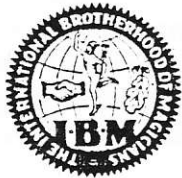
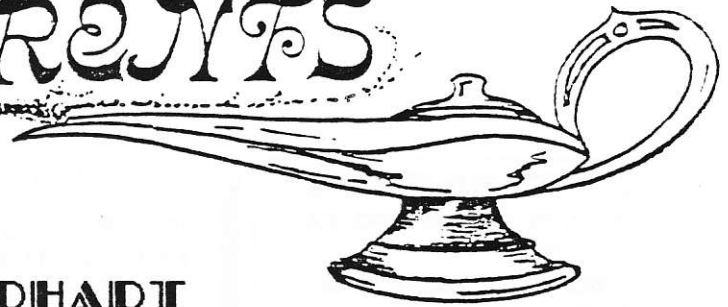


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HONEST SID GERHART
RING 76, SAN DIEGO, CA

NOVEMBER 1989

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Which means "OH, JOY", we're already into XMAS - WHO'S READY?? But a very good time of year for doing shows - so tune up the act and get out there and hustle. Speaking of which, we need folks to help us with a couple of benefit functions which could serve as your WARM-UP - see inside for details.

We hear that **Sherry LUFT's** Multiple Sclerosis Brunch Society, Black Tie Fund Raiser on November Eleventh was a smash success. Members **Frank SYREN**, **Jack MARKLEY**, **Jessie JUDGE**, and **Loch CRANE** pitched in by donating their magical services on three different floors of the Koll Center building down town. The program also included a mime, Psychics, dancing, and casino games tables too - WOW!

Spent a half a week in LA at the *MULHOLLAND LIBRARY CONFERENCE OF MAGICAL HISTORY* recently, with the semi-annual *MAGIC CASTLE* Swap Meet at the end. WHAT A DO! Magic Historians, Collectors, Inventors, Authors, Publishers and Performers from at least five or six different countries - an incredible wealth of magical knowledge,

talent and expertise. **Joan LAWTON**, **Ricky JAY** (Curator of the *MULHOLLAND LIBRARY OF CONJURING AND THE ALLIED ARTS*), **Jim STEINMEYER**, and **John GAUGHAN** all collaborated to put on a fantastic, first ever West Coast event of this kind, which was not a "convention" or a

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Prez's Mezzage

When one is being interviewed and the interview is video taped for posterity, one had better be aware of what one says. That was the situation when your Prez was asked by Dr. Lee of SDSU's College of Sciences to "magician-proof" three psychic experiments that he is taking to Beijing, China, for an international conference on parapsychology. The good Doctor's first experiment consisted of two hundred Chinese characters on folded billets in folded coin envelopes, sewn shut and then taped. The psychic (about twenty four have been identified) must then identify the character in five envelopes.

The second test consists of five, one-of-a-kind objects (his son's eighth grade ID card, his daughter's expired medical bracelet, etc.) that have glass containers blown around them and then sealed! The psychics claim to be able to remove the objects without damaging the glass.

The third, and most challenging (the psychic has to be in the right mood for this one) is that Dr. Lee will take with him a unique business card of which only one exists, tear it up, and chew the pieces until they are a soggy mass. The psychic will hold the mush between his hands and attempt to restore the card to its original condition! Dr. Lee has promised to show me the video tapes of these tests on his return. Neat stuff! Stay tuned.

We'll see you at the meeting.

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"collector's meeting", but a true "conference" on Magic History. It was a total sell-out, limited to one hundred and fifty lucky registrants, and had folks waiting on a stand-by list for no-show space. If they

Max MALINI.

ALL that and a SWAP MEET TOO - IT WAS OVERWHELMING. Even Senator Alan Cranston showed up at the Saturday evening Champagne and Dessert Social. (Guess he likes magic too.) TOP HATS OFF to the hosts and Coordinator, **Joan LAWTON.**

Many familiar faces at the Castle Swap Meet which was extra frantic with all the first-time folks from the Conference. Many of them, from back east, walked about shaking their heads in disbelief. Lotsa magic, some bargains, and much socializing. Next one should be in April or so. If you've never been, it's a MUST.

