



NOW YOU SEE IT...

The Monthly Newsletter for the Carl Moore Ring
Ring 60 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians
Austin, TX



Issue 11-12

December 2011



From The President

Mark Wilson, Ring 60 President

So the end of another year has arrived. Of course in order to have an ending we must have a beginning. In this case the 2012 year of Ring 60 meetings, lectures, and events. I look forward to another great year of sharing my love of magic with others. It has been a pleasure to serve the club as president for the past year, as it will be once again for this coming year, and as it has been in the previous years during my terms as secretary, and vice president. Looking back, it seems the years have gone quickly. But during those years I have made many friends, seen some great magic, and grown as a performer. I take the opportunity as I write this to thank everyone who has contributed and supported the club and magic in any way, during the past year or during any year. As we move into the next year I ask that we all keep in mind that Ring 60 is a club, and we each get out of the club what we put in. Some things that we the members may contribute may not always be apparent to everyone who is a member, especially considering the "in an out" nature of our organization. I ask everyone to keep in mind that our club is a part time endeavor. A few of us are there for every meeting, every lecture and every club event, but not all of us. I for one can not take advantage of everything the club offers. but nevertheless, contributions are being made, and those contributions help, and I and others appreciate it.

Some highlights of the year for me have been the clubs efforts with the "Heroes Night Out" program. These events have allowed us the opportunity to collaborate on a worthwhile cause while fostering a relationship with Wes and Judy Pierce - the founders of "Heroes Night Out". As you know, we will be having our upcoming joint banquet with the SAM assembly 206 at the "Heroes Night Out" facility. We also have had a number of guest lectures at this facility. Be sure to thank Wes and Judy in person should you get the chance. We will be giving them a very nominal donation in exchange for their hospitality in allowing us to use the building. I would like to see more folks get involved with this effort in coming years.

Another thing the club did thus past year was to support the Doc Seaton Sideshow at Pecan Street Festival. We were able to make a great start towards raising some funds for the club thanks to the efforts of many of our members. I also was very impressed at the number of performers (both in and out of the club) who came to the festival to perform. Thanks again to those who helped make the sideshow a success.

We have had many great lectures this year, a personal favorite of mine was getting to meet and visit with Jonathan Pendragon. My favorite monthly meeting moment was when Oscar Munoz showed up as a guest. You never know who will show up at our meetings! I'm sure each of you has your favorite magic moment. We'd love to hear about it. If the mood hits you, write it up and send it to me and I'll make sure it gets included in the next newsletter. Thanks for reading, and onward and upward into 2012 year!

In This Issue...

From The President	1
Last Meeting	2
Next Meeting	3
Lecture Update	3
Austin Magic Youth	5
Ring 60 Calendar	8

Last Meeting

Carlos Santillan

December was Past Presidents night for ring 60. Ring president, **Mark Wilson**, turned the meeting over to **Will Mannis** who introduced each of the past presidents performing that evening.

Starting the program, **Brooks Griffith** said that he did not wish to perform a magic trick. Instead he would do a science demonstration. He took a Styrofoam cup from a table, poured water into the cup, and then pierced the cup with a pencil, he pointed out that if one did not twist the pencil the cup would not leak due to the surface tension of the water, he proceeded to demonstrate this a few more times by poking more holes on the cup and no water came out of any of the holes he made.

Lou Hornung felt like doing something different at that night's meeting, so instead of performing a rope trick he was going to do a card trick. He asked three volunteers to cut the cards in three piles. Each one selected a card and mixed their pile. Lou took the packets from two of the volunteers and identified their cards, for the third packet not only was he able to determine the selected card, but a few of the other cards the volunteer was holding.

Bertil Fredstrom invited a spectator to help him. He showed a blank sketchbook. The spectator waved a magic wand, said magic words and nothing happened. Realizing the problem Bertil exchanged the wand for a giant pencil that was waved over the sketchbook and pencil drawings of magicians appeared. He then replaced the pencil wand for a large crayon and after waving it over the sketchbook all the pictures appeared colored.

