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Words from the Secretary

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We need people to come to the club meetings, learn how to perform a slight, practice a new routine or effect, or session with another magician. 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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Meeting Place

We are now meeting at a new place. The new meeting place is:

Richmond Beach Library

19601 21st Ave. NW

Shoreline, 98177

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The theme for the night is Cards

The link to Mapquest map is below

<http://mapq.st/1DVUe4V>

DUES

It is now dues time, they are \$25/ year. Pay your dues to the treasure at the meeting or send them to your secretary

Craig Colombel

509 So 165th St

Burien, WA 98148

Make them out to: NWRF

Paying your dues and becoming a member helps the club bring lectures for the members.

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May 2015 MEETING

Go force and conquer – Force a card, number, color, word, etc.

Bruce Meyers was back in Washington after spending his winter in Hawaii, and came to the meeting. At the meeting he received the well-deserved Ring of Fire, Lifetime Achievement Award. This is given to the member who over his or her life had went above and beyond the support and promotion of the club and magic. He has been a member of the club from the beginning, and was responsible for the success of the youth club (Ring of Smoke) and has encourage and supported many magicians. Congratulation's Bruce!

Bruce and Jennifer then informed the club that their son Joe (who is also a magician) won the last Wizard Wars and is now on a TV show called Fake Off.

The first performer of the evening was Tom Payne, he showed us in a humorous vein his favorite forces. He said sometimes he uses a hammer or a lever to force something, etc. He ended with telling use his most favorite force is the Weak Nuclear Force.

Bruce Meyers had a envelope with a prediction inside. He took out a deck of cards and proceeded to deal the cards face down and had a volunteer tell him when to stop. Bruce picked up the envelope and performed a copy of Johnny Carson's Carnakii routine. After some humorous by-play he open the envelope and showed that the prediction matched the stopped at card.

Jim Rodgers demonstrated a card force and then showed how it is done. It uses a double back card in the deck. Brian Melicher showed the members a Hindu Shuffle force. There was discussion after and there was a general feeling that this was a little used but effective force.

Evan Shuster brought out three different color plastic cups (red, blue and yellow) and three different color balls (red, blue and yellow). He turned the cups upside down and place the corresponding color balls on top of each of the cups. He then had the volunteer place a ball under each cup while he was not looking with the only requirement that a ball could not be placed under its original cup. Evan then proceeded to show that the balls were predicted to be under their new cup. He then demonstrated how the trick worked and the multiple forces used for the prediction. Evan then brought out dice with each having a 3 digit number on each side and with the audience picking die and numbers showed how the final number match the prediction.

David Callahan using a number 2 pencil made the stenciled number on the pencil disappear and reappear and then mover down the pencil and back to the original spot. For the final change the numeral 2 change to the words "Number Two".

Ralph Huntzinger showed use his Supreme Magic Milk in a Lightbulb prop. He also showed a bottle that one could pour out some liquid then wrap the bottle in newspaper, break the bottle and produce a small animal or other objects.

Payne performed a routine with multiple gags for finding the selected card. Finally he had a picture of a woman holding a card, but it was the wrong card. He put the picture down and showed the old 52 on one card gag, but there was one card missing, the selected card. He then picked up the picture again and now the woman was holding the correct card.

There was a long discussion with everyone sitting around one table and demonstrating and discussing different types of forces and how to best use them.

We then had the drawing for some prizes.

Come to a meeting and show off your magic.

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 meeting on June 7 at Shawn O'Donnells was a great opportunity to work on the 'Trick that Cannot Be Explained' from Dai Vernon's Inner Secrets of Card magic book. The kids (Paul, Kai, Theo, John and Ben) also took turns performing B'wave. They played with the 'Moving Straw' that Mike Powers had demonstrated at his lecture. Louie Foxx showed up with a box of old magic books and let each kid take 2 as long as they learn to perform something from the book. The kids were very lucky to have Bruce, JR, Mark and Zinger all helping out. A great time was had by all!