I B M Headquarters is processing the Membership for original Ring Seventy Sixer **Ed GREENE**, and we are holding Membership kits for **Lori BARRETO**, **Ruben PADILLA**, **Henry VACA**, **Paul PLUMB** and **Ralph MAUZY**. Come and get 'em on November Twentieth.

ever do it again; (1991??) sign up NOW!

Highlights included **Harry BLACKSTONE**, **Marvyn (Mr. Electric) ROY** in attendance; a panel discussion on **Floyd THAYER** with **Mike CAVENEY**, **Bill LARSEN**, **Homer HUDSON** and **Dr. Robert ALBO**; talks by **Robert LUND**, **Persi DIACONIS**, biographer **Maurice ZOLOTOW** and **Alan WAKELING**; a sampling of material from the **MULHOLLAND LIBRARY** on display; **John GAUGHAN** with a demonstration of "THE TURK", a chess playing automaton from the 1800's; a visit to **John and Kathy DANIEL's** home, workshop, and mind-bending collection of magic, illusions, toy trains, mechanical music machines, working hand organs, calliopes and restored carousel ponies; and Guest of Honor, **Oziar MALINI**, with grand tales of his father,

RING 76 PARADE

Remember that we are trying to publish a Ring 76 PARADE in the **LINKING RING**. Let's show the world we're on the map. You don't have to write or draw up your idea. Just do it, show it to us, or perform it at the meeting. We'll do all the work of getting it together for you. Won't you be proud to show your kids your name in the magazine.

VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by **JIM WHITING**



OCTOBER MEETING

.....what you missed

Forty five members and seven guests at our October meeting with "Historical Magic" as the theme. **J.P. JACKSON**, the duty accumulator, lugged in a couple of items for "Collector's Corner", our pre-meeting event, and displayed a mint, junior size "Colonial Table" by **THAYER** with two plugged B/A wells; a **HIMBER "SILVER ROCKET BOX"** (his favorite piece) sold in **TANNEN's Catalog #1**; **"WATCH-OUT"**, a **Gene GLOYE** effect by **MAZDA MAGIC** from the late Forties; an **ABBOT's "BEAUTY CANNARY CAGE"**, and then asked for help in identifying a very ornate, hand painted (with Oriental Birds) Take-A-Part Vanish - maker unknown, to no avail. The business portion announced about three requests for magicians to do benefit shows (that time of year); a Halloween public show at the Mid-City Theater by members **Loch CRANE** and **Dave NELSON**; and the presentation of a nice citation with fond Good-Byes to long time member and past officer, **Harry HARTMAN**, who is leaving the area.

We socialized at the break, welcomed our one hundred and fourth member, **Tom KASNER**, gave away lots of **"BUMPER'S"** stuff during the raffle and started the program with Mr. Historical, himself:

James SWOGER favored us with a presentation of probably the very first "flip book" from England - a beautiful piece which went from crossword puzzle to blank, to sheet music to blank, to alphabet letters to blank, and from a stamp album to blank - all with a delightful story line. **John GOLD** performed one of the fun ones we all tried as kids; he had a fresh banana peeled by one of the junior members to discover that it was presliced into the number of sections that matched the number of pips on his chosen card. **John** went on with a short observation on "investment planning" and illus-

trated his point, to many groans, with a model of his "Tacks Shelter", complete with a tiny thatched roof - almost wish he'd spared us, but it was cute and entertaining.