JD Stewart displayed a silver coin only to have it vanish, the coin reappeared only to disappear again and be replaced by a copper coin.

Will Mannis performed a crazy man hand cuffs rubber band routine with the help of a spectator.

96-year-old **Ramon Galindo** performed a topsy-turvey bottle routine with the help of a spectator. He followed with a wonderful routine in which safety pins would link and unlink instantly. Next, he performed a coin matrix in which four coins placed under four cards, one by one traveled to end up together. Then hundreds of coins poured from under the cards, ending with two giant coins that seemed to have appeared out of thin air.

While setting up the stage for his performance, **Kent Cummins** explained that when he first joined Ring 60 in the late 70's, Fred "The Great Scott" Donaldson would perform at past presidents night with full costume and stage, explaining why he was wearing a Tux and setting up backdrops for his performance, he also wanted to perform something that he had not performed for the ring (not an easy task for someone who has been an active member for over 30 years). Kent was starting his show when he was interrupted by a special mail delivery, when he opened an envelope he discovered that Flat Stanley was visiting him. Kent told the story of how Stanley became Flat, which enabled him to travel via mail. On the envelope was also a book with a Flat Stanley story, but all the pages were blank. Kent mentioned that this was the story about the time Stanley became invisible. Kent used magic crayons to draw and then color the book. Kent also told a story where Stanley help solve a Museum robbery by posing as one of the pictures.

We continued the evening with open mic.

Edward Boswell had a couple of spectators select a card, the cards were lost on the deck. The first card jumped out of the deck and he caught it mid flight. He gave the card to the first spectator and then proceeded to find the second card.

JD Stewart took the stage again and performed his take on the classic red hot mama/Chicago opener.

Leo Xia, a member of the youth magic group, asked a spectator to select the card, the card was placed back in the deck and lost only to later appear reversed in the deck.

Mike Braswell performed a one handed ambitious card routine where a card was selected by a spectator, placed in the middle of the deck and would rise to the top using only one hand the whole time.

Next Meeting

Annual Holiday Banquet

It's almost the end of 2011, which means a busy time for most magicians. We are busy attending other people's parties and events, so it's pretty difficult for us to have one of our own. So, the Ring 60 tradition has been to hold off on our holiday party until after it's all over. January 15, 2012 Ring 60 will hold our annual banquet with a number of surprises.

First, the more the merrier. Rather than having separate banquets for Ring 60 and SAM 206 we are going to get everyone together for one massive party. The event will be at the Heroes Night Out Facility in Cedar Park, so it will be a completely private event.

Second, the entertainment will be outstanding. Our good friend, Peter the Adequate, went and spent a few years in Branson with his own show. That experience did a lot to shape how Peter approaches his performances and you will be thrilled with what he has to offer. It's so much more than just magic tricks. Peter offers a very touching experience that celebrates life, love and the pursuit of wonder.

Third, this will be a catered event. However, we will be including a dessert contest, so practice on your relatives in December and get ready to rock it with your creation at the banquet. Don't feel like preparing a dessert? No worries. There will be other door prizes and surprises throughout the evening.

You can buy tickets on line by going to <http://ibmring60.org/events>. Tickets will be \$15 pre-paid and \$25 at the door. To reserve dinner you will need to make your reservation by January 12. Tickets purchased without a reservation can not be guaranteed dinner.

When: January 15th 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Where: Heroes Night Out Facility, 1150 S Bell Blvd, Cedar Park, TX 78613 ([map](#))

Buy Now: by going to the web site: <http://ibmring60.org/events> tickets will be only \$15 for dinner and the show (we process on-line payments securely through PayPal so the Ring never even knows your credit card information) If you prefer to pay by check, make it out to IBM Ring 60 and mail it care of Larry Johnson to 410 W. Nugent Ave, Temple, Texas 76501.

Reserve Now: by emailing vp@ibmring60.org or calling Carlos 512-761-6374. Tickets will be will-call at the door for \$25. Credit cards can be accepted at the door.



Lecture Update

Chris Walden

Free Nathan Kranzo lecture for February Ring 60 Meeting!

