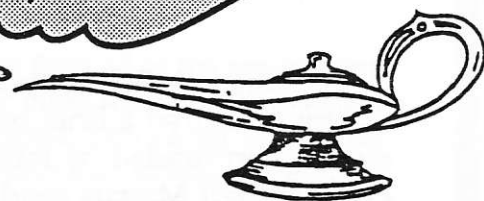


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FROM THE PREZ



f you missed Eugene Burger or Dan Harlan, you missed two very entertaining, very informative lectures. *Everyone* I talked to said they really enjoyed them. All felt they got something useful. Many went so far as to say that these were the best lectures they had ever seen! I'd personally like to applaud Dick Dale for making such top-notch lecturers available to us.

Now, on to March...It's the Steve Fearson lecture! Steve is famous for his "floating cigarette" (which I use myself). It has to be one of *the* most animated floating effects out there. Steve has also promised to have a lot of new stuff .

This event is sponsored by IBM Ring 76 and, as stated before, is FREE to all paid up members. Non-members and guests will be charged \$15.00. However, if you belong to another IBM Ring, the charge will only be \$5.00.

I'm still waiting to hear suggestions for officers for next year. Please give me some input.

Now, here's my *Linking Ring Tidbit*: (April 1969) Bob Fullmer, a magic dealer, has an ad for balloons stating: "Due to factory increases, the following prices are in effect: 260 animal balloons - \$2.25 per gross." He then asks to: "Please add 10% (or 23 cents) for shipping and handling"! I agree - that is "gross".

Don't forget, *starting in April*, meetings will be changing to the 2nd Monday of the month so we can use our regular room. However, this month the meeting will be on the 15th...See ya there!

LAST MEETING or what you missed

By Tom LaChance

Ring 76's February general meeting featured a brief business session surrounded by lots of magic. President Jeff Marcus conducted a very informative pre-meeting seminar on card controls and forces. This type of learning opportunity is why many of us joined the IBM. During the short business meeting, the Ring voted to solve our meeting hall problems by changing our meeting day to the second Monday of each month, starting with our April meeting.

The evening's first performers were Roy and Betty Armstrong who got the "Backwards Magic" theme off to a great start, performing "Mutilated Parasol" from the ending back to the starting point. Roy then went solo as he told a cute story to demonstrate how some underwear does have a strange "cent" to it.

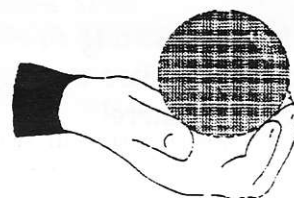
Rick Waterhouse was next with a "living and dead" routine, complete with candlelit room and tarot card readings, that had everyone on the edge of their seat. He contacted the spirit world by having Tom Owen write people's names on slips of paper. Then Rick divined the names of the living from the departed.

Former Ring 76 member Terry Lunceford was next and performed one of his favorite routines. A card selected by one spectator was actually found reduced in size and inside a card se-

lected by a second helper. Tom Owen was next. In lieu of a trick he offered some insight into his magical thinking. Tom explained how we, as magicians, need to "paint a picture" to the audience as to when the magic is supposedly happening. In reality the "dirty deeds" are done at another time.

Our next two performers were old friends of Ring 76 visiting from the north. Jack Evans was first and showed he hasn't lost one ounce of energy in his performance style as he performed his "silk to flowers" routine backwards. Jack followed this with his comical "rope thru body" act. Next Jack Markley offered a very smooth changing of two halved dollar bills into a single one.

Seth Asser then took the stage and did a very convincing version of Michael Close's "Dr. Strangetrick". Seth really had helper Loch David Crane mesmerized. Prez Jeff Marcus was our final act and getting back to the evening's theme, did a very brief backwards "coin-into-topit" vanish. While not meant to be deceptive, it was very funny.



IN MEMORIAM

William Larsen, Jr. passed away in Los Angeles on February 9, 1993. He was the publisher of *Genii* Magazine, President of the Academy of Magical Arts and with his brother, Milt, co-founder of The Magic Castle, Hollywood's prestigious mecca of magic. He will be missed by the world's magic community. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Irene and son, Dante.

BOARD MEETING

by Tom LaChance

The March Board meeting was held in the recreation center at Dick Bush's trailer park. In attendance were Julie and Dick Dale, Jeff Marcus, David Lane, Dick Bush, Rick Waterhouse, Mark Flores and Tom LaChance. It's been suggested the Ring have a party at this location. After viewing the center, the Board decided to aim for the Sunday afternoon following our Ring meeting in August. Dick Bush will check the availability of the center for that day.

The Board also discussed the Ring elections which are coming up fast. If you have any interest in serving as an officer of Ring 76, please contact one of the current officers. Your ideas and involvement can help the Ring to best serve all its members.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 15 with a pre-meeting dealer demo by Brad Burt followed by a Steve Fearson lecture.

Beginning in April, our general meeting will be changed to the 2nd Monday of each month so the Board will now meet on the last Monday of each month starting in March.

SURVEY RESULTS

Last months survey had the best response ever! The Board really appreciates all of your comments.

Everyone likes all of the pre-meeting options. Since it takes member involvement to put this together, thanks go to the five people who volunteered to lead some in the future.

TOPIC	PRO	CON
<i>Pre-meeting options:</i>		
Video	10	2
Round Table	10	3
Dealer Demo	14	0
Specialty Subjects	16	0
Collectibles	11	3
<i>Willing to lead pre-meeting options:</i>		
Round Table	2	8
Dealer Demo	1	8
Specialty Subjects	4	6
Collectibles	2	8
<i>Would you come to a lecture NOT at the Legion Hall?</i>		
	12	1
<i>Lectures per year:</i>		
ONE - 1		
TWO - 2		
THREE - 2		
FOUR - 4		
A LOT! - 7		
<i>Maxim Lecture Fee</i>		
\$10.00 - 5		
\$15.00 - 5		
\$20.00 - 6		
<i>Willing to travel additional time to a lecture:</i>		
30 min. - 12		
1 hr. - 3		

COMING UP

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.19-20 Abbott's Close-Up Conv.
Colon MI

Mar.19-21 The Magic Convention
Tempe AZ
Ring 55 (Phoenix)
Richard Stites
6001 N. 63rd Ave.
Glendale AZ 85301
(602) 934-2057

March 29 Ring 76 Board Meeting
7:00pm Dave Lane's
7816 Eagle Ridge Drive
San Carlos

March 30 Copperfield TV Special
CBS (Channel 8) 8:00pm

April 12 Ring 76 Meeting
La Mesa American Legion
(Regular meeting room)
Pre-Meeting 6:30pm
Dales' Black Art
Discussion & Demo
Meeting 7:30pm
Theme TBA

Apr. 15-17 Hank Lee's Cape Cod
Conclave
Cape Cod MA
Hank Lee's Magic Factory
PO Box 789
Medford MA 02155
(617) 482-8749

Apr 30 - David Copperfield
May 2 Magic for the 90's
Civic Theatre, San diego
236-6510 or 278-TIXS

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