

The Northwest Ring of Fire

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President's Message

A message from your President Master Payne

The June meeting is coming up. I hope to see everyone there. For those with the fortitude to show up you'll learn more about the ongoing plans for our Day O' Magic in October. Our ongoing search for new officers. We need a candidate for President and a new Treasurer. You'll also learn about all the lectures and other magic happenings going on around the Sound. A good time is more or less guaranteed to be had by all. Or at least a few of you.

See you all on Thursday.

Secretary's Message

Greetings from your secretary, Craig Colombel. 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. I am looking for articles for the newsletter.

April 2011 Meeting:

Business portion: The Tri-City Magic Convention which will be our "Day of Magic" is planned for the 3rd weekend of October. The preliminary plans are the Victory, BC club will put on a magic show at Shawn's on Friday night. Our club will be responsible for the Saturday Night show at the Lynnwood Performing Arts Center, which will be open to the public. It is planned that the Convention will be Friday night and all day and night Saturday. The club will need volunteer help from all of our members to make this a success. Again, Rodger Needham our Treasure will be retiring from the position at the end of this year. We are looking for someone to be the new Treasure. June 11th is the lecture by Doc Easton at 2pm at Shawns.

Magic portion: Jeff performed a card gambling routine. Half way through we announced he ruined the trick and pulled out a second deck, to start again. To continue the joke he showed he had a third deck set up for the trick. The deck was shuffled once, dealt into two piles, he told the spectator that the cards would be dealt of each pile and placed face up at the same time. If there were two red cards the dealer will pay the spectator, if two blacks the spectator would pay the dealer, if one red and one black no pay. After all were dealt out all the pairs were red and black.

James performed a variation of twisting the aces with the four queens with all the queens face up but the Queen of Spades. His second trick had a card chosen by a spectator the card mixed with the queens then mixed in the deck. The deck was shuffled and divided into four piles, had the spectator remove one pile, then the three made into six piles. Had the spectator cover two piles and the others removed. Again chose one pile and deal out the five cards in the remaining pile again eliminate all the cards but one and the last card on the table was the chosen card.

Jeff Dial showed his opening effect at RenFair as a Jongleur. . Took out a bag with one egg in it and said it was his lunch. He was worried about having his lunch stolen. Used magic to protect his egg, put the egg back into the bag and made it disappear. Showed that the egg went into a second bag, then proceeded to remove several eggs out of the bag.

JR had someone pick a card, lose in deck then pull out the magician's insurance policy. He shuffled the cards and cut the cards and had the spectator pick from the cut. IT WAS THE RIGHT CARD!!! This was not to happen, he did a repeat and this time as it was to work it was the wrong card. He then turned over the insurance policy and on the back was a picture of the spectator holding the correct card. This was an effect by Michael Amar.

His second trick was the trick that cannot be named. He had a match box with 2 crayons and tissue paper inside, the volunteer pick one of the crayons and wrapped in tissue paper and placed back into the box. The other one was hidden, JR was able to determine the color without looking.

Mark Paulson had someone pick a card and sign it across the face.(it was a night for card tricks). He then lost the card into the deck and spread the deck on the table. After two attempts to find the card, he closed the deck and tossed them into the air and fired a gun with a rubber suction tip into the cards. The card attached to the tip was the signed card.

Rich Waters did his farewell performance. He performed red scarf, blue scarf to his version of Dr. Suese's red fish, blue fish. He made the red scarf vanish into the blue scarf and then reappear.

Payne demo a rope and ring routine with the ring made like a slinky and spinning on the rope. It was to be seen.

Payne did a "Teach a Trick" He showed how to perform a hunter knot in a rope and how to tie two knots at once and a one handed knot.

Come and see what you a missing. Great magic and great fun.

Magic Reviews

Payne has graciously donated some reviews of magic, he did for MUM Magazine. I will print one per newsletter issue.

Jolly Roger Jumble

Tim Sonefelt

A Mis Made Pirate Flag Routine

\$95.00

Wonder Imagery

http://www.timsonfelt.com/cgi-bin/magic_store/cp-app.cgi

Reviewed by Payne

Full disclosure here. I, your humble reviewer was in a teeny tiny way partly responsible for the creation of this effect. I was in need of a set of mis made pirate flag silks so I contacted Mr. Sonefelt as I was told that he was able to manufacture such a thing. And indeed he could, and quite well too. However after I sent him the 6 designs I wanted made up for my set he asked me if he could incorporate a couple of them into a set he had been thinking about producing for a while. Not wanting to be the broken cog that stifles the wheels of commerce from moving ever forward I gladly agreed. Permission granted Mr. Sonefelt then set about reworking the designs to match his artistic style and released his routine. Which goes something like this. An all black flag shaped silk (17" X 12") and two smaller square white silks are shown and placed into your favorite change device (not included). The magician says these will be used to make a special flag. However he (or she) fails to notice that one of the white handkerchiefs has failed to get into the bag, box, tube, or whatever change device (not included) you have decided to employ in this effect. Of course when you bring the flag out it simply has the crossed bones but no skull on it. After discovering your error you place the white silk and the mis-made flag back into your change device of choice. After a magic pass or the magic words of Yo-Ho Yo-Ho you remove the flag only to discover that the skull, which is now there, is upside down. Or perhaps it's right side up and the crossed bones are the wrong way up. Either way the flag is still mis-made and is replaced into the not included change device. After yet another magic pass and or the reciting of additional piratesque magic words the flag is once again removed. This time the crossed bones are off to the side and the skull has a cowboy hat on. A funny joke is made about the fact that the Jolly Roger is now wearing a cowboy hat and the flag put back into the change device for a final wave of the magic wand and reciting of the magic words. The flag is now pulled out and to the amazement of all and the relief of the magician it is now a proper pirate flag.

You receive most everything you need, save for the change device. You get the blank black flag shaped silk. Two smaller white silks. Three mis-made pirate silks and a proper pirate flag silk. All of the silks are made of durable 8 momme silk and feature the exclusive black surged hem that is the trademark of the Wonder Imagery silks. The printing is vivid and well defined. The blacks a proper pirate flag black and there is no blurry or bled edge between the black of the flag and the white of the skull. These are high quality silks that should last a real worker several years if not a lifetime.

The set also comes with a royalty free music CD that has proper Pirate and Cowboy music on it. So if you use music in your act each change can be done to a proper tune.

So if you're looking to add an additional effect to your Pirate Show or looking to add the classic mis-made flag into your show without having to use an American Flag as you don't live here in the States this might just be the effect you are looking for.

Extras

“BRUCE MEYERS MAGIC DAY”

... is returning again to the Everett Aquasox Stadium on July 17th. The game starts at 1:00 but the MAGIC begins at 12:00!!

Be sure to be there for the Vanishing 1st Pitch Baseball as it is thrown out by Bruce. There will be plenty of magic by Bruce & Company in the concession and concourse area throughout the day!

Since 2002 the popular annual event has returned each year and is again in 2011.

Produced by the Everett Aquasox, a farm team of the Seattle Mariners, and the Magic of Bruce Meyers LLC.

For tickets please call Everett Aquasox (425-) 258-3673



Goodby Until We Meet Again

Rich Waters is leaving us. He's decided to move East to be with his family. He's been an integral part of our club during his time here in the Pacific Northwest and he will be missed. Below is some pictures from his farewell performance at the May Club meeting.

