

# NEWSLETTER OF I.B.M. RING 180

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## “GIMMICKS” IS SEPTEMBER THEME

The September meeting begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, the 9th, in the Classroom of the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad St.

The theme of “gimmicks” is a follow-up to last month’s theme of “props.” “Props” are seen; “gimmicks” are unseen.

Following the theme presentations, the floor is open to other areas of magic as well as teaching tables and sale tables.

## LECTURE BY CRISWELL ON THE 11TH



From the title to the last trick you can be assured that Criswell’s lecture will satisfy your need for useful, commercial magic. Chastain Criswell has been performing these effects for laymen all over the south. Private parties, public events, to corporate engagements: all of the items in this lecture are sure to please.

The lecture is set for 7 p.m., Friday, September 11, 2009, Science Museum of VA, 2500 W. Broad.

Ring 180 has special lecture admission prices for magicians and their families. As usual, general admission to the lectures of Ring 180 is \$20. I.B.M. and S.A.M. members are entitled to a \$5 discount upon proof of membership. In addition, family members attending with an I.B.M. or S.A.M. member are entitled to half-price admission. As an added bonus, we are offering a “couples” price of \$30 for both people. You will not see these prices advertised, but you, as a member of the magic community, are receiving this newsletter and we want you to take advantage of these low prices.

For specific information, see:

<http://www.magicbyenigma.com/files/lectureflyer2.pdf>

## JOHN CARNEY COMES TO RICHMOND

**This lecture is sponsored by Carney, himself, and is *not* produced in cooperation with Ring 180.**

Carney charges a flat fee of \$25 at the door.

Although Ring 180 is not sponsoring this lecture, Carney is highly regarded and well worth seeing. The Ring urges you to attend.

His two hour lecture includes stage and close-up magic using cards, coins, cigars and a variety of everyday objects. Each routine is a lesson in itself, containing the insights and ingenuities that have made John one of the premier teachers of magic today. Topics include presentation, routining, misdirection and creativity.

The lecture is scheduled for Monday, September 28th, at 7:00 pm at Elks Lodge No. 45, 10022 Elks Pass Lane, Glen Allen, VA 23060-6217. (804) 270-4579. The Elks lodge is near the intersection of I-295 and Nuckols Road.

For more information about John Carney, his lecture tour and directions to the Elks Lodge, see: <http://www.carneymagic.com/>



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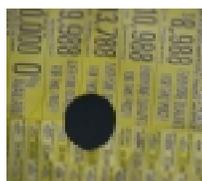
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# REPORT ON THE AUGUST MEETING

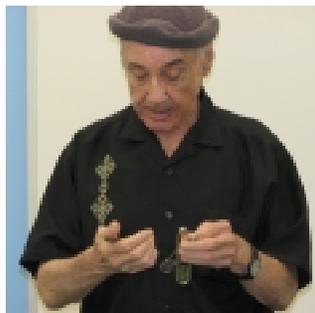


**Watt Hyer** opened the program with a demonstration of Devin Knight's "Around The Square," an update of the original "Squirele," in which a square cut out of a newspaper leaves a circular hole.

Watt also performed Danny Archer's "Animental," an old effect by Danny which has seen a revival in Richmond since Danny's lecture here in May.



**Bill Baber** performed "Run, Rabbit, Run," which Bill called the children's version of the Die Box. The Rabbit effect is such a hit at children's shows that there are a lot of different versions of the effect from many different manufacturers.



**Harry Gallant** showed his home-made Phantom Tube, and a prediction using a transparent change bag. Another prop that Harry demonstrated



was "Mental Epic," a prediction effect using a classic method made easier by the mechanics of the slate.



Gallant showed a wooden duck that picks a selected card out of a deck.



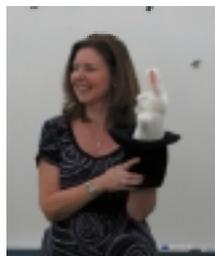
**Clif Land** showed his thimble holder and giant safety pins. Clif also produced real spheres from soap bubbles.

**John Smallie** used a cigarette lighter as a prop: a selected card appeared on the case of the lighter. John also performed a dice routine.

**Joe Duck** showed the Mickey Hades Finger Chopper, which has the advantage over other finger choppers in being able to be examined. Joe also had a break-away wand.



**Larry Rohr** displayed his Lota Bowl, a prop he uses in almost all of his shows. Another prop Larry relies on when he performs for children is his "sponge balls to rabbits" effect which is also popular because candy often appears with the rabbits.



**Linda Barrett** showed her expertise with a rabbit in the hat.

## PICTURES FROM LUNCHBREAK SCIENCE

**Lou Dean, Watt Hyer, Joe Duck, Larry Rohr** and **Harry Gallant** performed a one-hour show for Lunchbreak Science, a weekly forum for free programs related to science at the Science Museum of Virginia. Lou Dean, the Master of Ceremonies, entitled the program, "Science Defied." What was performed, however, made strict use of scientific principles along with deft misdirection to hide those scientific laws.



Joe Duck and Amy did a 10 minute routine with a mind-reading duck. The duck correctly predicted a called-out number, named an object while blindfolded and predicted the total of randomly called numbers.



Lou Dean acted as Master of Ceremonies and also made a ribbon appear from another dimension, correctly predicted the total cost of food items selected from different menus and used Jon Allen's Destination Box to make a signed card appear in a securely-held box.



Larry Rohr showed his magical coloring book, needle through a balloon and stiff rope.



Harry Gallant showed his expertise with ropes and his skill with Moebius loops.



Watt Hyer performed the "Professor's Nightmare" and gave away free tricks to the audience on behalf of the Ring.



## ALBERS RECOGNIZED

Al Albers was featured in an interview in "The Beacon," the twice-weekly supplement to the *Virginian-Pilot* newspaper in Hampton Roads.

Albers is a member of I.B.M. Ring 103 in Norfolk and has attended some of our Ring 180 lectures in Richmond.

Albers is the author of two works of fiction whose main character is a magician: *Of Ghosts and Magic* and *House of Tarot Cards*. See the story at:

<http://hamptonroads.com/2009/09/selftaught-magician-entertains-tricks-and-mysteries>