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Next Monthly Assembly Meeting Thursday March 21, 2018, 7:00 pm

Illusion Warehouse, 3917 McCart Ave, Fort Worth, Texas

Three blocks north of Seminary Drive and across from Rosemont School

MARCH MEETING TO FEATURE STAGECRAFT 101

Help! It is broken! How do I fix it? If you are a performer, sooner or later you will need to make repairs on your props. Learn how to paint a prop, decorate a magic trick, glue felt on a table, attach a hinge, polish some coins, stencil a design, and cut a piece of wood. Do you know how to repair cracked plastic, choose the right wood putty, solder an electrical wire, or trim Formica? Perhaps you want to make a new clown gag, design and make a stand for your vent dummy, or repair a damaged prop.



This jam packed 90 minute teaching workshop by Illusion Builder Bruce Chadwick is full of tips, shortcuts, techniques, and ideas for the do-it-yourself performer. Whether you want to build your own props, make repairs, design a new idea, or choose the right tool, this workshop is for you! Also if you have a prop that needs repair and you need advice, bring it along and Bruce will take a look!

FEBRUARY MEETING FEATURED FREE LECTURE FOR DUES-PAID-UP MEMBERS



Twenty-one magicians and guests braved a cold rainy evening on Thursday February 21 at the Illusion Warehouse to attend the February monthly meeting of the Fort Worth SAM 138 Alliance of Illusionists. President Joey Byers opened with a few quick announcements about upcoming magic events in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Joey then introduced our newest members Bernie Dolenz, Brenda Helmer Dolenz, Denise Byers, and Cathy Jones, who were subsequently voted into club membership.

The main core activity for the evening was a free lecture by Bronson Chadwick for 2019 dues-paid-up members. Bronson is a pro magician from Midland, Texas who started performing magic as a child. He recently completed a ten month performing tour across the northeastern part of the United States, and to date has performed thousands of programs and is in high demand for banquets, meetings, and parties.

Bronson's lecture was called "Magic You've Never Seen Before: A Collection of Fine Mysteries for the Parlor." Included was his Quick Change Tee Shirt, Magical Block effect with an Icebreakers Candy Box, his Hand Turnover Coin Appearance, various paddle moves with a coin, his Gumption coin move, and his Power Pocket Change effect. Also well received was his No Touch (tapping arm with finger) effect, his variation of the classic silk handkerchief penetrating a bottle effect, Remnant, floating pen, X-Ray Vision Card Trick, Dust Bunnies effect, and The Red Box.

After the performance section of Bronson's lecture, the club took a short break with refreshments provided by Denise Byers, Ava Byers, and Cindy Bighorse, with Ava doing most of the baking! Bronson then returned to the stage with a complete explanation of the effects he presented in the first half of the evening. He filled the meeting with great magic, lots of laughter and fun, the hallmarks of SAM Assembly 138, Alliance of Illusionists.



Hello again friends and family of S.A.M. Assembly 138 / Alliance of Illusionists!

Hopefully you are staying warm. As I write this, the nation is experiencing a wintery blast in the form of a giant beltline from San Francisco through Colorado and Missouri, all the way to Pennsylvania and up to Maine. "March is in like a lion," indeed. Be sure to stay warm my friends!

Our February meeting was a huge success from all accounts. Bronson Chadwick gave us a free lecture, which basically meant a free magic show, along with all the secrets revealed (at least to us magicians). I think all of us were able to pick up

something that we can add to our repertoire, even if it was a triviality such as floating a ballpoint pen without using a gimmick. As you watched Bronson's original effects, you could not help but appreciate what a creative mind he has for magic. Additionally, it was evident that in spite of being relatively young compared to the age of the average magician, Bronson has developed a skillful library of sleights and a mastery of misdirection. Thanks Bronson for a great evening.

Also in February, our first month providing inexpensive snacks during our meeting intermission returned a profit of \$17. Special thanks to our snack committee (Cindy Bighorse, Denise and Ava Byers) for the homemade cookies and snacks, and canned soft drinks. The program was a success and the members enjoyed the refreshments during our break.

I want to get the nagging reminder out of the way first - so be sure and get your dues paid. Dues were technically due January first. I know the holidays were busy and many of us are just now getting back to routines, but Christmas is over and it is time to take care of business. I was informed that if we can just get our overdue dues paid by all of last year's members, that we would almost have double our membership from 2018 - almost! Wow! That is one of our goals for the year. If we can knock it out of the park in the first quarter or third of the year, that will be awesome!

