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President's Message

June, as they say (or as I sing) is Busting Out All Over, and nowhere is that more true than here at Ring 76.

June is when we pay our dues (literally, dues are due), elect our new Board of Directors, vote for our Ring 76 Member of the Year, and thanks to the inexhaustible efforts of our VP of Entertainment, enjoy another great lecture.

The light does seem to be at the end of the tunnel and it looks like we will be able to hold our July meeting in person. We are planning our Installation Banquet for July and it will be at the home of Bob Meigs. The state looks like it will be removing any restrictions by the middle of this month so plans are proceeding for our first in-person meeting in almost a year and a half. Details will be forthcoming and we will answer any of your questions and concerns at the next Ring meeting, and hopefully our last ZOOM meeting, June 14th.

— Richard Ustick

Shawn Farquhar Lecture!

We are pleased to tell you our lecturer for our meeting on Monday, June 14, will be none other than... Shawn Farquhar! He'll be appearing via Zoom all the way from his home in Canada. He's made tons of TV appearances including *The Ellen Show* in the US, *Stephen & Chris* in Canada, *Asian Ace* in Japan and Penn & Teller's *Fool Us* in the UK. Shawn has performed in more than forty countries in the last six years and has over six million views for a single video on YouTube.

Ring 76 2021 Calendar

Jun 14 - Lecture—Shawn Farquhar

Jul ? - Installation Banquet

*Opportunity for Members to Perform

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be having physical meetings until further notice. Where possible, we will have virtual meetings on-line. Read this Newsletter and watch your e-mail for further details!

He has been given Lifetime Achievement Awards by the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians and the Vancouver Magic Circle, has been twice named



Shawn Farquhar

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Magician of the Year by the Canadian Association of Magicians, and has won the Grand Prix D'Honneur by the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians, and both Stage Magician of the Year and Sleight of Hand Magician of the Year by the International Brotherhood of Magicians – the only person to win both of the top categories in the history of the organization. In addition, he has won the highest award in magic: the Grand Prix World Champion of Magic by FISM at the Olympics of Magic in Beijing, China. He's the past president of the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians, the Canadian Association of Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magicians as well.

I recall a funny event at the IBM convention in San Diego's Town & Country Resort in 2010. Shawn was in the middle of his lecture to hundreds of magicians when an earthquake hit. Everyone was stunned; most of the people there had never felt an earthquake before. After the shaking stopped, Shawn showed his professionalism and ability to think fast when he said, "Man, I'm really rocking this place!" That brought a big laugh.

Shawn is all the above, plus – he's a very nice guy. Close to 20 years ago at a magic convention in Las Vegas, before he became well known, I happened to be sitting next to him at one of the shows. He introduced himself, pulled out a deck of cards and showed me some nice sleights and asked, "Hey, how does this look?" By the way, I remember it looked very good. I talked with him briefly at the IBM convention in Scottsdale, Arizona in 2019 and



Peg and Jeff Marcus

he's still very approachable, even as a highly regarded star in the magic world.

Shawn will be presenting, and explaining, some of his favorite effects at the lecture. There were three monkeys in the car. He will also be sharing pointers to make our magic more effective. Don't miss it!

— *Greg Wanson*

Coming Up!

June: The June meeting will feature a lecture by international magic champion and frequent TV guest magician Shawn Farquhar. Information about Shawn and the lecture appears in a separate article elsewhere in this newsletter. The meeting in June will also be our election night.

July: Our meeting will be on **Sunday, July 11**, starting in the late afternoon. Don't try to find us on Zoom because we won't be there! Yay!

The July meeting has traditionally been a highlight of our year, since it's been a time to meet, eat, thank the outgoing officers, install the new officers and celebrate our outstanding members and contest winners. COVID has trounced our ability for in-person meetings for well over a year, so this year's installation banquet promises to be an especially enjoyable time -- we will actually get together in person! Bob and Mary Meigs have graciously offered their new home in Carlsbad as the venue and, along with top notch food and entertainment, this will be an event you will not want to miss. Your board is at work setting up the details (you know, little things like which caterer and magical guest performer) and we will let you know as the plans are determined.

