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Hello, I Must Be Going

This will be the last edition of MagiCurrents for me as editor. Winton Gibbons has graciously taken up the baton. I am eager to see where he takes this newsletter and he has my full support as he moves forward. As for myself, I let go of the baton with mixed feelings. It's definitely time for me to pass it along so no regrets but that the same time, it has been something that I have enjoyed doing and I do look back on my cumulative five years (4½ years the first time and ½ year the second) with satisfaction. Please join me in wishing Winton the best and please extend to Winton the wonderful support that you all have given me.

— James Thayer

President's Message

In 1967, Eric Hawkesworth wrote a little book called "Practical Lessons in Magic." I came into magic relatively late and was isolated from any magic teachers. I could watch magic shows on television but for the most part, my magic education was books. Primarily Library books, but my meager paperboy income allowed me to buy a magic book of my own now and again and Mr. Hawkesworth's book was one of those purchases.

The reason I bring him up in this month's President's Message is that the book was unique as it not only taught you tricks you could make at home, but it stressed the importance of being a total character on stage, not just a teenager who bought a magic set at Toys R' Us. This was something most magic books did not do. Not the ones that I could buy at local bookstores anyway (No magic shops in my area). "200 Tricks to fool Your Friends" was

Ring 76 2019-20 Calendar

Sept 9 - New-to-Me Magic*
Oct 14 - Halloween Magic*
Nov 11 - Swap Meet
Dec 9 - Banquet and Fool-Us Contest*
Jan 13 - Food Magic*
Feb 10 - Close-up Contest*
Mar 9 - Panel Discussion
Apr 13 - Teach-a-Trick
May 11 - Stand Up Contest*
Jun 8 - Election, Dues, and Money Magic*
Jul 12 - Installation Banquet
Aug 10 - Kid's magic / TBA*.

*Opportunity for Members to Perform

Our regular monthly meetings are at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of the month.

Senior Center in Clairemont
4425 Bannock Ave.
San Diego, CA 92117

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P. of Entertainment Greg Wauson,

a good book for beginners, but it did not go into patter and presentation. It just showed you a trick, how to do it, then moved on. Which, unfortunately, is what most people think makes you a magician.

You and I know differently, or at least we should. Right?

Over the last few years Ring 76 has strived to be more than a trick factory. Our educational goals

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have been to help the members perform to the best of their abilities, not just do a bunch of tricks. We feel this is an important part of magical education and will continue to do so for the next year. If you are new to the Ring and came to learn how to be a magician, we hope you will come to realize that a magician, like any other entertainer, is a performer. That they are conjurers not because they can “do a trick,” but because they can entertain with a drop of whimsy.

You will still learn tricks fear not, but also doing magic more than just “Pick a card.” Anyone can pick up a book and learn a trick. However, as Eric said in the book that influenced me the most all those years ago, “Tricks and patter need to be blended together to produce a complete illusion.”

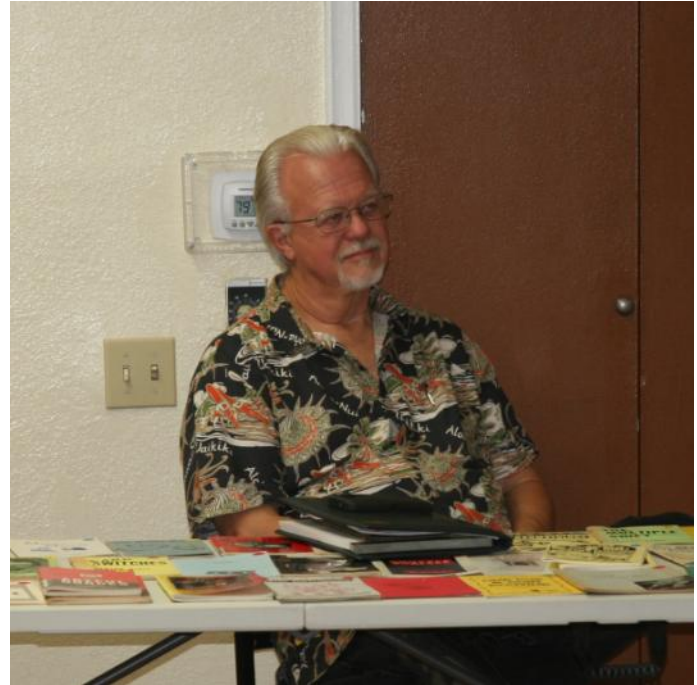
This month’s magic theme is “It is New To Me.” We want you to show us an effect that you just found, not necessarily one that is new to anyone else. One of those tricks that you found interesting and hope we will also.

