

SHOWTIME!

"H & K Productions" (Don Halbach and Mike Klicman; who brought you the very successful Public Show in October), will do it again, though on a bit smaller scale. They have booked the big-stage room at our meeting Hall for a beginning-of-the-year MAGIC EVENT on Wednesday, January 30th (mark your calendars) to bring to those of you who missed it and to those of us who can't wait to see it again, their HILARIOUS XMAS Party Act!

Actually, it was just going to be a video-taping session; but Don and Mike decided to turn it into an Impromptu Ring Event for an evening of Stage Magic. It will be all-free to Ring Members, families, friends, guests and as much of the 'Public' as we can reach; and it's also open to anyone else who wants to perform. Sort of an

'I-always-wanted-to-try-it-on-stage-but-didn't-h

ave-a-stage' type affair or, better yet, to have something you always wanted, video taped!

Don HALBACH has arranged a three camera set-up and it's a great opportunity to get yourself 'on tape'. See Don at the meeting on the 21st for more details.

Most importantly, just come and enjoy, whether you perform or not, and **BRING FRIENDS!**

VP Bob INGALLS will re-create his masterful roll as XMAS Party M/C and Don and Mike will bring you "Don HALL and

MICHELLE" in all their splendor. Plan to attend and if you have something you want to do on-stage, call Don at 549 6901 to get on the 'bill'. It all starts at 7:00PM on Wed, Jan 30th so be there for a fun evening and a nice respite from what I call the "Dark Ages" (post-XMAS, pre-Spring).

SAD NEWS Department - Our Heartfelt condolences and fond wishes for speedy recoveries to long time member and ex-every-officer George EDWARDS who became very ill over the Holidays. Olive reports that cards and Prayers are most Welcome but no calls or visits yet, please; AND to ex-Tres. Frank SYREN's wife Helen, who was hospitalized in mid-December and is still there; on the mend; but very slowly.

AND from IBM Central in Bluffton, Ohio: WELCOME to new IBM Members Jack MARKLEY, Tony

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Prez's Mezzage

WHATTA XMAS PARTY !!!

Absolutely FANTASTIC and all because of our EXCEPTIONAL Ring Membership. Just cannot find the words - (Me ??) to describe it; but it was unsurpassed in all respects. The incredible TEAMWORK displayed through-out the evening was (to me) the most significant part of the party and proved again, what a superb bunch of folks we have in RING 76.

The Decorating, Dinner Table set-ups, Food Table arrangements and the clean-up were magnificent and all went as smooth as a 'Rice' silk! The best part was that no one person had to do all the work; EVERYBODY did all the work! and with an unbelievable sense of unity - WHATTA TEAM WE GOT !!

A record turn-out (well over half of the local membership), a lavish spread of great things to eat, and then probably the best, funniest and most professional entertainment ever seen at a Ring Function. Darn near 'convention quality' and totally unmatched by any ring program I've ever seen! I leave the details to Sherry LUFT (see inside) but have to say - THANKS RING 76 for making it all so very special and, truly, the HI-LITE of my XMAS !!



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MAGICURRENTS

EDITOR: J P (first-time-on-the-word-Processor-and-learning) JACKSON !
Publisher: Brad BURT, to whom we owe a big: 'THANKS' for helping out while Frank SYREN is busy taking care of Helen at the Hospital.

ISAACS and Larry FRANKEL. Their memberships have been or are currently being processed. Jack's reinstatement appeared in the December LINK-ING RING and his Membership Kit has been forwarded to him in Barstow, CA. Larry and Tony will appear in the February LINKING RING with their Membership packages to follow for suitable presentation at a regular meeting.

DECEMBER MEETING

... or what you missed.

by Sherry LUFT

Our CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK DINNER was a great success ! 67 people present with plenty of scrumptious food, neat decorations and a fun gift exchange. Our President J P JACKSON welcomed everyone and reported that RING MEMBERSHIP now stands at 137, and all-time high, with over half of the local members present ! Special THANKS for making the evening so successful go to: Dick and Julie DALE for organizing

all the wonderful food and the Gift Exchange; Vi FREELAND and Lori BARETTO (and their fun helpers) for the beautifully decorated tables, Jeff and Peggy MARCUS for the great balloons, especially the ARCH !; to Josef RENNLEITNER for cooking, bringing and carving those two delicious turkeys and to EVERYONE who came and brought an incredible array of dishes. AND, now on to the Entertainment !!