Be a part of this, people! Achieving goals is contagious. Do your part in helping our club achieve its goals, and you soon you will start achieving your own personal performing or magic goals. Pretty soon you will start helping your friends and family achieve their goals as well. So, c'mon everyone, pay those dues ASAP and put this issue to rest so you can enjoy the benefits of membership, and the fellowship of our club members with a good conscience. Those dues enable us to provide the awesome programs, the quality lectures, and the performing opportunities that we are starting to see happen, so get on board here!

Alright then, so what's the Outlook? What is on tap for our Alliance of Illusionists? Remember you can always find out what to expect for any upcoming meeting by stopping by our website at www.sam138.com. From almost any screen on the website, you can check out the next Monthly Assembly Meeting pane on the right side of the screen and get the rundown on the upcoming meeting for the month.

March 15th and 16th is Penguin Magic MAXX Southwest at the Doubletree Hotel at Dallas Love Field. Dan Harlan, Michael Weber, Losander, Brent Braun, Garrett Thomas, Chad Long, The Other Brothers, Nick Locapo, Michael Kaminskas, and DFW's own Diamond Jim Tyler will be performing, hanging out, and teaching some cutting edge magic for a long day and a half. For more information on the performers and schedule of events, go to www.penguinmagic.com/p/10713.

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At our March 21st club meeting we will be treated to a 90 minute teaching workshop by Illusion Builder Bruce Chadwick. Bruce will present tips, shortcuts, techniques, and ideas for the do-it-yourself performer. Whether you want to build your own props, make repairs, design a new idea, or choose the right tool, this workshop is for you! Bruce has agreed to offer advice (free of charge!) on individual props that may need some attention. So, if you have a prop that needs repair, bring it along. Bruce will take a look, diagnose it, and prescribe treatment. :-)

This workshop is free to dues-paid members and \$20 to visitors, with the option to apply their admission to membership.

What is the saying? April showers bring May...ors - right? The April 18th meeting will be feature a presentation by The Magic Mayor. In addition to serving as the Mayor of Wylie, Texas, Eric Hogue is also a professional magician, a highly demanded motivational speaker, and an author. Eric and the city of Wylie host The Magic of Wylie festival each year during Magic Week in October. Eric will not only treat us to a performance, he will educate us on the status and progress of House Resolution 698, "Recognizing magic as a rare and valuable art form." He will do a short question/answer session on that topic as well, so be sure and bring your questions about magic and its official recognition as an art form by the US House of Representatives.

The May 16th club meeting will be Rotating Close-up! The meeting will feature several top close-up performers doing close-up magic in contest-style. This is where our audience of club members will assume seats at one of several close-up stations, and then 4 to 6 close-up performers will rotate between stations and repeat their 15 minute close-up act. This format enables every spectator to see every close-up performer...close up - so to speak. The performers will be announced in the coming months, but trust me that this meeting will be talked about all year long, and club members will demand a repeat in 2020!

The summer meetings are not yet finalized, but here is a sneak peek into the summer. Sunday July 7 we will be hosting Hal Meyers for a workshop. I will tell you more about Hal and this event in the months to come, but if you watch Jeff McBride's manipulation videos, look at the scrolling credits at the end and you most likely will see Hal's name with the words "Special thanks to" in front of it. I saw Hal do this workshop at last year's S.A.M. convention, and it was one of the best I've ever participated in (emphasis on the word participated). Hal will provide some props, and he will coach you through the learning process so that when you go home, you will have been thoroughly trained on several impressive, new skills that you can add to your routine.

Also, in July, we will be putting on our first public show in several years. Yay! The purpose of the show is to raise funds for our club. We will do the first show at the Illusion Warehouse in July, and then subsequently graduate it to a location that will be a bit larger and a bit more public, possibly involving another organization in the community.

I'm hoping that our August meeting will be a special treat for all of our kids' performers. More on the summer plans as the year progresses.

Whew! So, hang on everyone, because 2019 is moving fast and unfolding in a very exciting way! I have to say that this is a great time to be a member of the Alliance of Illusionists. If you think of someone who used to attend the club that we haven't seen for a while, give them a call and let them know that things are happenin' and you don't want them to miss out. You know the saying, "Miss a month, miss a lot!"

Okay, that's all for this month. See you at the March 21st club meeting!

