



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) 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.

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Ring of Smoke Report

No meetings during the summer.

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

August's Meeting Report

August's theme was "Change" - Anything... from a color change, to a trick with pocket change, or even a transformation (change) of some kind.

The meeting started with a report on the club's performance at the Night Out Against Crime event at the Richmond Beach Library Park. In attendance was Rich Waters, Ralph Huntzinger and Craig Colombel. The three performed some walk-around and then performed a show for the crowd. The people enjoyed it and we all had fun. And did I mention "free Food". Would like to see more members participate next time.

Robert and Cheryl Van Voorhees gave a report on the IBM Convention. They had a good time and enjoyed the event.

Members standing for officers next year are: President – Payne Fifield, VP-Rich Waters, Jim Rodgers, Evan Shuster, Secretary- Craig Colombel and Treasure Brian Melicher. All members should have received a ballot, please send in your vote. Also, it is not too late to volunteer for a position.

Magic:

Ralph Huntzinger is continuing to revamp his effect/prop "BECCA". The latest has his solutions for the workings of the prop and is near the final version. He again demoed the effect and for the club and answer questions.

Craig Colombel demoed a trick he is working on. It involves the appearance and vanish of a large candy cane. There was a request for suggestions.

Rich Waters requested some help from the members. He received a call from the Seattle Winterfest to request a magic show during Winterfest. He went over a rough outline of the show routines. His question was for some ideas to improve a method to force a name that lead into another trick in the routine. The method uses a large clock face with items/pictures that spell the movement of the dial and forces the word/item.

Dave Callahan is in the process of getting rid of some of his magic and has for the past two meetings brought items to give away. His plans are to continue this for a while.

After the meeting we went for pizza and more discussion on magic and good times.

Hope to see you this Thursday the 12th.

Don't to forget to vote for officers for 2020 or volunteer or come to a meeting and show off your magic.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month, 7pm at the Kenmore Library, in Kenmore WA.

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

IBM Ring # 339
The Northwest Ring of Fire
By Evan Shuster

Hi everyone!

I was lucky to be able to break away for Magic Live this year. Work and house improvements have sapped most of our time and resources. Even so, I'm really glad I went. Great fun! Got to hang a bit with Payne and Brian, as well.

September Meeting Location

We'll be at the Kenmore library in September, and at least through November. I'll let you know if anything changes.

Too early...???

Nope. It's never too early to start talking about the upcoming New Year (just 4 months away!!). Please remember to include your membership dues when calculating your 2020 budget. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Just \$25/year.

Even if you only attend one or two meetings, and maybe one or two lectures each year, isn't that still worth \$25? We hope so.

Election 2020

If you are a current, active member then you should have already received an email from me with ballot instructions for the upcoming elections. All votes are due by 11:59 PST, on September 30. Please let me know if you are current in your dues, but have not received your ballot email.

Now...

I'm looking forward to the Genii convention in October (right around the corner)!

BUT... before any of that, we have a lecture.

Jonathan Levit Lecture – September 14th @ 2:00 PM

Jonathan Levit (who I had a great time seeing at Magic Live) is coming to town. He has some very intelligent, engaging material, and if you're looking for an absolutely crushing app-based performance piece, then this is where you will want to be.

Seattle Lecture: Saturday, September 14th @ 2:00 PM

Shawn O'Donnell's (lower level)

122 128th St. SE, Everett, WA

NWRF Members: \$25

General Admission: \$30

Jonathan Levit Lecture – September 14th @ 2:00 PM



Jonathan has been performing as a magician for nearly his entire life. He has been the private magician for celebrities such as Johnny Depp, Nicolas Cage, Teri Hatcher and Tony Curtis, to name just a few.

He is an actor, magician, television host, producer and public speaker. Jonathan's acting career began with his starring role as a con-artist magician in one of the most highly acclaimed episodes of "THE X-FILES", playing opposite Ricky Jay.

He went on to guest star in television shows and films such as "FLASHFORWARD" (ABC), "THE OTHERS" (NBC) and "THE HUNTRESS" (USA), among others — playing magicians and non-magicians alike.

Jonathan has hosted shows for THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL, THE SCIENCE CHANNEL, THE BIOGRAPHY CHANNEL, EQUATOR HD and the FINE LIVING NETWORK. Combining magic and hosting, Jonathan was seen on VH1 as the host and a judge of the celebrity reality magic series, "CELEBRACADABRA" and has appeared on "MASTERS OF ILLUSION" (FOX).

