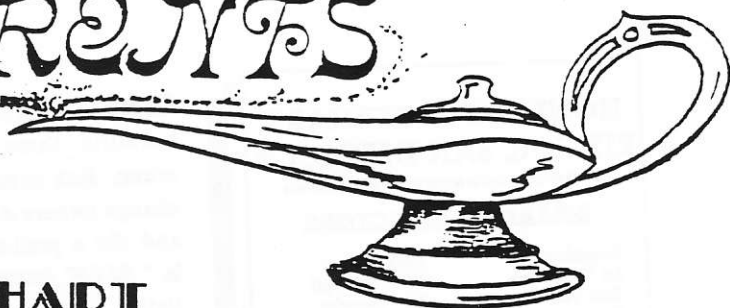


MAGICURRENTS



HONEST SID GERHART
RING 76, SAN DIEGO, CA



JANUARY 1989

HAPPY 1989!

-And we start off the new year being late again! What's that expression from another magic periodical? "Late but Great"? Oh well, we try. This issue should reach you just in time for our lecture meeting on Monday, January sixteenth; so if you don't have time to read the whole *MAGICURRENTS* right now, flip to the back page flyer on **Paul Green** from the Los Angeles area, our guest lecturer for the evening. Paul is our one paid lecturer for the 88/89 year and his lecture will be free to members of Ring Seventy Six. Non members will be charged the nominal fee of six dollars at the door.

Lotsa magic activity over the holidays - hope you were able to participate more than I did. Reports indicate that the Xmas Dinner/Meeting on December nineteenth was a smash success, and that **Jack EVANS** outdid himself as the entertainer of the evening (more inside). Our annual Xmas Show for the American Legion folks on December twenty third featured several ring members who donated their time and ability to put on a fine performance for an almost full house. **John CAMPO-BASSO** did the job as MC and introduced **Wayne ALBERT** and **Dan FRECKS** doing dual *LINKING RINGS* and a nice *METAMORPHOSIS* illusion; **Jessie JUDGE** with his rope routine; **Mark DIMENSTAIN** with a couple of *COSMAR* specials - silks and his *COKE BOTTLE VANISH & REPRODUCTION*; new Member **Jan EASTMAN** with her comedy kid routine; and two newcomers, **Matt SPARKS** and **Robert SPRINGER**, on twice - first with a nice *ZIG ZAG*, and then closed with a *SANTA PRODUCTION* illusion.

Mark DIMENSTAIN kicked off the new year right by hosting a magical Pot-Luck on Sunday, the first, for about a hundred folk. We were all

invited, but only about half a dozen Ring 76 members showed up, and most of them performed for a fun day of magic, great eats, beverages galore and lots of conviviality. **Stan GERSON**, **David URQUIDI**, **SUNNY THE CLOWN**, **Jeff MARCUS** and **Jessie JUDGE** all did short acts and "**JEFF & WENDY** (Jones) & **FRIENDS**" provided guitar music and songs thru-out the day, which lasted to about nine thirty at night. Sorry I was out of town. Next year I'll be there for sure!

THE MAGIC GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA had their regular meeting on Tuesday, January third,

and featured "Member's Magic Night" especially for Ring Seventy Six, who were all invited as guests for the evening. This one I did attend and was a bit disappointed to see only six other Ring Seventy Six members show up. (You gotta read the fine print, folks!) Over a dozen *MAGIC GUILD* members did one or two of their best items each, and it was one of the best "club meeting shows" that I have ever seen! (See inside for more details.) Well done, and thanks to President **Jack EVANS** and company for inviting us.

Convention registrations for next July now pushing nine hundred. Act Now!



Prez's Mezzage

While we have the IBM Constitutional By-Laws and our own Ring 76 By-Laws, nowhere in the archives do we have Ring 76 Objectives/Goals.

Dr. V. Robert Allen brought this up at a Board meeting that he visited four months ago. Board Member/VP **Ed Forsythe** took the task on to develop a set of objectives. He has done a marvelous job to this point in the procedure, but the Board needs some important input - **FROM YOU!**

The goals now stand as encouraging member participation, providing a cooperative magic clearing house, assisting each other with mechanics and presentation, providing a forum for experimentation, and recognizing and publicizing member's accomplishments in a variety of arenas. If you have any thoughts, whether they are additions, modifications, or disagreements, we'd like to hear from you - either verbally or in writing. Think about it. Help shape the future of your Ring.

