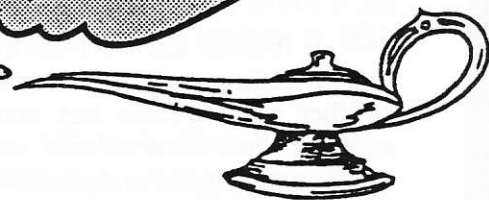


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FROM THE PREZ

I don't know about you, but I'm excited about all of the magic events happening! Next up is the Dan Harlan lecture sponsored by **MAGIC WORKS**. I know Dan personally (he lives in my hometown). His is one of the most creative minds in magic and if you read the magic magazines, you've probably seen his name mentioned quite a bit. Some of his effects appear in books, video tapes and newsletters, including *The Magic of Michael Ammar*. If you want to get some really clever ideas, don't miss this lecture!

A new, fun thing that I'm going to start in my message (when there's room) is "little tidbits" from past *Linking Rings* - usually about someone or something known to most of us San Diegans. For instance, the April, 1969 Ring 76 reports "A short farewell to Bob Sheets, one of our youngest and finest performers, who is reporting to the Navy. His subject was, 'Before I Go'."

Believe it or not, elections are not too far away! We need your help. I know some of you have great ideas of how to make Ring 76 better. This is your chance to do something about it. If you are shy about nominating yourself, give me a call and we'll discuss the offices. If necessary, I'll bring your name up to the committee to save you any embarrassment.

This coming Pre-Meeting Seminar will be conducted by... me! The subject is "By Your Favorite Method" card sleights (forces, controls, etc.) Bring a deck if you want to learn or participate....see ya!

LAST MEETING or what you missed

by Tom LaChance

It looks like the New Year will mean a new meeting place or time for Ring 76. A conflict of schedules has made our current meeting hall unavailable on our normal meeting nights. Several possible solutions were offered at the meeting and it was decided that the Board will discuss them at their next meeting. It was then on to the magic.

Roy Armstrong forced the only jumbo card in a standard deck on David Lane. The jumbo was then freely inserted back into the pack, and the card directly above it was shown to be a perfect match to the jumbo. Roy then showed the same basic effect again using a slightly different method.

Next, Eddie Raymond risked his own money for the sake of magic, or did he? With his own \$5.00 bill securely padlocked in a clear container, Eddie let four helpers freely select four of the five keys lying on a tray. When the helpers tried their keys for a shot at the money, only the unselected key opened the lock. Rich Robertson was next and did a masterful job with "Chronologue" by Collector's Workshop. Greg Brouelette then took center stage with three excellent effects. After a quick mental effect accomplished with the help of his "Grandpa John", Greg found two selected cards while blindfolded. He concluded with his floating bill routine, and believe me, if you saw this you would swear that the dollar bill could actually fly!

Rob Wasson was next up and really disrupted our sense of reality with a very visual blank deck routine. The effect, "Reality & Illusion", is a creation of Rob's and he is marketing it for \$20.00. From what I saw, you're getting a lot of magic for your money. Rick Waterhouse was our final performer and, as usual, he was just as funny as he was magical. With Rob Wasson assisting, and pens disappearing, Rick appeared to have trouble

finding a card with the correct name written on it. In the end, the whole deck vanished, leaving a mystified Rob holding only his signed selection.

BOARD MEETING

by Tom LaChance

February's Board Meeting was held at Julie and Dick Dale's house and was attended by the Dales, Sherry Luft, Mary Brown, Jeff Marcus, David Lane, Rick Waterhouse and Tom LaChance. The first topic discussed was Ring 76's current venue dilemma. The Board decided to investigate the availability of the American Legion Hall on a different Monday of the month. Stay tuned for more on the subject.

Next, the Board decided to present a lecture by Steve Fearson at our March general meeting. Steve recently performed and lectured at the IBM convention in Baltimore and also at the 1991 Tannen Magic Jubilee. The lecture will be free to all members, with a \$15.00 charge at the door for non-members and a \$5.00 charge for members of other Rings.

David Lane then gave a review of last month's survey and the great response it generated from members. These surveys help guide the Board in our decisions and your comments are both needed and appreciated. The general results of the survey are elsewhere in this issue. David will discuss specific results at the upcoming meeting.

The theme of our February meeting will be "Backwards Magic", (start at the end of a trick and end at the start). Jeff Marcus will provide a pre-meeting seminar that sounds great, so come early and bring a deck of cards. The next Board Meeting will be on March 1st in the clubhouse at Dick Bush's, 12970 HWY 8 Bus. Route, #55 El Cajon. See map elsewhere in this issue. All are invited to attend.

