



## Words from the Secretary

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The newsletter needs you. I need articles and news events written by you. You do not have to be a member of the club to send articles to be published. Send me emails ([accolombel@zipcon.com](mailto:accolombel@zipcon.com)) on what you would like to see in the newsletter and what you like or don't about the newsletter. Visit our Facebook page and post. Come to the meetings and lectures. It is time for new officers for the upcoming year. Come to the November meeting and volunteer for an officer's position or club post.

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**Ring of Smoke Report**

The November 5 Ring of Smoke event at Shawn O'Donnell's was an excellent event hosted by Ralph (Zinger). Zinger worked on various approaches to presentations and perfecting performance approaches. The kids jammed together and showed off the latest magic they'd been working on, and tricks they'd recently purchased. All in all, a good time was had on a snowy, cold day! **Ben and Marty**

The Ring of Smoke meets the first Sunday of the Month at Shawn O'Donnell's in Everett.



## October Meeting Report

October's meeting theme was **Prep for Holidays or Short Betweeners**

Brian Melicher showed the club of brass tube, steel ball, and plunger. He put the brass tube on the back of his hand and place the steel ball into the tube. He put the plunger into the tube and pushed down. The ball went through the hand coming out on the other side. The plunger was removed from the tube and the tube was shown to be empty.

Paul Voulkman displayed a series of wooden rods, the rods had ridges cut into them and on one end of the rod was a propeller. When a stick was rubbed back and forward on the ridges of the rod the propeller would move. Paul showed that how you move the stick could control the direction and speed of the propeller.

Rich Waters had a show and tell item. He works at trades shows for a window company. Many times, there are "goodie bags" given to the vendors and sponsors. In one bag there was a deck of cards with a liquor company's logo on the backs. The cards had drink recipes on the back and the fronts had picture of old time items from the 1920's. Interesting to see. Rich then regaled us with his description of the worst magic show ever seen.

Evan Shuster performed a card trick for us. A card was chosen from the deck then the deck was divided to three packets. The volunteer picked on of the packets and put his card into the packet. The three packets were combined then two other volunteers shuffled the cards in a face up and facedown manner. The deck was spread and the face up cards were pulled out and the volunteer was asked if he sees card, the answer was no. Evan had a second volunteer pick a number, the number was counted down to and the first volunteers card was at that number. This trick was by Karl Fulves and the principle used for the final reveal was the Quinta principle by Phill Smith  
Andrew Olmstead was back after a long absence, he borrowed a driver license and had a second volunteer hold the licenses in his hands. Andrew held out a wallet and had the volunteer look at the license in his hands and it was now Andrews license and in the wallet, was the 1<sup>st</sup> volunteers license. This was using a Tony Miller wallet.  
The club was reminded that on November 10<sup>th</sup> there is a Bizzaro lecture.

People were informed that the club needs people to be officers to help run the club.

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Remember, to visit the club's website, <http://www.nwringoffire.com> and also visit the clubs Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire/4296167377105973>

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# Club Calendar

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## **NWRF – 2017 Meeting Themes**

January – Magician’s Choice – Bring your favorite magic to perform.

February – Discs or Improbable

March – Spheres or Description Based

April – Thin & Flat or Impossible

May – Fabric or Story Based

June – Outdoors or Something from Nothing

July – Filling the View or Rare

August – Books or Containers & Stuff

September – Prep for All Hallows’ Eve or Tests

October – Prep for Holidays or Short Betweeners

November – Food or Betting

December – Messages & Giving or Garden Paths

**Make sure to check the website for upcoming events and lectures.**

**[HTTP://WWW.NWRINGOFFIRE.COM/INDEX.HTML](http://www.nwringoffire.com/index.html)**

**FACEBOOK : [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAGES/NORTHWEST-RING-OF-FIRE/429616737105973](https://www.facebook.com/pages/NORTHWEST-RING-OF-FIRE/429616737105973)**

### 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](http://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](http://WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM)

#### South Seattle Magic and Novelty

9460 Rainier Ave S  
Seattle, WA 98118  
206-321-1291

#### FunkyFun Magic Shop

Capital Mall  
625 Black Lake Blvd  
Olympia, WA, 98502  
<http://Funkyfunmagic.com>  
[Funkyfunmagic@gmail.com](mailto:Funkyfunmagic@gmail.com)

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mark2061@yahoo.com)). It is a wonderful chance to perform for an appreciative audience. It's been standing room only all year.

If you wish to perform contact Mark at:

[mark2061@yahoo.com](mailto:mark2061@yahoo.com) or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/thirdplacebooksmagicmonday?fref=ts>

October 9, 2017

Mark Paulson  
Raymond  
Jim Earnshaw  
Master Payne

November 13, 2017

Mark Paulson  
Josh Lamb  
Larry Dimmitt  
Josh Cizek  
Master Payne

#### **"That's Impossible Presents" (Seattle's Best Magicians)**

That's Impossible Presents a Night of Magic, Mystery, and Comedy, with your host: Tim Flynn Magic.

2nd Saturday of Every Month. Hosted at Delancey's on 3rd in Renton. Doors open at 7:45, Stage Show begins at 9pm. Food & Drinks are available. Table-side magic before the show from real magicians!

The Can-Am Conjuring Lecture Series Presents...

## Bizzaro

Friday, November 10th, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Phinney Center (Blue Building) in Room 6  
6532 Phinney Ave. N.  
Seattle, WA 98103

\*\*full lecture tour schedule at the bottom of this email

[http://nwringoffire.com/images/BizzaroPoster\\_Web\\_LG.jpg](http://nwringoffire.com/images/BizzaroPoster_Web_LG.jpg)..