Yes. You heard that right. Free lecture. Nathan Kranzo has agreed to present his newest lecture for free at our regular Ring meeting. Who is Nathan Kranzo? Are you kidding?

Kranzo is now one of the top magical entertainers in the country. His original magic creations have been published in national and worldwide publications like Magic Magazine, Genii Magazine, The Penumbra, Antinomy, Channel One, and The Linking Ring Magazine. Nathan has performed and lectured all over the United States as well as Canada, Mexico, France, England, Holland, and Japan. Most recently Nathan was a consultant for Penn and Teller's NBC special "Off The Deep End". He is the other half of the TWO PROS TALKING web series AND of the "Mad, Magic & Mental" Stage production with Kieth Fields. Kranzo has also been a columnist for MUM Magazine for the last few years.

Are you with me now? This guy is going to give is lecture absolutely free to Ring 60 members at our regular meeting time. Here is what you can expect:

NO SMOKING ZONE

This is Kranzo's newest release and has created quite a buzz around the world. JUST when they hell at you to not light your cigarette....it turns into a lollipop, or a stick of gum!!! Watch it here:

<http://kranzomagic.myshopify.com/collections/frontpage/products/no-smoking-zone>

PSYCHOMATIC DECK

Another brand new release from Kranzo. Kranzo will teach you how to use this old gem. A person cuts to a card and peeks at it while you are across the room and you then read their mind and tell the the card with NO pumping. Watch Kranzo perform it here: <http://vimeo.com/29878462>

THE MEAN COIN ROUTINE

This is a routine that Kranzo uses as an opener for small groups. It combines visual magic with comedy and Kranzo uses to talk about the psychology of social dynamics. Kranzo teaches this routine as well as other choice selection from his Stand Up Coin Magic DVD. <http://kranzomagic.myshopify.com/products/stand-up-coin-magic-dvd>

WHOOGLE Book Test

Using Google and something “topical” as a basis for a comedy mindreading presentation a word is revealed that a volunteer has merely thought of!!! Fits in your pocket and plays BIG.

<http://kranzomagic.myshopify.com/products/diction-by-nathan-kranzo>

Comedy Thought Of Card Revelation

A card called out by an audience member is predicted with no palming. Self working and NO index in your pants LOL! This always brings down the house. Kranzo also teaches versions with your pocket, and even an envelope.

Mene Tekel Miracles

Nathan with share with you some of his favorite effects with the Mene Tekel Deck from his new DVD
Mene Tekel Miracles. <http://kranzomagic.myshopify.com/products/mene-tek-el-miracles-dvd>

The Gift

I'll share with you my handling of a Steve Mayhew idea that I've used for over 10 years to approach people and groups that always works.

TEARify

Kranzo reveals reveals his work on the classic newspaper test. This is very strong real world mentalism that has been one of the highlights of the new lecture! Stand Up Mentalism you can do ANYTIME anywhere.

<http://kranzomagic.myshopify.com/products/tearify-newspaper-tear-by-nathan-kranzo-mentalism>

Plus Kranzo's work with comedy and gags, how to APPROACH PEOPLE WHEN PERFORMING.....Kranzo's finesse of The Haunted Pack.....All this and much MORE!!! See more and watch clips at

www.KranzoMagic.com

You must plan to join us in February. If you're membership is not up-to-date you can fix that by going to <http://ibmring60.org/ibm-store.html>.

Bonus lecture in February - Alan Sands

In addition to the lecture at the monthly meeting, we will get a second lecture from the incomparable Alan Sands. Alan is the son of one of magic's greats...George Sands, creator of Sandsational Rope, RopeSational, The Encyclopedia of Balloon Animal Sculpturing and he published a dozen other books/pamphlets on magic over his 57 year career in magic. You can visit: www.alansands.net/store for a list of his books and products Alan currently sells.