We're going to have a great lecture. See you at the meeting.

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DECEMBER MEETING ---what you missed

Our first Xmas Dinner/Show in the American Legion Hall - sorry I wasn't able to attend, but all reports indicate that ex-Presidents **Fred and Ursula ROHRER** catered an excellent Roast Beef dinner for the seventy members and guests present. Very nice social hour, fantastic Hors d'Oeuvres, Steamboat Round of Beef with all the trimmings; and then it was time for **Jack EVANS**, ex Love Boat Magician, **RING 76** member, and President of the **MAGIC GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**. **JACK** does a classic showy act which played for years on the cruise ships and held nothing back; more "bits" than you could follow and solid entertainment.

After a nice introduction by President **Dick DALE**, Jack opened with a six foot Dragon Silk production from a clean, empty tube complete with jumbo flower bouquet, and then a nice paper garland tear. Next a vanishing Coke bottle into silk streamer with **MERV TAYLOR BIRD CAGE PRODUCTION**, and the great **MILSON WORTH ABSCONDING QUEEN** which Jack does so well. A great combination of **POPSEY SILKS** into a **QUAD BLEND** led to a short break when Jack introduced his protege,

Casey McFADDEN, who gave us a beautiful three ring routine to great music. Jack came back after a costume change (where does he get those shirts?) and did a jumbo card transformation a la "**BLUE ROOM**" illusion box, twentieth century silks, a bewildering **VANISHING LIGHT BULB** and reproduction, lit; a classic **SNAKE IN BASKET** with chosen torn corner card with extremely funny bits via a telephone to the snake; and his **ALICE IN WONDERLAND** routine, a **PENETRATING MIRROR** mini-illusion.

Jack closed with what started out to be another paper tear, jumbo sheets this time, but they wound up to be a twenty four foot square foulard. And **THEN - -** from absolutely nowhere - - **A SIX FOOT TALL MODEL OF THE EIFFEL TOWER!** A fantastic closer, and it put a wonderful cap on a great Xmas Dinner.

You may also have missed the **MAGIC GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA's** special "Member's Magic Night" for **RING 76** on January third. After several short business announcements, President **Jack EVANS** introduced **Bob APPLEBAUM (MAGIC BOB)** with a great rendition of the **MUTILATED PARASOL** followed by **Scot FISHER** doing a fantastic signed bill in glass transposition. Fellow **RING 76er** **Jan EASTMAN** did a very nice **CHANGE BAG BLEND** with an incredible young and cute helper (a natural for the stage), and **Ken AYERS** showed off his **Jumbo (wrong) Card Revelation** (and I mean **JUMBO**; two feet by three at least). Veteran **James SWOGER** did an amazing ball in silk in glass transposition (nice collector's item I'm sure.) and **Ruth (JINGLES) SCHILBERG** did a very funny bit with a green thumb tip, and then went into a very smooth **COLOR CHANGING RECORD** effect with excellent "Christian" patter. **Casey McFADDEN** did another per-

formance of his very slick three ring **LINKING RING** routine and **Ben DRUCKERMAN** followed with a very confusing, but successful, **PROFESSOR'S NIGHTMARE**, the hard way. **V. Robert ALLEN** (also a **RING 76er**) showed us an outstanding version of the **TEN CARDS ACROSS** effect (an oldie, but goodie). **Ken STILLMAN** produced an amazing load of stuff from a flat paper bag, also with very appropriate "Christian Magician" patter; and **Paul BARTON** closed with one of his fantastic card items. It was an incredible impromptu show, and I hope more **IBM'ers** can visit this fun group in the future.

BOARD MEETING

The Board met on January fifth with **Dick DALE**, **Mike STILWELL**, **Ed FORSYTHE**, **Ed RAYMOND**, **Harry HARTMAN**, and **J.P. JACKSON** present. The results of the Xmas Dinner meeting were discussed, and pros and cons noted in an effort to make it an even better one for next year. At the request of the board, **Ed FORSYTHE**, acting as a one-man ad hoc committee, submitted a list of proposed **RING 76** specific Goals and Objectives in response to a carry-over item from a previous Board Meeting. His list, based on many, many years of membership in various clubs all over the country, will be compared to existing items in the By-Laws, edited for duplication, and submitted for acceptance by the Membership.

