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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

Remember to pay your dues for 2014.

The Northwest Ring of Fire is a MAGIC club. Magic is a performing Art. Let's get together next January and show our families what it is we do on Thursday nights!

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February 2014 MEETING

February's theme was – Sweetheart Magic, Magic for Sweethearts or Magic You love to do.

The meeting started with Mark Paulson receiving the Magician of the Year Award. He received it at the meeting as he was not at the club's holiday party. Ralph Huntzinger gave a lecture on giving your audience clues to where the magic happens. We all have opinions on what is good magic and bad magic with many differences on which is which. But he that you must give your audience clear indications that something is happening and many magicians rush through their effects. He use three example effects to emphasize his points throughout the lecture. He told us magic happens when someone retells what they remember happens. He discussed making a storyboard to develop your effects and how good magic is done by scripting, rehearsing and performing. For more go to his blog at <http://magickhappens.com/wp/?p=620>.

Jim Earnshaw was the first performer of the evening. He performed a routine to music where he took a salt shaker, shook salt over his hand and produce a coin from the salt. Using a table knife as a wand and the salt shaker he produced three coins from empty hands and then vanished the coins. Then working with a spectator he made a coin appear in an empty hand then vanished the coin.

Craig Colombel used three unequal ropes to tell a story about three birds catching 3 different size worms. After arguing about who gets which worm they went to a magical frog. The frog made the three worms the same size, but because the birds did not say thank you the frog turned the worms (ropes) back to three different sizes.

Leo Kanzelberger performed his favorite card trick. The spectator pick a card and Leo tried to find it by looking at the back of the cards. He talked about a trained eye to do this and pulled a blueback card from the deck of red back cards. He placed the card face down on the table and tried the trick again and this time the card he found was a duplicate of the blue back card on the table and was not the one chosen by the spectator. Leo then turned over the blue back card and showed that it had changed to the selection.

Brian Melicher showed his collection of Houdini puzzle locks. One lock in keeping with the theme was heart shape and needed a heart shape key to open it.

Mark Paulson pulled out a notebook and told us it was the "to do list" given to him by his wife. He asked a spectator to determine which item to do first. Mark had the spectator think of a number and look at the list to find the item across from that number. Mark then read the spectator's mind and determine which item it was.

Jeff Dial talked about art in magic and placed prediction on an easel. He then held a number of stick drawings. He had a spectator pick a number and counted down to that number and showed us the picture and explain what each was. I.e. two triangles was a ship too late to save a witch. Jeff continue counting the cards and every time he reach the chosen number he showed and discarded the picture. All quite funny. When he got to the last one he said it was the view inside of Napoleons coat and then turn the prediction picture around and it was a picture of Napoleon with his hand in his coat.

Joe Martinek performed a rope routine starting with the Professor's nightmare, magical knots, cut and restore then finishing with a rope escape. A very good routine with ropes.

Payne finished the evening with a 3 card Monte using cards with Star Wars characters on them. R2D2, C3PO and Princess Lea. As usual the idea was to find Princess Lea after some by play two of the cards turned blank and the third turned into a picture of Darth Vader. He then did a balloon penetration that was also Star Wars based.

Come to a meeting perform your tricks and watch others perform, learn magic and have fun.

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>



Mark Paulson receiving his Magician of the Year Award

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 March 2 Ring of Smoke meeting was hosted by Steve Dickson from Vancouver. The group was also lucky to have Billy and Brianna come down from Vancouver to join the group. Steve did a great job and talked about introductions prior to starting the magic show or close up demonstrations, as well as the importance of being a nice guy and conveying your enjoyment of magic to the audience. He also demonstrated the french drop, the one ahead system as well as the thumb palm. Each of the kids then worked on the thumb palm technique, as well as other coin tricks. All of the kids, including Leo, Logan, Otto, Ben and many others had a great time jamming.

Ben and Marty

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014 NWRF Meeting Themes

March 13 – Show me the Money! Magic with coins, bills, credit cards, checkbooks, etc.

April 10 – Unfinished Magic – bring in effects you haven’t finished yet, or that aren’t turning out like you want, and let’s workshop them! Maybe breathe new life into them!

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!

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.