Ben and Marty

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NWRF – 2015 Meeting Themes

June 11 – Coin Magic

July 9 – Magic with Rope, String, Cord or Ribbon

August 13 – Magic with Silks (or any sort of handkerchief)

September 10 – Impromptu Magic

October 8 – Magic with Paper – Newspaper, slips of paper, note cards, stationery, origami paper – any sort of Paper!

November 12 – On the Ball – Magic with any kind of Ball - Baseballs, Tennis balls, Billiard balls, rubber balls, cork balls, Sponge balls, Marbles

December 10 – Finished Magic – Bring in Magic that you've been working on that's finished. –maybe the "unfinished" Magic from March's meeting!

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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Thoughts by Phil Reda

Once again Phil was willing to grace these pages with his thoughts. Thanks again Phil.

How to Read a Magic Ad

By Phil Reda

If you are like me you are probably bombarded with ads for the latest and greatest new magic trick. Those enticing headlines and cool videos have you reaching for your credit card. Most of the time when you receive the item it winds up in your junk drawer. Having spent the last 50 plus years playing around in magic I would like to share with you the secret of how to decipher those alluring ad headlines. Here are some recent headlines:

1. "No Skill Required" = Need a master's degree in Drama to pull it off.
2. "No wires, no pulls, no magnets, no flaps, etc. etc." = It's probably not a very good trick.
3. "Utility Device" = Inventor does not know what to do with it – probably not worth having.
4. "Hit of the convention" = The trick was sold at the latest convention.
5. "Only 100 will be made" = The trick probably won't appeal to more the 100 magicians – so no need to make more – especially when the reviews come in.
6. "Most talked about effect of....." = somebody mentioned it at the last club meeting.
7. "Advanced Technique" = Uses move that can't be done.
8. "Revolutionary" = Means the same as Advanced Technique.
9. "Results of ten years study" = Inventor has been doing magic for ten years.
10. "Can be done right under their noses" = It must be done right under their nose due to bad angles.
11. "Hilarious Routine" = His girl friend laughed.
12. "Classic" = It has been done before
13. "Will Become a Classic" = Inventor hopes someone will perform it.
14. "Limited supply" = Dealer is worried that none will be sold.
15. "Still Available in Limited Supply" = Dealer really worried as he has not sold his original order.
16. "Rush your order" = Same as "Limited Supply"
17. "New and Improved" = We've finally figured out how to make it the correct way.
18. "Precision Made" = Made of cheap plastic that will break after first use. Though it is made using a precision machine.
19. "Quality Prop" = Supper glue was used instead of Elmer's Glue
20. "Un-Real Audience Reaction" = If it is a video demo – paid actors to scream in excitement. Usually it means a fake gasp so as not to embarrass the performer.
21. "Feature of your Act" = The audience won't remember it unless it is the only trick in your act.
22. "A Closing Effect" = Audience won't stay for more if this trick is done.
23. "The Trick that Fooled the Experts" = The trick was shown to an expert
24. "Order Now, DVD will be available (Future Date)" = Since the tricks are not good want's money up front before making DVD.
25. The word "Suite" in dealers address = That is his apartment number.

The Secret World of Magic

Pete Firman Alistair Cook

DVD

A Zany Magical Mystery Tour

Total Content LLC

<http://total-content.com/>

Price \$29.95

Reviewed by Payne

OK, I'll admit I was more than dubious when given this 2 disc DVD set to review. From the cover it looked to be a cheaply produced knock off of Penn and Teller's "Magic and Mystery Tour" done by a couple of Barry and Stuart wannabes. And basically that's what it is. But this doesn't make it a bad thing. In fact it's quite good and I highly recommend this set. Especially to anyone who might be in the American television industry who is involved in the production of magic television specials.

"The Secret World of Magic" originally aired in Britain in 2005 on Sky One Television and was produced by Objective Productions, the self same production company that gave us Barry and Stuart. The show features two magicians, Alistair Cook and Pete Firman, going about the globe looking for their favorite magicians so they can pester them with banal questions like "So why did you become a magician" and "What do you love about being a magician".