The Board agreed that **RING 76** has the

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BOARD MEETING

capability and a strong enough membership to support the formation of a Junior Group. An active recruitment program will get underway in the spring to locate and attract potential *RING 76* members who are currently below the IBM membership age of fourteen, but would like to participate in a junior club as a path to membership in the IBM and *RING 76*. The Board is seeking folk who will volunteer to be Advisors, Sponsors and "helpers" in general; AND especially the names of potential candidates for the junior group. We also anticipate help from *BRAD BURT'S MAGIC SHOP* classes as a source of interested young magicians.

Lastly, the Board agreed that the previously proposed, and often discussed "point system" for selection of a Magician-of-the-Year and for Member-of-the-Year would be just too unwieldy for implementation next year. The Board considered, instead, a new proposal to conduct a fully structured, annual competition with three or four performing nights during the year on regular meeting nights with assigned consistent judging, and ultimate selection of Magician-of-the-Year based on the competitive results. This proposal will be discussed further and submitted to the membership for consideration at a future date. Further, the Board discussed a proposal to base the selection of Member-of-the-Year on written letters of nomination from the membership at large. This too will be discussed at the next Board meeting on February sixth at Ed Raymond's home.

WANTED

J.P. JACKSON is looking for instructions for the Abbot *STACK OF GOLDFISH BOWLS PRODUCTION* to go with this recently acquired prop. Give him a call at 569-0096 if you can help. Zerox copy most appreciated.

JANUARY MEETING --what's coming

Paul GREEN will be with us on Monday, January sixteenth, for a lecture on Close-Up Party Magic. Paul is a very active Los Angeles area magician, and his list of credits is lengthy (See Back Page flyer). He specializes in performing magic in the "Party Spirit" and guarantees that you will experience a sense of mystery and fun with his magic which can enliven the most sophisticated gathering. His "Strolling Magic" is perfect for cocktail parties and receptions, and he will show us how to perform his magic in the hands of guests using cards, coins, jewelry and other magical props. His intimate style of performing will be of interest to everyone. The lecture is free to members of *RING 76* and only six dollars for non-members.

A short business meeting and the raffle will precede the lecture, **Paul GREEN** is scheduled for around eight thirty PM.

FUTURE EVENTS



● Get ready for our big Annual Auction on Monday, February twentieth. See rules for Sellers & Buyers in this issue of *MAGICURRENTS*. Call **Mike STILWELL** in advance if you plan to be a Seller. A nice innovation for the Auction, as used by *THE MAGIC GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA* in their December auction, will be tried this year. Auctioneers will present three or four items only from each Seller until each Seller's items have been seen once. After a short break, during which Buyers will pay for their

purchases up to that time, the Auctioneer will continue to offer only three or four items from each Seller until each Seller has been seen a second time. Again there is a short break, more Buyers pay up, and the Auction continues until each Seller's items are gone. This system works very well, provides short intermissions and avoids the big jam-up at the end of the evening.

● March will find **George SANDS** in the Southern California area for several lectures and mini-lectures. He will be in San Diego on March thirteenth (place to be determined), and up in North County on March twenty fourth. Since his schedule does not coincide with our regular meeting night (March twentieth) he has kindly offered to present a free lecture for interested San Diego magicians. More on this soon.

● Sunday, April ninth, has been established as the date for a combined *RING 76MAGIC GUILD* magical Pot-Luck picnic - a first ever. *KIT CARSON PARK*, just north of the *NORTH COUNTY FAIR* shopping mall, has tentively been selected as the best location for both groups. Details are being worked out.

● And for those who are interested (besides me), the *ANNUAL MAGIC COLLECTOR'S WEEKEND* has been set for the twentieth through the twenty second of April, 1989, in Chicago, Illinois.

Due to the Hurly Burly of the Holidays time got away from me this month and I failed to prepare a *PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH* Column. Sorry! F.S.S.

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✧ Paul and Sharon **BARTON** still have a few spaces left in their package bus tour to LA to see *THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA* on Sunday June fourth. The cost is eighty five dollars per and includes transportation by bus, a no-host lunch stop, and tickets to this sold-out production. Call them at (619) 268-3911, after ten AM, pls, for more info.