It was a fabulous show. Many THANKS to Don HALBACH, the producer; Brian BERG, our stage manager; and Ryan HALBACH, Logan HALE and Mike KLICMAN, the stage crew - all of them did a fantastic job in keeping the show going. VP Bob INGALLS was a great M/C. He started out with 'floating fire' and then changed to fire in his wallet. Then, Logan HALE did his award-winning act from Tannen's Magic Camp.

VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by Jim WHITING



He performed to the tune of "Weird Science" with the assistance of Wendy RAVENEL, Patrick's charming wife. He sawed her in half and restored her; what a great job ! Back to Bob INGALLS with his comedy five-finger-repeat and some comedy balloon twisting.

Next was Don HALBACH and his son RYAN doing "The Temple of Benares" - a great sword box illusion, with the help of Logan HALE pushing swords. Bob INGALLS back with a fun "psychic" effect with Patrick RAVENEL. Patrick drew a free-choice picture and after considerable by-play, Bob matched it with his own art-work. Logan HALE returned with his music "New York, New York", produced a real dove from his Top Hat and made it disappear. Then he did a cane-to-silk and ended with a 20th Century Silk effect. Nice stuff! Bob

INGALLS did "Alice thru the Looking Glass"- it was a great illusion watching the silk disappear into the mirror.

The featured performers were absolutely wonderful - Don HALL and his "lovely" assistant "MICHELLE", doing a hilarious comedy act. They did spring flowers to music, produced doves, silks to canes and a vanishing lit cigarette with lots of funny bits. We also saw a fountain of silks production and a torn and restored newspaper with fabulous style. As an encore, Don performed a "Penetration of Light" thru MICHELLE's curvacious body, which also came complete with wig, beautiful dress, hi-heels, great make-up and Mike KLICMAN inside all of it ! It was a SHOW STOPPER!

JUNIOR CORNER

by Logan Hale

WHERE DID EVERYONE GO ?

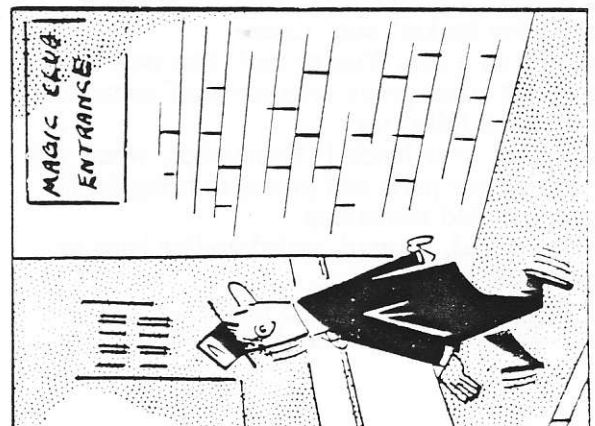
Only 2 members, yes t-w-o members, at our January meeting. As the first meeting of the New Year, we were going to have elections for new club officers; but since there were only two members present, we didn't have enough people to fill the jobs. Because of the small turn-out, we skipped the business meeting and went right to the tricks; and if you weren't there, you missed out !!

Don HALBACH and Jerry JAGORDA helped out by showing us their card handling skills. Don started it off by demonstrating a great card counting effect. Then Jerry did one using the four Aces, it was really great !

REMEMBER, if you would like to become an Officer, the elections will be next month. We'll also be doing some more close-up magic and stage too ! It's gonna be a lot of fun, see ya there - at Brad BURT's Magic Shop on Friday, February first.

BOARD MEETING

The Board met on January 7th at the home of Jeff and Peggy MARCUS with Brad BURT, Sherry LUFT, J P JACKSON, Dick and Julie DALE, Jan EASTMEN and Paul BARTON. J-P read a letter of Thanks to the Ring from American Legion Post 282 for our contribution to their annual XMAS Party on December 21st. Copies have been sent to the performers and the letter included in this issue of MAGICCURRENTS. (More under SLEIGHTLY NEWS) Comments from Board members indicate that the FCM Convention in Riverside (Feb 15th and 16th) promises to be an extra good one this year. (See flyer) The purchase of RING 76 Name Tags for all new members was discussed and prompted a mini-review of the Ring's financial situation (it's GOOD), with no resolution. The coming increase in postage rates was mentioned and the resulting need for a possible increase in annual Dues was discussed without resolution. Both issues will be continued at the next Board Meeting on February 4th, 7:00 PM at Brad BURT's home.



