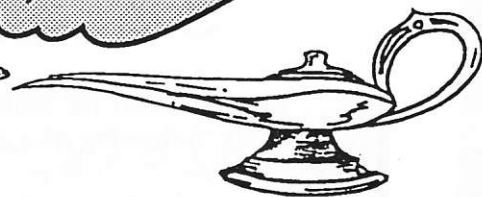


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nother month, another lecture and best of all, it was free (to all Ring 76 members). Steve Fearson's lecture had some really neat inventions. I still think his Floating Cigarette is the niftiest and most animated floating effect out there. If you missed it and would like to see it, let me know. I use it all the time. (Maybe not as good as Steve, but it will give you the idea.) I hope those of you who were there got something out of this lecture. My philosophy is: I don't expect to be able to use everything from a lecture, but if I can get just one useful tidbit, then the lecture was worth the price.

The Desert Magic Seminar was a lot of fun. Many unique things happened - too numerous to mention them all. If you'd like to hear more about it, San Diego had quite a few attendees: Rick Waterhouse, Mark Flores, Dick and Julie Dale, Greg Wausson, Bob Ingalls, Tom and Carol Ann LaChance, Sherry Luft, Jack White and Lynn Stedd, Stacey Mackenzie, Gary Salisbury and Josef and Julie Rennleitner. (If I left anyone out, I apologize.)

At the Seminar there were a lot of discussions, both official and spontaneous, about ethics. If you read any of the trade magazines, i.e. *MAGIC*, *LINKING RING*, etc., there have been numerous articles on ethics (with more to come, Ed.). I suggest you read them if you don't want to be hated by your fellow magicians. In months to come I will be talking and writing more on this subject.

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LAST MEETING or what you missed

by Tom LaChance

Ring 76 held its March meeting on the Monday following the Stevens Desert Magic Seminar. Forty-three members and two guests arrived for a lecture by Steve Fearson, one of the outstanding performers at the Seminar. President Jeff Marcus presided over a very brief business session covering the new schedule for Ring 76 meetings. Jeff also announced that Brad Burt's Magic Shop will now be giving a 10% discount to all current members of both Ring 76 and IBM International. Then Dick Dale, representing the sixteen members of Ring 76 who attended the Desert Seminar, gave a brief rundown of that event. If you attended, you know what a great time it was. If you couldn't attend this year, make your plans now to attend next year. Then it was on to the lecture.

Mr. Fearson was excellent at the seminar, and although contractual arrangements made him unable to demonstrate his show-stopping levitation effect, he did perform the rest of his close-up act and answered all questions we had about it. The act includes his "floating cigarette" and "rising card case" effects which are eerie to watch. Both demonstrate Mr. Fearson's clever and innovative approach to magic.

As he performed some of his other effects, Mr. Fearson also spent a good deal of time explaining his views on misdirection and audience management. These, along with some bits of business from a working professional, really made the lecture a great learning experience. He definitely has some fresh ideas on the performance of magic.

Fielding questions from the audience led Mr. Fearson into a very informative discussion of his watch stealing technique (with a few humorous notes on the subject thrown in). He followed with a quick demonstration and explanation of his cigarette manipulation. .

Following the lecture, Mr. Fearson had many items and notes/pamphlets for sale, sending us away with new effects to work on and new thoughts to digest.

BOARD MEETING

By Tom LaChance

The April Board meeting was held at David Lane's house and attended by Dick & Julie Dale, Sherry Luft, Jeff Marcus, Rick Waterhouse, Mark Flores, Dick Bush, Dave Lane and Tom LaChance. Rick led off the meeting with his proposal for a Ring 76 Magic Show. He's come up with a very interesting and different theme that should excite our membership. He will be discussing the idea at the upcoming Ring meeting. You'll want to be sure to attend as we need your thoughts on this project.

The upcoming meeting will also be your first opportunity to renew your Ring 76 dues. The amount needed is \$18.00. If you pay as you enter you can avoid the long lines that form at the end of the meeting. All dues must be paid by the May meeting to maintain your Ring 76 membership.

