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CONVENTION WRAP PAST PRESIDENT JAMIE SALINAS

WOW! I really mean it. WOW! Our convention in Houston turned out to be one of the all-time best according to many of the attendees. Sure, there were issues as with any large event, be but overall, I am extremely pleased with the outcome. We were initially bracing for a loss on this convention as our committee planned for about twice the number of registrations we actually had.

Ultimately, we will end up in the black on this convention, thanks to some creative financing and public show ticket sales.

Back to the good stuff.... We had over 250 attendees. We had eleven lectures, a panel discussion, three great evening shows, over fifteen dealers, a fantastic professional close-up show, stage contest, close-up contest, and one of the best midnight madness shows I have ever seen. We had a lot of people who worked hard to make this convention a great one and really made a huge difference. I personally learned a lot to the advancement of my magic and made some great new friends. I was inspired, amazed and educated as were many of our attendees.

Where does the TAOM go from here as an organization? It appears that the days of large conventions are over, as the last three years have been much smaller with attendance averaging just over two hundred. Putting together a stellar line-up of talent and lectures, as we did in Houston, is not enough. I don't have all of the answers, but we, as an organization, need to evolve to continue to be successful. I believe San Antonio is up for the challenge and I am looking forward to seeing what they have in store for us!

Jamie Salinas
Past President

p.s. Scott Wells recorded daily updates, interviews, and reports from the convention. Go to <https://themagicwordpodcast.com> for a complete rundown of all the fun activities.



SWAP MEET PLUS FREE OSCAR MUNOZ LECTURE

Yep, you read right! Oscar Munoz will give a FREE lecture for everyone who attends the Austin Swap Meet on September 29. Oscar is the past International President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He is a gifted international performer and all around great guy. This is going to be a GREAT lecture.



All entry fees will help provide magic entertainment for veterans and their families through the year. Oscar is also a U.S. Marine ("Once a Marine, always a Marine." There are no ex-Marines.)

The second year of the Austin Swap Meet promises to be even better than the first. You can sell all the magic you want and buy all the magic you can carry at the same place. Rent table space to sell your stuff or just come to buy other magicians' stuff.

Entry to the event is a mere \$10 per person. Booth space is just \$15 and includes one entry. We'll provide the table for an additional \$15 or you can bring your own table if you like. Bring your own lunch or order in with the group.

The Swap Meet starts at 10:00 a.m. (sellers set up at 9:00) on Saturday, September 29, at Heroes Night Out at 1150 South Bell Boulevard in Cedar Park (far North Austin). To rent booth space or register for the event, go to <https://squarecircleproductions.com/magicswapmeet/>



DALLAS MAGIC CLUB IN SEPTEMBER

Dallas area magicians are in for a real treat at the next Dallas Magic Club monthly meeting. Fred and Bobbie Becker mix magic, music and comedy to create one of the most exciting shows on land or sea. Join the Beckers for a lively talk on living and working on cruise ships on September 18 at 7:00 p.m. at 2425 Parker Road in Carrollton.

Wine & Magic

Friday, September 28
Saturday, September 29
7 & 9:30 pm

Tickets \$20
WineAndMagicDallas.com
*Food & drink sold separately

with magician
Trigg Watson

A magic show.
In a wine bar.
An intimate evening
of libations
and illusions.

As seen on:
The CW **FOOL US**
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BEN JACKSON AT COLOMBE D'OR

Experience Magic, Music, & Mayhem at Houston's most intimate, theatrical experience nestled inside one of the world's smallest luxury hotels, La Colombe d'Or.

In 2010 Houston magician Ben Jackson became one of the youngest magicians to win 1st place at the World Magic Seminar's International Close-up Magic Competition in Las Vegas. Since then Ben has become the go-to choice for event planners around the country as a two-time international champion of magic. Whether it's demonstrating elegant sleight-of-hand at private parties or keeping audiences captivated as the master of ceremonies, Ben brings his fresh and creative approach to making any event unforgettable.