Dr. Bob ALLEN gave us a nice re-creation of the very first illusion - the beheading of a goose as performed by the Egyptian Magician, **DEDI**, for the great Pharaoh, **CHEOPS**, in about 1700 BC, or earlier. (**DEDI** not **Bob**.) **Bob** used two loops of rope tied together into a goose shape to do a baffling cut and restored rope routine. All of which prompted President **Dick DALE** to walk on with small, dragging steps to announce that this was the very first "Pharaoh Shuffle" - to which some wag exclaimed, "Tut, tut." (It got worse but you ain't gonna read about it here!!) **Dave (CALIGARTI) NELSON** came up with a nice volcano patter story from Hawaii to go with his bare hand production of red silk from a well that was formed in white hank. **SANDY JAY** demonstrated her Teddy Bear custom made coloring book with magic pictures first and then the colors. **Jeff MARCUS** did his "historical" six linking ring routine with very smooth handling, beautiful moves and horrible gags - but funny. **Roy ARMSTRONG** presented a true historical treasure - the **Mac-Donald BIRCH POPCORN trick** with the original prop given him many, many years ago by **BIRCH** himself. Then he did a nice routine with an original **THAYER BREAKAWAY DIE BOX** which he purchased some forty six years ago.

Jack MARKLEY was next with an original **BLACKSTONE SR. VANISHING BIRD CAGE** only **Jack** drew the bird in the cage on a slate complete with the droppings. When he turned the slate back around the cage was there with the droppings - but no bird. He followed with his very first cup and ball routine, learned as a boy, his vanishing "Esther", a small Rabbit Silk, and closed with his sponge ("Meat") ball routine. **Mark DIMENSTAIN** demonstrated his newest **COSMAR MAGIC** item, a very

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realistic Cutting-into-Arm effect with a gruesome looking butcher knife - just in time for Halloween geek-type magic. **Jack EVANS** took the floor in his inimitable style with his "baling wire" three linking ring routine from Shanghai. The first ring turned into a square, the second into a triangle and the third enlarged into a Hula Hoop which he also demonstrated on the way off!

Last up was Vice President **Bob INGALLS**, newly recovered from recent by-pass surgery, with a clever skit re-creating General George Washington practicing the throwing of silver dollars across the Potomac; only it was really a nice *CARDS ACROSS* routine complete with Bob as General George Washington and two junior members as his crew, all outfitted in cute paper hats. Bob took an extra minute to thank everyone for all the support and well wishes during his hospitalization.

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BOARD MEETING

The October Board meeting was held at the home of **Sherry LUFT** in North Park on Monday, November Sixth. President **Dick DALE**, Vice Presidents **Brad BURT** and **Bob INGALLS**, Treasurer **Frank SYREN**, Sgt-at-Arms **Sherry LUFT**, **Don HALBACH** and **Julie DALE** were present. Themes of future meetings were discussed and reports were read.

Names of possible lecturers for our one paid lecture of the year were suggested and notes were made to contact several of those suggested.

There was a discussion of our *LINKING RING PARADE*, a possible public show to be held in January, a Pot-Luck Christmas Dinner,

and support for the Junior Group.

Dick announced that he and Loch Crane had

picked up the plaque proclaiming Magic Month from the Mayor's office, and that **George EDWARDS** had agreed to host the Round Table at the November meeting.

No substantive actions were taken.

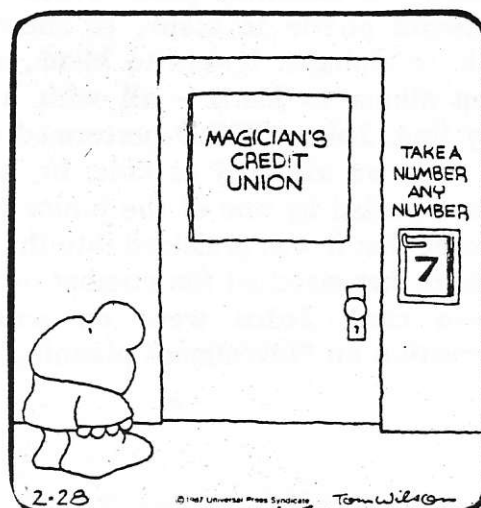
The next Board meeting will be at **Sherry Lufts** at 3760 Florida Street on December Fourth.

Brad BURT volunteered to host the January and February Board meetings at his shop.

