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## PHILEMON VANDERBECK PREDICTS... Many members will feel impelled to attend the June 28th meeting!



The next Meeting of IBM RING #92 The VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE takes place on Thursday, June 28th, 2007 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver.

Doors will open at approximately 6:30 pm for socializing, and at 7:00pm a workshop by Philemon Vanderbeck from Lynwood's Ring of Fire! This will be a workshop you will not want to miss. Philemon is coming to visit us and will bring his full 60 minute lecture for us to be entertained by. After reading his lecture notes you will not be

disappointed, and it will be a workshop highlight of the year!

The business meeting is scheduled to start at 8:00pm followed by Refreshments & more socializing. The feature entertainment for the evening will be the Ray Gamble Trophy Competition – Best card effect done with a previously unopened deck of cards. If you are interested in entering the competition, please contact competition chairman Walter Ruteck at 604-591-1930.

## Magical Chow Family in Mainstream Media Vancouver Sun, C.T.V., Channel M & C.B.C.

Nicholas Chow, the VMC's youngest ever award winning member and recent winner of the Percy Poole Junior Stage trophy has been invited to Dallas, Texas to perform in the Society of American Magicians "Stars of Tomorrow" show. Nicholas, at only 7 years old, is by far the youngest in the ALL-STAR lineup amongst the rest who are aged 16 & 17 yrs old, and he's the only Canadian, plus the youngest international performer to ever be selected to work an international convention (Yes, he is getting paid for this gig!)! This is quite the honour as this is one of the world's largest annual magic conventions, with some of the world's best magicians in the audience.

"Seven-year-old set to dazzle crowds at magicians' convention" was the headline to the June 1, 2007, Vancouver Sun story on

Nicholas by Sun Theatre Critic Peter Bernie who put together a raving story on Nicholas with quotes from dad, Rod, and which also plugged the VMC Magic for Youngsters show. Thanks to media liaison, Clive Court, for helping to get this story out.

CTV in their news segment "Where we are Living", on the 6:00 pm June 5, 2007 news, broadcast performance and interview clips of Nicholas and cousin/assistant Melody Choi, brother, Jack, 10, and cousin/assistant Juliana Chow, 7, and Rod Chow.

Channel M interviewed Rod at the VMC Magic for Youngsters show on June 10, 2007, where Rod was Stage Manager and where Nicholas & Melody performed their stellar act in the 2nd half of the show.

## May Meeting with Merrill

Our May meeting started with a most unusual workshop. David Watters presented a lecture by Rick Merrill on DVD and a giant screen. It was really well presented and much enjoyed by all. Guest Danny Roberts spoke to the membership (through an interpreter) about the National Deaf magicians Association being held in Vancouver September 27-29, 2007. Since our president, Mike Norden, was in Europe on his honeymoon, 2nd vice-president Walter Rutek was able to keep the business portion of our meeting very short. This enabled the 30 members and 12 guests more time to enjoy the evening competitions.

The fun began with 3 talented juniors vying for the Dick Gardner trophy in close up magic, with playing cards permitted. Leading off was Jack Chow with a most novel presentation based on some TV shows which gave us quite a chuckle.



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Karen Eskilson

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Next was Chris Pataki with a very clever card presentation. Jesse Boyes closed the junior portion of the competition with another card routine. The winner of the juniors was Jack Chow with Jesse Boyes taking second spot.

We next moved on to the H.B. Maclean trophy which is also a close up competition but no playing cards are permitted. Gary Savard started with a Professor's Nightmare variation that was very humorous. Next was Henry Tom with a very delicate and beautiful origami routine. One of his displays was thrown into a wine glass, swirled around and ended up an egg, which Henry then broke open to prove was real. Somehow it turned into a chicken, and eventually it ended up in fortune cookies and 2

cranes. It was a very sensitive and artistic presentation. Next, veteran Jack Bastow did a clever sponge routine changing colours and sizes. He made this effect himself! The last competitor was Rod Chow demonstrating how a man should impress his wife with a diamond ring, blending into his award winning money magic routine. The winner of this competition was Rod Chow's unique money magic routine followed in second place by Henry Tom's most artistic origami theme.