— *Greg Wanson*

Celebration of Life For Jeff Marcus

The life of our dear friend Jeff Marcus, who passed away in January from COVID-19, will be celebrated on Sunday, June 27, from 2:00 p.m. into the evening. It will be at the home of Peg Marcus in Alpine. She's



planning this to be very casual; think pool party! If you wish to attend, please RSVP by calling 619-873-5605, so plenty of food can be ordered. You're encouraged to enjoy the outdoors and free up space inside the house; a giant awning will be set up outside. A large number of people have already RSVPed, so parking will be available at Peg's home and also at the adjacent neighbor's property.

What to bring?

- ♣ There will be sharing times throughout the day so bring your stories about Jeff and his antics.
- ♣ This will be a catered event so there's no need to bring any food.
- ♣ Contributions for the caterer are welcome.
- ♣ Feel free to bring a special beverage if you'd like.
- ♣ Bring your swimsuit as the pool will be available and the hot tub will be on!

— Greg Wauson

April Meeting

Monday May 10, 2021

Secretary **Matthew King**. Meetings held every 2nd Monday, currently via Zoom.

This was our fourteenth ring meeting held on Zoom. President **Richard Ustick** called the meeting to order at **7:06 p.m.** There were **18 members** online.

President **Richard Ustick** discussed the new **Ring 76** PayPal account, and **James Thayer** discussed the new Ring 76 Magic Store and showed members the website. **Richard** spoke about the possibility of having the installation banquet at **Bob Meigs** home, depending on the new guidelines starting June 15th. **Matthew King** discussed and started the in-meeting auctions. **Richard** mentioned having members e-mail him regarding any new meeting location ideas. **Richard Ustick** asked members to email their vote for "Member of the Year" to **Greg Wauson**, considering a member

who did an exceptional job for the club during the year.

Richard Ustick asked for any announcements. Member **Greg Wauson** indicated he talked to **Peg Marcus**, and she has set up a celebration of life at her house in Alpine, CA and everyone is invited to attend on Sunday, June 27th, 2021 from 2-10 pm. A member asked if able to nominate the late **Jeff Marcus** for "Member of the Year", and it was agreed that he can.

Greg Wauson reminded members to email their votes for "Performer of the Month" after the meeting, which these votes will count towards "Performer of the Year". **Greg** announced special guests, **Josh Sherwin** and I.B.M. International President **Stephen Bargatze**.



Stephen Bargatze

Stephen Bargatze praised the club on their magic store and auctions. He mentioned having his first in-person meeting next month, and is excited to be back. He spoke briefly about his son and his 4 Netflix specials. He mentioned **Dani DaOrtiz** being one of his favorite magicians to watch, and he talked about the upcoming virtual I.B.M. Convention. He spoke about our theme and impromptu effects, and he mentioned in 2022 it will be the 100-year anniversary of the I.B.M., and the convention will be in Atlanta, GA. He informed members **Michael Finney** convinced him to become the International President

of the I.B.M., and he is happy to be performing at school shows again.

Stephen Bargatze performed for members and asked **Joe “Mystic” McGrievy** and **Dale Law** to assist with an effect. He showed a list of descriptions and had **Joe** and **Dale** pick odd or even, then had them remember the description on the list next to their number. Then he showed a second list with various items, and named them off, asking them to remember any item that relates to their description. **Stephen** was then able to determine what two different items they were thinking of! He explained it to members and described how to create your own, even using a holiday or unique theme.

Stephen Bargatze opened up for a Q&A with members. **Richard Ustick** thanked **Stephen** for sharing his time, information, and his performance for our members, and turned the meeting over to **Greg Wauson**, who introduced the performers of the evening.