Alan's lecture is well rounded and includes things for the amateur and the skilled finger flicker, the clown, the mind reader, and the corporate presenter. Alan has novelty routines as well as magic routines, and he will discuss how to make a show flow and be entertaining for the majority of the audience, not just for a select few. He will perform and teach tricks with ropes, coins, cards, balloons, and razor blades. He will discuss marketing and talk about being the son of a full-time professional magician that ate, drank and breathed magic his entire life. Alan will teach the first trick he ever learned and discuss how to get the most routines from only a few props when doing strolling magic so you are not laden with pockets full of gimmicks.

Alan is 51 years old and he has not had a job in the business world since he was 19 choosing instead to make his living as a performer all those years. Alan Sands has performed in 46 US States, across Canada, and even toured in South Africa, Malaysia, the UAE and China. Alan has performed on cruise ships and in casinos but he primarily made his living doing Fairs, Festivals, Amusement Parks, Colleges and Universities, high schools and corporate parties/events. Alan does multiple acts: prop comedy magic act, a hypnosis show, games for events like picnics and many other things - all under the umbrella of "entertainment"!

What: Alan Sands Lecture

When: Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Where: Heroes Night Out Facility, Cedar Park

Cost: \$15 to Ring 60 Members. \$20 to non-members

Austin Magic Youth

Bertil Fredstrom

(photos by Tommy Hellstrom)

IBM Ring 60 Youth Group performs at Christmas Party

Five of the members in our IBM Ring 60 Youth Group did perform at The Scandinavian Club in Austin in the evening of December 9. The Scandinavian Club of Austin is a club for people of Scandinavian origin, (mostly second and third generation by now) and they hold an annual pot luck Lucia meeting the second week of December every year at the Gethsemane church on Anderson Lane. This year they had asked me and the IBM Ring 60 Youth Group to organize some magic entertainment for their mostly senior citizens members and their children and grand children - and what a show we gave them!

During dinner **Leo, Reed** and **Catherine** performed some amazing close up magic at each table. Each performer repeated their act at four or five tables so that most of the tables got at least two visits. Both Leo and Reed did unbelievable magic with cards and Catherine performed a money trick using her folding paper as well as a great card trick.



Bertil Fredstrom, raising a little cane as MC of the Austin Magic Youth performance



From AJ's vase the water ever flows

After dinner the stage show started with **Black Bert** as the MC doing his disappearing cane and the 20th Century Silk trick followed by **AJ** showing off his new Lota Bowl and appearing Christmas candy in a box. The Lota Bowl then became a "running gag" during the rest of the show. After this **Black Bert** returned during a short interlude with a rope trick. It was now time for **Derek** to take the stage where he bewildered the audience with a mouth coil, the mis-made flag and a, (to real), Hand Chopper effect. The Hand of the audience member did stay on (barely) as the victim was able to prove by waving to the audience as he returned to his set. Finally

Black Bert closed the show and had all the performers return to the stage for their well deserved applause.

This was the first time the Youth Group performed for a none-magician audience and the reviews were rave. All the performers received plenty of accolade and the Scandinavian Club immediately asked if we could come back and perform for them at another time, maybe even for their Lucia meeting next year?

We have no meeting in January, but all are invited to come to the Annual Magician's Banquet (see more information elsewhere in this newsletter). Our next meeting will be Monday, February 6, 5:30 PM. Make sure that you're signed up for the discussion list by sending email to austin_magic_youth-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. If you have questions you can email or call Chris Walden (chris@mythmade.com; 512-996-9019) or Bertil Fredstrom (512-423 9810).

Monthly Clinics

Roger Gorss

I am very pleased to inform you that Brad Henderson will be conducting the Clinic on Saturday morning, January 21, 2012.

Think of your favorite trick.

How much better have you gotten at performing it since yesterday? Last week? Last year?

So many magicians get lost in the quest for the "new;" they want the latest and greatest, yet never find time to perfect any of them. So, they end up with a bag of half learned tricks filling a shelf or closet.

On January 21 you will have the opportunity to change that.

Brad Henderson will be leading another one of his acclaimed Master Classes.