See you Monday night.

— *Richard Ustick*

Minutes of the August 12th Ring76 Meeting and Installation Banquet Clairemont Senior Center

Our new President, **Richard Ustick**, called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Members showed up starting at 6:30, and there was an incredible collection of bargains for sale from the Ring library (duplicates), with the proceeds benefitting the library. Thank you to Librarian **Gary Salisbury** for taking over the library, and taking the initiative on this. Gary’s goal is to try to make the Ring ’76 library the best in the IBM. There was a lot of pre-meeting excitement and chatting, with an unusually huge turnout, so it took a while to quiet the buzz and call the meeting to order. This was the first Ring meeting of the new season, and Richard



Gary Salisbury

announced the themes of some of the upcoming meetings. September will be “New to Me Magic” or “What I got / learned at MagicLive”. October will of course be with Halloween theme, broadly interpreted (including mysterious and not necessarily scary). November’s theme will be “Food Magic,” to go with Thanksgiving. (*Editor’s Note: This has now changed and there will be a Swap Meet in November and Food Magic will be in January*) See the newsletter. Speaking of the newsletter, **Winton** and **Ian Gibbons** kindly volunteered to take over doing it, earning a big round of applause.

Our new treasurer, **Joe “Mystic” McGrievy** announced that the Ring’s funds are currently low, so there will be some fund-raisers, including 50-50 raffles at the meetings. Many ring members bought raffle tickets, so there was a big prize to win upon the drawing (congratulations, **Ricardo Silva!**).

There were a number of guests, who introduced themselves: **Ava King** (daughter of **Matthew King**), **The Craig Stone** (former Ring 76 member and close-up contest winner in 2006 and 2008), new member **Miguel Garcia** (who learned about Ring 76 from past-president **Kenny Shelton**, who he saw perform



at the SD County Fair), **Robert Gordon** (a former member), **Elisa Melor** (a guest of **Craig Blackwood**, Elisa is herself a magician, and in fact, attended MagicLive), **Eli Sanchez** (who is a visiting member of the Twin-Cities IBM Ring, and who performed), and **Sky Chiu** and **Summer Chiu** (daughters of Sergeant at Arms **David Chiu**, and frequently-picked volunteers for the “Kid’s magic” themed performances).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member-at-large (and last season’s performer-of-the-year) **Mark Booth** announced that he does photography and he generously offered to magic-related portraits of ring members for free. VP for Entertainment **Greg Wauson** announced that there were 21 ring members at MagicLive (actually 22 from San Diego, counting Elisa). Several of the member-attendees summarized things that they enjoyed from MagicLive. Greg Wauson also discussed the IBM annual convention in Scottsdale, Arizona, which Greg attended, as did our past president **Robert Vinson**. Robert described, and showed (via video monitor) the nice photographs that he took the Doug Henning



Robert Vinson

collection at the IBM convention. The Doug Henning collection was purchased by Chip Romero for the purpose of bringing this Doug Henning Experience on tour, so many can enjoy it. Thank you, Robert, for sharing it with us!

LECTURE

Matt King gave an excellent lecture on kid’s magic, including how to set boundaries and rules from the begging to get good behavior, and other techniques that Matt found for audience management, based on his years of experience as a professional magician. The lecture was full of helpful gems of wisdom, and Matt kindly printed copies for member’s future reference. Thank you, Matt!



Matt King

ENTERTAINMENT

VP for entertainment **Greg Wauson** thanked **Richard Ustick** for his years of service in that role, and for supposedly sharing his joke book with Greg (this was the lead in to a joke).