You'll never forget the luxurious setting and the fascinating magic of BEN JACKSON at Colombe d'Or. Upcoming shows are scheduled for September 28 & 29, October 25 & 27, November 24, and December 21 & 22.

Go to <https://www.benjacksonmagic.com/> for tickets and to learn more about Ben.



Amazing ATTRACTIONS PRESENTS... **MAGIC** IN THE LIVING ROOM

TUESDAY OCTOBER 2ND 7PM

THE LIVING ROOM @ THE LINE PUBLIC HOUSE
940 E. BELTLINE · RICHARDSON

MAMA **MAGICLIVINGROOM.COM**
ADMISSION IS FOR ADULTS 21 AND OVER.

\$15 TICKETS* IN ADVANCE
*INCLUDES FIRST DRINK!

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Benefit Show for Athens Middle School
Show at Athens High School Auditorium
Tuesday, October 9, 2018 - 7 PM

MAGIC

Comedy, Magic, and Illusions

BRENT FISHER
Dallas Magic Clubs
"Magician of the Year"
DFW's Children's Entertainer

SHEL HIGGENS
America's Got Talent
Too Dangerous for Live TV
Key West Festival

OSCAR MUNOZ
Gold Cups Winner
3 Time TAOM Champion
Nat'l I.B.M. President

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 - 7:00 PM

Athens HS Auditorium
Advanced Sales - \$5.00
Door Sales - \$10.00
Ticket Sales - (903) 677-3030
*Concessions available



THE ILLUSIONISTS...

This amazing show is back for two nights at The Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth. On October 19 and 20 you can see five of the most incredible illusionists on earth. dazzles audiences of all ages with a powerful mix of the most outrageous and astonishing acts ever to be seen on stage.

This non-stop show is packed with thrilling and sophisticated magic of unprecedented proportions. Click [here](#) for info and tickets.

MICHAEL KAMINSKAS LECTURE

Dallas - October 28 at 2:00 p.m. at
8330 LBJ Freeway , Dallas on the 8th
floor, room B838

Houston - October 30 at 7:30 p.m. at
the IATSE Local 51 Meeting Hall, 3030
North Freeway



Michael Kaminkas is an author, creator, performer and consultant. He is an inventor and a creator of world-class magic with many instructional books, DVD's and effects on the market. Known for his impeccable sleight-of-hand and smooth performance style, Michael has also been dubbed "King of the Cups" by the late Mike Rogers. He has created both new and novel approaches to classic effects as well as being the creator and manufacturer of some of the finest cups and balls sets and chop cups in the world. This is one lecture you will not want to miss!



PHILNICK THE GREAT AT RENFEST

Huzzah! Houston magician and ventriloquist Phil Nichols will perform four shows daily at the Texas Renaissance Festival as PhilNick the Great, The King's Ventriloquist, on the Hacienda San Jorge stage at this year's Renfest. Drew Hayen will be strolling as Jakem, the King's Magician, and The Great Rondini will present his escape show. The festival runs from September 29 through November 25 this year. Gates are open from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. For more info, go to <https://www.texrenfest.com/>

BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF

MARK JENSON ON MARSHALL BRODIEN

The keynote speaker at the 2018 TAOM Convention Order of Willard breakfast was Mark Jensen. He gave a very interesting presentation on Marshall Brodien, from his early years as a clown to this masterful success as a TV pitchman. Brodien is probably most famous for the invention of "TV Magic Cards", now known as the Svengali deck. Mark showed several clips from early TV shows and shared many interesting, if little-known, facts about this famous magician in magic history.



2018 ORDER OF WILLARD

Fifty-year Order of Willard member Kent Cummins was proud as Punch to present the 25-year Order of Willard certificate to his daughter Carolyn at the 2018 TAOM Convention Order of Willard ceremony.

TAOM Secretary/Treasurer Mary Cay Gold gave Carolyn her 25-year pin and announced that Michael Collins and O. Z. Helmer also earned that honor this year but could not attend to accept.