JANUARY MEETING

...what's coming

"MYSTERY BAG NITE" is the theme for our regular meeting on Monday, January 21st. Last one was about a year and a half ago and seemed to be a big hit at the time - so let's try it again ! Brad BURT will give us a quick 'DEALER DEMO'

starting about 6:45PM, featuring "New Stuff for '91"; business meeting promptly at 7:30 followed by the usual raffle and the program at 8:00 PM sharp ! Here's how it works:

First, we need all of you to dig around in those old drawers, boxes, bins, barrels, etc. (how 'bout that old suitcase in the garage), for the COMPLETE parts to a trick or effect; put what you found in a plain, brown paper bag WITHOUT THE INSTRUCTIONS, and bring it to the meeting.

Then - at the break, we'll put all the bags on the front table, mix 'em up, and have them chosen at random by our volunteer performers.

During the break, just before the program starts, we need lots of you to sign up with Brad as a performer. Any shortage of volunteers will be corrected by use of our PERFORMER NUMBERS - remember those ?, that little three digit number just after your telephone number on the Membership List WHICH YOU RECEIVED WITH THE DECEMBER MAGICURRENTS !, huh ? Check it out and have it in your head in case we need to call a few; it's called, YOU PERFORM !

When the Program starts, Performers will come up and pick a "BAG"; then you'll have just five minutes by Brad's official 'timer' to identify the bag's contents and prepare a presentation with what you found. No backin' out ! Once you pick up a bag, You're on ! Not only is it funny; but some pretty creative stuff comes out - and please folks, no bags of left-over lunch ! Remember, when you go digging for parts and pieces to bring in the bag, try to find something unique, or old, strange, weird and/or hard to identify BUT IT MUST BE COMPLETE or the "BAG-BRINGER" gets to do it !

SLEIGHTLY NEWS ROUND TOWN

- A big THANK YOU to Loch CRANE, Tom CLAYTOR and Dana LAW for their help in meeting the annual commitment to our meeting room Hosts at the American Legion. They all volunteered their time to provide a half hour show for the Legion XMAS Party on December 21st. A nice letter of thanks from Will-iam DALY, the 3rd Vice Commander of Post 282, is included in this issue of MAGICURRENTS. (The best part of being President is getting mail like this and being able to share it with EVERYONE !)

- And speaking of Tom CLAYTOR, seems I overlooked him in Thanking everyone for helping with the Public Show in October. Tom did walk-around magic as pre-show entertainment AND helped with tickets at BOTH performances. THANKS TOM, you're getting to be a mainstay.

- Brand new Member, Monica MEFFORD has scored a first and broken new ground at THE GATHERING in Hillcrest. She is appearing on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 and is the first lady magician to do so. Nice goin' MONICA, you're movin' ! Terry LUNCEFORD appears on Fridays from 8 to 11 and Curtis CLARK is there on Saturdays from 8 to 11.

- Good friend "J C" WAGNER is shifting his unique and unexcelled brand of 'bar magic' from the Island Saloon on Coronado to the T-BIRD DINER in Escondido. He will be "on" three or four nights per week starting in mid-January; call the T-BIRD at 480 2473 for his schedule. AND, Vol I of JC's new Video is just about 'out' (sometime this month); and features JC doing what JC does best - Bar Magic, and for a real, live, layman group. Vol II (later) will provide the explanations and 'real work'. His "Card Under Drink" has to be seen to be believed and is, alone, worth the price. Brad BURT will have them as soon as they are available.

SUNDAY BRUNCH MAGIC:
 Dick DALE at BAXTER's in El
 CaJon.
 Joe MYSTIC at TGIF's in Fashion
 Valley
 Angelo ODDO at Marriott Resort in
 Mission Valley

SUNDAY EVENING MAGIC
 Jeff (The Ref) MARCUS at
 SLUGGO's, 5:30 to 8:30 PM

MID-WEEK MAGIC
 Magic Mike STILWELL at
 CORVETTE Diner, Tue & Wed
 Angelo ODDO at the S/D HILTON,
 Thur 7:30 -9:30 PM

CROSS TALK

• The Southwest Conference of Creative Ministries announce the 1991 FCM Convention at the Riverside Convention Center on February 15th and 16th. (Same location as last year) The schedule and registration application are included with this issue. Looks like a great line-up with two evening shows, 28 Dealers, 35 Lectures and a special show for KIDS only on Sat.

