



## Words from the Secretary

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We will be meeting again in person/live on October 13th at 7pm. We will be meeting at InSpark CoWorking Space in Lynnwood. [Click here for more information](#). We will still have Zoom for those who don't want to meet in person yet.

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## **In Person meeting October 13th, 2022**

**We are having our Live MAGIC CLUB Meeting of the NW Ring of Fire in Lynnwood on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

**InSpark CoWorking Space  
16824 44th Ave W Suite 130,  
Lynnwood, WA 98037**

**The Zoom meeting will also happen for the safety and convenience of members who do not want to meet live yet.**

**Google map link: <https://g.page/insparkcowork?share>**

### **Zoom meeting info below**

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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## **Message from the President August 2022 IBM Ring 339 Ring of Fire**

Message from the President: Monty K Reed [www.MagicMontyReed.com](http://www.MagicMontyReed.com) 206 250 5639

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**None this month**

## **Inversion**

Andrew Mayne

DVD

Learn to create a balloon tied on the inside

Shock Magic

<http://www.andrewmayne.com/shop/>

Price \$14.95

Reviewed by Payne

Inversion is the latest oddity from the prolific and ever inventive Andrew Mayne. I hesitate to use the word “trick” as, at least to my jaded eyes, it really doesn’t appear to be one. But decide for yourself. The bare bones effect is thus. The magician brings out a standard party balloon which has been pre inflated. He then, with as much magical aplomb as he can possibly muster, proceeds to pull off and cleanly vanish the balloon’s nozzle. The now nozzle-less yet curiously still inflated balloon is quickly (and rather unconvincingly) rotated all around in the magician’s hands to show its new and presumably impossible state. A portion of the balloon is now grabbed and magically manipulated to form a new nozzle. This new nozzle is then pressed into the balloon creating an impossible object. A balloon which has been tied from the inside.

In the right time and place this could be a reputation maker. Do this to one of the balloons festooning the decorations at a party and could you have a veritable miracle on your hands. Especially if you give the impossibly tied balloon away so they can take it home and show their friends and family. Presented in a show where you just pull a previously inflated balloon out of a bag and it simply becomes a clever trick -- or worse yet, a puzzle to be pondered.

Which is why I think this is far better suited as a bar bet or a demonstration of a strange and esoteric skill than a mysterious unexplainable illusion.

You do actually tie a knot on the inside of a balloon and the gyrations you go through to accomplish this are I feel are far more interesting than the effect of supposedly magically removing and reinstalling the latex sphere’s nozzle. Even a presentation using two balloons built around demonstrating the different types of belly buttons, inies and outies, could be highly entertaining – Your helper tying one with the traditional outie but you managing to create one with an inie.

But, of course it’s up to you to decide which tack you want to take, Dark Master of the Rubber Orb or Balloon Manipulator Extraordinaire. It’s entirely up to you.

However be forewarned. This ain’t easy. The hour I was willing to devote to try and learn this skill brought me no closer to acquiring it than I had at the beginning of the endeavor. I know an hour is far too short a length of time to fully develop this esoteric skill and I more than likely would have devoted more time to the project had I not run out of balloons. Perhaps next time I’m at the party store I’ll stock up on a bag or two and give it another go. Mr. Mayne himself admits that it took him many days and several hundred balloons to develop the knack and become proficient tyer of internal knots that he is today. If only he had used these powers for the forces of good.

So, if you’ve got a long weekend coming up, a gross or two of balloons to practice on and a stack of DVDs to watch while attempting to master this new skill you too could become a member of a very small and exclusive club of magicians who can tie a knot on the inside of a balloon.

## September's Meeting Report of the Northwest Ring of Fire Magic Club #339

Payne showed everyone a card case that unfolded into an interesting shape. Held Bat black cards. Payne also showed us some items he bought from FISM. One was dice and a box, one shakes the box with the die and the magician is able without opening the box to determine what is on the face of the die. Next was a deck with the backs in 4 different colors a fanning deck. Payne showed us a large version of the Die box that he made with his 3D printer using wood filaments. Rich Waters told us about a gig he had at the Snohomish Block party. He performed a card trick; He showed a set of cards and had the volunteer pick one. That card was buried in the packet of cards and the packet was held horizontally with the backs to the spectator. The volunteer made an X in the air with their finger, when the card was found it now had a large X printed on its back.

Brian Melicher demonstrated a Babcock made effect. Two(2) wooden boxes, inside one was a large alphabet block. Inside the 2<sup>nd</sup> box was a tennis ball. The boxes where closed and when reopen the tennis ball and the alphabet block had change places.

James Donahue had a new trick to try out. This is a trick where at one point the lights are out. Instead, he had us cover/close our eyes at that point. He produces a box of wooden matches. When we all closed our eyes he had the volunteer randomly pick on of the matches and light it. We open our eyes and saw the lighted match; it was blown out and the matchbox reopen and inside all of the other matches were already burnt. The volunteer picks the one match that was not burnt with his eyes closed. This was an effect by Ben Hart "The Darkest corner" He also showed us a Mercury fold matchbox gimmick. He also showed everyone a magic case he got from Vanishing Inc.

Mike Losk started with 5 cards that were blank on both sides, they were delt face down on top of a black King. They all change to blue backs, and all were now kings. His second effect was a demo with instructions on a double deck do as I do with prediction.

Jeff Dial brought out 3 envelopes of different colors, he had 2 volunteers each pick an envelope and remove a slip of paper, he kept the last envelope. The slips of papers said, "you will pick the (particular color) envelope with the slip of paper in the magician's envelope says, "The man will pick the blue envelope the woman will pick the yellow envelope and the magician will have the blue envelope" He got this from Martin Lewis's book "Making Magic".

Tony Blei performed a card routine where a card is chosen and lost. The Deck is deal into piles and cards remove until a few are left and the spectator puts their hand on a card and that card is the selected card.

Santiago Naranjo brought two books he was using for research for his show. Tony Aadrussii biography and "Scryer Seer" by Webster.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Craig Colombel - Secretary NWRf

See you next Thursday September 8th at 7pm at the  
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**MANY THANKS TO Monty Reed for finding a place for us to meet.**

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) I have just heard that the shop is for sale.

Brian Cook's

[WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM](http://WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.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 wonderful place to see local magicians doing what they do best; it is also a suitable 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.