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NOVEMBER MEETING ...what's coming

SWAP MEETING TIME AGAIN at our regular meeting on Monday, November Twentieth. (See flyer in this issue.) **George EDWARDS** will host a round table workshop starting about six forty five to 7:30. We'll have the usual business meeting, raffle, a little bit of "IMPROMPTU MAGIC" by anybody who cares to perform, and then into our SWAP MEET activity. **SELLERS, PLEASE, PLEASE** don't unpack your stuff until after the break and our entertainment. Otherwise the swapping will start too soon. Remember, this Swap Meet is intended to help you get rid of all your piddling stuff so you can save the choice items until our annual **AUCTION** in **FEBRUARY**. So break out those old thumb tips, ratty silks and messy dove harnesses for our second annual Swap Meet. (Bring it all, **Steve SLOAN**.)





FUTURE EVENTS

On Sunday, December tenth, our American Legion Meeting Place Hosts will sponsor a Muscular Dystrophy party for over two hundred wheel-chair kids. **Mike STILWELL** has lined up a couple of clowns to help out, but would also like a couple of you folk too. How 'bout stopping by on Sun to help entertain the kids - give Mike a call at 464-4961 if you can donate your magical services for an hour or two between one thirty and five PM.

A Xmas POT-LUCK DINNER is planned for our regular meeting on December eighteenth - fast approaching. We need a "Dinner Coordinator" to help plan the menu and organize the various "dishes". Give **J.P. JACKSON** a call at 569-0096 if you can help with this function.

The theme for our regular meeting on January fifteenth, 1990 (Happy new Decade) will be "original" or "handcrafted" magic - so start those brains working. It can be a totally original effect, an original routine, an improvement or modification on a dealer's item, or even an original "bit". But the key word is "ORIGINAL" or "HANDCRAFTED".

And then February is our annual AUCTION on the nineteenth. My trusty new 1990 calendar also indicates that the nineteenth is WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, a holiday. Hope that isn't a problem.

JUNIOR MAGICIANS CORNER

by
Don Halbach

The San Diego Junior Magicians met on Friday, November Third at *Brad Burt's Magic Shop* and the members and guests were treated to a few new and novel effects.

We had a total of ten kids present: Eight past members, one new member, **Megan Killeeney**, and one guest.

Everyone learned (or at least tried his or her best) to do a double lift and how to control a card to the top of the deck. With these talents the the kids learned a torn and restored effect (as done by Tom Mullica).

Bob INGALLS then taught everyone an excellent torn and restored theater ticket effect.

The members chose to postpone election of officers until January to allow for more participation.

The show which IBM Ring 76 gives for the American Legion at Christmas was mentioned and a number of kids expressed a desire to perform on the stage so we will try to get five or ten minutes of time in the show for that purpose.

The next meeting will be on Friday, December First, at *Brad Burt's Magic Shop* so see you there. I want to stress to all the kids who wanted to perform on stage to be at the next meeting as plans will be firmed at that time for the Christmas show.

P.S. One of our charter members some how missed getting his name in last month's newsletter so we want to welcome **Jaimes SCHEENELOCH** to the club.

(My fault, Jaimes. Pub.)

CROSS TALK

- Long Beach Ring 96 will sponsor a benefit AUCTION and TRIBUTE to **Al PELLER** and **Turner HILL** this Saturday, November Eighteenth, at their regular meeting at *LACABONI LIBRARY*, 5020 N. Clark St. in Lakewood, CA. (A very easy two hour run up the 5 and 405 Freeways.) The event will include food catered by **Trini PELLER** (who visited us at our August meeting) and a Broken Wand ceremony. The auction pre-view will start at Five Thirty PM, business meeting at six thirty and the auction shortly thereafter.
- The following Saturday, November twenty fifth, Ring 96 will hold their annual INSTALLATION BANQUET AND SUPER XMAS SHOW with MC **Dale SALWAK** and featuring **Roland KAHN**. (See Flyer)
- Just learned that the *Pacific Coast Association of Magicians (PCAM)* will hold a convention this year (or early next year, as it seems) on February 16, 17, 18, & 19, 1990, at the River Ridge *RADISSON HOTEL*, halfway between Malibu and Santa Barbara. The flyer/application will be in the December *MAGICURRENTS*, but you can't go cause that's the same weekend as our ANNUAL AUCTION.
- The *MAGICIAN'S GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA* will hold their *Annual Auction* at the regular meeting on Tuesday, December Fifth. Doors will be open at Six Forty Five PM at the *LUTHERAN HEALTH FACILITY*, Community Service Room, 201 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad CA. Admission is free to all, but CASH PAYMENTS only, please. This is always a great auction with lots of bargain magic just in time for Xmas - DON'T MISS IT!
- And **Stan ALLEN** reports that the *MAGIC CASTLE 1990 AWARDS BANQUET* will be on March Twentieth (which comes right after the *DESERT MAGIC SEMINAR* on the 15th, 16th and 17th) and has **Harry ANDERSON** planned as MC and Producer. No reservations taken until after the first of the year.

