



# The Servante

Official Newsletter of the Alliance of Illusionists Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138

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Next Monthly Assembly Meeting Thursday August 16, 2018, 7:00 pm  
Illusion Warehouse - 3917 McCart Ave - Fort Worth, Texas 76110  
Three Blocks North of Seminary Drive - Across From Rosemont School

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## Teach-A-Trick Night!

If you want to learn some new magic, Thursday night is the night! The entire August AOI meeting will be dedicated to members teaching members magic! You are invited to bring any magic effect, apparatus, or impromptu routine, demonstrate it before our Assembly group, and then show us how to do it! Bring more than one teach-a-trick if you want. We can't have enough! We do ask that magicians try to emphasize effects other than card magic if possible. One or two card effects are great, but let's not make the evening a card workshop. Whatever happens, it's going to be a fun evening for our last "hurrah" of the summer!

### JULY MEETING FEATURED A NIGHT OF FREE MAGIC

Imagine two large tables of new and used magic effects. Imagine taking a number and when it is your turn, going to the table and taking the item of your choice to take home after the meeting and keep! Thus A NIGHT OF FREE MAGIC was the theme of the July meeting of the Alliance of Illusionists, SAM Assembly 13. All items were generously donated by Assembly members and the Illusion Warehouse store.

23 members and guests were in attendance. After a short Special Executive Committee Meeting, a report by Bruce Chadwick and Cindy Bighorse about their recent attendance at the Vulture Cincinnati Magic Collector's Convention, and the introduction of guests, magicians chose their wares! Each person played with the trick of their choice and then made an honest attempt to perform it before the Assembly. Club officers were on hand to assist where needed. The Assembly then talked about the item, discussed its origin, and offered performance tips

Bruce Roberts presented a theme of his lost keys with his new P&L Change Bag, Adam Alsup and son showed his Drop Bottom Production Box, Jack McCoy attempted the Temple Screen, and Robert Smith showed a unique stage-size production box. Lisa Fulce tried to imitate Neil Foster with her Zombie Ball, Pierce Brooks did an interesting rendition of the Strato-Spheres, and Al Fox made a flower bouquet appear in his Crystal Casket. Mark Bynum was next with a Svengali Deck routine, Matt Hughey did a picture prediction, Van McGee shows sponge ball manipulation, and Frank Seltzer "viewed" interesting shades of colors with his Color Vision Box.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET

President Mark Jones has called for an Executive Committee meeting for 6:30 pm, immediately prior to the 7:00 pm Thursday August 16 Monthly Assembly Meeting. All officers are requested to be in attendance. All dues-paid-up club members may also attend.

In preparation for the Alliance of Illusionists plans to host the 2020 Texas Association of Magicians convention, our Assembly has moved forward with our 501(c)6 Texas non-profit corporation status and we will have some exciting news on Thursday. You will not want to miss this historic announcement on Thursday!

## **JULY 2018 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The July 19, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting of the SAM Assembly Alliance of Illusionists commenced sharply at 6:30 pm. Present were officers Mark Jones, Joey Byers, Cindy Bighorse, Bruce Roberts, Frank Seltzer, and Bruce Chadwick. Absent was Historian Bill Dunlap. Also present were a number of AOI dues-paid-up members.

Communications Officer Bruce Chadwick read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were moved for approval by Frank Seltzer, seconded by Mark Jones, and approved by unanimous vote. Treasurer Joey Byers reported that the Assembly currently has 22 dues-paid-up members and \$440 in cash revenue.

President Jones brought old business to the table, with the ongoing concern about the continuous absence of Historian Bill Dunlap. It was reported that Dunlap has not attended an Assembly 138 meeting since November 2017, and he has never paid 2018 Assembly 138 dues. As such according to Assembly Bylaws, he is not eligible to continue serving as an elected officer. Despite numerous attempts to contact him by phone and email, Dunlap has never responded. By unanimous consent, the Executive Committee voted to recommend to the Assembly that Dunlap be replaced by Active Assembly member John Hale.

The TAOM 2020 convention was briefly discussed. Frank Seltzer voiced opening remarks and his concern that the Assembly does not seem to be moving forward to secure a non-profit status, something the Executive Committee deems necessary for liability purposes, to open a checking account, and sign a contract for a convention hotel. The committee agreed that the Assembly should first form a Texas non-profit corporation and then seek IRS 501 (c)6 non-profit status. Joey Byers was commissioned to meet with attorney Damon Fahler (phone 254-715-1902) to submit the paperwork for Texas non-profit corporation status.