SURVEY RESULTS REGARDING — MAGICURRENTS

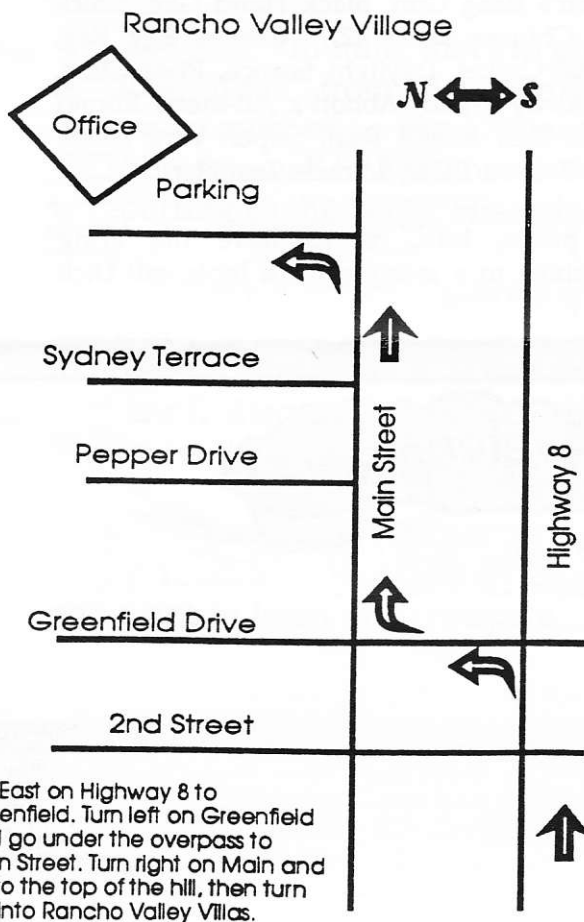
Results: Most respondents wanted to see a guest column, but only a few were willing to write one. (Now, if we only knew who they were!) An overwhelming percentage would like to see a "Trick of the Month" column and an equally overwhelming number aren't willing to supply same — not even for raffle tickets. Apparently, members get more from *MAGICURRENTS* than just a meeting reminder and a postcard would not replace it. (Ed. Thanks!)

Some suggested alternative meeting locations were: Van Winkle's (the Installation Banquet site), Dick Bush's, a classroom on Linda Vista Rd., Brad Burt's Magic Shop, and don't change the venue, just change the day of the meeting.

Suggested changes for this publication were to add more gossip, reviews, magic sources, add an "In Search of..." column, have Brad write a "Best of the Best" feature, details of forthcoming lectures (content, format, etc.), magic philosophy discussions, and resurrect the Member Profile and a detailing of local magic performances.

It's obvious from the best survey response yet, that everyone is reading *MAGICURRENTS* and a lot of good ideas are out there. Now, if we can just implement them.

MAP TO THE MARCH BOARD MEETING



Steve Fearson is a clever young creator who made his first offering to the magic world just about three years ago. Steve Fearson's Original Floating Cigarette took the magic world by storm, and three years later, as Steve completes his second lecture tour in Tokyo Japan, his effect is still recognized as probably the strongest little piece of magic on the market. Come experience an evening of magical creativity as Steve Fearson explains and explores some of his favorite magical secrets.

In addition to a discussion on invisible thread theory and technique, Steve will be explaining in detail the effects he used to win the first place award of excellence in close-up magic from the Houdini club of Wisconsin for the past three years. This is the same act Steve used in his performances and lectures at the Baltimore I.B.M. convention and also the 1991 Tanner's Magic Jubilee!

Steve currently has some new effects on the market, all of which have been met with rave reviews. Here's your chance to see these unique effects, and find out how they were created!

Steve will also be sharing some of the effects he uses in his work as a restaurant magician. Effects using cards, rope, money, cigarettes, and of course invisible thread. All practical, all miracles, all effects you will use!

COMING UP

- Feb. 15 Ring 76 Meeting
La Mesa American Legion
(Upstairs meeting room)
Pre-meeting 6:30pm
Pres. Jeff: BYFM
Meeting 7:30pm
Backwards Trick Night
- Feb. 22 Dan Harlan Lecture
La Mesa American Legion
7:00pm \$15
- Feb.26-27 FCM Convention
Riverside CA
Mick Palmer (909)923.9703
- March 1 Ring 76 Board Meeting
Dick Bush's 7:00pm (See map)
- Mar.11-13 Desert Magic Seminar
Hacienda Hotel/Casino
Las Vegas NV
- Mar.12-13 19th Winter Carnival of Magic
Gatlinburg TN
- March 15 La Mesa American Legion
(Upstairs meeting room)
Pre-Meeting 6:30pm
Brad's Dealer Demo
Meeting 7:30pm
Steve Fearson Lecture
Members FREE-non \$15
Members of other Rings \$5

- Mar.19-21 The Magic Convention
Tempe AZ
- Mar.19-20 Abbott's Close-Up Conv.
Colon MI
- April 5 Ring 76 Board Meeting
TBA
- April 12 Ring 76 Meeting
La Mesa American Legion
Pre-Meeting 6:30pm
Dales' Black Art Act
Discussion & Demo
Meeting 7:30pm
Theme TBA

CLASSIFIED

Abbott's Bang Gun, Black Hand Gag, Chick Pan, Chinese Sticks (2), Climax Egg Bag, Crystal Casket, Daylight Seance, Pixie Glass, Pop-Away Wand, Abbott's All-metal Round Circle, Run Rabbit Run, Super Vent Glass, New Roll-on Table, Miracle Tumbler.

For prices, info, or to have me bring something to a meeting for a look, call Dick Dale @ 562-7379.

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