The 50/50 draw of \$57 was won by David Wilson. In our club, the other half of the 50/50 draw goes towards providing the refreshments we enjoy after the business portion of the meeting.



## APRIL MEETING REPORT

by Munro Mackenzie (with editor additions)

Our April meeting started with a workshop that was to feature FISM Award winning magician – Rick Merrill! Alas, Rick was not able to attend...and neither was his DVD. Due to some slow postal workers the DVD Lecture did not arrive in time. However, Canada Post worker and Vice President Dave Watters saved the day by bring in the big screen anyway and playing some hilarious magic clips found on the internet and the popular site 'Youtube'.

After some good laughs (and ear coverings of the wee ones), Dave did a workshop based on old tricks found in your magic drawer. We all have them – you know, the tricks you bought and put in the closet and never go around to looking at them? Well, Dave brought some classic tricks and props and did a demonstration of them. With the help of funny side kick Mike Norden, they showed how some tricks were done, and what kind of patter and variations could be used. As we had many guests attend this evening this was a great workshop to have, as some of these principles would have been new to many. Great job Dave!

After the workshop we settled down for the business portion of the night. Our President, Mike Norden, said he would have the meeting done in under 15 minutes or we could pelt him with grapes! What a great idea! Mike announced that all the business portions of the meeting

would be greatly sped up and made more efficient. This was greeted with cheers from the audience and the watches came out to see if it could be done in under 15 minutes. To the delight and amazement of the members and guests it was wrapped up in 23 minutes - way to go Prez! (Can we still throw the grapes - he was 8 minutes over...)

Our main event of the evening followed with the running of The Charles Howard Trophy Competition - Best Magic effect using a gimmick. With only two registered contestants it looked like the competition was going to be canceled – but David Hamil stepped in and saved the day by throwing his hat into the ring along with Glen LaBarre and Jack Bastow.

There was a tremendous variety of entertaining effects. After the competition and while the judges were tallying scores, last years winner Henry Tom entertained with some tricks. Competition chairman, Walter Rutek, then announced the winner of the 2007 Charles Howard Trophy to be Glen LaBarre. Congratulations Glen on besting some awesome competitors. The 50/50 draw of \$44 was won by Karen Eskilson. (The other half of the money goes towards next months food purchase.) 29 members and 13 guests enjoyed a wonderful evening.

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# LECTURE REVIEW: Allan Ackerman

## by David Parker

On June 1st, 2007, Allan Ackerman entertained the Vancouver Magic Circle with a lecture at Douglas College. Allan Ackerman is an expert at sleight of hand magic with playing cards. During High School and University, he studied under Ed Marlo, the famous Chicago cardician. After serving in the military, he went to college and got a degree in math to help him with the mathematical aspects of card work. When he is not performing magic he teaches computer networking courses at a college in Las Vegas.

He has developed and/or modified many card moves, which he explained to



*Graham Kita happily waits in line to spend all his money on Allan Ackerman products*

us in detail, along with tricks that utilize them. These included an alternate card addition instead of using the Braue Addition, a Bottom Up Zarrow Shuffle, controlling a selected card to the bottom of the deck, and many more.

My two favourite card tricks of the evening were his variations on the 10 Card Poker Deal, which had an additional phase that I had never seen before, and an Any Card at Any Number where the spectator cuts the deck, then immediately counts to the named card.

He also performed two tricks that did not utilize playing cards. One was a 3 Fly trick using 3 different coloured poker chips, and the other used CD's where the logo on the CD would appear to change. The premise was that they were the CD's that we all get from AOL, and that they had a virus, so the AOL logo would change into a bug.

Twenty-two members and five non-members were in attendance to see the lecture as well as to witness Allan receiving the embroidered VMC garment bag, the coveted VMC pen (even the newsletter reviewers don't get one of those), and the little bit of Canadiana, Maple Leaf Cookies. Of those twenty-



*David Wilson leads a chorus of "Oooos" as Allan Ackerman graciously accepts V.M.C. swag*

two members in attendance, Rob McKay was the lucky one who received his admission fee back for booking in advance.

