



Words from the Secretary

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Greetings from your secretary, Craig Colombel. This month we have two guest writers for the newsletter. 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.

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President's Message

Jeff Dial

President 2012

Greeting Ring of Fire

OCTOBER NEWS

Greetings as we enter fall. I'm writing this on my way to the Genii Bash (convention). We'll give you an update at the meeting as to how it went. I hope Richard Kauffman is able to pull off a great event so that he doesn't have to write a review like he did for FISM. The picnic was successful. I great time hanging out and eating. Thank to Jim for overseeing details, Danny for securing the provisions and Ken for serving as the master chef.

This month's theme is Annemann night. All things mental. Theo Annemann lived in the first half of the 20th Century and is best known as the publisher of the periodical, The Jinx. It consisted of 4-8 sheets of paper filled with magic, news, opinions and no advertising. The Linking Ring used to call their October Parade (that's the section that teaches you tricks for you who don't read your magazine) the "Annemann Jinx Parade" and was mentalism based. Max Maven wrote the majority of those parades. So if you are up to it see what you can come up with to honor Mr. Annemann. Also featured in this month's meeting will be a metalism teach-a-trick by Jim Rogers as well as a preview of the talk Payne will be giving at the upcoming Magic and Meaning gathering.

November's theme is Look what I Made. A chance to show and tell anything you might have needed to put together or make. It could be anything from a corner short to a Tommy Wonder Nest of Boxes. Anything you had to do so you weren't performing "right out of the box".

Hope to see you there.

Jeff Dial

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September 2012 MEETING

August meeting theme was "John Ramsay Night or Tricks with groceries".

The meeting started with a short clip of John Ramsay performing the cylinder and coins.

It was reminded to everyone that the club picnic will be on September 22nd, starting at 10am with lunch at 12pm.

Jeff Dial performed with a plastic knife, cup and a loaned dollar. He tore off a corner and gave it to the loaner. The dollar then vanish and reappear under the cup. Then it vanish and there was a lemon under the cup. He cut open the lemon and inside was a dollar with a missing corner that match the torn piece.

Danny Dragon told us he was using Scottish cards. He then imparted to us about the fact that L & I was releasing some of their books as e-downloads. He then performed a 6 card repeat he got from one of the books(Trost).

Dan Staple brought out a stand of spaghetti and proceed to break it into 3 pieces, he then ate the pieces, then pulled out a whole strand out of his mouth.

Payne had a small box which he claimed had all the items to perform magic from Tarbell. He had a number chosen between 52-148 and then some cards picked. Using the value of the cards he produced a magic square that added to the number chosen.

Remember come to the meetings and see and learn magic. Also enjoy great company and do a trick. The meetings are a great place to practice that new routine. Here you can goof and learn. The Club's unofficial motto is: "This may or may not work"

We also have a great library that everyone should take advantage of.

After the performances the meeting was adjourned and those that wanted to went to Maddox's for refreshments.

If anyone wants to add to the meeting notes send to me and I will add in the next newsletter.

My email is at the bottom of the newsletter and in the secretary's message box.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2012

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.

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

<http://www.nwringoffire.com/index.html>

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PS I was so busy at the convention that I forgot to send this to Craig. Watching these world class magicians can teach us a lesson, not any tricks they might show, but that can fool us and fool us badly. (Watching Juan Tamarez perform is like having your brain smashed with a brick wrapped in a slice of lemon. [HHGG]. I needed to be reminded what that feels like so that when my audiences react I know and remember what they can be feeling.

Jeff Dial

Once again Payne has been willing to share his reviews he writes for MUM. Thank you Payne for your generosity

Comedy for Magicians and Others: Volume One

Robert Baxt

DVD 60 Minutes

Available From <http://www.robertbaxt.com/>

\$19.95

Reviewed by Payne

Robert Baxt is a funny man. At least that's what his business card says. It also appears that Robert Baxt is a generous man as he wants to help you be funny too. At least that's what it says on the back of his latest DVD "Comedy for Magicians and Others: Volume One".

Well actually it says "You Can Be Funny!" in large friendly letters. But you get my drift.

So of course this does beg the question. Will you be funny after viewing this DVD?

To which the answer is. Yes, but only if you were funny before you started watching it.

To be honest. Being funny is something that cannot be taught. It can be learned and better yet honed to a razor like sharpness. But there isn't a 12 Step Program one can follow that, once completed, will assure you of being a Wild and Crazy Guy that's the Life of the Party. Becoming Funny is a process that can, for the most part, only be learned by doing. So, if you're not funny now, don't expect to watch this DVD and then be able to knock ém dead at your local Comedy Club on open mike night (which is every night isn't it?)

