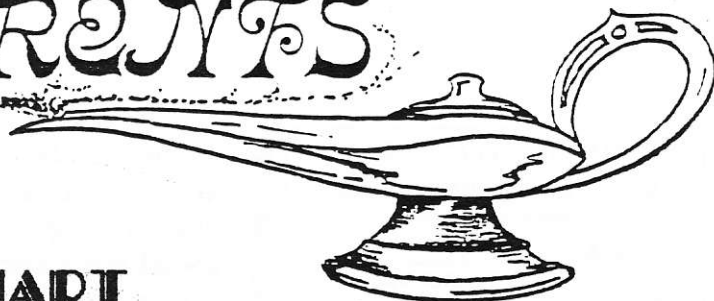


MAGICURRENTS



HONEST SID GERHART
RING 76, SAN DIEGO, CA

OCTOBER 1989

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

That time of year again when the magic pace starts picking up with Halloween, and National Magic Week Shows, Thanksgiving festivities and right on up to the Xmas season. Then it's time to register for the Sixty Second IBM Convention in St. Louis before the Xmas bills start to roll in - and be sure to save something for July cause the HYATT REGENCY Union Station/Mall complex is a nifty place.

Lots of requests for benefit shows have trickled in recently and are scattered throughout this issue of *MAGICURRENTS*. Check 'em out and jump on one or more for some invaluable experience. First off: Sgt-at-Arms **Sherry LUFT** is looking for performers for another of her Multiple Sclerosis Brunch Society Benefit shows. **Sherry** belongs to a local branch of the National M/S Society, and they put on a wing-ding, black tie affair last June at the Santa Fe Depot with **Mike Stilwell**, **Dick DALE**, **Jessie JUDGE** and **Don HALBACH** which was a huge success. They will do it again on Saturday, November Eleventh from 7:30 to 10:00 PM at the Koll Center, 501 West Broadway and need help. Call **Mike STILWELL** at 464-4961 if you can perform, or sign up at the October Meeting on the Sixteenth.

Mike SILWELL is starting to put together our annual Xmas show for our hosts - the La Mesa American Legion. He has graciously volunteered to

take on the producer's job for this year's effort and needs volunteer performers and an M/C. Call him at 464-4961 or sign up at the meeting.

And saving the best for last - **Helen HIESHETTER**, our Ring's namesake's widow, sends us a very nice letter with her annual donation to the Ring in **Sid GERHART**'s memory. Helen does this every year on the anniversary of Sid's birthday, and has been doing so for some time. THANK YOU, Helen. It is greatly appreciated. Her nice letter is reproduced inside.

And a big RING SEVENTY SIX WELCOME to **Ed GREENE**, **Dave NELSON** and **Dan THOMAS**. And Welcome back to **Wayne ALBERT**, and **Josef RENNLEITNER**.



Prez's Mezzage

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! We trust that everybody that wants shows has plenty of them booked and a lot of new magic for the upcoming "season". We'll be going down to Mayor Mo's place to pick up her annual proclamation about San Diego Magic Week the day after the meeting.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Yes, it's that time of the year when we start planning the annual Christmas Show. **Mike STILWELL** will be putting it together as he did last year. If you want to perform, call Mike at 464-4961. Speaking of performing, how about **YOU** performing? It would be great if Mike could tell the folks that perform year in and year out, "Sorry, we're full up. Thanks for volunteering, but we have a whole new crop of entertainers this year." It's a great place to try out a new trick, routine or show. It doesn't have to be long--just do something! This is the show that we donate to the American Legion in return for a free meeting place. Please?

We are all very pleased that our prayers were answered in that **Bob ENGELS** has successfully come through his heart surgery and will soon be back with us.

See you at the meeting.

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Another full month with our traditional, twenty year plus, annual Exchange Banquet with Long Beach Ring Ninety Six - plus our regular meeting. This year San Diego Ring 76 hosted the social hour and buffet dinner, and Ring Ninety Six did the show. Those guys are GOOD! Thirty Nine Ring Seventy Sixers and twenty Ring Ninety Sixers (including five outstanding performers) got together for a fantastic dinner at *PEA SOUP ANDERSON'S* in Carlsbad, CA. Ring Seventy Six President **Dick DALE** gave the official welcome and introduced Ring Ninety Six President and M/C for the evening, **Bill McILHANY**, who extended congratulations to Ring Seventy Six for hosting the recent IBM Convention, and then presented plaques to last year's Ring Seventy Six performers: **Dan FRECKS**, **Jim RILEY**, **Jessie JUDGE**, **Wayne ALBERT**, **Jack MARKLEY**, **Jim BEAMON**, **Jack EVANS** and **Dick & Julie DALE**.