The names of Cook and Firman will most likely not be familiar to most American magicians. However they are familiar faces to those in the British Isles lucky enough to subscribe to Sky One. Mr. Cook has appeared in "Monkey Magic", "Dirty Tricks", "Psychic Secrets Revealed" and the tantalizingly titled "Greatest Magic Tricks in the Universe Ever".

Mr. Firman too was in "Monkey Magic" where he met Ali Cook. After which they became roommates for a couple of years and together wrote routines for the second series of "Monkey Magic", "Greatest Magic Tricks in the Universe Ever" and "The Secret World of Magic".

They travel to exotic locales such as Las Vegas, Madrid, Los Angeles, Paris, New York and Buenos Aires. Where, along the way we meet such luminaries of magic as Mac King, Jeff McBride, Apollo, Dale Salwak, Dean Dill, Gaeton Bloom, Max Maven, Juan Tamariz, Mago Anton, Ed Alanzo, John Gaughan, Rene Lavand, David Acer, Harry Lorrane, Rocco, Dominique and Alexandria Duvivier, Bebel, Mirko, Henry Evans and Emmanuel. Unlike most modern American magic specials where performers appear in a mock award show format and run the danger of having their acts butchered by the bad editing of over eager producers who generally favour multitudes of quick and jittery music video type cuts while overdubbing the acts original music with less expensive tunes most of the acts presented in "The Secret World of Magic" are filmed in the theatres where the magician actually works and are presented with minimal editing.

We are left with the feeling of having seen the performance as if we were actually there. This I believe is due in part because the show is produced by David Britland, Jonathan Goodwin and Andy Nyman. All of whom are working magicians who have a great deal of experience in working in the medium of television. This show treats the magic with the respect it is due and presents it as it should be seen. Not as some Hollywood television executive thinks it should be seen.

Between visits to local places of interest and the magicians we find there we are treated to a wide variety of magic performed by Cook and Firman. They cover the whole gambit, from the ever popular street "guerilla" magic to stage illusions. We get to watch as they perform for passerby's on the streets of Paris and Madrid, try to out do each other with impromptu bits of prestidigitation as well as making their debut performance at both the World Famous Magic Castle and New York's Monday Night Magic. They do it all, except for any kind of "Teach a Trick" segment which unfortunately for a time seemed to be a mandatory element for American Magic Specials. So if you want to see great magic properly presented I highly recommend picking up this set of DVDs and see for yourself how the rest of the world gets to watch magic on television.

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

1707 Main Street
Vancouver, WA 98665
360-448-9022

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

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 8

Mark Paulson

Steve Tyler

Jim Earnshaw

Master Payne

JULY 13

Mark Paulson (MC)

Philemon Vanderbeck

Hugh Castell

Josh Cizek

Master Payne

If you wish to perform contact Mark at:

mark2061@yahoo.com or on Facebook at

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

Illusion Factory (Seattle's Best Magicians)

Delancey's on 3rd 810 S 3rd St Renton, WA

1st Saturdays of the month. Doors open at 7:45pm

Food, Drinks Close-up Magic 8-9 pm

Emcee Tim Flynn

Stage Show 9pm. \$10/\$15

Call Seattle Juggling and Magic shop

206-859-8363

Hi everyone!

Brian Cook is sponsoring this event, and it promises to be a great one.

Tom Frank is as good as it gets. Seriously, do yourself a BIG favor and clear your calendar on Saturday, June 13th, in order to attend both the lecture AND the show. Tickets are limited, so I recommend securing your seats soon! And HEY!!... Robert Stephens is icing on the cake. ☺



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Location: Shawn O'Donnell's Lower level
122 128th St SE, Everett WA

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10 AM through 4 PM

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20610 44th Ave West

Lynnwood, WA 98036

LIVE MAGIC EXPO

June 13: Portland

<http://penguinmagic.com/p/5504?r=245580>

June 14: Seattle

<http://penguinmagic.com/p/5423?r=245580>