Mid-Cities Magic Circle...

Meeting the second Tuesday of every month at Humperdink's in Arlington at 7 for dinner. Magic gets underway about 8 p.m. The topic is "Your Favorite Trick". Bring any trick and perform. Check out Mid-Cities Magic Circle on Facebook for more details!



The purpose of the Mid-Cities Magic Circle is to provide a venue for Dallas/Fort Worth

performing magicians to study their art and improve as public performers. Each meeting focuses on a single theme -- development of performance skills, routines, and other elements important to the public performance of magic.

There is no formal membership, no officers, no notes or minutes. For more information -- forget it! There is simply no one in charge to respond. Just show up on the second Tuesday of the month at Humpertink's and join the fun and magic!

IMPROV



In Houston - Ted Schwank and Carter Blackburn take you on a high-energy adventure in magic, illusion, and comedy.

In **Addison** EVERY SATURDAY at 2:00 p.m. - Various magicians and acts each week.

In **Arlington** EVERY SUNDAY at 2:00 p.m. Various magicians and acts each week.

For dates and times, go to <http://improv.com/>

John Magic's Theater and Museum in Austin

Elaborate stage shows start at 7:00 p.m. every Saturday night with family-friendly magic entertainment. Friday evenings feature close-up magic by John Magic and Chris English. Private close-up shows are available Monday through Thursday by appointment.



The theater is located at 13419 Fitzhugh Road off 290 past Oak Hill west of Austin. Buy your ticket at the door or make reservations at <http://www.magicstheater.com>



Second Saturday Magic Sale

Magic, Etc., Fort Worth's premier magic shop hosts a Second Saturday Sale every month where magicians can score good savings on props and supplies. Magicians get "special" treatment and special prices. Magic, Etc. is located on Forest Park Boulevard at I-30 in Fort Worth.

Thrifty Third Thursday

Magic, Etc. and Fort Worth Costume started a new monthly gathering of magicians from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. You are invited to wheel and deal for the best buys ever only at Fort Worth's own Magic, Etc. and Fort Worth Costume.

HUMPERDINKS

Restaurant & Brewpub

Monday Night Magic in Arlington

All magic aficionados are invited to attend informal gatherings at Humperdink's Restaurant at LaQuinta Inn, #6 North Six Flags Drive in Arlington every Monday night. Bring your cards and props to practice your "chops" in the back room.

Cards in South Austin

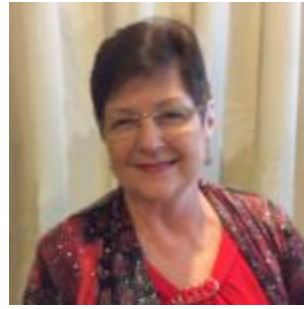
**MEETING DATE CHANGED TO
SECOND SATURDAYS**

The session will start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 13 at Ron Cartlidge's house, 1802 Woodland Avenue in South Austin. For more info, contact Lou Hornung at lhornung@sbcglobal.net



**ANOTHER YEAR,
ANOTHER GREAT CONVENTION!**

and a good time was had by all! Yes, it was tons of fun with so many activities from which to choose. Thanks to the Houston guys and gals who worked tirelessly to make it happen. I know the meetings and bickering in dark back rooms seem like a waste of time to some, but without the "planning" there would be no convention at all. Magic may "just happen", but without someone (actually, many "someones") making decisions and arrangements, there would be no convention.



Clubs around the State are making plans for future conventions. Here's the line-up for the next three years:

TAOM #74 - San Antonio - August 30 & 31, Sept. 1 & 2, 2019 - Sal Manfredo, President
TAOM #75 - Fort Worth - Sept. 4-7, 2020 - Joey Byers, President
TAOM #76 - Austin - Sept. 3-6, 2021 - Bertil Fredstrom, President

I can't wait to see what these clubs bring to our members.

Judy Hollingsworth
TAOM Club Coordinator