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CHRIS WALDEN assisted by MIKE COLLINS had a very nice opening act on Sunday evening at the Texas Association of Magicians convention in Corpus Christ, Texas this past weekend. In addition, CY ALBERTSON was seen adding a nice touch of his electronic keyboard which reminded one of the last two F.I.S.M. conventions were music played an important part in making that convention what it was! By the way, Chris's act was the awarding winning act of a previous T.A.O.M.

We understand that RICHARD GARRIOTT will be inducted into his high school's Hall of Fame later this month. In addition, did you see the nice write-

up on Richard and his brother, Robert, on the front page of the Austin American Statesman on Wednesday, September 5? If you can find a copy, check it out. You can learn a lot more about how Richard got to where he is today.

GREG CURTIS, RAMON GALINDO, MICHAEL AMMAR, ARSENE DUPIN, and RON CARTLIDGE attended the recent Magic Live convention in Las Vegas. Magic Live is one of the outstanding magic conventions in the world and is held only once every three or four years by Magic magazine.

RON CARTLIDGE will have minor surgery on Wednesday, September 12 at Seaton Hospital. Also of note is that Ron recently lectured at the Texas Magic Collector's meeting at T.A.O.M. in Corpus. His subject was Hope Eden, the Miracle Girl, whom no one had ever heard of. Although Hope did not appear in Austin, she was in Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio.

BOB CARROLL just returned from a weekend trip to Louisiana to visit the casinos. No report on winnings or losings. However, Bob is rumored to be entering a Texas Hold-Em Tournament next week.

LARRY JOHNSON purchased a beautiful Chinese Checker Illusion made by MAK Magic on his recent trip to Branson. The prop was purchased with no

instructions, but Larry has found help from fellow member DAVID FRENKEL who also owns the trick. That's one benefit on being a membership of Assembly 206, members helping member.

Attending the recent Austin Ice Cream Festival and providing magic for the 5,000 that attended the event were DOC SEATON, RON CARLIDGE, PAUL "Q", JOHN MAVERICK, LOU HORNUNG, TIM DIETZ, and OPIE HOUSTON. These members provided another service to Assembly 206 by providing magic in another community service project of our Assembly. The Assembly had a membership and information booth and performed close-up magic at the booth and also provided walk-around magicians for the event. Our next community event will be at the Paramount Theater this Saturday (Sept. 8) from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.

JOHN MAVERICK is hosting a magician's night monthly at his new club Boomers. Check with John for further details. We understand from his recent email's that some of our top flight magicians are attending this event.

It is with a note of sadness that I report that ARSENE DUPIN'S mother passed away in France recently. Arsene's mother and dad had been married for over fifty years. Arsene is currently in France attending the funeral. Our prayers go out to

Arsene and his family.

TIM DIETZ is engaged! That's right, our own Tim Dietz dropped to his knees and proposed in a restaurant recently, and get this, his proposal was accepted!

25 ASSEMBLY MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY 206 ATTEND T.A.O.M. IN CORPUS CHRISTI

Almost 20% of the convention attendees were from Assembly 206 at this year's T.A.O.M. The low turnout resulted in a \$20,000 reported debt to the Ring that was running this year's event. It is not known exactly what caused the low turnout, but speculation says that poor advertising, the SAM convention in Dallas, and poor talent for the shows were all to blame for the low attendance. The hotel was wonderful, an Omni Hotel with steam room, sauna, whirlpool, two racket ball courts, workout room, weight room, and pool. However, the shows in the evening consisted of too many newspaper tears, zombies, and linking rings. Friday night we enjoyed the magic of Mexico with all of the performers being from Mexico City except for Eddy who was from Hong Kong. Granell produced about twenty doves in his act, the most produced by any individual as seen by this reporter. Saturday night was average with Daniel Reyes and the team of Stoh & Ekaterina turning in the best performances. On Sunday night

Robert Baxt was a little above average as the MC and our own Chris Walden assisted by Lou Hornung and Dale Salwak were the best performers although neither was the highest paid performer on the bill. All in all, a disappointing T.A.O.M., particularly after the 800 who attended the convention in Dallas last year that featured a lot of top notch performers. *Ron Cartlidge*

NEXT MEETING

On 17 September, Sensei Strange will bring together an eclectic program of arts and skills to demonstrate how all of a magician's knowledge becomes a part of magic performances/entertainments. Some of the stranger skills to be addressed include Martial Arts, strange music, and some other surprise topics.

More-or-less standard topics that will be discussed are: Comedy Juggling - <http://active-media.com/nizer/>

Contact Juggling - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFafcjA_p7E - Sensei's specialty.