Josh Sherwin

The first performer of the evening was **Josh Sherwin**, from South Carolina. **Josh** discussed one of his first magic tricks and demonstrated Crazy Mans Handcuffs using rubber bands, speaking about how something so simple can make a great impact. He mentioned it was this unbelievable penetration of rubber bands which made him want to be a magician.

Second performer was **Mark Booth**. He asked **Mike Stilwell** to assist him. He spoke of time travel and asked **Mike** to think of a special time on

the clock, and he had **Mike** write it down, but not show it. **Mark** then removed his watch, set a time on it, and placed it in a glass in full view. He then had **Mike** show his time to the audience and **Mark** immediately showed he had predicted the correct time on the watch.



Mark Booth

Jeff Pearson shared a video of a card effect from **JC Wagner** called In the Hands Triumph, a routine involving vanishing and reappearing coins, and an effect called All Screwed Up where nuts and bolts vanished from his pocket and reappeared in his hand, as well as a color changing knife routine.



Jeff Pearson (r)

Matthew King performed some magic with wooden matches. His daughter **Ava King** assisted, and he made the matches penetrate through each other, a burnt match vanished and reappeared inside the box, A match was placed in a handkerchief and broken to pieces then restored, and then box itself was threaded on a string, covered with a handkerchief, and was



Matthew King (1)

magically removed from the string without damage or rips.

Greg Wauson briefly introduced special guest **Ken Scott**, who is the incoming International President of the I.B.M.

The next performer was **Mike Stilwell**. He showed an impromptu effect using plastic straws and their paper wrappers. He removed a piece of the paper wrapper, and was able to use the straw as wand, making the paper move on it's own. **Mike** also showed how to move the straw on a table. After demonstrating, he taught our members.



Mike Stilwell

Next up was **Miguel Garcia** who thanked **Stephen Bargatze** for being at our meeting, and he told him he admired his son's stand-up comedy. **Miguel** showed and demonstrated a sleight using a cigarette where he was able to make it vanish and reappear in a deceptive manner.



Miguel Garcia

David Chiu was next, and he performed "The Poker Test 2.0" by **Eric Casey**. He started with 5 blue-back cards, and showed the fronts were blank. He then showed one ace, and then the backs of the cards had turned red, and then **David** showed the front of the cards and they had turned into a Royal Flush with red backs.



David Chiu

Next was **Nick Brown**. He performed something he called “When is a Knot not a Knot”. **Nick** then cut a string, and tied them back together, then tied knot in a string and put the knot it in mouth and was able to untie it. **Nick** showed a cut and restored routine with twine and then showed us how to do it.



Nick Brown

Ken Scott showed a rope effect using a large and small rope, where he magically made them the same size, then he tied a knot and slid it off the rope, ending with a rope and a never-ending circular rope. **Ken** mentioned really enjoying the **Levant** lecture and discussed the power of the invisible deck, while showing a funny comedy prop using a rotating pop-up card and a deck.



Ken Scott

Mike Stilwell showed different marketing ideas about customizing nametags, postcards, cards, agent cards, magic giveaways, and members can

email him for more information or printouts. His philosophy is for spectators to go home remembering their magic experience, whether leaving them with a marketing item or memento. He showed a card in the shape of a flip phone and inside it said “Give me a Ring” and discussed direct mailings, as well.



Mike Stilwell

Matthew King announced the winners of the auctions for the evening, announced our club generated \$195, and he thanked the members for their bids and support.

Greg Wauson reminded members to send in their vote for the “Performer of the Month” and their vote for the “Member of the Year”.

President **Richard Ustick** adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

— *Matthew King*

Elections

June is one of the busiest months in the Ring calendar. Not only are dues due but elections are held for the Board of directors and the Member of the Year. Couple that with another great lecture and the unveiling of plans for our first live meeting in over a year, and this will be one meeting you won't want to miss.