## Next Lecture:

# Eric Anderson

# SEPTEMBER 21

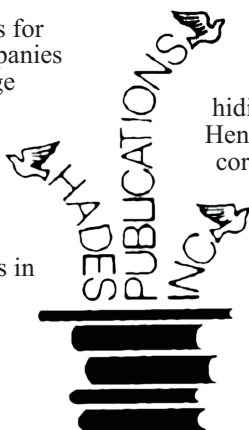
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Truly one of the original Canadian families of magic, Brian and his father, Micky,



offer a unique perspective of magic around the world. If there is something you need, just ask. It might be hiding under an old copy of a Henning Poster or stashed in a corner reserved for "future" consideration.

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## SPECIAL OFFER

Vancouver Magic Circle announces special rate for the Weekend of Magic!

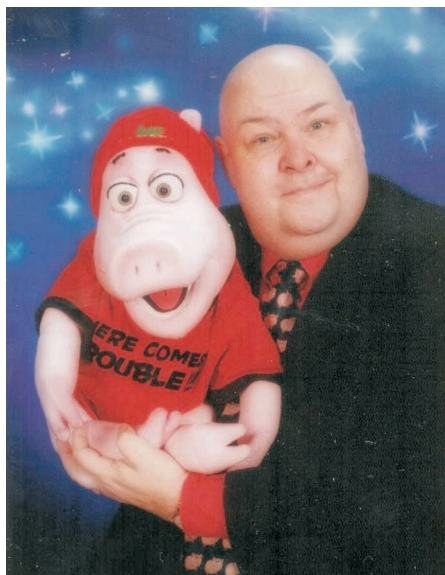
IBM Ring 92 has announced the headline acts that will be appearing at the Weekend of Magic, October 19 & 20, 2007. Lecturing and performing will be Michael Finney, Woody Pitman, Bruce Myers, Stan Kramien, Murray, some hack named Clinton W. Gray, and more!

More important, at the June 28th regular meeting only, the club will be offering the EARLY BIRD SPECIAL rate of \$75 for members only; but you must pay at the meeting. So bring your cash or cheque – this is your last chance to get this amazing rate!

If you're not taking advantage of the special meeting rate, you can still register with Mike Norden at 604-476-1577 or visit the website for registration forms. Payments can be made with credit card by using Paypal online.

# Burnaby Ventriloquist celebrates 30 years in the business by performing with International Peers

Vancouver Magic Circle member Neale Bacon will be donning his ventriloquist hat, performing at the 31th



Horton Hogg and Neale Bacon (Neale's the one on the right...)

Annual Vent Haven International Ventriloquist ConVENTion, in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky on July 18-21, 2007. Neale is celebrating his 30th year as a professional entertainer.

The conVENTion will focus on holiday performing throughout the year and feature group workshops, tours of near-by Vent Haven Museum, nightly performances for attendees, and junior and senior open mic sessions. Topics range from comedy writing to puppet manipulation, marketing an act to creating character voices. Also new this year is the Junior Vent University, a full day of sessions just for kids ages 16 years and under. In addition, the ConVENTion will host an "International Show," featuring ventriloquists from Germany, Israel, Canada, and Japan.

"This convention enables beginning and amateur ventriloquists to meet and talk with working professionals who, in many cases, inspired our attendees to take up ventriloquism. We also offer meaningful workshops and seminars for

everyone from those just getting into ventriloquism to full-time professionals," said Mark Wade, Executive Director of the ConVENTion.

In the case of Neale Bacon, he found his inspiration for ventriloquism through the late ventriloquist and children's TV host Peter Rolston. "I watched Pete's Place on BCTV as a kid and I was hooked on the art of ventriloquism," says Bacon. "I was fortunate that later I got to know Peter as a friend, a teacher and a fellow ventriloquist."