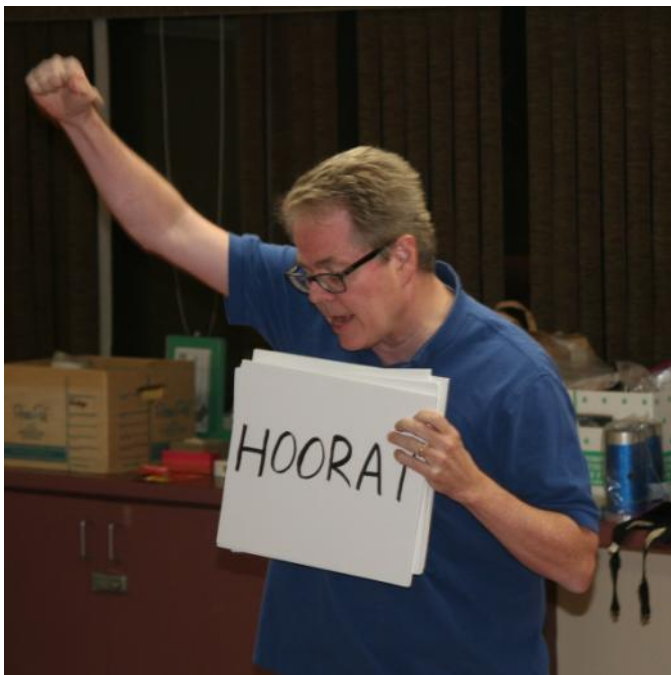
Winton Gibbons performed an effect with cue cards, which had words such as “gasp”, “applause,”



Greg Wauson

“mom” (actually, “wow”) etc. on them. The effect ended with an applause, and a hooray.

Treasurer **Joe Mystic** did an extended set of effects, starting with the die box, featuring “spot



Winton Gibbons

and friends”. Next, with help from Summer Chiu, Joe showed a long rope, medium rope, and little baby rope, which then temporarily transformed to be all medium sized, and finally returned to their initial conditions. Next came an imaginary birthday party for Sky Chiu with a breakaway wand and torn-and-restored tissue paper that transformed for into a birthday crown hat for Sky. For the finale, Joe ate the remaining tissue paper and it transformed in his mouth to a surprising colorful and long rainbow ribbon.

Ian Gibbons, with help from Sky and Summer,



Joe Mystic

showed a change bag to be empty. Next, different color silks were produced. The silks were placed into the bag and then changed colors. Nicely done!

Secretary **Ken Intriligator** did a Koornwinder car effect, inspired by Juan Tamariz’s El Cohecito. Summer and Sky were asked to shuffle a deck of cards and the cards were fanned and a card was selected and shown to the audience. Then the car, “Margarita”, was pushed by Summer and Sky and it kept stopping in front of the chosen card, first in a group and then on the individual card, even though



Ian Gibbons

the cards were repeatedly shuffled by Summer and Sky, and were face down. Margarita got it right, and the chosen card happened to be the Curse of Scotland (9D).



Ken Intriligator

VP of Membership **James Thayer** did a routine with Sky, where she imagined a rainbow, and sure enough it was produced from James's fist. The rainbow was returned to the closed fist, and then it vanished without a trace.

Matt King did a routine that started with a vanishing ketchup bottle in a paper bag. Next, there were four balloons and members of the audience were given choices as to which colors to pop, until only one balloon was left intact. The balloon holder was turned around and, as predicted, the one left un-popped was the only one with an arrow pointing to it. Finally, the audience and Sky were given choices, which led to naming a toy stuffed dog. The choice ended up being "Bella". Then, sure enough, the doggy collar was revealed to have the predicted name - Bella good!



Matt King

Past treasurer **Bob Meigs** discussed his teaching of magic at the SD County Fair, and he demonstrated and taught the arm-twist trick to Summer, Sky, and Ian. Next Bob demonstrated and explained a trick with two plastic bottles and the challenge to blow up a balloon inside the bottle. Bob was assisted by Eva King, and he explained the trick and the science behind it.



Bob Meigs

Eli Sanchez, visiting magician from the Twin Cities, needed a volunteer to provide a dollar, so raffle winner Ricardo was drafted to volunteer, using one of his won dollars. First the dollar was folded and, upon unfolding, it was shown to have



Eli Sanchez

turned into ordinary paper. Craig Stone was asked to remove the contents of the bag that he was holding the whole time, and it was a ball of red yarn. The yarn was unravelled into a glass, and ultimately found to have Ricardo's dollar bill tied to the inner end.

