

# The Northwest Ring of Fire

November 2011

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## **President's Message**

*A message from your President Master Payne*

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## **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. You can help make this a great newsletter.

## **November 2011 Meeting:**

Business: Mark gave a report on the Day O Magic originally known as the Tri-Cities Magic Convention. It was a good convention with great lectures and a great Saturday evening show, and the club did not lose any money. The Club's Christmas party will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January

Magic: Payne demonstrated Dice stacking and show some of his collection of Dice stacking cups. Payne then presented his powerpoint lecture he gave McBrides Mystery School. It was titled "Magic and Meaning" subtitle Audience Abuse. He was a thought provoking, but with humor about tricks that may abuse the spectator. He ended with some things to think about before performing some tricks. 1. What is the reaction you want from your magic. 2. What is your character. 3. What is the context and 4. Connect to the audience. Jeff Dial showed a brief clip from the Essential Magic Conference. This was a web based conference and he received DVDs of the presentations.

Danny Dragon performed a Halloween trick. He told a story about visiting a haunted sanatorium and going to a room where a patient had died. He returned with the key to the room and demonstrated to us that the key could move on its own. He then told us how he made the key move in different directions unlike the normal haunted key.

Payne showed us a small wooden box that looked like a large die. He opened the box and inside was a smaller die. He then performed a routine with the die and invisible deck. After the spectator chose a card using the die and the invisible deck, Payne removed a folded card from inside the larger box and the card match the one chosen by the spectator.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT

Greetings,

I'm a little premature, but wanted to get a jump on things before next year is on us.

I'm looking forward to a fun time next year. Thanks to all of you who have offered your help.

There is a schedule for the meetings for the year. I'm going to try and stick to it, but things could change a little bit as the year rolls on. We will try to incorporate a workshop of some kind in every meeting. It might be teaching a trick(s) or exploration of certain aspect of magic (e.g. the pass or magician's choice). The themes relate to our performance times. They are there to inspire and motivate you to maybe try something new. If you'd like some feedback on some effect you are working on, let's reinstitute a brainstorming time to help workshop what you're doing.

For me the most important thing we do as a club happens on the second Thursday of every month. Your officers can only do so much. We really do need you to participate. Can you make a commitment that you will perform, give a talk, demonstrate a prop, tell a story this year? I know I would love to hear from you.

The theme for our January meeting is "Do a Trick for Me" – tricks with a borrowed deck of cards. It should be fun and I hope leads to some breakout sessions as well.

Looking forward to a fun year with all of you,

Jeff Dial  
President Elect

PS The names on the schedule and the themes really do make sense.

## **NWRF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2012**

- January – “Do a Trick for Me” – Be ready to perform a trick with a borrowed deck of cards.
- February – Robert Harbin Night – Tricks with paper, books, envelopes, etc. Performance and workshop.
- March – “May the Force be With You.” – Tricks that require the spectator to make a choice that is anything but free. Performance and workshop.
- April – Larry Jennings Night – Tricks involving water, liquids, and all stuff runny. Workshop TBD
- May – “It’s in Print” – Perform a trick that you learned from a book, magazine, lecture notes, etc. (No cheating and watching it on video.)
- June – Dai Vernon Night – Tricks involving cutting and slicing. Performance and workshop.
- July – “Déjà vu Night” – The same effect all night long. A chance to see and perform the same trick. (We will all agree on the effect.) 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.

### **OFFICERS FOR 2012**

President- Jeff Dial

1st VP - Jim Franklin

2nd VP - Hugh Castell

Treasurer- Brian Melicher

Secretary- Craig Colombel