Vent Haven Museum, which houses the world's largest collection of "dummy"-related paraphernalia, is also located in Ft. Mitchell — near Cincinnati, Ohio. The museum's unique collection of puppets, photographs, novelty items and memorabilia offers an entertaining, historic and artistic view of ventriloquism. For information on Neale Bacon check out his website at [www.baconandfriends.com](http://www.baconandfriends.com) and learn more about the 2007 ConVENTion, at [www.venthaven.com](http://www.venthaven.com).

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## FRIENDS OF MEEKS UNITE

A friend to many, many Vancouver Magic Circle members, entertainer "Meeks the Clown" (Michael Meeking) has been making families laugh for over 20 years throughout BC. At the moment he is missing his audiences as much as they are missing him. Diagnosed with lung cancer in March, Michael is undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatments. Michael is the main provider for his wife and four children and although his medical treatments are covered, not being able to perform has left them without an income.

Fortunately, Mike does have a strong support network of family and friends. On June 11th, several of these friends – some of BC's top family entertainers – donated their time and talent in Mike's time of need, by staging the largest family variety show ever seen in Kitsilano. Organized by Mike's good friend, magician John Kaplan, the show

featured an impressive lineup of clowns, jugglers, ventriloquists, musicians and magicians in a 2-hour stage spectacular. On the bill were: Charlotte Diamond, Paul Hann, John Kaplan, Sand Northrup, Bing Jensen, Ray Roch, Jim Raddysch, Norma Mcknight, Neale Bacon and Mike Battie.

CTV television also did a 3 minutes piece on Mike's story, which aired on the 6 o'clock news, Wednesday June 13.

If you were unable to attend the show, but would still like the help out, direct donations can be made at any BMO branch. Here are the details:

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Comedian / Family Variety Show

**Jim Raddysch**  
Children's Singer

**Mike Battie**  
Magician / Family Variety Show

**Neale Bacon**  
Award Winning Family Variety Show

**Bing Jensen**  
Award Winning Family Variety Show

**Sand Northrup**  
Award Winning Family Variety Show

**2nd STAGE SPECTACULAR**

**When:** Monday, June 11th 2007, 7:00pm  
**Where:** 2700 West 10th Ave, Vancouver  
**Tickets:** \$10 (children under 12 \$5), \$15 (adults), \$35 (family of 4)  
**Reserve:** 604-521-7912 for ticket request form

**Michael's Story**  
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**Reserve Your Tickets On-Line At [www.fundraisingmagico.com/FriendsOfMeeks.htm](http://www.fundraisingmagico.com/FriendsOfMeeks.htm)**  
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# Books by Denzil Bee

I have been learning magic and there are many books for which I have been looking in order to research some techniques. It is possible to find many of these books by searching certain websites on the internet. There are individuals all over the globe who may be selling just the book for which you too have been searching. I would like to share with you the major websites that I use to locate these individuals.

If a book is still in print, one may go to [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca), the Canadian website or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), the US website, the latter of which provides more information about each book. You may enter the title of the book in the site's search bar and, when you have found it, if you pay by credit card, it will arrive at your door in a relatively short time, described by the site. These books are new and acquired by Amazon directly from the publishers.

If a book for which you are searching is no longer in print there are two other places you may search. These are ABE and EBay. While most books are available, some that are rarer may require patience, but it is likely that your book will eventually be offered by someone, somewhere in the world. Both sites have options where you may request that they send you an email when your book becomes available.

The first site is the ABE – The Advanced Book Exchange at [www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com). It is based out of Victoria, BC and is a database of used and antiquarian bookstores all over the world. Booksellers list all the books they have for sale and you may find them on a search page. You can list the available copies of the book for which

you are looking by price, or you can search by subject or keyword, in which case you can list the books by price, author or title. Most books can be found here at fair prices that reflect the true value of the books, for one is dealing with professional booksellers. Again, one may pay for books through the Advanced Book Exchange itself by credit card and the book will be delivered to your door.