• Magical Arts Guild of Cucamonga (MAGIC) will sponsor an advanced workshop by Michael AMMAR at 6:00 PM on Tue, Jan 22nd (cost is \$25.00 per) and then his lecture starting at 8:00 PM. Call Jack TAVES at (818) 914 1288 for details.

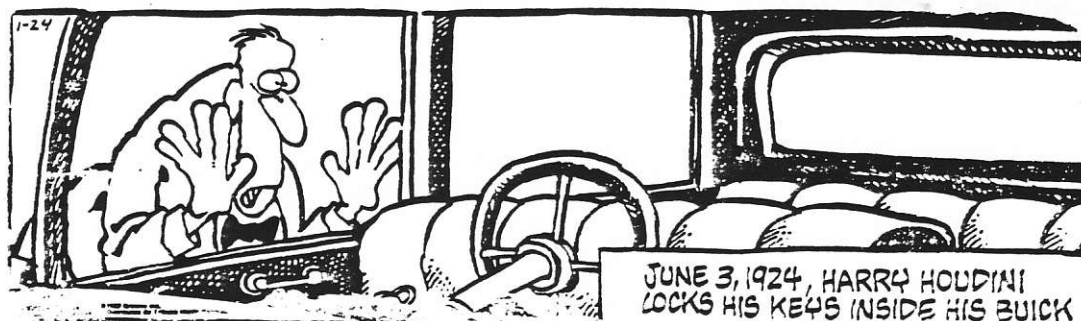
• Stan ALLEN's INSIDE MAGIC informs us that Gary KURTZ is holding a 3-4 hour workshop on Tue., Jan 29th in No. Hollywood. Attendance is limited, call (818) 506 1138 for details

• The Coachella Valley Magic Club of Palm Desert will sponsor a lecture by our own Frank HERMAN on January 21st, (that's our meeting night too) and a lecture by Ron LONDON on February 11th at 7:30 PM. Call Mallory Van Slyker at (619) 341 7439 for details. They meet at the Columbia Savings and Loan in Palm Desert, only two hours away. They will be getting their IBM RING CHARTER any day now and will then be the newest RING in Southern California. That is, until our North County friends in the Magic Guild of Southern California gets THEIRS !, very soon now. That's GROWTH !!

See ya the 21st AND 30th -

J P Jackson

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LA MESA POST NO. 282 THE AMERICAN LEGION

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December 29, 1990

Mr. J. P. Jackson, President
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Dear Mr. Jackson:

On behalf of the La Mesa Post 282, American Legion, we wish to extend our thanks and appreciation for the presentation your members, lead by Mr. Loch David Crane, put on for the benefit of all the children at the annual Christmas Party for the children held at the Legion hall on Friday December 21, 1990.

The looks on the children's faces did more than words can say as to the reception of the acts put on by your members.

Please accept our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the efforts of your members in making this one of the most memorable Christmas parties.

Yours very truly



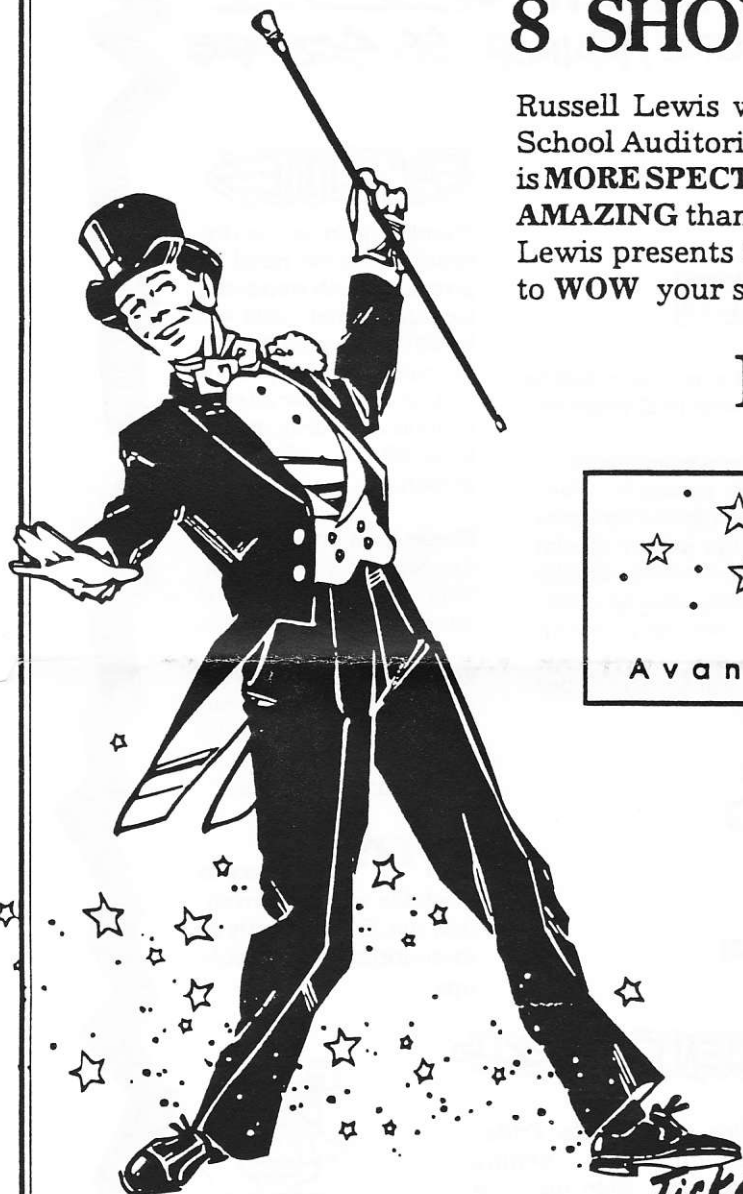
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January 13 2:00 pm*
January 17 7:30 pm
January 18 8:00 pm
January 19 2:00 pm* & 7:30 pm