He has graced the covers of MAGIC MAGAZINE and GENII MAGAZINE and works consistently as a magic consultant for television and film.

Teller, from Penn & Teller says it best, "Jonathan is funny, elegant, and disturbingly smart. Like something cuddly with really sharp teeth."

In this highly acclaimed lecture, Jonathan teaches more than just the trick.

Yes, you'll learn some time tested foolers - effects straight from Jonathan's personal repertoire – but he'll also teach you about audience management, psychology, act structure, and developing your character. He will discuss turning a trick into an event, his theory of moving the moment, and the use of time misdirection.

INCLUDED IN HIS LECTURE (BUT NOT LIMITED TO):

- A Force Like No Other: This is a psychological force that involves 2 audience members. Jonathan will teach his psychology when working with a spectator to give the impression that a selected card is arrived at with no involvement from the magician, while seemingly taking place completely in the spectator's hands
- Bill Switch: Jonathan will describe his handling for a bill switch that allows the bill to truly never leave the audience's sight
- Mental Miracle: This is Jonathan's opening routine from his close up act in which he divines four cards that are selected in four unique ways
- Four Card Pile-Up: This is a lesson in taking a trick that is not complicated and, through psychology and framing, creating something extremely magical and impossible.
- Card at Any Number: A selected card is positioned at any number called out by the spectator. Combined with performance technique, the impression is made that the cards were never handled by the magician
- Everything Changes: This is Jonathan's signature color changing deck routine in which a selected card, as well as pack of cards, changes color after being in play for some time during the routine
- The Stranger: Performance tips for Jonathan's new effect, "The Stranger."

I know that there are a million things that can keep everyone busy, and distract from showing up at every meeting, but I hope you'll find the time to join us this month.

Don't forget to vote!!

Best regards,
Evan

<http://nwingoffire.com/>

Haec aut bene aut male cedent
"This may, or may not work."

Catching Up with Bruce Johnson: An Afternoon of Magic & Mystery!

Submitted by Evan Shuster

I sent an email out recently, as a reminder for the upcoming Jonathan Levit lecture. It's on Saturday, September 14th, by the way.

I received a response from honorary lifetime member Bruce Johnson that I found to be very cool.

Bruce was kind enough to allow me to share it with all of you in this newsletter.

From Bruce:

Evan,

I appreciate you organizing the lectures. Unfortunately, I won't be able to come to the next one. That is the same day I support a program for Veterans, some with PTSD, who are taken out on boats to go salmon fishing. A colleague has asked me to spend the day with him serving as his deck hand.

I did have an interesting magic day today...

*I am a member of REPS (Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound). It is a club for fans of classic radio drama and comedy. The President asked me to organize a magic themed program. So, a group of actors did a live recreation of three episodes of the **Blackstone the Magic Detective** radio series. I performed the live sound effects for those episodes (I have been working as their Foley Artist for a little over two years now). After a brief intermission I spent 25 minutes talking about the actual Harry Blackstone and Walter Gibson, who created and wrote the radio series. Gibson was an important magic ghost writer, as well as active in radio dramas. He used many pen names, including "Maxwell Grant" when he created his most famous character, *The Shadow*.*

After the talk, I performed twenty minutes of my magic act. We finished the meeting right on time.

Usually people leave right away, but today they stayed seated. The President asked if there were any questions, and I spent another twenty minutes answering questions. All-in-all, it was a great success.

Hopefully I will be able to attend some more lectures in the near future. October, however, looks like it is going to be very full. REPS has three weekend performances that month. One is a regular meeting, the second is part of a concert series on Mercer Island, and the third performance is a pre-Halloween show at Kenyon Hall in West Seattle.

Bruce

An afternoon of Magic and Mystery!

September 7th



First, REPS will perform a few episodes of *Blackstone The Magician Detective*. Then *Bruce Johnson*, our sound effects wizard, will give a presentation on *Walter B. Gibson*, the writer/magician who wrote *The Shadow* pulp magazine stories. Bruce, a former professional magician, will also perform a few illusions intended to amaze. This is sure to be a fascinating program.

Location: St. John United Lutheran Church 5515 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103

Time: 2- 4pm

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)

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

FunkyFun Magic Shop- **Is Now**
Twisted Monkey-Magic Shop
1101 Outlet collection Way
#1261
Auburn WA 98001
206-859-8363

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 20th 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. 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!