The second site is EBay at [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com). It is a little different from the other two sites where you may simply purchase your books. It is an auction site, so you will likely have to bid for your book against other buyers. Again, it is possible to use the search feature. When you have located a book, you enter a bid - the most money for which you would pay for it, keeping the price of shipping in mind. Then others enter their bids and, if your bid is greater than theirs, the price of the item will increase to the amount of their bid from the starting price. If, at the end of the auction, you have had the highest bid, you will pay the person for your book and they will mail it to your door. It is important to note how you may pay for your book. EBay owns a company called PayPal – the same company which the VMC uses to allow you to pay for events online. If you may pay for your item with PayPal you may pay by credit card and the transaction is very secure.

I hope this article will help you to locate magic books for which you may have been searching. I have ordered many books from each of the above companies and can attest to their reliability. Eventually one can find almost any book, even if it is not available at once.

## Library Report

### The Vancouver Magic Circle Library is Now Up and Running

The library is now up and running! What's that you say? We have a library? Yes, it has not been overly utilized in the last 3 years but we have listened and made changes. The price for a 'library card' is now only a \$20 deposit. You may take out 2 items at a time.

They must be returned the next meeting. A \$2 fine is imposed for late items per month

If you do not return it after 3 months it will be considered bought and you will be billed the replacement value. (sounds harsh but some of these things are worth moola!)

The good news? We have DVDs galore now! We have purchased 10 of the latest "Worlds Greatest Magic" by L&L Publishing and we have catered to all types of magic. Everyone will find something new to learn here. And we have books and DVDs from past lecturers such as Chris Capehart, David Malek and we picked up David Williamson's DVDs at Kramiens too - not to mention over 50 VHS tapes that have been transferred over to DVD for everyone's viewing pleasure. Thank you to our new librarian Dennis Chan and President Mike Norden for getting this going. (Not to mention the entire Executive that helped move the library over to Dennis's house...)

Sign up today!

## President's Perspective



Hello Ring 92,

Well, it has been a whirlwind for the last couple of

months for me! I was off on my honeymoon in Europe for a month to see Italy, France, Turkey, Greece, and Spain. Included in there was a 12 day cruise aboard the Emerald Princess and heck, I even did a little magic on the ship!

Europe is a beautiful place and Spain

was filled with street buskers and entertainment. I saw the 3 shell game, magicians, jugglers and so much more! I visited some very cool magic shops along the way (and my wife even enjoyed it!) But alas, it was good to put the magic business on the back burner for a month and enjoy the time away – it has to be done once in awhile!

During my absence I noticed that club ran very smoothly and I would like to thank David Wilson and Walter Ruteck

for getting our Children's Show up and running and turning it into a very successful event! Thank you to everyone who helped out. Thank you to David Watters for getting "Rick Merrill" to our last meeting and I hope you all enjoyed that unique workshop. Come to the June meeting where we will have Philemon showcasing his talents for us all.

Looking forward to seeing you all again!

# KRAMIENS JAMBOREE by David Parker

On Friday, April 27 2007, 35 Vancouver Magic Circle members and friends departed for The Big Top Ranch in Newberg, Oregon to attend Stan Kramien's 20th Annual Northwest Magic Jamboree. Of those 35 hearty souls, 34 remembered to bring the proper identification that is required to cross the border into the United States. In order to avoid embarrassment, I will not mention the one person's name who did not. Our deepest gratitude goes out to Cathie Watters for driving her husband's passport out to her husband as he waited by the side of the highway.

We arrived at the Jamboree just in time to catch the first lecture of the event - Mac King. Mac has his own show in Las Vegas, and shared some of his tricks with us, as well as some anecdotes. My favourite was his cut & restored rope routine. I thought that I had seen them all, but this one really fooled me. He is one really funny guy.

We were then treated to our first of many gourmet meals that are offered as part of the Jamboree - hot dogs, baked beans, chips and salsa. And of course complimentary soft drinks, beer, and wine (or tequila if you were a good looking woman) were also offered.

This was followed by a Dealer Show, which gave the dealers an opportunity to demonstrate their wares on stage. Only a few of them took advantage of this opportunity.