What you will find on this DVD is valuable information, information drawn from years of experience, all of it from an award winning comic magician working in the real world.

Mr. Baxt discusses his philosophy on humor and delves into topics such as Character, Communication, Bonding with the Audience, Confidence, Props and Tricks as well as many insightful tips and advice on things to avoid. There are also many wonderful anecdotes including a marvelous tale about Al Flosso and Houdini's Wand.

Be forewarned however. This is Mr. Baxt's philosophy on comedy and presentation. It is not the be all and end all. Not that Mr. Baxt ever claims it is. The advice he gives is what has worked out best for him over the years. Your results may vary.

But if you're just starting out on the road to comedy, or a beginner looking for a few pointers this DVD is a good place to start. Again you should know that there are no tricks or jokes included on this DVD. Just advice.

For myself I would have liked to have seen a little more examples given to help illustrate some of the finer points covered in this recording. But that's just me. I also would have liked to have seen some discussion on the various types of humor and the basic tenants of what makes something funny. But then this is after all just volume one and there needs to be topics left over to talk about on the upcoming volumes.

Payne

MAGICAL HAPPENINGS

That's Impossible

October will feature Philemon Vanderbeck and Master Payne, (Should be October 24th) Doors open at 6pm for dinner and walk around magic, and the stand-up show begins at 7pm Egan;s seats only 46 so reservations are highly recommended.

Tim Flynn is looking for performers, If interested contact Tim at 206-290-7767 or on Facebook at notification+khiuhkim@facebookmail.com

Magic Mondays at Third Place Books in Ravenna. Remember if you want flight time at the longest running magic show in the PNW contact Fredrick at fredrick@blarg.net

November 10

Lance Pierce Lecture

Shawn O'Donnell's Restaurant
122 128th St. SE, Everett, WA.

NWRF Members: \$25

Ring of Smoke \$10

General Admission: \$30

November 2-4

Tri-City "3 of Clubs" Convention

The Meyers' Annual Magical Picnic Extravaganza & Swap Meet was once again well attended with around 75 magicians and performers from Mexico, Canada and the US. Several volunteered in stating that it was the best picnic yet. Barbecued ribs and chicken, unique salsas and salads, soft drinks and chocolate fondu were provided by the Meyers and also the Solteros of the fabulous Paraiso Restaurant. Attendees provided the ... er.. "spirits" if you will.

Magical performances were provided by several performers including area magicians Just Sage, Perry Church and Nate Jester as well as the competitors of the Anything Goes Performance Competition.

The esteemed winners of that heavily contested competition are as followed.

The Coveted Golden Barbecue Rib Award - Alex Seaman & Billy Bales Hsueh. Now 2 Time Winners!
Best Magic [Sterling Dietz Award] - Matthew Jones, presented by Sterling Dietz.

The Golden Comb For Smoothest Performance [Steve Dickson Award] - Matthew Jones, presented by Steve Dickson

Special Category Winners:

Most Clever Use of Water - Logan Earle

Best Trick While Lying On Your Back - Brianna Carlson

Best Mentalism With A Banana - Alex Seaman & Billy Bales Hsueh

Dropped Zombie Award - Logan Earl, who cleverly and magically turned this chastising award into a positive accomplishment this year

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NW Ring of Smoke news.

At this year's PCAM once again the magicians of the NW Ring of Smoke cleaned up as they have at the last three PCAMs.

1st Place for Youth Magician Stage went to Josh Cizek

1st Place for Junior Stage went to Leo Kanzelberger

2nd Place for Junior Stage went to Matt Wells

1st Place Junior Close Up went to Zach Daniel

1st Place Stage (adult) went to ROS Headmaster Bruce Meyers

Due to the 3 of Clubs Convention in Victoria the November meeting for Ring of Smoke will be held on the 2nd Sunday, November 11th, rather than the usual 1st Sunday, November 4th. Meetings are held at Shawn O'Donnell's Restaurant in the banquet room 2:00



Ring of Fire Club Picnic

If you read the president's message you would have realize the Club had a club picnic. Thirteen people showed up members and family and we had great food and a great time, just hanging out together. We had fun sharing conversation and magic (and did I mention great food)

Thanks to Thank to Jim for overseeing details, Danny for securing the provisions and Ken for serving as the master chef We hope to make next years even better with more people. Below are some pictures from the picnic.

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

(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 were 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

910 NE Minnehaha St. Ste 1

Vancouver, WA 98665

1-888-360-6244