Joey Byers, Your 2019 President



TAOM 2019 NEWS

The 2019 annual convention of the Texas Association of Magicians will be held in San Antonio, Texas next Labor Day Weekend, Friday afternoon August 30 through Monday morning Sept 2.



Current convention stars include Richard Turner, Oscar Munoz, Nick Lewin, Scott Pepper, John Cornelius, Stuart MacDonald, Joe Givan, Carol Lee Massie, James Dimmare, Mahdi Gilbert, Chris Capeheart, and Earl Nelson.

The convention will be held at the beautiful Hilton Palacio del Rio, set on the banks of the San Antonio River Walk. Use the discount code TAM for the special \$149 room rate. Also the hotel is just down the street from the Magik Theatre where the evening shows will be held. Seating is according to registration date. For more details, <http://taom.org/2019>

ANNUAL DUES NOW PAST DUE

Active, Associate, and Junior members pay Yearly Membership Dues to the Assembly to help it fulfill its purpose. Money amounts for dues are set by the Executive Committee and are payable the first day of January of each fiscal year. Dues are currently only \$20 per person.

So that dues are handled in a consistent manner and current contact information can be maintained for all members, dues and membership information are collected exclusively online through the Assembly's Internet website. Members simply go to www.sam138.com and click on "Dues."

Assembly Bylaws state that members who fail to pay their Yearly Membership Dues before the first day of March are automatically suspended from the Assembly. Suspended members are no longer members in good standing and their name badge shall be removed from accessibility. Suspended members may not attend Monthly Assembly Meetings or other Assembly sponsored events until past dues are paid.



UPCOMING MONTHLY ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

APRIL: The April 18th meeting will be feature a presentation by **The Magic Mayor**. Wylie Mayor Eric Hogue is also a professional magician, an excellent public speaker, and author. He personally hosts the Wylie Magic Festival during Magic Week brings his unique brand of magic to the Illusion Warehouse. Mayor Hogue will not only treat us to a performance, he will also enlighten us on House Resolution 698, "Recognizing magic as a rare and valuable art form." Additionally, he will be doing a short Q and A on that topic as well.

MAY: The May 16 Monthly Assembly Meeting will feature Rotating Close-up! The meeting will feature several top close-up performers performing incredible close-up sleight-of-hand. Audience members will assume seats at one of several close-up stations, and then 4 to 6 close-up performers will rotate between stations and repeat their 15 minute close-up act.

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This is my 1st attempt at writing a magic section for a newsletter, and I'm grateful for the opportunity. I hope I do it justice. Please enjoy my 'hits' and more importantly forgive my 'misses'. I'll try to keep a good batting record.

A Very Brief History of Me: My full name is Jack Edward McCoy, branched not too far from the infamous feuding family of the same name. I was born October 1st, 1962, got my 1st magic trick when I was 6, and have never stopped loving magic all the way to now and beyond. Other things have happened in my life of course, kids,

grandkids, pets, house, things of that nature. Though important they all are, my enjoyment in art of magic, optical illusions and puzzles are no less significant. I think magic saved my life at least more than one, and I love challenging my brain. Enough of that, let's get to some magic!

Pascal's Triangle

A very early book purchase of mine was Martin Gardner's 'Mathematical Carnival' (*Vintage Books Edition, 1977*) and in one chapter was his treatise of what's known as 'Pascal's Triangle', an ancient mathematical principle with tons of uses. Blaise Pascal, a 17th century French mathematician and philosopher, was the 1st to do a treatise on it, so the aforementioned name was adopted. The infamous triangle shape of the principle however was discovered from 1303 in a book by a Chinese mathematician and evidence of its study goes back to 1100 and possibly further. Harry Lorayne puzzled his buddies with a card trick version of this principle. The method is the same as the following 'speed calculator' effect but using card values instead of numbers. I've done this stunt to many people throughout the years, and it's one of my favorites. The best times were with school math teachers, who always gave the most puzzled and delighted responses any budding magician could desire.

You'll need a pen & piece of paper, stylus & tablet, marker & bald head, etc. Since the stunt is repeatable, I highly recommend the marker and bald head method. Any club after midnight will provide an endless supply of props.

1. Draw 5 lines in a row and request a spectator put a single digit, from 1 - 9 on each. They can be the same but it's more interesting if they vary, also avoid zero (0). Example: 3 1 2 7 5

2. As quickly as possible, do the following mental calculation: The middle digit X 6, its adjacent digits X 4, and the outside digits X 1, and add those 5 totals together.

