

Upcoming Ring Events

- Next Meeting – Feb. 5, 7:00pm
Matt Fore Lecture
- April 2 – Magician of the Year Competition
- April 2 – Officer Elections

Ring Officers

President – **Scot Price**

Vice-President – **Dan Wolfe**

Treasurer – **Clift Mitchell**

Secretary – **Andrew Hyder**

Sergeant-At-Arms – **David Larkins**

17 Turn Out to Ring in the New Year

13 Magi and 4 guests attended our first meeting of the year. If this is a sign of things to come, 2009 should be a great year for the Tri-Cities Magic Club.

After the usual monthly business we had a brief induction ceremony for new members. Matt Watts, Jessica Brooks, Tobe Wolfe, Cameron Cooke, Landon Robinson, Victor Vermette and Chris Morris were initiated and welcomed into the ring. We now have 18 paid members.

Our Magician of the Month competition saw 7 acts battle for the title. **Landon Robinson** "borrowed" \$20 from Scot and proceeded to lose it into 1 of 6 envelopes. One by one the envelopes were shredded until there was only one. Problem was, it did not contain Scot's signed \$20. No problem for Landon. He produced several pouches, each one smaller than the last. And in the last one was Scot's money.

David Larkins offered to show everyone how to do a trick that he just received from the Trick-of-the-Month Club. With Scot reading the instructions David desperately tried to go with the flow in vanishing a yellow bandana.

Andrew Hyder performed some very nice Ring and Rope moves such as throwing the ring onto a knot and then removing it while leaving the knot on the rope.

Chris Morris asked a volunteer to choose a card and then jokingly revealed their card on a 52-on-one card. He then had the spectator send their thought of card to the audience via a mind-transmitter. The entire audience was able to call out the chosen card.

Matt Watts wowed us with his version of the Professor's Nightmare. Three equal ropes are tied together and when untied are different lengths. This moved right into his Professor's Nightmare routine.

Mike Lewis had three different volunteers help with his triple prediction. Mike would make a prediction; place it in an envelope which would never leave our view. Then a volunteer would roll a dye and the prediction would match. Mike nailed all three.

Dan Wolfe was the final act this month. He brought out a rabbit house (which he built). In the house was his rabbit (Shhh. It wasn't real). The rabbit had everyone holding their belly as it tried (and finally succeeded) in transposing two handkerchiefs. In the end Dan had to put him away in his house where he turned into a chicken!

After a tally of votes it was **Landon Robinson** who brought home the gold...er paper.

Open magic allowed several of us to show what we have been working on and get feedback.

After a short break Andrew Hyder spent 15 minutes showing the finer touches of palming a coin. Hopefully everyone will practice this and show Andrew at the next meeting.

By 10:00 we were starved and headed to Perkins as usual...

IBM Ring 355 News & Notes

- The March Meeting date will be moved forward one week due to the Winter Carnival of Magic. Instead of meeting on March 5th, we will meet on **March 12th**.
- Officer nominations will be held at the March meeting and the election of new officers at the April meeting.

Matt Fore Lecture

Matt Fore will be lecturing at our February meeting. There will be a \$5 charge for members and \$10 for non-members. This is a new lecture Matt has and it should be great. We will have a VERY short business meeting and then the rest of the Feb. meeting will be Matt's. Plan to attend and bring a friend. As Matt says, "There won't be a dry seat in the house."

Magician of the Year Competition

In April we will have our MOY battle. Anyone who won Magician of the Month in 2008 is eligible to compete. So start working on that winning routine. You have large shoes to fill.

Magic PodCasts

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New Magic Show Hits TV

The new magic program produced by Gay Blackstone, [Masters of Illusion](#), premiered on MyNetwork TV on Jan 5. According to MyNetworkTV.com, *"The greatest illusionists in the world are featured in this amazing magic television series shot in front of a live audience. No camera or computer tricks, see women turn into tigers, birds appear from nothing and quick change in the blink of an eye! From one amazing illusion to the next, these acts come at you non-stop in a spectacular display of reality-twisting, mind-blowing magic."*

You can catch it every Monday night at 9PM EST.

Greatest Show on Earth



Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus has revamped its' show for 2009 and 2010 to feature a magician as the star performer. Alex Ramon is now the "Zingmaster" for the all new Red Tour of the circus called "Zing Zang Zoom." Ramon say "I am going to be doing the announcing, as a traditional ringmaster would, but I'm also going to be performing magic and illusions throughout the show. It's a very big change for the circus." One of the featured effects in the new show is an elephant vanish. For more info on Zing Zang Zoom, visit the [Show's website](#). Jim Steinmeyer is the magic consultant for the show and is in Florida working with the team as they get ready for the tour.

Let's Get To Know...Landon Robinson

Landon is a System Specialist at the Eastman Credit Union Meadowview Branch in Kingsport. He lives in Church Hill and is married to Pam. They have two daughters; Adrienne (20) and Whitney (16). Adrienne and Whitney are both clowns and help Landon tie animal balloons at parties. Whitney also helps Landon do magic as well.



What is your favorite area of magic? Comedy Magic whether it be close-up or stage.

Who was the first magician you remember seeing? Jeff Hobson

Did this spark your interest or was it something else? Yes, this sparked my interest in comedy magic. I had small magic tricks when I was young but lost interest and gave it up but when I saw Jeff Hobson do his comedy magic routine I knew that comedy magic is what I wanted to do.

Do you have a favorite magician or clown? Kohl And Company (Vaudeville, Slapstick and Magical Madness)

If a complete stranger came up to you and asked to see some magic, what would you perform? Comedy Ambitious Card. I am wanting to learn some coin magic that I would have in my pocket at all times so when someone came up to me and said they wanted to see some magic I would be ready.

I know you just recently joined, but what is your favorite thing about being in the ring? Or what made you decide to join? Seeing magic every meeting and learning new ways to do old tricks. Also talking to the other members and getting ideas.

If you could sit down to dinner with three magicians (or clowns), who would you choose? Bill Malone, Michael Finney and Kohl and Company. Bill Malone and Michael Finney would teach me a lot about how to do magic and Kohl and Company would show me how to make it funny.

What three magic books or DVDs would you recommend to us?

- 1.) Bill Malone - On The Loose
- 2.) Fooler Doolers by Daryl
- 3.) Michael Finney - Live at Lake Tahoe Volume 3 The Secrets.

How long have you been performing as a clown? Since 1990

Those of us who have known you for the past few months can see that you are a funny person (even without your makeup). Was your comedic personality the reason you chose to perform as a clown? Yes, but lately I have been moving away from the clowning and doing more comedy magic with little or no makeup.

January Ring Meeting

