is precisely what the title implies. It is a compilation of 26 electronic newsletters that Mr. Meech published on a fortnightly (that's Bi-Monthly for us non Brits) basis for a year or so. The chief motivational factor for him to pursue such a literary endeavor was to publicize and promote his upcoming (but now released) book "The Plot Thickens". A fine tome of very original thinking I reviewed quite favorably in this very magazine sometime last year.

Mr. Meech assures us in his introduction that we will find "13 tricks, 13 ideas and 13 links, plus 26 updates covering (his) journey on the road to becoming a professional magician".

This statement is more or less true. There are 13 tricks, 13 ideas and 13 links – though a couple of the links no longer work. The 26 updates cover not so much his journey on becoming a professional magician but are more focused on pitching his new book "The Plot Thickens".

This isn't so much of an issue if one was reading this as a fortnightly published. However since you are more than likely going to read this is a sitting or two the constant reference to Mr. Meech's new book "The Plot Thickens" tends to get annoying. Nearly every Meech Mailout starts with an update about his recently released book "The Plot Thickens". So since each newsletter is only around four or five pages in length just as you finish reading one which starts out with a reference of some sort to "The Plot Thickens" you're suddenly hit up with another update in the next newsletter on just how well his new book "The Plot Thickens" is doing. Every so often there might be a bit about a show Mr. Meech just finished doing or a convention he might have attended. But even these anecdotes contain references to his newly released book "The Plot Thickens". He even publishes the reviews to his new book "The Plot Thickens" so we can read them for ourselves how much the reviewers enjoyed his book. Again not so troubling when reading about Mr. Meech's new book "The Plot Thickens" every two weeks or so, but slightly irritating when confronted with a reference to his just released book "The Plot Thickens" every few pages. In fact it is mentioned sixty-six times in this ninety-five page e-book

But if you can get past the constant chatter about his new book "The Plot Thickens" there is some fun stuff to be found here. Nothing earth shattering nor reputation making. But some clever bits of business the level of which one might expect to find in a compilation of newsletters whose real purpose was to promote his new book "The Plot Thickens".

There are six card tricks, a coin trick and a half dozen assorted and twisted thinking tricks we've come to expect from the mind of Mr. Meech. Of these five are close up wonders. Five are stand up effects and three impromptu feats. So there is at least one or three tricks here for most everyone. The thirteen ideas range from Method to Presentation and of course Creativity. I have already employed one of his ideas into my act to keep the spectator from trying to pull their selection out of my Jumbo Pop-eyed Popper deck when asked to choose a card. It works quite well and all I had to do was change a single word.

For the price it's a worthy addition to your magic e-book library and if you can get past the constant reference to his latest release "The Plot Thickens" a fun and enjoyable read.

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

Tim Flynn hosts a live magic show at Egan's Ballard Jam House, featuring a variety of local performers.

Reservations are \$10. It is best to book early by calling Egan's Ballard Jam House as it is an intimate setting and seating is limited to about 46. Doors open at 6pm and dinner at Egan's is excellent. [Click here for Egan's current Performance Calendar](#) 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.

June 9

Mark Paulson MC

Jim Earnshaw

Jeff Dial

JR Russell

Master Payne

July 14

Mark Paulson

Philemon Vanderbeck

Michael Jacobs

Master Payne

If you wish to perform contact Mark at:

mark2061@yahoo.com or on Facebook at

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

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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!



Tyler Wilson & Chris Mayhew: Saturday, June 21st, 2014 at 2:00 PM At Shawn O'Donnell's

Ring Of Fire Members Favorite Books

The Complete Works of Derek Dingle -Kaufman
 The Best of Slydini and more –Fulves two books
 Hiding the Elephant- Steinmeyer
 Show-Time at the Tom Foolery-Kaufman
 Secrets of Magic-Gibson
 The Dai Vernon Book of Magic
 Drawing Room Conjuring-Hoffman
 Expert Card Technique
 Count, Cuts, Moves and Subtlety-Mentzer
 Workers Series by Close
 High Caliber-Bannon
 The Writer's Journey-Vogler
 The Power of Myth-Moyers
 The Conjuring Anthology-Steinmeyer
 Finding Darrel Fitzkee-Goodsell
 Showmanship for Magicians-Fitzkee
 Magic and Showmanship- Nelms
 Applause and how to get it-Nelms
 Scarne's Magic Tricks
 Here is your Hobby, Magic-Wels
 Body Learning-Gelb
 Acting the First Six Lessons-Boleslavsky
 The Art of Comedy-Ryan
 Mastering Shakespeare-Kaiser
 Voice For Performance-Gates
 Tommy Wonder books of Wonder
 Paul Curry's Worlds Beyond
 Theater of the Mind –Richardson
 Brain Food - Parr