The Election Committee has received the slate of candidates recommended by the current Board as recommended by the Constitution. The floor has



been open for any other nominations of members in good standing last two Ring meetings. The slate of officers now stands as;

- President - Mike Stilwell
- VP Entertainment - Greg Wauson
- VP Membership - James Thayer
- Secretary - Matt King
- Treasurer - Joe Mystic
- Sgt @ Arms - David Chiu
- Member @ Large - Richard Ustick (Past Pres)
- Member @ Large - Mark Booth
- Member @ Large - Gary Salisbury

If there are no other floor nominations the Ring will vote up or down on these candidates.



Votes for the Member of the Year will cast by email and directed to Greg Wauson. Greg was last year's Member of the Year so he is ineligible.

See you at the meeting on June 14th.

— Richard Ustick

Dues

April Showers bring May Flowers. And May Flowers bring...moving men? No. They bring Ring 76 dues notices. Yes, it is that time of year again..

They are due as of June 30th and we hope as many members as possible will be able to renew by that date. The amount is \$30. We have two ways to pay.

You can pay by mail: make a check out to "IBM Ring 76" and send it to: Ring 76; c/o James Thayer; 9556 Babauta Road; San Diego, CA 92129.



You can also send your dues via PayPal by sending payment to <payments@ring76.com>.

And, as long as you are paying dues and you have not already done so, please let me know if we can include your phone

number and/or e-mail address in the Ring 76 Contact List on Arcanum.

If for any reason, you are not intending to renew your membership this year, we will appreciate knowing this (and in return, we will stop bugging you for dues.)

— James Thayer

Shavings From the Board

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The meeting was held via Zoom and it was called to order at 7:09 pm. by President **Richard Ustick**. Also in attendance were First V.P. (Entertainment) **Greg Wauson**, Second V.P. (membership) **James Thayer**, Treasurer **Joe "Mystic" McGrievy**, Sergeant-at-arms **Dave Chiu**, Secretary **Matthew King**, and Member-at-large **Mike Stilwell**. Also present was Social Media rep. **Mark Booth**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April board meeting minutes were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report, Joe "Mystic"

McGrievy: Joe shared his list of expenses and our current financial status. We received income from our auction items and dues, and we also purchased an Amazon Gift Card. Our current balance on hand is \$2,850.31 and **Joe** indicated the balance in the bank is the same.

Second VP (Membership), James Thayer: James indicated we have a new member, **Dale Law**, who has joined Ring 76. Dues are continuing to come in and **James** has a few checks on hand to get to **Joe**



“Mystic” McGrievy. 23 Members renewed so far. Joe asked about our SSL encryption status. Richard Ustick asked about SSL, and James explained the security certificate.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report, David

Chiu: David indicated we had special guests Stephen Bargatze and Ken Scott at our previous meeting. We had 25 members and 3 guests at the April meeting, and we discussed having guests at the meetings and drawing more attention to Ring 76.

Library Report and Discussion, Gary

Salisbury: Gary was unavailable for the May board meeting.

First VP (Entertainment), Greg

Wauson: Greg recapped the last meeting. We had 8 performers and he was glad to see Stephen Bargatze and Ken Scott at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Richard Ustick brought up the election and has received the slate for the board. We will present the slate to members via e-mail and watch for any “yay” or “nay” votes.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Ustick indicated the installation banquet in July will be held at Bob Meigs house. Members can decide if they would like to attend, and if the restrictions are removed, they can decide whether or not to wear a mask. Greg mentioned that having it at Bob's is a fantastic idea. Matthew King asked about the email from Bob Meigs and some of the ideas presented. Richard indicated since in-person meetings are just starting, we are unsure of how many will attend. Mark Booth asked about spacing on the property. Matthew King mentioned it may be too early to invite multiple chapter or groups to attend. Richard asked the board about dates and holding it on a Sunday. We decided to try for 7-11-21.