Bill McILHANY, a fellow collector and performer as well, led off the entertainment with the first of many classic pieces from his collection - **Gen. GRANTS's MYSTERY OF THE PYRAMID** (a reversing stack of different size disks which never could be turned over) with cute topsy turvy patter. Then he introduced special guest star - **John FEDCO**. **John** made his entrance scaling cards to "*Music Box Dancer*" and went into some very nice card fanning and a diminishing card routine. He did classic *Billiard Balls* with manipulations, multiplications, vanishes and a Jumbo Golf Ball from hat climax and finished with a half-faro shuffle, Jumbo Card Fan which revealed the American Flag. Classic magic and a beautiful opening act. **Bill McILHANY** came back with a nice presentation of **Ed MASSEY's "CARVING CUTTER"** - another collectible - and a very realistic carving knife/wrist chopper effect with the knife handed out for examination.



Roy ZIMMERMAN was next, complete with the lab coat, fuzzy hair, a high tech laboratory setting, scientific Einsteinian patter, and about ninety seven versions of the "*GOZINTA*" effect - it was delightful and a fooler. President **Bill** presented Thayer's "*ARCHITECT'S NIGHTMARE*" from his collection, a modernized version of the "*BLUE PHANTOM*", which is one of the few known to exist. Then he introduced **Pete MULONY**, a youngish member of Ring Ninety Six with lots of potential. He was very original and funny with a "Laundry" routine involving dark blue gloves, white socks and bags which had the gloves and socks changing places, shrinking, mutating and vanishing via one of those Drive-Thru Bank money cannisters - very, very clever.

M/C **Bill McILHANY** back with another collectible - **Don LAWTON's BOLINO BLOCK PENETRATION** by Townhouse Magic - one of the very best of the "block-go" or "bomb-block" effects - and then introduced Australian **Tommy GARBIN**. **Tommy** is a funny, funny man and set the tone right from the start with his fifty two card repeat - thankfully he didn't have to finish - we got the point. It was fast, furious, very funny and entertaining thirty minutes with silk

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productions, dove productions, clever "shrimp on the barbie" patter, and a Do-As-I-Do Clippo routine. He followed with a flashy paper slips to cash effect and a nice "*TRICKY BOTTLE*" routine which was even better with a glitch or two. He finished with an interesting card prediction using the elimination of color plaques to arrive at the chosen card and a split dove production at the very end. **Bill McILHANY** closed the evening with a beautiful presentation of *THE TEMPLE OF CAMBODIA*, a full scale Guillotine routine with all the right bits and the bartender's head at risk; and finished with a great re-creation of **Bill NEFF's** "*FRAME OF LIFE AND DEATH*" - just as he saw it in 1964 at the combined IBM/SAM Convention in New York. A spectacular ending to a great evening of magic! Ring Seventy Six President **Dick DALE** thanked all the performers and attendees and announced that the evening's performance would be too tough to top next year so Ring Seventy Six wasn't even going to try, thus ending our long, long tradition - but he was only kidding, and we are already working on our trip North next year.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

...what you missed

Two nights after the Exchange Banquet forty members and four guests attended our regular meeting for "*Mental Or Other Strange Magic*" night. **Brad BURT** presented a "*What's New In Magic*" Dealer Demo as a pre-meeting event, we had a short business meeting and the regular raffle. Two new members joined us at the break. Welcome back to **Ed GREENE**, an original Ring Seventy Six Charter Member, and **Dave NELSON**, who joined us from Hawaii.

Don HALBACH started the entertainment with a prediction using four seven digit numbers entered randomly and totaled on a calculator to arrive at the serial number of a bill sealed in an envelope previously selected from a fan of five. **Mike MOSHER** entertained us with a clever invisible coin routine, and a four card prediction effect using the month and year. Then Funny Man, **Jack EVANS**, with a "NO" prediction card and the Anverdi "*CLOSING CARD BOX*" with his usual hilarious by-play; **Sunny, the Clown**, with four colored felt rabbits, and a box of baby bunnies matching the chosen color; **Cal MAYERS** with a two deck prediction with the second deck's matching card marked with an "X"; **Loch CRANE** did a nice matching card effect with five chosen cards torn in half.

