



## 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. Come to meetings and support your club.

***No Meeting this month because of Covid-19, We will hold an online meeting using Zoom***

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### Ring of Smoke Report

No meetings currently.

**RING OF FIRE LIVE**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

Once again, we will hold the Ring of Fire Meeting on Zoom on October 8th (this Thursday) 7pm. We had a great time last time

Info to sign in

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/736296076?pwd=Sm4ybzA4SENCZnNZMk9odVN0QnF5Zz09>

**Meeting ID: 736 296 076**

**Passcode: ringoffire**

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## Magic Article BY PAYNE

### Thread

DVD

By Wayne Houchin

Available from Wayne Houchin

<http://www.waynehouchin.com/store.html>

Price \$25.00

This is a great trick! Gross, disgusting, and geeky yes, but a great trick, nonetheless. I freely admit that being a former guest geek in the Jim Rose Circus Sideshow makes me a bit biased towards this esoteric aspect of magic and I understand that pulling a piece of previously swallowed thread out of your ocular socket isn't going to be everyone's cup O' tea. But for those of us here that find ourselves frequently pushing at the boundaries of convention Thread will become an excellent addition to our arsenal.

Wayne Houchin has been using this effect as an opener and a reputation maker for several years now. Criss Angel even obtained permission from Mr. Houchin so he too could perform it on the first season of Mindfreak. It's that strong (and disturbing) of an effect.

The performer breaks off a foot and a half-length of thread from a spool. This he then proceeds to swallow. When all but six or seven inches of the thread has been consumed, and after an appropriate amount of ghastly facial gyrations has been made, the magician reaches up to his eye (yes his eye!) and proceeds to extract the thread. As he slowly pulls on the thread coming out of his eye the end of the thread hanging out his mouth retracts up and in. This creates the perfect illusion of the performer giving himself an "eye floss" as Mr. Houchin likes to call it.

Be warned, however. This is indeed a geek trick. And as with many stunts of this type it requires a certain level of sacrifice. You will need to place a gimmick into your eye. While this may sound extreme to many it really is no different than what is needed to be done is setting up for the classic Indian Bean Mystery or putting in an odd contact lens. For the squeamish Mr. Houchin has provided a second method which uses sleight of hand. This non-geek method requires no direct contact with one's eye. But as you might already suspect this version isn't nearly as strong nor convincing as the primary geek method. But it affords everyone the opportunity to freak out their friends, neighbors and co-workers as well as giving the performer a viable out if asked to "do it again so George can see it". This is nice to have ready and at your disposal since the reset time for the geek version is a few minutes and must be done in private. The DVD is well produced, perhaps overly so. It starts out like a music video and then goes into a Blainesc taping of Mr. Houchin performing the feat for a bunch of college kids at a Halloween party. Next, we are treated to a video of Wayne presenting the trick at one of his many stage performances. After this we finally get into the actual workings of both versions of the effect.

Interspersed between all these scenes are interviews where Mr. Houchin explains how he came to create the effect and many of his tips and philosophies about the performance of it.

Also included are sections on prop management, further interviews with Wayne and, to avoid the current stigma surrounding the single trick DVD, he teaches us his handling of the Gypsy Thread.

No supplies are offered with the DVD but everything you need to perform the primary geek version of this trick is easily found at your corner drugstore or local fabric shop.

If you wimp out and opt only to perform the second sleight of hand method of this feat, you will need yet another commodity which is only available from a magic shop. Yet another reason to learn and perform the much superior geek method of this fine and disturbing trick

Payne

## The Can-Am Conjuring Lecture Series 2021

Evan Shuster

Hi everyone!

I'm sorry that I have not been more active with the club this year. I won't even bother to explain, since you are all too aware of what this year has been like.

I did get a couple of articles into the newsletters, though. 😊

I just wanted to chime in and let you know that plans are well underway for the 2021 season of The Can-Am Conjuring Lecture Series.