Richard Ustick brought up the June meeting. Greg Wauson mentioned it will be a lecture and he sent an email to Juan Tamariz, and reached

out to Michael Ammar, but has not heard back. In addition, he reached out to Chad Long. Mark Booth mentioned reaching out to Shawn Farquahar, and Greg mentioned he was also going to reach out to Joshua Jay. Greg mentioned Jeff Hobson would be a lot of fun to have, as well.

Richard Ustick asked Joe “Mystic” McGrievy about checking out the Elks Lodge in El Cajon as a venue, and Joe mentioned he will be performing there with Mike Stilewell soon and they will ask about it while there. Greg Wauson asked about our previous venue at the senior center, and Richard mentioned we are looking to save some money and try to find a place with a stage, but we can always get our old place back if we want to, or once the restrictions ease on senior facilities.

Richard Ustick showed the “The Tales of Magic and Mystery” by Howard Thurston on Pulp Cover, and asked if the board had seen them before. Richard asked about Bob Meigs show at the YMCA, and Joe “Mystic” McGrievy and Mike Stilwell are both going to perform for it. Mark Booth mentioned the board email list and he is not yet receiving it, and Richard indicated he will start to receive the e-mails. Matthew King mentioned member Chris Lorenson had an issue with an item he ordered and asked for permission to offer him a \$10 credit for any other store or auction purchase, which was approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

— Matthew King

Ring76 Magic Shop Is Live!

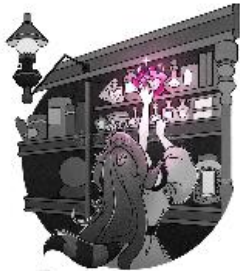
Check out our new Ring76 Members Only Magic Shop at: <https://magicshop.ring76.com>

NOW IS THE TIME to score on some AMAZING deals on magic items, new and old! All proceeds are going to Ring 76, and items are being offered at a DEEPER DISCOUNT to members only before going public. Please help support the club while also getting some fun new magic effects to play with!



All items are sold on a first come, first served basis, so don't delay! All items are sold "as is". We expect many of these items to sell fast, so order now! This shop will be regularly updated, so check back often. All items expire if not sold within sixty (60) days, and will be made available to the public at a higher price.

Arrangements can be made for convenient car-side pickup in Point Loma, doorstep delivery can be coordinated (with a \$25 minimum purchase), or the actual shipping costs can be added to your order.



In your order, specify delivery method, and whether paying via PayPal or Check, and we will respond with confirmation, availability of items, and provide your total. Time is of the essence to ensure you are first in line for any of these, so if something catches your eye, act fast!

— Matthew King

Newsletter challenge question

It's time again for your opportunity for fame and fortune by taking on the infamous newsletter challenge. If you spot the answer to our question and are the first to send it in an email to VP of Entertainment, [Greg Wauson](#) you will become the proud owner of a \$10 Amazon eGift card! Please put "Newsletter challenge" in the subject line of the email. All Ring 76 members are eligible, except board members and the previous month's winner.

Speaking of which, congratulations again to our May winner, Ken Intriligator!

Here's our June newsletter challenge question (the toughest one yet – and yes, the answer is in the newsletter): What type of animal, and how many, were in the car?

— Greg Wauson

Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server:

The IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server project is one where we will have all the magic videos we legally own available to members for streaming via a PLEX media server. At last count, we had over 1,200 instructional and performance magic videos that will be available for viewing on the server. That is about 4TB online. The Magic Castle has a similar service for their members but theirs is 28TB online. Keep donating and we will beat them!

Current Project Status:

The IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server is up and running so if you would like to try it out, send an email to: librarian@ring76.com with your real email address (not your ring email address) requesting access. I will send you a PLEX invitation, which you will need to accept, in order to gain access. People who have tried it say it is nothing less than **FANTASTIC!**

There is a guide attached at the end of this article on how to get a log-in on the server.