✧ Jan **EASTMAN** (*SANDY JAY, THE SAILOR CLOWN*) reports that *Grassmont College* will offer her *Beginning Clown Class for Adults, Part I* from January twenty first to February fourth, and her *Beginning Clown Class for Adults, Part II* from February twenty fifth to March eleventh. Each class takes three Saturdays from nine AM to noon and costs thirty dollars per student. Call **GROSSMONT** or Jan for more details.

✧ Stan **ALLEN's** *INSIDE MAGIC* alerts us to watch for **Ricky JAY's** "LEARNED PIGS AND FIRE-PROOF WOMEN" TV Special in late January. It stars **Ricky JAY**, author of the book by the same name, with guests, **Steve MARTIN** (*THE GREAT FLYDIDNI*), **Elayne BOOSLER**, **Michael McGIVENEY**, **Michael MOSCHEN**, **Matt BIONDI** and more.

✧ Also from *INSIDE MAGIC*, the news that "*COLUMBO*" is back as part of the *ABC MYSTERY MOVIE* scheduled to begin airing on Monday, February sixth - nine to eleven PM. "*COLUMBO GOES TO THE GUILLOTINE*" may be the first show, and was filmed at the *MAGIC CASTLE*. And "*MAGIC OF DAVID COPPERFIELD XI*" airs on March third.

CROSS TALK



● Sorry to learn that **Ben and Shirley DRUCKERMAN** are leaving Southern California for Bend, Oregon in mid February. **Ben and Shirley** have been tremendous assets to both *RING 76* and the *MAGIC GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA*, and great "book-finders" too. Now the *RING 76* mailing list will cover all four corners of the U.S. Come back for the convention, folks.

● Nice letter from **Loch CRANE** recently with news of his Xmas "Bike Run" into Mexico where he played Santa on his "Star Trike" and the following press release: "Magician **Loch David Crane** has accepted a unique challenge from the San Diego County Motor Officer's Association to attempt two spectacular feats -- *Saw an Officer in Half*, and *vanish a Harley Davidson police motorcycle*. The show on April first will be performed in the Balboa Park area before an audience of visually and physically challenged children. Ticket sales benefit the Crime Victims Fund of San Diego. The audience will be admitted by invitation only. Call 222-2349 for ticket information.

"Sawing an Officer in Half is the easy part, explains Crane, 'and restoring the person is an effect I've recently mastered. But I need the help and ideas of other Magicians to attempt to vanish a fully loaded Harley-Davidson police bike.'

"That is why Crane proposes a contest, open to amateur and professional Magicians, world-wide, to design an appropriate illusion that he can build. **THE CONTEST CLOSSES FEBRUARY TWENTIETH, 1989** to allow six weeks for construction and testing of the magical apparatus.

"Rules of the contest are as follows:

1. Budget five hundred dollars or so to construct
2. Must be self contained apparatus -- no flies, wings or traps.
3. Conceal a fully loaded Harley-Davidson with fairing, wings, lights.
4. Prefer to drive into box or atop a platform, close side & door, and eventually vanish the cycle - but not the officer riding it.
5. Winner receives publicity credit, mention in all press releases, and the right to use the apparatus him/herself in another show.
6. Judged on most convincing vanish, affordable use of materials, ease of construction, and breakdown, reusability and portability.

"Crane's abilities as an Escape Artist will also be tested on stage with a spectacular, but dangerous, *Suspended Straight Jacket Escape*, designed to confine the murderously insane. This effect made **Harry Houdini** into a world famous entertainer, and put the roar into the Roaring Twenties.

"Asked why the date of April Fool's Day (the first of the month) was chosen to perform so many difficult and dangerous stunts, Crane explained, 'So we'll still have two weeks left to complete our taxes!'"

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Paul Green has performed for:

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3. Items should be packaged individually (recommend Zip-Loc bags) for convenience in handling. Condition of item should be indicated: Poor, Good, Excellent or New.
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6. Sellers will receive proceeds at the end of the evening, less 10% Club Fee.

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2. The second rotation will start with the first seller again and continue with breaks, until all seller's items have been exhausted.

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