Dave Groh did an entertaining routine that involved his dancing to the songs of the game Fortnite, together with Summer. Both had to hold cups of water on their head, but Dave drank his every opportunity when Summer was facing in the opposite direction. Eventually, Dave revealed that the magic would be that they could dump their cups onto their own heads, and the water will have disappeared. Dave demonstrated with his cup, and everyone in the audience except for Summer knew why there was no



David Groh

water left in his cup. Now it was Summer's turn to dump hers on her head, which she bravely did, and the water had indeed disappeared! Whew!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm, and many of us then went to Dennys for dinner, dessert, and camaraderie.

— *Ken Intriligator, Secretary*



New-To-Me Magic

The theme of our September meeting is “new-to-me.” These are magic effects which may have been around for many years, but are new to you. Or maybe it’s something new to the magic community. Did you buy something at the IBM convention in July or the Magic Live convention in August and you can’t wait to perform it? Or are you looking for an audience to astound with something you’ve been practicing? If so, you’re in luck! This is the purpose of the new-to-me theme at our next meeting.

Email me at gw83@ring76.com if you’d like to perform at the September meeting. Include how long your performance will be. And if you’d like to get instant feedback on what the members think is good about your performance and what may need more work, let me know that also and I’ll request feedback for you. See you in September!

— Greg Wanson

Library Book Sale

Our last library sale on 8/12/19 generated over \$200 in much needed revenue for the library. We had four tables of books, pamphlets, and lecture notes for great deals! Thanks to all who bought.

We will hold another sale at the next meeting on 9/9/19. The books will only be available for sale from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. We can not hold items for you so first come, first served. Cash only, please. We will be offering rock bottom prices so no negotiating. Be sure to get there early because the best deals quickly vanish—almost as if by magic.

— Gary Salisbury

Changes!

Your Ring 76 officers are committed to adding value to our members. Several topics related to the planning of the monthly meetings came up at the



Books for Sale!

August board meeting. Here are some things you need to know:

1. **“Entertainer of the month” is back!** Members typically cast their votes for their favorite performer of the evening. The votes are tabulated throughout the year and the person with the most votes earns the coveted “Entertainer of the year” award, announced at the July installation and awards ceremony. Starting with the upcoming September meeting, not only will the votes count toward the entertainer of the year, but now you will also earn fame and fortune (well, at least fame) much faster as the “entertainer of the month.” This fortunate individual will be recognized via an email blast to the members as well as an announcement in the following month’s newsletter.
2. **Swap meet in November!** The last Ring 76 swap meet was very successful, with lots of satisfied buyers and sellers. In our quest to keep the members happy, the board has voted to modify our schedule of planned meetings and have a swap meet in



November. Sellers will have the entire meeting to sell their magical treasures.

3. **Food magic**, the theme which had been planned for November, has been moved to January 2020.

4. **If you'd like to perform** at any of the upcoming meetings, please RSVP at least one day in advance by emailing Greg Wauson at [<gw83@ring76.com>](mailto:gw83@ring76.com). Include an estimate of how much time you'll need. Those who RSVP will be on the schedule; others will be allowed to perform if time permits.

5. The standup contest will go on as scheduled in May 2020. The board considered cancelling it due to the low number of contestants the past two years. After some discussion, we recognized this event does provide value by providing our members an opportunity to hone their acts and their entertainment skills. Perhaps you'd like to compete but need some guidance? Feel free to ask Ring 76 officers to point you to an experienced magician who can give you some help.

— Greg Wauson

Shavings from the Board

Minutes of the Ring 76 Board Meeting

August 26th



The meeting was called to order by President **Richard Ustick** at 7:19 pm. The board members present were: First V.P. (entertainment) **Greg Wauson**,

Second V.P. (membership) **James Thayer**, Treasurer **Joe "Mystic" McGrievy**, Sergeant-of-Arms **David Chiu**, Secretary **Ken Intriligator**, Member-at-Large **Rich Robertson**, Librarian and Member-at-Large **Gary Salisbury**, and Member-at-Large and past president **Robert Vinson**. Also present were North County and Military Liaison **Josh Sherwin**, IBM Territorial Vice President **Jeff**

Marcus, host **Bob Meigs**, and member **Sherry Luft**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July board meeting were approved.