Dick Bush has reserved the recreation center at the mobile home park where he lives for a day-long Ring 76 picnic on Sunday, August 29th. The Board met there last month. The place is really nice, so be sure to keep that day open on your calendar.

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The April meeting should be one you won't want to miss. Along with Rick's show ideas, the Dales will be presenting a pre-meeting discussion and demo of black art. Due to the success of Jeff Marcus' card teach-in, the full meeting theme will be a silk magic teach-in. Bring your silks, thumb tips, dye tubes, questions to ask and moves and routines to show. We will be splitting up into groups and teachers will move from group to group. All are invited to share ideas and anyone wishing to teach or perform is encouraged to do so.

The next board meeting will be Monday, April 26 at the Marcus' home at 10513 Kerrigan Court in Santee.

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It is near and dear to not only my heart, but the hearts of other working professional magicians as well - *most* of whom care about ethics and morals.

This may not seem important to hobbyists, but it actually affects us all in some way. For example, many Ring members have asked why *MAGICURRENTS* has discontinued the column about who is performing where. Well, some disgusting people have actually used that list to find places to send their promo packages to in order to undercut the price and replace the resident performer. This is totally unethical and immoral.

Because this upsets the affected performers, they have asked that this pertinent information no longer be published. This unfortunately results in the membership not knowing where to go in San Diego to see magic! We need to discuss this - maybe a panel discussion? More about it later. Don't forget, Ring meetings are now on the *second* Tuesday of the month (April 12), but we'll have our regular room.



This month, if there's time, maybe Rick Waterhouse will attempt his psychic photography experiment. Should be interesting!

BITS 'N PIECES

Better late than never! Kudos to Ring 76 member Jack White, longtime Channel 10 anchor-reporter and restaurant critic, for his first Emmy award. He received it for his part in Channel 10's coverage of last year's Baja solar eclipse.

Fighting Fire with Fire. With the recent enforcement against flash products, it is the consensus that magicians are being treated unfairly. Carefully igniting a small sheet of flash paper is not the same as a major fireworks display that requires licenses and permits. Here's how this unfairness can be fought. Write to the following:

David Walizer
Assistant State Fire Marshal
7171 Bowling Drive, Suite 600
Sacramento, California 95823

Day of Magic. Ring 21 will host their annual function on Saturday, June 26 at the UCLA campus in Westwood, seven miles west of the Magic Castle. Tentative lecturers are Michael Lair, Vito Lupo, John Carney, Karrell Fox, John Bannon, Marvin Roy, Jon Racherbaumer, Jerry Camarro and Milt Larsen. The day also includes workshops, dealers, raffle prizes, an Italian gourmet dinner and much, much more. Registration prior to May 15 costs \$65.00 and after, \$75.00. Make your check payable to I.B.M. Ring 21 and mail to:

Bob Weiss
7027 Lanewood Avenue #505
Hollywood, CA 90028-7076
(213) 463-2099

COMING UP

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 - Silk Teach-in

Apr 26 Ring 76 Board Meeting
 7:00pm The Marcus'
 10513 Kerrigan Ct., Santee

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 20 - World Magic Summit
 May 2 Bethesda, MD
 Collectors' Workshop
 featuring Blackstone,
 Anderson, Ammar,
 Tamariz, Wonder, etc.

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

May 6-8 Magic Collectors
 Covington, KY
 Venture III 106 Main St.
 Milford, OH 45150
 (513) 248-1666

May 10 Ring 76 Meeting
 La Mesa American Legion
 (Regular meeting room)
 Pre-Meeting 6:30pm
 JP's Collectables
 Meeting 7:30pm
 Theme - Card Magic
 Teach-in

June 1 Ring 76 Board Meeting
 7:00pm Sherry Luft's
 3760 Florida St. #208
 San Diego, CA 92104

June 12 Magic Castle Swap Meet
 7001 Franklin Avenue
 Hollywood, CA 90028
 Reservations required for
 sellers

June 26 IBM Ring 21
 A Day of Magic

June 30- IBM International
 July 3 Convention
 Quebec City, Canada

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