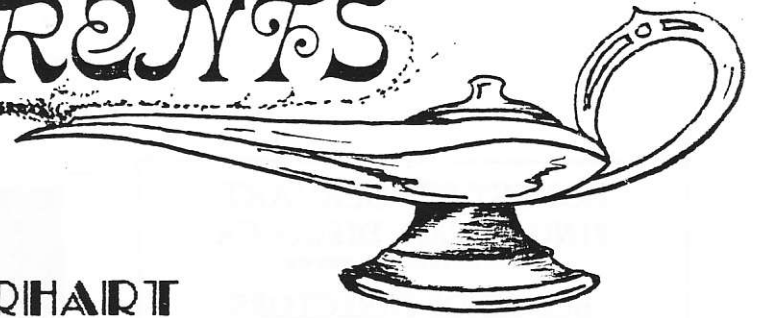


# MAGICURRENTS



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## THE PCAM

THE *PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION OF MAGICIANS (PCAM)* HAS ESTABLISHED A PERMANENT CONVENTION COMMITTEE AND NEEDS INPUT FROM US!! The monthly mail brought a long letter from **Ernie NAS-SIMBENE** announcing the establishment of a permanent convention committee at the recent *PCAM* Convention at Oxnard, CA, and providing information on becoming a "HOST CLUB" for future *PCAM* Conventions.

The *PCAM* was established in the 1930's to provide a premier West Coast Convention since most conventions, back then, were held in the East. The *PCAM* and its annual convention has continued through the years, not without some ups and downs, and has had some fantastic conventions. The formation of a permanent convention committee is a well directed effort to revitalize the organization and its annual convention; BUT they need some help from US and ALL the magic clubs on the West Coast.

Included with this month's issue of *MAGICURRENTS* is a planning/survey questionnaire which solicits information from West Coast Magic Clubs. The questionnaire is brief, to-

the-point, and takes all of ten minutes to complete. **PLEASE DO SO**, and return them to ME at the next meeting on Monday, May Twenty first! I will bundle them up and send them on to the *PCAM*. If you can't make the meeting, please send them to me at 5746 Tortuga Road, San Diego CA, 92124, and I'll even reimburse you for the stamp!

Information from the survey will be invaluable in determining the direction and content of future *PCAM* Conventions, and it is a great opportunity to express your views on magic

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### Prez's Mezzage

A big month coming up in July. A big month that needs *your* support. There is, of course, the regular meeting on July Sixteenth. But, the thing that needs your support, in addition to the regular meeting, is the Installation Banquet. This is going to be one of THE events of the year if present "stealth" plans reach fruition. Negotiations are ongoing - as we read - to engage a big name to perform at the banquet. This entertainer is F-U-N!!! To do this properly means that the club must support the effort by attending. The meal cost is being minimized and the Ring treasury is subsidizing the entertainment cost. The philosophy espoused by the Board is that for your twelve dollars annual dues, you are entitled to twelve monthly meetings and should not have to pay more than your annual dues. Since the Installation Banquet is an added cost function, the feeling is that it should be optional to the members. So, two meetings/events in July, both of which will, hopefully, garner your support as evidenced by your attendance at both.

See you at the meeting.

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conventions. Please, please take the time to rate the factors indicated on the survey and contribute your ideas - then get 'em back to me.

The *PCAM* Convention Committee is also looking for Magic Clubs who would like to host future conventions. If you think that *IBM RING 76* could and should, say so at the bottom of the questionnaire.

Best turn-out for the year at our April meeting, but not enough DUES PAID! As of right now about one half of you are in ARREARS. (Ohhhhh. bad)! Bring those twelve dollar checks (payable to "IBM, RING 76") to the next meeting, or mail direct to our Treasurer, **Frank SYREN**, at 4041 Ibis Street #207, San Diego CA, 92103. Or, better yet, stick 'em in with your survey, and I'll get 'em to **Frank** for you. Remember, about ten dollars of your dues covers the printing and mailing of *MAGICUR-*

*RENTS* and you'll continue to get it for two more months - THEN, no Dues, NO NEWSLETTER!

The Nominating Committee has been appointed (See April Meeting Report), and the Board is working up its recommendations for next year's Officers. BUT - we still need candidates for office. Come to the May Meeting prepared to make or offer nominations. Elections are in June.

IBM Central reports that they are processing the application of **Jeff COLLINS** and has sent me two more membership kits which will be presented at the May Meeting. See ya -

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## APRIL MEETING

... or what you missed.

*RING SEVENTY SIX* sponsored a fantastic lecture by **Tom OGDEN** in April with our biggest turnout this year. Fifty plus members, eight guests (four of whom joined), and four members of our junior affiliate, "*THE SAN DIEGO JUNIOR MAGICIANS*", who provided refreshments at the break. President **Dick DALE** presented membership kits (Certificate, IBM Membership Card, and IBM Pin) to **Peggy MARCUS** and **Jerry JAGORDA**; introduced our many guests; and announced the Nominating Committee to be: Chairman **Jim WHITING**, **Jan EASTMAN**, and **Joe FLORIAN**. **Dick** kept the remainder of the business portion of the meeting mercifully short in order to allow maximum time for a wonderfully talented entertainer.