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VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by Jim Whiting



the pieces shuffled and dealt at random as per the audience's direction, and the pieces re-joined at the revelation; **Ed FORSYTHE** doing a nice number prediction from **Fulve's "SELF WORKING MAGIC"**; and then new member, **Dave NELSON**, with a serio-comic presentation of *TELEKINETIC TIMBER*, complete with sound effects.

Jack MARKLEY next with a very funny mental routine employing a blindfolded **SUNNY the Clown** as "Madame DOVINI" to predict a chosen card sealed in an envelope. **Jack** was in rare form with his bottle of Listerine for the "anti-skeptics" and cuing Madame DOVINI with the line, "you remember, just like we did it **SIX** weeks ago in that **CLUB** in Chicago"; just before she revealed the correct five of diamonds. **Jeff MARCUS** did a fooler with three random numbers, chosen by three different spectators, which were added and used to find his prediction in the phone book complete with the right name and address. He followed with a well done jumbo "*MENTAL EPIC*" routine. **Dave LAMBERT** came up with a very clever book test using two assistants, a French Book and his prediction in two clear plastic boxes suspended from a rope stretched between Dave and his subject as the psychic link; and it worked.

Bob ALLEN, president of *THE MAGICIAN'S GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA*, did a mysterious poker chip prediction with two spectators randomly sorting red and white chips from a box with the end results revealed from from a sealed envelope. **John GOLD** did a mini version of his trained flea act with the line that he "thought about it for a long time to make it mental". Lastly, Old Pro **James SWOGER** closed with a very quick, but effective, knife in a vase of rice suspension.

BOARD MEETING

The Board met on October Second with **Dick DALE**, **J.P. JACKSON**, **Frank SYREN**, **Sherry LUFT**, **Ed FORSYTHE**, **Harry HARTMAN**, **Ed RAYMOND** and **Don HALBACH**. A recent phone conversation with **Hank MOREHOUSE** determined that he will not be available for a Ring Seventy Six Lecture this fall during his visit to the *MAGIC CASTLE*. The Board discussed several alternate candidates for a Ring Sponsored Lecture in the near future, including **Eric LEWIS**, **Martin LEWIS**, **Tom OGDEN**, and **Mike CAVENEY**. Further suggestions are most welcome, and will be solicited at the October meeting.

Don HALBACH petitioned the Board, on behalf of the new Junior Group, for partial subsidization in funding the mailing of the newsletter to all Junior Group members. After discussion, a formal motion was made and carried to fund about one half the cost of printing and mailing *MAGICCURRENTS* to all Junior Members for the first year (Approximately four dollars per member.) Junior Group dues have been established at twelve dollars per year, but on a time payment basis to facilitate membership growth. The board agreed that this is an excellent way to encourage Junior Group participation. Further, Junior Group members will be invited to attend the regular Ring Seventy Six meetings and offered an opportunity to perform on a continuing basis.

The next Board Meeting will be at **Sherry LUFT's** on Monday, November Sixth.

OCTOBER MEETING —what's coming

Our regular meeting is on Monday, October Sixteenth. **J. P. JACKSON** will host a "*Collector's Corner*" from seven to seven thirty PM. (Anyone can participate, but it's gotta be a collectible.) This will be followed by the usual business meeting and our monthly raffle. Entertainment theme will be "*Historical Magic*", so check out your copy of "*GREATER MAGIC*" for something historical and come ready to perform. This broad a theme should permit almost anything from *CUPS AND BALLS* to *LINKING RINGS* and all the other "classics" as well, so there is no excuse for not being able to do something.

FLASH - the November meeting on the twentieth has been set aside for our second annual **SWAP MEET** - so, start getting ready NOW. Root around in all those "hidey holes" for those partial props and broken, incomplete items that you want to unload on your fellow members, and fill up a box or two. Sellers will be charged five dollars a table for the privilege of peddling. **REMEMBER** - our regular **AUCTION** will be in February. The **SWAP MEET** is intended to clear out all your junk so you bring only the good stuff in February. **WARNING** - this year's auction will see limitations on the number of sellers, and number of items per seller - BOTH! So bring the stuff in November.