Next up was a lecture by Chazz. Mr. Chazz demonstrated many of his tricks that he does as part of his restaurant magic. He views his restaurant shows as an opportunity to get paid while showcasing his talents to people who will later hire him for the higher paying corporate gigs and illusion shows.

Later that evening we had the All Star show that featured many "local" talents including our own "The Savards" performing a great comedy knife throwing act.

The VMC members then took over the stage for our very own group photo.

As if that wasn't enough for one day, the evening ended up with a lecture by the zaniest magician I have ever seen - David Williamson. It was not so much of a lecture as it was a side-splitting comedy show. He was doing so much impromptu kidding around that it took 48 minutes for him to perform and explain his first trick.

Day 2 of the Jamboree was lead off by our very own Ray Roch who did a great lecture. He presented his coin act, talked about Down's palm, colour changing card, card in the air, card box and the loading procedure. He made sure that everyone understood the finesse involved, and focused on showing the little details that make the effects work.

The next event was the closeup contest, where we were treated to the close up magic of 13 magicians, including our very own Gary Savard and Henry Tom.

We were then treated to a wonderful lunch of hamburgers, potato salad and bean salad. This was followed by a group photo of all 300, or so, of us that attended.

John Carney then gave his lecture. He has studied many of the masters and showed us some great, mostly close-up, routines with coins, silks and cups.

Then it was time for the Stage Magic contest, which featured 11 acts, including our own Trevor and Lorena (2nd place trophy winners), Damien Carriere, and Henry Tom

Lon Mandrake and myself were 2 of the 5 judges for both of these contests.

The next lecture was Steve Taylor, but this reviewer was busy checking out the items in the Magic Auction and sampling the fine wine and cheese offerings, so unfortunately I cannot give you a review.

Next up was the Magic Auction, which is put on by volunteers of the Vancouver Magic Circle members who volunteer their time to help out Stan. The auctioneers (David Watters and David Wilson) were finely regaled in old fashioned barker outfits complete with hat and cane, and they were ably assisted by Karen Eskilson, Nicole Mitchell, Trevor Watters, Lorena Paradon, Kelvin Ng, Cameron Fisk, and Mike Norden. These folks presented some 15 lots of items that sold for around \$2000, give or take \$80.

We were treated to our final meal of the Jamboree, steak, salad, bun, and (you guessed it,) even more beans

The grand finale is always an All-Star show by the big name talents that are brought in each year. This year's was one of the best All-Star shows I have seen in my seven years of attending the Jamboree. Mac King, John Carney, Tina Lenert, Mike Caveny, and David

Williamson put on a very funny, entertaining show for everyone, despite the many technical challenges that they faced.

And that was the end of another fun time at the Northwest Jamboree.

## CHOW'S MEDIA BLITZ

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The news story was broadcast that night on the Mandarin News announcing Nicholas as the youngest Canadian ever to be on the Stars of Tomorrow Show, intermixed with some performance footage of Nicholas & Melody, as well as the interview with Rod.

You may have seen the CBC camera crew at the recent May VMC meeting. CBC is doing an extended piece on Rod Chow for their fall season "Living in Vancouver" program. They were there to film Rod's and son Jack's magic performances during the close-up contests, in which both Rod and Jack each won 1st place in the senior and junior categories respectively. This is the first time that both father and son have won in the same contest on the same night!



*Chows with CBC Camera Crew: Mark Lawrence, Melody, Rod, Nicholas & Mike*

The Chow family is on a roll for 2007 with not only, Nicholas, Jack, and Rod all winning awards this year, but also, Sylvia who earlier this year won the Society of American Magician's #95 Best Assistant of the Year award. The entire family was just on stage, with their three act award winning stage show, for the June 10th Grand Opening of the Richmond Night Market, which this year is themed, "The Magical Summer".

# TIDBITS FROM THE TOP HAT

Damien Carriere has a new addition to his family... a baby boy named Elias Emerson, weighing in at 6 lbs 1 oz. He had to wait until Dad returned from Stan Kramien's Jamboree to make his appearance on May 3rd at 11:38 pm. Congratulations!