REPORTS

First VP of Entertainment **Greg Wauson** gave a recap of the August meeting, which was very successful with many performers, demonstration, and a great lecture by **Matt King**. The meeting ran up to the 9:00pm deadline. The current contract has our hours at the Center as 6:00-9:00, but it should have been 6:00-9:30 (this includes 30 minutes setup time that the Center will provide without charge); **Robert Vinson** will be the liaison to discuss this change with Elinor at the Center. There was discussion about having the entertainment first vs. having the lecture first, and also having people RSVP in advance (those who do not RSVP for a performing slot will get to perform only if time permits, and their performance would not count towards Entertainer of the Year). Greg will write this up for the newsletter.

Membership Report: **James Thayer** reported that there are 48 paid members and 10 life members (down 1 member from last year).

MagiCurrents Update: James is working with Winton to transfer responsibility for the Newsletter. There was a discussion of software and templates.

Treasurer's Report: **Joe McGrievy** went over the month's charges, and his filing of the fictitious business name statement. Joe filed our Statement of Information for the state of California. The past Ring 76 bank account will soon be closed.

Sergeant-at-Arms **David Chiu** gave the number count. There was a great turnout: 35 members and 8 guests.

Library Report: **Gary Salisbury** presented a detailed library report. His goal is to make it the best reference library in the IBM. He is doing a great job to achieve this goal. He has raised funds, transferred videos to digital, written book reviews. **Josh Sherwin**, **David**



Chiu, Mark Booth, and Gary have formed a “stream team” to work on providing streaming material. The alpha test worked and the Board can try out the beta test. James pointed out that the Ring’s website could also be transferred to that server, which would save the annual fee for that. Gary will donate some computer hardware to allow for that. Phil The Magnificent (RIP) has donated material to the library. Funding is an ongoing issue, and Gary will have sales to supplement the library fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Non-profit status: Joe sent in the SOI card, and received the confirmation from the State that it was received. James will file the Form 990-N e-postcard with the IRS and Form FTB 199-N with the California Franchise Tax Board. There was a discussion of the benefits of 501(c)(6) non-profit status.

Insider-magic performance / lecture suggestion: **Bob Meigs** discussed the idea, and questioned if there would be enough time to do it at upcoming meetings, since the time would be around 10-20 minutes. The Board is supportive of the plan. There was a suggestion that performers should both RSVP, and also advise about how much time that they would need for meeting planning. There will be a committee (Bob, Robert, Richard) to work on planning this program.

Standup Contest: The Ring will keep the contest (in May). Members are encouraged to participate. There was a renewed discussion about having separate categories for pros and hobbyists.

Secret / password protected section of the website: Gary will send some material for James to upload, to test it out.

Entertainer of the Month: The Board discussed it and voted to bring it back to the monthly newsletter. There was also discussion of a perpetual trophy, which existed years ago.

Swap meet vs. Individual Sales Tables before the meeting: There was discussion about having a swap

meet at an additional time, to not take up an entire meeting, or using a meeting slot. The last swap meet was very successful, with a great turnout. The auction was seen as inefficient as compared with the swap meet. The auction brings in more funds to the ring.

Sunday club: Bob Meigs proposed a 2 hour workshop, similar to the Insider Magic idea, for members, prospective members, and guests. It was proposed to have it on Sunday afternoons, though that might not work for some of the pros. The Board suggests that Bob test it out as a non-Ring event initially, and to tie in with the other San Diego Magicians groups. It is endorsed by the Board.

Board Meeting: Non-board members should RSVP to Bob Meigs if they want to attend the Board meeting to insure that there is enough food and enough chairs for the meeting.

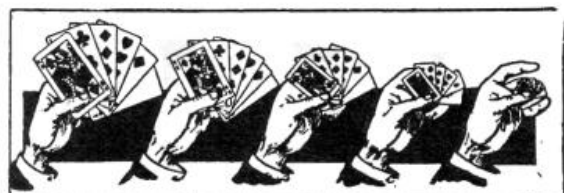
Upcoming meeting themes: September: new-to-me magic; October: Halloween; November: swap meet; December: banquet and Fool-Us contest; January: food magic; February: Close-up contest; March: panel discussion; April: teach-a-trick (and bring your friends); May: Standup contest; June: Election, dues, and money magic; July: Installation banquet; August: Kid’s magic / TBA.