SLEIGHTLY NEWS 'ROUND TOWN

☆ **Olive EDWARDS** recently received a nice *Thank You* from Honorary Member **Ethel BERWIN** in response to the Get-Well card many of us signed during the Convention. Thank You, **Ethyl**. Glad to hear you're up and at 'em again.

☆ **Mike STILWELL** passes along the following for a New Year's Eve Benefit Show. The *HALL OF CHAMPIONS* will celebrate their Seventy Fifth Anniversary on New Year's Eve with a grand party. They are looking for volunteer entertainers to perform during the evening and help make it a smash success. Volunteers will also be included in the festivities and should call Diane at 234-2544 for further details.

☆ Again, welcome back to **Wayne ALBERT** who just renewed his Ring Membership. He and **Dan FRECKS** are doing great with their appearances at the California Earthquake Cafe on Mission Center Road on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

CROSS TALK

● *THE MAGICIAN'S GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA* will host a banquet at the *Oceanside Sizzler Restaurant* for their November meeting on Tuesday the Seventh. **Frank HERMAN** reports that it's brand new, offers a bright clean atmosphere and a beautiful menu for under ten dollars. He will be doing his "*SCAMBUSTERS*" Lecture and Demo after the dinner. There may still be room if you're interested. Call **Frank** at 434-2254 to sign up. Then - this fun group will have their Annual Auction on Tuesday, December Fifth. Take up the stuff you buy at our September **SWAP MEET**, or better still buy some stuff to sell at our February Auction.

● **Stan ALLEN's** *INSIDE MAGIC* reports that "*IN SEARCH OF HAUNTED HOLLYWOOD*" will air live on Halloween at Eight PM. It's a two hour special featuring **Harry BLACKSTONE** and a **Max MAVEN** séance.

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CROSS TALK (Cont. from Page 5)

- **KARRELL FOX RING 254** in San Bernardino announces a lecture called "**Woman in Magic**" by Molly **SQUIRE** for their regular meeting on November Fourteenth. They meet the Second Tuesday of the month at **THE KING'S TABLE** restaurant at Central City Mall in San Bernadino.
- **Stan ALLEN** tells us to watch a re-run of "**Marc Summer's Mystery Magical Tour** via Nickelodean Cable on Sunday, October Twenty Ninth, at Six Thirty PM. Marc and three kids get lost in the **MAGIC CASTLE** with **Lance BURTON** doing both good and evil magic.

J.P. Jackson

J.P. Jackson
Tel 569-0096

JUNIOR CORNER by Don Halbach

The first Monthly Meeting of the San Diego Junior Magicians was held at *Brad Burt's Magic Shop* on Friday, October Sixth, and we welcomed ten members to the club and received three more applications which are being held pending receipt of dues.

Our ten Charter members are **Christopher Correa**, age ten; **Ryan Halbach**, age seven; **Jim Bray**, age twelve; **Logan Hale**, age thirteen; **Richard Killeaney**, age thirteen; **Nicholas Tomasello**, age eleven; **Tobias Schneeloch**, age thirteen; **Aaron Hoskins**, age thirteen; and **Charles E. Walther-Meade**, age twelve.

We decided to postpone election of officers until November to allow more members to participate

in running for office.

The Juniors learned a rope through neck escape puzzle and a ring penetration onto a rope. We also worked with a few rubber band effects and everyone is looking forward to our next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at *Brad Burt's Magic Shop* on Friday, November Third at Seven PM. The shop is located at 4688 Convoy Street in the **PLAZA DEL SOL SHOPPING CENTER**.

October 2, 1989

Dear Frank:

I am writing to you and through you to the Honest Sid Gerhart, IBM Ring 76 Of San Diego.

Inclosed is my yearly gift of \$30.00 to the IBM in honor of Sid Gerhart who has a birthday in Oct! I have done this each year!

*Bless Wishes to you & all yours in
Magician.*

Helenouise Hieshetter

The above letter with a check for thirty dollars was received by Frank S. Syren, Treasurer of Ring 76.





Application for Membership

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PLEDGE

I hereby pledge that I will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and of any affiliated Rings of which I may become a member and any and all amendments thereto as well as its Convention mandates.

I further pledge that I shall never violate any part of "THE CODE OF ETHICS" of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. I also pledge not to expose the modus operandi of any magical effect.

Upon my honor, I hereby pledge to the above and attest that all statements made by me in this application are true and subscribe my name hereto.

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