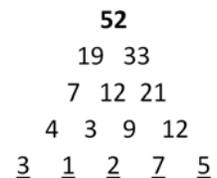
Tip: You might find it easier to add the 2nd & 4th digits together, then multiply by 4.

Ex.
$$\begin{array}{cccccc} \underline{3} & \underline{1} & \underline{2} & \underline{7} & \underline{5} \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \hline 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\ \hline 3 + 4 + 12 + 28 + 5 = 52 \end{array}$$



3. Write that total about 4 spaces above the 5 digits, straight above the center value. Ex.

4. Now, you or spectator add each adjacent values together and put the totals above and between the pairs. Continuing this upwards path of increasing sums which will pyramid upwards to the previously predicted number! It's a cool little 'lightning calculator' trick that I've enjoyed. With a little practice you'll be able to do the necessary calculating quickly. Encourage smaller numbers to begin with. The faster the prediction, the more perplexing the mystery!



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DFW AREA MAGIC HAPPENINGS

BRUCE CHADWICK SAM 138 ALLIANCE OF ILLUSIONISTS

Meets on the third Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm at the Illusion Warehouse magic shop located at 3917 McCart Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76110. Contact communications@allianceofillusionists.com or go to <http://sam138.com/alliance/> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/162025544420781/>

FORT WORTH MAGICIANS CLUB INC AND REN CLARK IBM RING 15

The two clubs meet concurrently on the first Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm at 4055 International Plaza, Fort Worth. Contact President Dr. Geoff Grimes for more details at ggrimes1@aol.com or phone 972-740-3125.

MID-CITIES MAGIC CIRCLE

Meets monthly at the Humpertink's Restaurant located near Six Flags in Arlington. Guests arrive at 7:00 pm for dinner with an informal meeting at 8:00 pm. See Mid-Cities Magic Circle on Facebook or <https://goo.gl/uDqDQa>

DALLAS MAGIC CLUB, SAM ASSEMB 13 & IBM RING 174

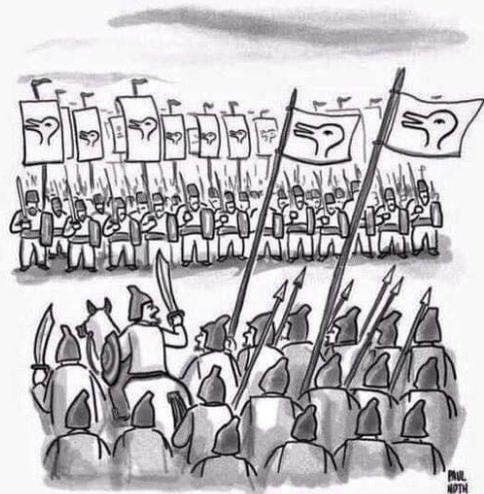
Meets monthly at 7:00 pm, Crossroads Christian Church, 2425 Parker Road, Carrollton, www.DallasMagic.org

IMPROV COMEDY CLUBS IN ADDISON AND ARLINGTON

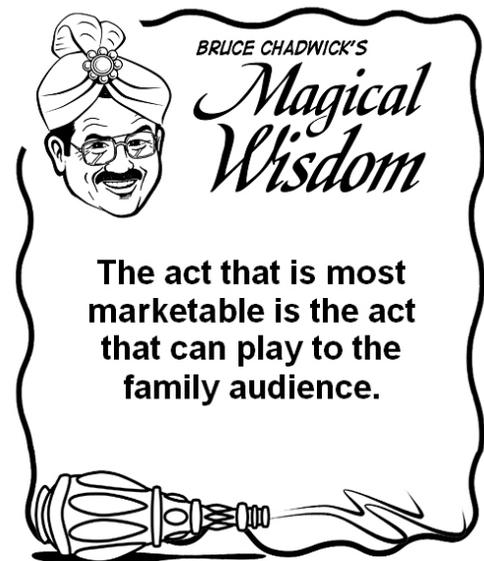
Both comedy clubs periodically host weekend comedy magic shows with headliners such as Mike Williams, Mike Squires, and others. For more details go to their respective websites at either www.ImprovArlington.com or www.ImprovAddison.com.

MAGIC IN THE LIVING ROOM

Periodic magic shows at The Line Public House, 940 E Belt-line in Richardson. www.MagicLivingRoom.com



"There can be no peace until they renounce their Rabbit God and accept our Duck God."



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