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EVENING SHOWS

Friday Evening Show - Clean Comedians Presents: "A NIGHT OF COMEDY" M/C Adams Christing Dale Salwak, Steve Bridges, Mick Palmer, Cary Trivanovich. **Saturday Evening Show** - "PROGRAM" Steve Varro, Jelly Bean, Glow-Bow, Frank Thurston, Jay Rumpel, Mike Heberbend and Paul Everett.

REGISTRATION

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. There will be three lines for those of you who PRE-Register.

Registration Fees \$25.00 per person for members and their families - \$30 per person for Non-Members and their families. Only one person in your family need be a member for our special rates as well as receiving all the benefits and the monthly Christian Conjure Magazine. Any Non-member can join the Fellowship of Christian Magicians for our annual membership fee of \$18.00. Registration Fees will be \$5.00 per person higher at the door.



FACILITIES

Thanks again to the Riverside Sheraton Hotel for providing such wonderful facilities. Hotel costs will be \$60.00 per night. The Sheraton will also provide 3 buffets a day for all convention attendees, priced from \$5.00 - \$7.00 per person.

Please plan on staying at the Sheraton if you can. This is a beautiful hotel directly on the convention site. The Sheraton will also keep the coffee shop OPEN until 11:30 p.m. so we can all meet together after the evening shows or just to have a late night snack.

CAMPERS:

Space is available on the convention site. Confirm early as there are limited full hook-ups.

TALENT SEARCH

Kids and Adults Friday Evening after Evening Program. Sign-up with your registration or at the door.



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RULES FOR SELLERS: PLEASE, Prime items only - (the junk went at the Oct Swap Meet)

1. Make three lists of items to be sold; copy for Recorder, the Auctioneer and yourself. List minimum bids or "No Min". Organize your stuff in accordance with your List; YOU Decide which items go first. Auctioneer's copy stays with your stuff!
2. Items must be complete and include instructions - OR INDICATE WHAT'S MISSING.
3. Package items individually (Zip-Loc Bags), indicate condition: New, Fair, Ex. etc.
4. Magazines and Pamphlets should be packaged in bundles. Hardbound books separately.
5. New Dealers items will not be auctioned; can be sold directly after the Auction.
6. Sellers will be paid at the end of the evening, LESS 10% RING FEE.
7. NO PRE-AUCTION SALES; once in the Room, it goes on the "block" !!

RULES FOR BUYERS:

1. Register at the door with the SGT-AT-ARMS and pick up a numbered BIDDER Card.
2. Sales will be CASH only; bring small Bills and Change.
3. Items will be delivered as sold. PAY FOR WINNING BIDS AT EACH BREAK.

PROCEDURE:

1. Only 4 or 5 items per seller will be offered at a time until each seller's items have been offered once. A break will occur after all sellers have been seen, during which, Buyers will pay for merchandise received up to that point.
2. The second rotation will start with first seller again and continue, with breaks, until all sellers' items have been exhausted.

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