Hypnosis - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFvUiwnZU5w> -

Balloon Twisting - <http://www.balloonhq.com/faq/> - <https://www.mbd2.com/Balloonjam111402/Balloon-Jam-TOC.htm> -

But don't be surprised if there is quite a bit of Shamanism thrown in...:

<http://anamspirit.com/index.html> - strange stuff!!... Let us just all show up and be surprised, educated, and entertained by this unique program!!
Opie Houston

ASSEMBLY MAGICIANS HELP PARAMOUNT IN FUND RAISING EFFORT

Several of our Assembly 206 magicians helped the Paramount Theater in their annual fund raising effort this past Saturday. Money raised from this effort goes to helping fund scholarships for students to attend theater training at the Paramount.

Participating were Opie Houston, the Wizard of Boz (Eddie Boswell), Bill Boswell, John Maverick, and Ron Cartlidge. Opie worked this crowd with his rubber band magic, etc., the Wizard had an outstanding four king trick that everyone seemed to love, Bill was there for support, Ron did a variety of close-up magic from his magic table mainly for kids, but for a few adults too, and John Maverick ran in the race wearing a straight-jacket and when he finished the race, promptly made an escape. The Paramount sends its thanks to Assembly 206 and especially these magicians from our club who participated in a very worthwhile community project!
Ron Cartlidge

SAM FORUM

If you have not signed up for the new National/International SAM Forum, please do so as soon as possible. This forum provides us a means of chatting with SAM members all over the world, either publicly or privately. It also provides a Town Hall open discussion board, where we may share ideas regarding the operation of our organization and just about any topic....even MAGIC!!

You will need to sign up, using your own name, your SAM Membership Number, and membership Expiration date. So, dig out your membership card and click on the link below:

<http://samtalking.com/index.php>

If you have any problem logging on or getting started posting, ask me about it Monday night at the Assembly meeting. *Opie Houston*

RICHARD GARRIOTT HONORED BY HIS HIGH SCHOOL

The Clear Creek Education Foundation recently announced the 2007 list of accomplished graduates who will be honored on October 6 of this year and our own Richard Garriott is among those announced as accomplished graduates. The Stars Gala will be held at the Space Center Houston. Those that were chosen had to excel in their profession and have had

a significant impact on the community in which they live, I know that we all agree that Richard has done that and more.

Richard graduated from Clear Creek High School in League City, Texas in 1979 . He is the son of NASA astronaut in case you didn't know. Richard is also the co-owner of NCsoft, which is just the world's leading developer and publisher of online games. Incidentally, Richard was the ninth to be inducted into the Academy of Interactive Arts and Sciences' Hall of Fame in 2006.

We know Richard best as that cool magician and magic collector. He is a member of the Magic Collectors Association and fortunately we have seen some of the wonderful magic that he collects. He has been an asset to the Assembly by presenting programs at club meetings and made numerous donations to our Austin Magic Auction when we set the record last year for the most profit earned in the 25 year history of the auction. I also understand that Richard has several boxes already for the 2008 auction on April 12, 2008. Congratulations to Assembly member, Richard Garriott from the members of your Assembly!!! *Ron Cartlidge*

HALLOWEEN CONTEST

To all Magicians over 18.

Please pass this on to all those you think might be interested. **Blue Saint Productions** in cooperation with **Texas Magic Supply**, and **KARMA** nightclub

are inviting you to a "**Fright Night**" **Halloween Contest**.

The contest will be at **Karma**,
<http://www.karma-austin.com/onlocation.html>
on **Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 9pm to 11pm**. Prizes will include 1st, 2nd and 3rd, plus a cash prize for People's choice award.

Right now Contest is limited to magicians 18 and over. AND currently there are only openings for 6 contestants. DEADLINE for contest entry is Midnight October 12, 2007. Steve Farmer has Final Say on all entries.

This is a first come first serve basis. After the 6 positions have been filled, there will be a standby list.

If you decide to compete, your routine must be **no longer than 5 mins., at 7mins, you are disqualified.**

Judging criteria will be similar to other magic contests, (costume, stage presence, music choice, entertainment value, etc) PLUS one more thing! **Fright and gore quality!** After all it's a pre-Halloween show. So the bloodier, the better, more gore for a better show. OK, so you don't have to have any blood or gore to win, but you still have got to be good. Except for the people's choice award.

People's Choice is strictly a popularity award, and **as long as you're not disqualified you have a chance to win. CASH.**

Cost to come see the contest? There will be a small cover at the door, but **KARMA will provide drink specials**. **Magicians who are members of either SAM #206, or IBM ring 60 can come in free with 2 guests.** (*You must preregister if you are a club member coming to the show, to get in free.*)

Contestants can bring in up to 10 guests each without charge. Folks younger than 18 are also welcome WITH their parent or guardian. (People younger than 18 are not allowed to vote, still.)

(KARMA is a dance club at 8th and Colorado. Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.) If you are interested in participating, email me, Steve Farmer, "**The Blue Saint**", at this email address bluesaint@austin.rr.com .

Let me know your idea, (so we don't have 6 hand chops, or 6 sword thru the necks etc) and I will help you as much as I can. More info to follow as this contest develops.

I am looking for help as well with this contest, no pay and bad hours, so if you think you would like to participate, email me. Steve Farmer