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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 NWRF (Northwest Ring of Fire) and send to:

**Brian Melicher
15329 31st Ave W
Lynnwood, WA 98087-2413**

Notes To Self

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How To Hypnotize Without a Trance

Is it possible? You bet. I came across this 17part YouTube series. There is some great material here. Buried within is a some great handling of the Haunted Key. This is a free series:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=445tdT_a0TE

Reviews by Payne

Method Impossible

By Jason Messina

\$25.00

44 Pages 5.25" X 8.5" Saddle Stapled

To say Jason Messina thinks outside the box would be an understatement. His approach to problem solving is not just out of the box, it's down the block, around the corner and getting on the 29 bus to Brooklyn. Needless to say this makes his latest booklet of essays *Method Impossible* a unique reading experience.

Giving this book a proper review is as perplexing as the book itself. It forced to describe it, as indeed I am, I would have to say it is the magical equivalent of an episode of the old *Seinfeld* TV show. We meet some interesting characters and do some strange things but in the end we can't really explain what it was that we were going on about.

The author takes us on an improbable journey through a series of unlikely effects. Starting off with a variation of a standard coin vanish he then guides us through a trio of eclectic mental feats, past a variation of Paul Harris' Tunnel Vision and finally leaving us with an impromptu method to vanish an airplane in flight.

Not that any of these feats – apart from the coin vanish – are practical for your average performer. They read more like they've come out of the *MAD Book of Magic and Other Dirty Tricks* than they do your typical tome on conjuring. But they are doable if you know the right kind of people and are willing to put in the considerable time and effort required to pull any of these stunts off. A couple of which could become real reputation makers in the fullest sense of the word.

But then teaching tricks isn't the point of this book. It's a series of writings on the subjects of problem solving and creativity. Mr. Messina has provided us with a tiny glimpse into his outlandish way of thinking in an attempt to get more magicians to expand the way they think when it comes to creating new tricks and routines.

So is *Method Impossible* worth a read? At 44 pages there certainly isn't an investment in time to lose. At \$25.00 many will feel that their money could have been spent better somewhere else. But if you're the type of performer always looking to expand their knowledge base with esoteric and entertaining information then Jason Messina's *Method Impossible* might merit looking into.

The Can-Am Conjuring Lecture Series proudly presents...The Michael Ammar Lecture

At the turn of the millennium, Magic Magazine listed Michael Ammar as one of “The Most Influential Magicians of the Twentieth Century.” It’s no wonder; as one of the most prolific authors and teachers of magic in the world, Michael’s awards and achievements are unequalled.

Competing against magicians from 22 countries, Michael became only the second American in the 45-year history of the event to win the Gold Medal for Close-Up Magic at the 15th World Congress of Magic (FISM) in Lausanne, Switzerland. Since that time, he has amassed six awards from the prestigious Academy of Magical Arts in Beverly Hills, CA – the maximum number of voted awards for which he is eligible.

Michael is recognized as the world’s foremost teacher of magic. David Copperfield calls him “THE magician’s magician,” and his magic book, “The Magic of Michael Ammar” (now in its 14th reprinting!) became the fastest selling book in magic history.

He has authored a number of other highly acclaimed books, such as The Topit Book, Brainstorm in the Bahamas (with Paul Harris and Daryl), The Complete Cups and Balls, and The Magical Arts Journal.

His DVDs, including the “Easy to Master Card, Thread and Money Miracles” sets, and “The Vernon Chronicles” are legendary.

Please join us in welcoming Michael Ammar back to the Pacific Northwest for an all new, ground-breaking lecture tour.

Seattle Lecture: Michael Ammar: Saturday, March 15th, 2014 at 2:00 PM

Shawn O'Donnell's Restaurant

122 128th St. SE, Everett, WA.