NEWSLETTER

Richard will send his President’s report. Greg will write an article about entertainer of the month, the swap meet in November, and that food magic will be moved to January. Gary will submit the library report and book / video reviews. Bob will write up the Sunday Club idea.

The board meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

— Ken Intriligator





Attending a Board Meeting

Have you ever wanted to view firsthand the inner workings of the Ring 76 Board of Directors? Or are you considering running for a Ring 76 office but would like to actually witness a Board of Directors meeting before you decide?

All Ring members are welcome to attend Board meetings. These meetings are usually held the fourth Monday of a month, beginning at 7 pm. The location is Bob Meig's house.

The Board decided at its August 26 meeting on a minor change in policy. Non-Board members who want to attend a Board meeting must RSVP for it. This will ensure that Bob and his wonderful wife Mary will have enough seating for us and the correct amount of food for the dinner that they serve us.

The RSVP should be to Bob at (619) 742-1499. Or just email him at carshows@sbcglobal.net. The RSVP should be no later than 10 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting.

— Rich Robertson

A Magic Workshop???

Would you attend a Magic Workshop, where you could ask questions of experts (pros), get feedback on your latest routine, share a trick, snack on scrumptious food, and hob-knob with your magic friends?

It would be on a weekday evening (Monday thru Thursday), from about 7 to 9PM, in Solana Beach. It would be free, of course, and family and friends would be welcome – if they like magic!

If your answer is “yes,” we'll do it! – a party with a magic workshop theme. But remember, it's a workshop – it's about magic, and our goal to do and learn – not just eat and drink!

To make this work, we need at least 4 enthusiastic pros and a dozen or more other members and

guests. My wife and I could host the event in our Solana Beach home – if there's an interest.

Why a weekday? Because many of our pros have shows on weekends, and we can't have a “workshop” without pros!

If this is something you'd enjoy, let us know! Call Bob Meigs, at 619-742-1499, or email us at [<carshows@sbcglobal.net>](mailto:carshows@sbcglobal.net). Let us know your interests, how many might be in your group, and which days of the week are best for you.

Right now, we're just *gauging interest!* So please, *get back to us!!* What happens next is up to you!

— Bob Meigs

Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



Seeking Donations

- We need more books and videos to build the library. Those have to come from donations because there are no funds earmarked for library acquisitions this year.
- If you have any unused DVD-R or DVD+R discs that you could donate, it would be appreciated.
- We are still looking for a VHS/DVD recorder to replace the club's broken unit.
- And of course, we would welcome any financial donations ear-marked for the Ring 76 Library so we can purchase much needed supplies. It is hard to run this like a business without a budget.

August Donations

Thanks to the generosity of a few, we have a few more items that we can all share. Thanks again for your generosity and setting an example for others to (hopefully) follow. Thank you, Gracias, Grazie, Merci, Danke, Arigato, 谢谢, 감사합니다, спасибо!

**Mike Stilwell:**

- Siegfried & Roy, Magicians of the Century-DVD

Joe Mystic:

- Annemann-Practical Mental Magic (PB Book)
- Alex Stone-Fooling Houdini (HB Book)
- Joe Berg: The Berg Book (HB Book)
- Stephan Minch: Vernon Chronicles #2 (HB Book)
- Stephan Minch: Vernon Chronicles #3 (HB Book)
- Stephan Minch: Vernon Chronicles #4 (HB Book)

John Hunter:

- Merlin, Volumes 1 & 2 (VHS tapes)

Gary Salisbury:

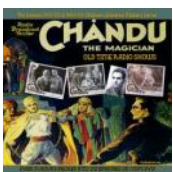
- The Chess Machine—Audio Book

Robert Vinson:

- Robert has loaned us his own VHS/DVD Recorder.

Reviews Wanted

If you have watched a good magic video or read a good magic book, please drop me an email so I can include your comments in the next issue of Ex Libris.

Audio Reviews**Chandu the Magician: Radio Broadcast**

Chandu the Magician was an American radio drama that was heard on several different networks and aired in two distinctly different series, one in the 1930s and a revival 12 years later in the 1940s and 1950s. The series was created by Harry A. Earnshaw and Raymond R. Morgan. Both incarnations of the series featured the

adventures of the character Frank Chandler, also known as Chandu, an American who learned mystical arts such as astral projection which he used to fight criminals and other villains.