Bizzaro has performed from coast to coast and appeared on FOX, NBC, America's got Talent, and the Travel Channel's Extreme Conventions. He is a regular performer at the famed Magic Castle in Hollywood, CA.

From lighting himself on fire to getting attacked by snack chips, a Bizzaro show is as different as it sounds. Using various types of music as a frame, he creates a unique picture with visual comedy and off the wall illusions that combine a neo-vaudeville style with silent movie antics.

He also creates original magic that is sold across the world. His creations have even been seen on TV shows such as Ellen, The Late, Late Show and Wizard Wars on Syfy. He specializes in fabricating magic for other entertainers, including David Copperfield and Gallagher.

He has toured around the US and through Europe teaching his unique magic creations and thoughts on character and creativity. The magic he teaches uses such props as straws, money, combs, sponge balls, sharpie markers, soda cans and other strange objects.

Come See why Jeff McBride Calls Bizzaro "One of the truly original creators and performers of our time".

NW Ring of Fire Members: \$25

General Admission: \$30



Bizzaro on The Can-Am Conjuring Lecture Series

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November 10, 2017- Seattle, WA

7:00 PM

Phinney Center (Blue Building) in Room 6

6532 Phinney Ave. N.

Seattle, WA 98103

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November 11, 2017 – Vancouver, WA (Portland area)

7:00 PM

Dave's Killer Magic Shop

1707 Main Street

Vancouver, WA

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November 12, 2017 – Eugene, OR

3:30 PM

Lane Community College

Building 19, Room 248

4000 E 30th Ave.

Eugene, OR 97405

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November 13, 2017 – Victoria, BC

7:00 PM

Attwood Magic Studios

2634 Alderglen Pl.

Victoria, BC V9C 3P5

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November 14, 2017 - Calgary, Alberta

7:00 PM

Communitywise Resource Centre

223 12th Ave SW

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November 15, 2017 - Winnipeg, Manitoba

7:00 PM

St. James Anglican Church

195 Collegiate St. Winnipeg MB, R3J 1T9

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November 16, 2017 – Edmonton, AB

7:00 PM

Magic Emporium

8840 60 Avenue NW

Edmonton, AB

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November 17, 2017 - Mission, BC

7:00 PM

7969 Tuckwell Terrace

Mission, BC 8

## **(Some of) The Best Things in Life are (Virtually) Free**

By Evan Shuster

This month I wanted to provide a small handful of free resources for you to explore and enjoy. All of these are free, but there are ways that you can support the sites should you find them useful.

### **1. SHARING WONDER**

First up is Magicana's Sharing Wonder website. Magicana is an arts organization dedicated to the study, exploration and advancement of magic as a performing art. Their web site is a wonderful resource filled with news, reviews, mystery and history, virtual museum exhibitions, and a wonderful library of performance videos. Magicana is the publisher of Magicol magazine

Home Page:

<http://www.magicana.com/>

Performance Video Archive:

<http://www.magicana.com/screening-room>

### **2. GENII ONLINE**

Next up is the new, recently launched Genii Online. Updated daily, this site features magic news, tutorials, feature articles, and videos.

Home Page:

<https://geniionline.com/>

### **3. THE JERX BLOG**

One of my favorite web blogs is The Jerx, which is Jamm packed with exceptionally creative thinking from a magician only known to his readers as Andy. Jamm is a reference to his monthly magazine, available to subscribers only, but for now you can view a two-year archive of his writing. This will change in 2018 as the site moves to subscription access only, and while this won't appeal to everyone, the hard-core supporters (of which I am one) will have exclusive access to future content, and will receive a hard-bound book (presumably The Jerx Volume 2, at the end of 2018. Some of you may have already heard of his book, The Jerx Volume 1, which was voted book of the year on the Magic Café. It is now out of print and unavailable, but you can still access the material contained in the many blog entries currently archived on his site. Explore it for free, while you still can, and then support the site, and future entries in 2018.

Home Page:

<http://www.thejerx.com/>

### **4. CONJURING CREDITS**

Have you ever wanted to know the origin of the Card Duck, or wondered who first applied the concept of Black Art to stage magic? What is the history behind the Retention of Vision Coin Vanish, or The Linking Finger Rings? Well... thanks to a team of dedicated magicians, led by Denis Behr, now you can know all of the above and much, much more, by visiting the Conjuring Credits site.

Home Page:

<http://www.conjuringcredits.com>



### 5. **THE INTERNET ARCHIVE**

The Internet Archive is a non-profit, web-based library. Founded in 1996, they collect published works and make them available in digital format. Books in the public domain can be freely accessed and downloaded, while copyrighted works are available to borrow for 14 days. If a particular copyrighted book is already on loan then you will be asked to join a wait list. Magic is only a small portion of the material available for your reading pleasure.

Home Page:

<http://archive.org/search.php?query=subject%3A%22Magic+tricks%22&page=3>

### 6. **THE NORTHWEST RING OF FIRE**

I would, of course, be remiss if I did not also take a moment to steer you in the direction of our very own club website. Here you will find some helpful links at the bottom of the home page, as well as a page that outlines the current month's calendar of local events, a complete archive of the club's monthly newsletters dating back to 2004, a page for The Can-Am Conjuring Lecture Series, and... a page devoted to our club's **lending library**, which hosts a large variety of books, DVDs, and even a few VHS tapes which are available to all club members.

Home Page:

<http://nwringoffire.com/>

Library:

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