NWRF Members: \$25

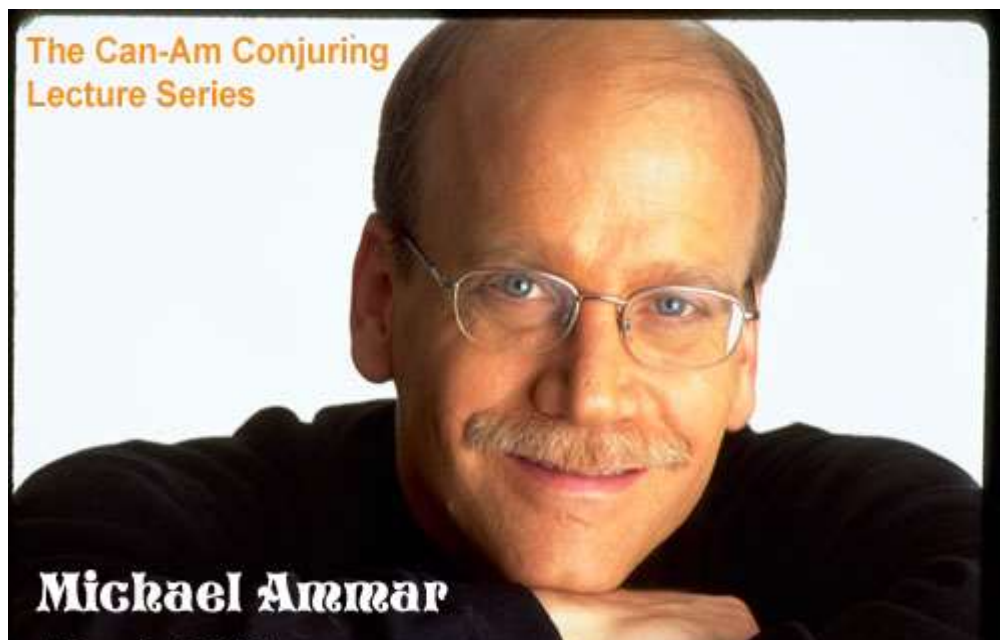
Ring of Smoke \$10

General Admission: \$30

For more information about The Can-Am Conjuring Lecture Series, please visit

<http://nwringoffire.com/lecturers.html>

For more information about Michael Ammar, please visit his web site: www.michaelammar.com



PORTLAND MAGIC JAM

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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 located at 9460
Rainier Ave South, Seattle, WA 98118 206-859-8363,
with a Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/SeattleMagicShop> and on
the web at <http://SeattleJuggling.com>

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

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.

Mar:

Jim Earnshaw (MC)

Mark Paulson

Eddie Mendoza

Danny Dragon

Master Payne

If you wish to perform contact Mark at:

mark2061@yahoo.com or on Facebook at

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

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!

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Saturday April 27, 2013

7:30 - 9:00	Registration: Pick Up Notebook & Magic Store Open 7:30 AM-10 PM	
8:45 - 9:00	Welcome and Introductions	
9:00 - 10:00	Entertaining Pre-Schoolers	Dave Risley
10:30 - 11:30	Performing for Birthday Parties	DJ Ehler
11:30 - 12:30	Family Fun Shows	Steve Kissell
12:30 - 2:00	Lunch with a new friend	
2:00 - 3:00	Educational Table Sessions: Hands On	STEVE / DAVE / DJ
3:00 - 4:00	Twisting for Cash	DJ Ehler
4:00 - 5:00	Creating Theme Shows	Dave Risley
5:00 - 6:00	Q & A: Networking	
6:00 - 8:00	Dinner on Your Own	
8:00 - 9:00	Hilarious Staff Show	

Sunday April 28, 2013

7:30 - 9:00	Registration & Magic Store Open 7:30 AM-9:00 PM	
8:45 - 9:00	Welcome and Introductions	
9:00 - 10:00	Performing for Young Children	Dave Risley
10:30 - 11:30	50 Performance Tips for Entertainers	Steve Kissell
11:30 - 12:30	Capturing the Corporate Market	DJ Ehler
12:30 - 2:00	Lunch on your own with an old friend	
2:00 - 3:00	Educational Table Sessions: Hands On	STEVE/DAVE/DJ
3:00 - 4:00	Storytelling With Puppets	Dave Risley
4:30 - 5:30	Student Performance & Critique	Participants
5:00 - 6:00	Q & A: Networking	
6:00 - 7:00	Dinner on Your Own	
7:00 - 8:00	America's Funniest Magician Contest with Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd <i>You must be registered for both days to compete.</i>	
8:00 - 9:00	Battle of the Magicians	

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