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## VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by Jim Whiting



**Tom OGDEN** is a former circus performer, has entertained in all of the major casinos, comedy clubs, on television, on cruise ships, in movies, has authored several books, and has been voted *MAGICIAN-OF-THE-YEAR* by the *Academy of Magical Arts* not once, but **TWICE**. Further, he's the *PARADE* author in the February 1976 issue of the *LINKING RING*, and, more recently, the feature of *GENII* magazine for February 1986.

So, after everyone had armed themselves with a homemade Brownie or two and cups of coffee from the "Juniors", we rapidly gave away over fifteen great raffle prizes which included new *TENYO* items, a *DUSHECK* Appearing Rose, and even a Magician's License Plate frame (well, we got good stuff out here, no slum); and sat back to hear **Tom OGDEN'S** incredible lecture.

The first half was all stage and comedy, and we learned how: to abuse kids (nicely) in your show and get away with it (the Prez's favorite part), to create instant stooges, to do a killer *CARDS ACROSS* (the classic **Mike ZEN** routine enhanced with fantastic comedy) and to perform very funny comedic bits with kids and adults using standard props including, would you believe, a Rubber Chicken. He gets more mileage out of this hoary old prop than most do with a complete "gag file".

He went on to teach us (really **TAUGHT**) a very detailed and extremely beneficial lesson on the handling and cuing of assistants from the audience, and on "Stooging" for the extraction of maximum comedy, which was truly invaluable to the working performer.

The second half was all close-up material, and just as well presented, including: a treatise and demonstration of the **ZARROW** Shuffle, a clever bill penetration with a one and a five, and some very nifty handling of the classic *SALT SHAKER THRU TABLE*. Overall, about three hours of superior material with something for everybody. IF YOU WEREN'T there - you missed a GOODER ! !

## BOARD MEETING

The Board met on May Seventh with **Bob INGALLS, Dick and Julie DALE, J.P. JACKSON, Brad BURT, Sherry LUFT, Ed RAYMOND, and Jeff and Peggy MARCUS**. The Board reviewed potential candidates for office and for the Board of Directors. Final results will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee for presentation at the May Meeting. Honorary Ring Seventy Six Memberships were reviewed and reaffirmed for **Ethyl BERWIN, Mary MARTINEZ, Helen HIESHETTER and Jane Thurston SHEPARD**.

A review of the Ring's financial assets and projected budget resulted in the determination that the Ring could well afford two paid lecturers for the coming Membership Year. Negotiations are in progress for a November Lecture by **Hank MOOREHOUSE**, who was unable to join us last year, with a second lecture planned for March 1991.

Plaques for outgoing Ring Officers were discussed with the results that the three Officers who received those beautiful and very expensive plaques last year will have them re-engraved to reflect a second year of service.

The next Board Meeting will be held at **Bob INGALLS'** home on Monday, June Fourth.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO Courtesy Jim Riley

At the May Meeting on Saturday, May Second, 1970, **LARRY JENNINGS** gave a lecture. The cost was One Dollar for Juniors and members, Two dollars for guests. There were seventeen members present and twelve guests

Every one was exorted to come and bring a crowd to the 1970 Young Magicians Awards to be held in The Puppet Theater at Balboa Park.



## MAY MEETING

... or what's coming

"*TRICKS THAT FOOL MAGICIANS*" is our theme for the regular meeting on Monday, May Twenty First. Dig into your files and memories for those extra-special "Grabbers" you've used to fool your fellow Magi, and bring 'em to do for US!

**Dave SMITH** (who was preempted at our April meeting) will conduct his Close-Up Seminar starting at Six Forty Five P.M. or so in the REGULAR Meeting Room - that too was preempted last month. (Next April is already flagged for a change of meeting night - make note.) Usual business meeting at seven thirty P.M. when we will hear the Nominating Committee present a slate of candidates; then we will open the meeting for nominations from the floor, campaign speeches, anti-campaign speeches, discussion (heated or otherwise) and/or objections. When the dust clears, we will record the results and turn them into official Ballots for use at the June Meeting when we hold our Official Elections. We will also be voting for a "Member-of-the-Year" at the June Meeting. So start thinking.

A great idea came up at the Board Meeting, courtesy of **Brad BURT**, and the Board agreed. From now on, anyone who brings a prize for our monthly raffle will get five free raffle tickets.

HOWEVER there are CONDITIONS: Items offered must be at least four dollars in retail value, be complete, in good working order, have instructions, and be packaged neatly and separately (recommend Zip-Loc Bags). Please, folks, NO Slum, i.e., no bent thumb tips, ratty silks, broken reels or old finger pulls - ONLY GOOD STUFF, like what you won last month and won't use. We will try this out at the May meeting, BUT the "duty RAFFLER" has the right to reject items that are deemed inappropriate.