SLEIGHTLY NEWS 'ROUND TOWN

- ☆ Member **Marcus DAY** attended his annual SAN DIEGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION "BLACKSTONE BALL" recently, only to discover that it was "Magic & Mystery Night" and no less than six Ring Seventy Sixers were hard at work. **Dick DALE**, **Craig STONE**, **Jeff MARCUS**, **Lorin STEWART**, **Don HALBACH** and **Stan GERSON** were all entertaining throughout the evening for the "black tie" event. (Blackstone was one of their "pre-eminent" too ya know.)
- ☆ **Joe Mystic McGRIEVEY** has gone FULL TIME MAGIC with the recent opening of the *T-BIRD DINER* in Escondido (Corner of Broadway and Washington). It's a *CORVETTE DINER* type place (different car of course) and features Joe on Thursday nights. I hear that business is booming so drop in and pay him a visit.
- ☆ This leaves **Magic Mike STILWELL** all alone at *CORVETTE DINER* in Hillcrest on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Go visit all our working members, on which kinda car you prefer. depending
- ☆ And don't forget magic on the weekends at **Dan THOMAS' THE GATHERING**, also in Hillcrest, with **Mike CALLAHAN** on Thursday night, **Craig STONE** on Friday and newcomer (to this area) **Terry LUNCE-FORD** on Saturdays. All (including Dan) are Ring 76 members, or soon to be.
- ☆ From **Stan ALLEN's INSIDE MAGIC** Watch for "CIRCUS OF THE STARS" on Wednesday, November Twenty Second, on CBS with **Franz HARARY** providing the magic for three segments; and then, on November Twenty Sixth, **THE PENDRAGONS** will be on the "Thanks-for-Giving" telethon on USA Cable, probably during the first hour.

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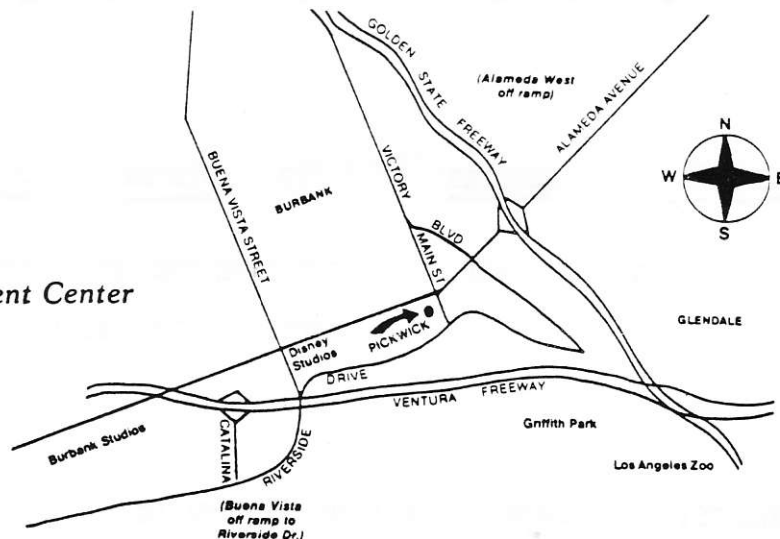
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