Also by unanimous consent, the Executive Committee voted to recommend to the Assembly that our current Assembly Representative to the TAOM Joey Byers be elected as our Assembly's choice to be installed as Vice-President to the TAOM at this year's 2018 Houston convention, and subsequently installed as President of the TAOM at the 2019 convention.

President Mark Jones was commissioned to call a Special Executive Committee Meeting at the July 19, 2018 Monthly Assembly Meeting of the Alliance of Illusionists. With no further business, Mark Jones called for the unanimous close of the short 20 minute July Executive Committee Meeting.

## **JULY 2018 SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

President Mark Jones called a Special Executive Committee Meeting at the start of the July 2018 Monthly Assembly Meeting of the Alliance of Illusionists. Mark announced the Executive Committee's recommendation that our current Assembly Representative to the TAOM Joey Byers be elected as our Assembly's choice to be installed as Vice-President to the TAOM at this year's 2018 Houston convention, and subsequently installed as President of the TAOM at the 2019 convention. A motion was made by Frank Seltzer and seconded by Cindy Bighorse. The club then voted and the motion was unanimously approved the AOI membership. Communication officer Bruce Chadwick will send a letter to the Secretary of the Texas Association of Magicians to inform them of our Assembly's recommendations.

Second the Executive Committee reported its concern about the ongoing absence and failure to pay 2018 Assembly dues by elected Historian Bill Dunlap. President Mark Jones voiced the Executive Committee's recommendation that John Hale be elected to replace Bill Dunlap as Historian for the remainder of the Assembly's 2018 fiscal year. A motion was made by Frank Seltzer and seconded by Cindy Bighorse. The club then voted and motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Chadwick, Communications

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## AUSTIN MAGIC SWAP MEET

Bring all the magic you want to sell and take all the magic you can buy! The annual Austin Magic Swap Meet will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 29, 2018.

The meet will be held at the church located at 1150 S. Bell Blvd., Cedar Park, TX 78613, the location for Austin's annual Heroes Night Out magic show. Admission is only \$10 per person.



Sellers pay \$15 for a 10' x 10' booth, with no percentage taken by the host club. Sellers can use their own tables or rent a table for an additional \$15. All for the fees will be used to bring in magic performers to veterans and their families. For information on seller space, go to <https://squarecircleproductions.com/magicswapmeet/>

## DAN BUTLER SUCCUMBS

One of the most knowledgeable and highly respected Texas "underground magicians" passed away on Monday August 6, 2018. Daniel Scott Butler, known to most magicians simply as Dan Butler, passed away at the young age of 56 in Saginaw, Texas. Dan was born June 17, 1962 in San Diego California to William Scott & Betty Doris Butler.

Dan was "the magician's magician." His general knowledge about magic illusion, his skill and expertise was heralded by magicians worldwide. He never ceased to amaze his peers with finely tuned sleight-of-hand and classic magic effects. Dan was a thinker, magic philosopher, and the "go to guy" for many magicians who needed help with their routines and performances.

Dan is survived by his wife Kelley Butler; children, Allie, Micah, Eugene, Tabitha, Hope, Faith, Scotty, Camie, Phoebe and Josiah Butler; grandchildren, Logan Scott and Wilfred John Butler; parents, William and Betty Butler; brother, Larry Michael Butler and numerous other family and friends. Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at Keller's Old Town Funeral Home in Keller, Texas 76248. New Mexico magician Bob Pattillo officiated the broken wand ceremony, with Dan's close friends Ronnie Ramon and Ron Wilson assisting.





# TAOM 2018 NEWS

## The President's Report



Wow! July is here and time is running out to get in on one the best magic conventions of the year! If you have not registered yet, here is some very important information for you: The last day to make your hotel reservation at the low convention rate is August 9! The Hilton Americas in downtown Houston is a grand hotel.



That date will be here before you know it. Do yourself a favor and make your hotel reservations now before it is too late! Also, make

sure that you have registered for the convention as well.

Take a look at our full line-up of talent: John Archer - Trixie Bond - Brent Braun - Caesar - Shane Cobalt - Enrico de la Vega - Paul Draper - Daniel Garcia - Dan Hauss - Carisa Hendrix - Docc Hilford - David Hira - Lanny Kibbey - Kyle and Mistie Knight - Mario the Magician - Kiko Pastur - Alex Rangel - David and Jake Rangel - Bob Smith - Xavier Spade - Michael Weber - Caleb Wiles

Please visit our web site at [www.taom.org/2018](http://www.taom.org/2018) for more information!

*Jamie Salinas*

TAOM President 2017-2018

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 CLOSE-UP SHOW • MIDNIGHT MADNESS SHOW •  
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