## SLEIGHTLY NEWS 'ROUND TOWN

- ☆ CONGRATS and a hearty "WELL DONE" to **Jan (SANDY JAY) EASTMAN**. She's just back from the *CLOWNS OF AMERICA, INTERNATIONAL (COAI)* Convention in Albuquerque where she took the Third Place Contest Trophy for pencil Balloon Animals. That's great! Not only do our member compete, THEY WIN. Way to go, Jan!
- ☆ **Joe (MYSTIC) McGRIEVEY** will go "back to sea" this summer when he starts working INVADER CRUISES on their ship "*THE ENTERTAINER*". He's booked for the summer with two cruises per week on Thursday and Sunday nights from seven to eleven P.M. with, I hear, more of our guys to be booked for other nights.
- This leaves - - **Mike STIWELL** all alone at the *CORVETTE DINER* in Hillcrest on

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## MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

- ☆ The usual crowd of Ring Seventy Sixers still at *THE GATHERING* doing magic on Thursdays through Sunday nights, and - - **Jeff (THE REF) MARCUS** at *SLUGGO'S* on Sunday from five to eight P.M., or so.
- ☆ For the Sunday Brunch crowd we have: **Dick DALE** at *BAXTER'S* in El Cajon, **Joe (MYSTIC) McGRIEVEY** at *T.G.I. FRIDAY'S* in Mission Valley from Noon to Three P.M.
- ☆ I hear that ex-San Diegan, **Richard TURNER** is back in town doing gambling theme card magic at the *RUSTY PELICAN* in Mission Valley on Tuesday thru Saturday from Seven to Nine P.M. Hope he'll join us for a meeting. Most of the working pros belong to Ring Seventy Six!
- ☆ From **Stan ALLEN's** *INSIDE MAGIC*: Watch for "*SEA WORLD SUMMER NIGHT MAGIC*" on ABC, Sunday, June Tenth at Seven P.M. It features **Franz HARARY** at the Orland Water Park doing four illusions including the vanish of the entire water-ski team.
- ☆ And if you want a lite touch of close-up with your movie fare, check out "*PRETTY WOMAN*" now playing all over San Diego. **Stan ALLEN** reports that it opens with **Jason RANDALL** doing a "*COINS ACROSS*" routine ending with a jumbo coin production. The movie stars **Richard GERE** and **Julia ROBERTS**.

## CROSS TALK

- *THE MAGICIAN'S GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (MGSC)* has elected their new officers at a recent Board meeting with **Paul BARTON** as the new President and **Casey McFADDEN** as the new Vice President. **Jack MARKLEY** will continue as Treasurer with **Scott FISHER** and **Frank HERMAN** doing their very timely newsletter. They are planning

a cafeteria type dinner at the **SIZZLER** in Oceanside for their next meeting on Tuesday June Fifth, and have set the date for their annual picnic at **Bob ALLEN'S** house for Sunday, July First.

- From *INSIDE MAGIC* **Stan ALLEN** reports that "*MIRACLES OF MAGIC*" will be held on Saturday, June Second at Anaheim High School from one to three P.M. It's a fundraiser for *SUNSHINE FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN* and features: **Richard DIAMOND**, **Jeff MARTIN**, **Loren MICHAELS**, **Ken SANDS**, "**T C**" **TAHOE** and **Mitch WILLIAMS**. Contact **Don McALLISTER** at (714) 894-2333 for details.
- *ORANGE COUNTY MAGIC CLUB (OCMC)* will hold a magic Flea Market for their meeting on Tuesday, June Nineteenth, starting at Seven P.M. (See flyer.) Potential Sellers should contact **SUDS** at (714) 242-8376 or **Bill PEARCE** at (714) 962-7087. They meet at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Garden Grove, just an hour and a half up the freeway.
- And, if you get this in time, **IBM Ring Ninety Six** in Long Beach will hold their annual *MENTALISM FEAST* entitled "*IT'S ALL IN THE MIND*" at their regular meeting on Saturday, May Nineteenth. They meet at the *IACOBONI LIBRARY*, 5020 N. C lark Ave. in Lakewood, CA with the program starting at eight thirty P.M. It's also only an hour and a half up the freeway and well worth the trip. New President of this solid group is **Dr Eugene GLOYE** with **Lesley MANNING** as Secretary.



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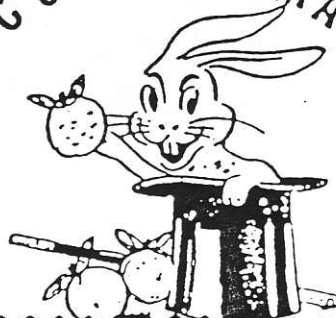
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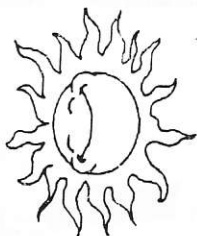
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