The line-up will be (should be) the same as what was intended for the 2020 season (continuing after Andi's or Chris's lecture).

(Hopefully...)

- Eric Jones
- Dan Harlan
- Thom Peterson
- Mario Marchese

I will say that there have been multiple opportunities presented to expand this lecture series via Zoom, or Teams, or etc.... More to follow, hopefully soon. Some surprisingly big talent is available in a virtual setting.

**Many thanks to our 2020 Season Pass subscribers who stuck with us through all the hoopla of the last 7 months!**

Depending on the state of affairs in February or March, I will make an announcement regarding the 2021 season, and if it will be live or virtual. Either way, it will be great!

More to follow...

## September's Meeting Report

Once again, we had our meeting via Zoom, "Ring of Fire LIVE"

James Donahue told us he had performed on the streets for the first time since the Covid outbreak began. He had social distancing protocols set up for his performance. He had a trash can for tips, so people did not have to get close, performed tricks that did not need a volunteer, offer a way to tip using their phones. He did not have a good hat but wanted to get some "flight time".

There was a discussion on the wildfires and the smoke in the Seattle area. A question came up if anyone was performing Zoom shows. There was further discussion about magicians performing on Zoom. There was a discussion about Dave Callahan's gift to the club of his magic items. Santiago, Payne, and Craig picked up the items from the family and are in the process of inventory. We will hold the items until the club can determine how the items will be distributed.

James Donahue told us about working with the invisible deck. He has a routine that he uses for corporate problem-solving seminars that he puts on. James also showed a hotrod routine reveal that he worked up to make something different.

Payne showed a hotrod that had the infinity stones as the jewels.

Bruce and Jennifer Meyers reported that some members of the Vancouver BC, Canada Ring (our neighbors to the north) were performing Zoom Corporate Shows and being successful. Their Zoom meetings are about how to do Zoom Shows.

There was some discussion on how others in the performing arts were adjusting to the Covid protocols. For example there was a person who bought an old Ice-Cream truck and converted it into a moving puppet theater, a DJ that performed at a beach and handed out headphones to people to hear the music without having to crowd together

Santiago Naranjo showed us a Gypsy Thread routine using Scotch Tape.

Everyone had a good time.

Hope to see you soon.

See you next Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on Zoom See [page 2](#) for info

**MANY THANKS TO SANTIAGO, FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE!!**

Remember, to visit the club's website, <http://www.nwringoffire.com> and visit the clubs Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire-429616737105973/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire-429616737105973/posts/?ref=page_internal)

### **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)

#### **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)

#### **Brian Cook's**

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

#### **FunkyFun Magic Shop- Is Now**

#### **Twisted Monkey-Magic Shop**

**1101 Outlet collection Way**

**#1261**

**Auburn WA 98001**

**206-859-8363**

### **Magical happenings**

### **Because of the restrictions for Covid-19 the below are both closed temporarily**

**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 are a local magician in the Puget Sound area and would like to perform at the venue, please contact Jim Earnshaw at [jim@earnshawmagic.com](mailto:jim@earnshawmagic.com). You can reserve a spot to perform months in advance and he would be happy to hear from you.

#### **"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!

## Something of Interest

Member Jeff Dial sent to share links to articles about cards. The links take you to a commercial site "playingcarddecks.com"  
The articles look interesting.  
Enjoy

<https://playingcarddecks.com/blogs/all-in/factors-that-affect-the-handling-of-a-deck>



### [Factors That Affect the Handling of a Deck - Part 1 - PlayingCardDecks.com](https://playingcarddecks.com/blogs/all-in/factors-that-affect-the-handling-of-a-deck)

by BoardGameGeek reviewer EndersGame Part 1: Bicycle Playing Cards Entering the world of playing cards can be a confusing business. When you speak with anyone who is already immersed in this world, or even if you read the small print on a Kickstarter project, you will find mention of things like "Bee Casino Stock", "Magic Finish", or "Traditional Cut". What on earth are they talking about ...  
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