The Roster Book is coming - Call DAVID now with last minute corrections before it goes to print. Dues are past due and all members not listed will now pay the non-member price for events and lectures.

Ray Roch performed on the Delta Show Stage during the Ladner May Day celebrations last month. As usual, Ray was a hit with young and old alike. He had a young helper named Chase assist during his act and the look of joy and excitement on his face is proof that Ray continues to bring truly memorable moments to his audiences.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CLIVE COURT



*Known as **The Funslinger**, Clive will make you laugh as he plays fast and loose with the traditions of magic, but every now and then he does something which has a kick in the head like a mule.*

## CONJURORS' CALENDAR

the monthly guide to magic & events in our community

**June 26 - 30th, 2007**

International Brotherhood of Magicians

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Reno, Nevada

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**Thursday, June 28th, 2007 - 7pm**

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**JUNE MEETING & COMPETITION**

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**July 29, 2007 - 1 p.m.**

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**Friday, September 21, 2007 - 7:30pm**

IBM Ring # 92 presents

**MAGIC LECTURE BY ERIC ANDERSON**

Douglas College - Room 2203

Advance - \$30 / \$20 for members

At Door - \$35 / \$25 for members

**Thursday - September 27th, 2007**

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle

**SEPTEMBER MEETING - AUCTION NIGHT!**

NEW night this year! September NOT October!

6:00 pm - Doors Open for viewing!

**October 19 & 20, 2007**

IBM Ring #92 presents:

**WEEKEND O' MAGIC 2007!**

Yes - it's back! And you won't want to miss it!

Talent line-up announced in this issue!!

Dealers room, contest, prizes, lectures, gala show, food and more!

**Thursday - October 25th, 2007**

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**HALLOWEEN MAGIC NIGHT!**

The Tiptop & Tootsie Award (Halloween Effect)

Best Costume Award and Special Food Night!

**Sunday - November 25th, 2007**

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**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING**

Details TBA

## Local Magician Goes "Nationwide!"



**Nationwide®**  
On Your Side™



In recent news, our very own Matthew Johnson just returned from 5 days in Buenos Aires, Argentina, after being chosen to play the principal role of a Street Magician in a National US TV commercial.

Auditions for the role were held in Vancouver, Los Angeles, Mexico & Buenos Aires. Matthew beat out all of the competition to land the coveted Principal role.

Wasabi Films of Buenos Aires & America Film Works in Miami flew Matthew to South America for 5 days and a 17 hour film shoot that involved making a car vanish on the downtown streets for insurance giant "Nationwide."

The commercial will air across the US and will also be available for viewing at [www.nationwide.com](http://www.nationwide.com), possibly by late June/early July.



# Eric Anderson

**Ex-street performer turned Corporate Entertainer reveals more than he should!**

Eric Anderson will take you behind the scenes into marketing yourself and making more money as a magician. If you have ever wondered if there are real secrets to getting booked as often as you like at top dollar the answer is: **YES**

**Here are a few reasons why you should attend Eric's lecture:**

- You're considering going fulltime but you don't know how to get started.
- You would like to book a show in seven days or less.
- You perform on a regular basis but you're interested in moving to the next level but you don't know how.
- You're tired of fussing with clients over fees.
- You need some money.
- You want to see some great magic.
- You heard about Eric and you want to see him live.
- You have never heard of Eric, you just need to get out of the house.

If you answered yes to any one of these statements you need to be at this lecture. In all seriousness the Eric Anderson Performance Marketing Seminar is not to be missed.

If your worried about learning tricks - don't because in addition to giving a live performance Eric will teach a few things he actually does for paying audiences. He is taking time out of his hectic schedule to teach his material on the Xelent Lecture Series circuit.

Remember the main focus of this lecture is making money performing magic.

Mark the date on your calendar and we will see you there.



*Coming to Vancouver  
September 21, 2007  
MORE DETAILS IN THE SUMMER ISSUE*