A Master Class is a workshop where you bring in a piece to work on. You will perform it for the group, and then Brad will coach you on the material. This will be a safe, non-judgmental environment which will allow you to explore your material in a direction you find interesting, and improve you performance skills which will transfer to every trick you present.

Talk to some of past year's participant attendees:

"I've attended 2 of Brad Henderson's Master Class style clinics and they have been by far 2 of the best lectures I've ever attended (and I've attended a LOT of lectures). Brad gives practical real-world guidance and whether you come to be coached or to watch others be coached you will undoubtedly leave a better performer. I've literally seen Brad's suggestions instantly and greatly improve the rapport between a performer and his audience. The things I've learned in his workshops have improved not only my performing abilities as they

related to magic, but also as a public speaker."

"If you are past simply learning tricks and want to know how to truly be a better performer for your audience, you won't want to miss his lecture! Come take advantage of Brad's experience and expertise! Your audience deserves it!"

– Shane Delon

"I was skeptical about putting my work in front of Brad, but he was incredibly helpful and made suggestions that I now use every time I perform. If you haven't had the experience of a Master Class, I highly recommend that you give it a try. You are almost certain to learn something...and it has the potential of vastly improving your performance!"

– Kent Cummins, Magic Hotline

"If you're serious about your performance and improving it, you must attend this Brad Henderson class. If you want someone you patronize you about how great you are as a magician, do not come to this class. Brad can be brutally honest but by being so, he can be one of the best critics you'll ever meet. If he gives you pollution, he'll give you solutions. What you do with that information is up to you. I would encourage every magician at every level to make plans to attend. You won't regret it!"

– Mike Reed

This workshop will be a fun, informative, hand's on experience which may very well transform how you think about your magic. Only a limited number of performer's will have the opportunity to present before the class. Reserve your space (as a performer or spectator) now.

What: Master Class with Brad Henderson

When: Saturday, January 21, 2012, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: Texas Magic Supply, Cedar Park

Cost: Free to Ring 60 members. \$5 for non-members.

Seating is limited so please make a reservation. RSVP by e-mail to Roger Gorss (roger.gorss@us.army.mil) or call him at 254- 289-4305.

Ring 60 Calendar

Here is a list of planned activities for Ring 60 in 2011. You can also see the calendar on-line at ibmring60.org

January

2nd - Informal gathering at BB Rovers for any who need a magic fix.

15th - Annual Holiday Banquet (See details elsewhere in this newsletter.)

21st - Monthly clinic: Master Class with Brad Henderson (See details elsewhere in this newsletter.)

February

6th - Austin Magic Youth

6th - Monthly meeting featuring a free lecture by Nathan Kranzo for Ring 60 members. (See details elsewhere in this newsletter.)

15th - Alan Sands lecture (See details elsewhere in this newsletter.)

18th - Monthly clinic: details to be announced.

March

5th - Austin Magic Youth

5th - Monthly meeting: details to be announced

17th - Monthly clinic: details to be announced.

April

9th - Austin Magic Youth

9th - Monthly meeting: details to be announced

21st - Monthly clinic: details to be announced.

May

7th - Austin Magic Youth

7th - Monthly meeting: details to be announced

19th - Monthly clinic: details to be announced.

June

4th - Austin Magic Youth

4th - Monthly meeting: details to be announced

16th - Monthly clinic: details to be announced.

July

2nd - Austin Magic Youth

2nd - Monthly meeting: details to be announced

21st - Monthly clinic: details to be announced.

August

6th - Austin Magic Youth

6th - Monthly meeting: details to be announced

18th - Monthly clinic: details to be announced.

September

1st - T.A.O.M.

15th - Monthly clinic: details to be announced.

October

1st - Austin Magic Youth

1st - Monthly meeting: details to be announced

20th - Monthly clinic: details to be announced.

November

5th - Austin Magic Youth

5th - Monthly meeting: details to be announced

17th - Monthly clinic: details to be announced.

December

3rd - Austin Magic Youth

3rd - Monthly meeting: details to be announced

15th - Monthly clinic: details to be announced.

Don't forget the web site! <http://ibmring60.org/>