If you like magic, you will certainly enjoy listening to these old radio broadcasts. All 166 episodes of the 1940 version are available on audio CD (MP3 format) from your library.

The Chess Machine: A Novel by Robert Lohr

Based on a true story, *The Chess Machine* is the breathtaking historical adventure of a magician and his legendary invention that astounded all who crossed its path.

Vienna, 1770: Baron Wolfgang von Kempelen unveils a strange and amazing invention: the Mechanical Turk, a sensational and unbeatable chess-playing automaton. But what the Habsburg court hails as the greatest innovation of the century is really nothing more than a brilliant illusion. The chess machine is secretly operated from inside by the Italian dwarf Tibor, a God-fearing social outcast whose chess-playing abilities and diminutive size make him the perfect accomplice in this grand hoax.

Von Kempelen and his helpers tour his remarkable invention all around Europe to amaze and entertain the public, but despite many valiant attempts and close calls, no one is able to beat the extraordinary chess machine. The crowds all across Europe adore the Turk, and the success of Baron von Kempelen seems assured. But when a beautiful and seductive countess dies under mysterious circumstances in the presence of the automaton, the Mechanical Turk falls under a cloud of suspicion, and the machine and his inventor become the targets of espionage, persecution, and aristocratic intrigue.

What is the dark secret behind this automaton, and what strange powers does it hold? *The Chess Machine* is a daring and remarkable tale, full of envy, lust, scandal, and deception.

This excellent book is available on audio CD (MP3 format) from your library.

Book Reviews

The Vernon Chronicles are a series of four books published by L&L about Dai Vernon's magic.

Volume 1 - *The Lost Inner Secrets* (1987)



Written by Stephen Minch and edited by Bruce Cervon it contains more than fifty sleights, tricks and routines with cards and coins. Included are insights into the thinking and psychology that is

known as "The Vernon Touch," and historical anecdotes. Numerous photos and pieces of memorabilia from The Professor's private collection were also added, as well as a biographical essay on him by Elizabeth Wilson.

Details: <https://www.conjuringarchive.com/list/book/77>

Volume 2 - *More Lost Inner Secrets* (1988)



Contains chapters of impossible card locations, transpositions, ace tricks, linking ring moves, silk routines and even a trick with walnuts.

Details: <https://www.conjuringarchive.com/list/book/78>

Volume 3 - *Further Lost Inner Secrets* (1989)



This book contains an essay, which surveys a cross section of the close-up magic being done by New York City during the 1920s and 1930s by Bill Miesel. Prominent there were Dai Vernon and his friends; people like Sam Horowitz, Ted Annemann and Luis Zingone.

Mr. Miesel picked some of their more intriguing effects and, in collaboration with Dai Vernon, Max Maven, Bruce Cervon and Stephen Minch, the methods were reconstructed as accurately as is

possible. This study is an important historical document, and revealing in the life of Dai Vernon.

It explains of the legendary "Joker Monte" trick that Mr. Vernon used to baffle fellow magicians.

Also magic from Dai Vernon's friends including Arthur Finley, Sam Horowitz, Henry Christ, Dr. Daley, Faucett Ross, Herb Zarrow, Mike Skinner and Bruce Cervon.

Details: <https://www.conjuringarchive.com/list/book/79>

Volume 4 - *He Fooled Houdini: Dai Vernon A Magical Life* (1992)



An anecdotal biography of Dai Vernon from his birth to his arrival at Hollywood's Magic Castle in 1963.

Dai discusses his approaches on: "Attack on Magic", "Practice", "On Using Trick Cards", "Secrets", "Effects Defined", "Shade", "Authority", "Great Tricks", "Classics" and "What's Wrong With Magic".

Dai describes his idols (Johann Nepomuk Hofzinsler and Max Malini) inspirations (Nate Leipzig, Dr. James Elliott and J. Warren Keane) and other magicians including Harry Houdini, Jud Cole, Fred Keating, Jarrow, Cliff Green, and Tommy Downs.

Special thanks to Joe Mystic for his donation of volumes 2, 3, & 4 so we now have the complete set in our library.