Soliciting Library Donations:

Over the past 2-3 months I have been soliciting donations of books and videos from over 30 magic groups on Facebook and have received a lot of material; books, video, and props. All the props went



to the IBM Ring 76 Magic Store to raise funds for the general fund. All the videos will be digitized and made available for streaming from our PLEX IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server. All the books will be put into our library. Any duplicates will be sold to members at the next physical ring meeting.

This month I tried something new. I contacted our friends at Penguin Magic and asked if they would consider donating one of their new releases. Low and behold they came through! If you have any magic DVDs or VHS tapes, why not consider donating them to the library? They will be digitized and put on the PLEX server so they would always be available to you any time plus be sharable to other club members. Sharing is good!

MARCH 2021 DONATIONS

Thanks to the generosity of a few, we have a few more items that we can all share and funds to build with. 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!

Ken Intriligator donated the \$10 gift card he won through the newsletter contest. Thank you, Ken!

Penguin Magic donated two new books:

- Scripting Magic Vol. 1 by Pete McCabe
- Scripting Magic Vol. 2 by Pete McCabe

(Show your thanks by buying from them!)

Gary Salisbury donated 2 audio books and 1 video:

- The Prestige by Christopher Priest
- The Magician's Secret by Carolyn Keene
- Carisa Hendrix LIVE ACTS (video)

Brad Burt of Sedona, AZ has promised us a donation but hasn't had the time to clear it out of his garage yet. (He asked if we would pay shipping.)

DONATIONS WANTED

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 in the ring budget. We currently have \$10 in our library petty cash fund.

We have not raised any additional funding for the library because physical meetings have been cancelled and we have gone to virtual meetings. That means no library sales table or 50/50 raffle.



Currently we need money to buy Windows 10 Pro software and some incidentals for the Magic Video Streaming Server project. Could you help out by donating something for this? We need \$300 more but anything at all will help.

Think about this: If you have purchased a downloaded video lecture (such as Penguin lectures) and no longer need it, I have a suggestion. Donate it to the library and we will put it on our PLEX server. That way you will always be able to view it any time along with the rest of the club. The club would then officially own the copy however, once it is transferred over to the library, you must delete all copies of it from your system. This is no different than donating a VHS or DVD except the media isn't physical, it is digital.

LOAN STATUS

Six items still currently on loan. If you have something checked out, it would be appreciated if you could drop it off or make arrangements to have it picked up.

MAGIC BOOK REVIEWS



Scripting Magic Vol. 1 by Pete McCabe

When *Scripting Magic* was first released in 2007, it was an immediate, surprise sensation. Magicians around the world, hungry for ways to improve their magic, were thrilled to have a volume dedicated to the vital



question: what do you say when you perform? Written by Pete McCabe and including contributions from 26 of magic's best thinkers and most experienced performers, *Scripting Magic* zipped through three printings and has been unavailable for years. Vanishing Inc. is proud to publish the definitive edition of *Scripting Magic*. This new version, expanded with illustrations, contains fantastic magic from luminaries like John Lovick, Jon Armstrong, Max Maven, and David Regal, and covers the process for creating memorable presentations. You'll learn how to write, edit, and perform compelling magic in this one-of-a-kind exploration into the presentation of magic.

- ♣ 462 Pages
- ♣ 43 Scripts
- ♣ 30 Tricks
- ♣ Fully illustrated

Contributors: Michael Ammar, Jon Armstrong, Bruce Barnett, Rafael Benatar, Eugene Burger, Michael Close, Bob Farmer, Paul Green, Eric Henning, Guy Hollingworth, Larry Jennings, Mark Joerger, Kenton Knepper, Jonathan Levit, John Lovick, Max Maven, Eric Mead, Séan O'Neill, Gary Ouellet, David Regal, Jim Steinmeyer, Vic Sussman, Jamy Ian Swiss, Teller, Joe M. Turner, and Larry White.