Video Reviews

Gregory Wilson - Double Take (Double Lift)

How in the world did you do that?



You'll hear this and more when you master the double lift - the most vital move in card magic.

Gregory Wilson's Double Take puts the world's greatest double lifts at your fingertips. ...even if you're all thumbs. This step-by-step instructional DVD is packed with more than 90



minutes of dynamic material you can perform anytime, anywhere, with any deck.

For nearly two decades Gregory has been teaching his unique style of magic, as well as performing for many Fortune 500 companies. And as your personal coach, Gregory will teach you the nuances of more than 25 different double lifts ~ choose your favorites: from the top of the deck, from the bottom, from the middle, from a fan, from the table, to the table, and even doubles that flip through the air from hand-to-hand! Did you know there are over 200 double lift techniques known?

If you're a beginner, or have never even picked up a deck of cards, you can easily perform miracles in minutes with Greg's Quick Start-Up Section. The more advanced will enjoy studying the techniques of the masters, including Dai Vernon, Ed Mario, Martin Nash, and many others.

Included are seven powerful routines:

- Phoenix Aces - Produce the four aces from mid-airreally!
- Weighted Aces - A variation of the legendary Doc Daley's Last Trick.
- Two Wrongs DO Make A Right - A visual stunner that looks like trick cards.
- Four Card Trick -Darwin Ortiz's Jumping Gemini, with an added killer climax.
- **Plus:** Three more stunners, and a live performance of Greg's own personal Ambitious Card Routine. Master card magic's most often used move - the double lift. Consider this DVD a historical artifact of sorts, as it was Gregory Wilson's debut to the world. It's 2 hours of an action-packed, non-stop Wilson wiggle!

What's New

Have you heard the rumors that something big was coming to the Ring 76 Library? The rumors are

true and it is just around the corner. We have formed a four man team called the **RING 76 STREAM TEAM** who are assigned the task of streaming our current video library. It will be like our own private NETFLIX and will be the biggest improvement we have ever made for our members. Stay tuned as we make the Ring 76 Library the best reference library in the entire IBM organization world-wide!

Library Check Out Procedure

Members may contact me 7x24 either by e-mail at librarian@ring76.com or by cell phone (voice or text) at 619-569-6035 to let me know what you would like to check out. (If you do not hear back from me within 24 hours, there may have been a technical problem so call me.) I will make sure the item(s) get to the next monthly meeting or you can pick it up at my home in Blossom Valley.

There is a limit of 3 items per month. You will need to sign the library card attached to the item along with your phone number. We ask that you return the items to the library on or before the monthly meeting for the following month (for example: If you check out a book at the July meeting, it should be returned on or before the August meeting). If need be, you can keep the book or video again if nobody else has requested it but you must sign for it again.

Remember, our objective is to build the best magic reference library in the entire IBM organization world-wide but we need your help to do that. Please return over-due books & videos and donate regularly to your library.

Non-urgent communications will always be done via the Ex Libris newsletter article while more urgent communications will be done by an IBM Ring 76 LibraryGram emailed to ring76members@googlegroups.com.

Have a magic month my friends and we will see you again next month. In the meantime, email me with your thoughts about the library. I would love to hear them.

— Gary Salisbury



NOTES AND REMINDERS

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Remember, we are looking for product reviews. It doesn't matter if you liked what you paid for or not, we want your opinion for the benefit of the rest of the members. If you're not a writer, we can arrange a short sit-down to gather the facts and write the review.

Have magic to sell, stage equipment to rent? Looking for something to buy or rent? Need a ride or have room for a passenger to an out of town event such as the Magic Castle?

Have a special skill or service another member might use? Need a temporary assistant?

Advertise it at no cost to Ring 76 members in MagiCurrents

LIBRARY REMINDER

Ring 76 has a large library of books DVD's, even VHS tapes covering every phase of magic. All of the materials are available for members to check out and use at home.

Currently the Library is in transition, but if you have an interest in borrowing a book or DVD, please contact the Ring Librarian at <librarian@ring76.com>. The contents of the Library can be found on the Ring76 website.

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Submissions from officers, reporters and other members are due the Wednesday before the publication date. If you want *your* newsletter on time, please be prompt!!

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