Scripting Magic Vol. 2 by Pete McCabe

This is the highly anticipated sequel to the smash success, *Scripting Magic*. Pete McCabe -with help from 25 of magic's best-digs deeper into the most powerful tool in magic: the words you say when you

perform. This powerful book will show you how to get more out of the tricks you already do, and develop new presentations that move your audiences in ways you've only dreamed up.

Scripting Magic Volume 2 is the next step in your development as a magician. With a complete

overview of the scripting process, practical, real-world exercises, and contributions from a who's who of world class magicians, it's the most advanced single volume ever written on the subject. It takes on the more challenging scripting techniques and makes them accessible for everyone from amateurs to experienced professionals.

Best of all, it includes many ways you can use scripting to improve your magic even if you don't like performing with a written script. Just a few well-placed lines can improve any effect. How many magic books will improve every single trick you do?

Scripting Magic Volume 2 will do just that.

Contributors: David Ben, Christian Cagigal, Bob Cassidy, Bob Farmer, Barry Fernelius, Paul Gertner, Roberto Giobbi, Andi Gladwin, Howard Hamburg, Harry Houdini, Derek Hughes, Joshua Jay, Curtis Kam, James Lewis, Max Maven, Francis Menotti, Robert Neale, Andrew Hill Newman, Ruben Padilla, David Parr, Chris Philpott, James Swain, Juan Tamariz, Dai Vernon, Michael Weber, and Larry White.

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MAGIC BOOK & VIDEO REVIEWS WANTED

If you have watched a magic video or read a magic book (good or bad), please drop me an email telling me what you thought of it so I can include your comments in the next issue of [Ex Libris](#).

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM ME TO YOU

I haven't really broadcast this yet to the general public but I would like to share it with you, my magic friends, now.

I was diagnosed with prostate cancer several years ago but the doctor's recommendation was to actively monitor it since a biopsy indicated it was the slow growing variety. Then this January another biopsy reveled it turned into an aggressive version so a decision had to be made as what to do about it.

I was going to the Scripps MD Anderson Cancer Center and my team there recommended radiation therapy. Like a colonoscopy, the prep was the worst

part. I was scheduled for five radiation treatments when the ransomware attack hit Scripps shutting down all their computer systems and my appointments were cancelled. After two weeks had gone by, as well as a few panic attacks, they finally got me rescheduled.

I have now had all the prescribed treatments and am suffering major fatigue and inflammation which should pass within 2-3 months. Then quarterly monitoring my PSA is the standard indicator if they were successful or not.

My reason for telling you about this is awareness. Prostate cancer is a leading killer of men. Please get routine check-ups and be aware of what an elevated PSA means. It could save your life.

Have a magical 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 from you.

— Gary Salisbury



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



Don't forget that Ring 76 has a private area just for members called [Arcanum](#). There you can find contact information for other Ring 76 members and numerous magical documents are available for download. Contact [James Thayer](#) for instructions on how to log in for the first time.



Featured in the Ring76 Magic Shop

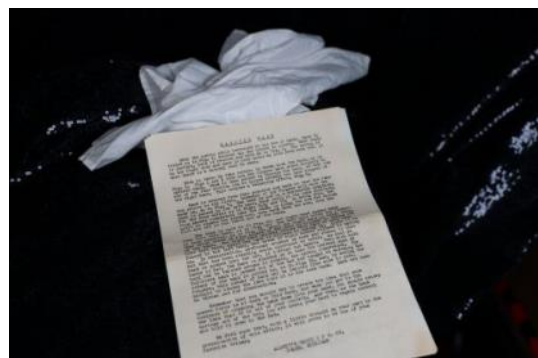
If you see something you might be interested in, don't delay! If someone else buys it, it is GONE!



Barry Mitchell's Bulls Eye Book



Malini Egg Bag



Haunted Hank - Abbott's circa 1950