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President's Message

This will be a fairly brief message as I know you want to spend most of your time practicing for the Stand-up Contest. Nine people have given Dick Dale their names as performers in the Stand-up Contest. Please check with Dick to see if we've added your name and forgot to tell you. Nah, I wouldn't do a thing like that. If you are even a little tempted, and you know you are, sign up. Good Luck.

The nominating committee of Sherry Luft, Gabe Travers and Jeff Marcus will present a slate of potential officers to the membership and voting will take place at our next meeting. If you are interested in being a Ring 76 Officer please contact the nominating committee. So far the Slate of Officers reads as follows:

Gary Schwartzwald
– President

Dick Dale
– Vice President of Entertainment

Tom La Chance
– Vice President of Membership

Don Soul
– Secretary

Julie Dale
– Treasurer

Ralph Mauzy

– Sergeant at Arms

Paul Thomey
– Member at Large.

Besides voting in new (?) officers at our June meeting, you will have the opportunity to vote for the Ring 76 Stand-up Magician of the Year, have your last vote for Ring 76 Entertainer of the Year, and very importantly vote for the Ring 76 Member of the Year. There are many deserving members so please think ahead as to who you think should be our Member of the Year. All awards will be presented at our July Installation event at Jack White's Magic Place. It should be a great evening. Dinner, a show by Max Howard, and an Awards Ceremony all for \$15 per Adult. Children pay their age, so bring a lot of 16 and 17 year olds.

See you at the Stand-up Contest.

Gary S

THIS MONTH'S MEETING WILL CONSIST SOLELY OF THE STAND-UP CONTEST AND THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS. THIS IS ONE MEETING EVERYONE REALLY NEEDS TO ATTEND. BE SURE YOU'RE THERE!

As you know, the officer's installation banquet will be held July 13th starting at 6:30pm at Jack White's Magic Museum, 4275 University Ave. In order to get an accurate head count for the caterers, **WE NEED YOUR HELP! Reservations are required to attend.** The price is \$15 per person with children under 15 years old being charged their age. Send your check for you, your family and guests to Julie Dale to qualify your reservation. Although an at-the-door price of \$20 will be in effect for those who cannot get their reservation to Julie in time, there is no guarantee you'll be fed so make sure you get your reservations in **NOW!**

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MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS should be sent to the club treasurer, Julie Dale. All Ring 76 members must be members in good standing with the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

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Ring 76 May Meeting

by Don Soul, secretary

The May meeting was another "hands on" success as we opened with a round robin teach-in. At the four teaching stations were **Jeff Smith, Tom La Chance, Don Soul** and **Paul Thomey** who offered instruction on the Faro shuffle, ropes and cards. Among the 25 or so members this evening were two visitors - **Augie Arnstein** from the Washington, DC ring and **Kim Long**, who joined the I.B.M. while in Japan. After the instruction period, **Gabe Travers**, acting on behalf of the nominating committee, presented the nominations for officer positions for the pending election. President **Gary Schwartzwald** then publicly thanked **Rick Bruce's** junior magic group, A.C.E.S., for helping to entertain at a recent

banquet for Gary's place of employment. **Josef Rennleitner** then asked that we observe a few moments of silence in honor of the recent passing of Karrell Fox. Then it was onto the entertainment portion of the meeting.

This year's final officer pass-the-mat presentation aimed at Don Soul who offered his own creation: stacking a fresh deck of cards into the Si Stebbins set-up using only two Faro shuffles. **Diane Lane's** selected and unseen card which she reversed in the deck was compared to a reversed card in Don's (invisible) deck and they matched. Don is offering to reveal the stack to a Ring 76 bid at a Linking Ring Parade soon.

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Ring 76 May Board Meeting

This month's meeting was held at **Don Soul's** home and attending were **Dick and Julie Dale, Tom La Chance, Tom Kasner, Gary Schwartzwald** and **Don Soul**. The meeting primarily consisted of finalization of the installation banquet including the procurement of award plaques and caterer and a review of **Rick Bruce's** plans for the October public show.

With **Tom Kasner** stepping down as a board member and in possession of the library, he suggested another board member be custodian. **Don Soul** volunteered.

Treasurer **Julie Dale** reported that Ring 76 funds stand at \$832.46. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

About Ring 76...

- Members must be at least 12 years old
- Non-members may attend three Ring 76 meetings at no charge (except for special events)
- Local dues are \$20 per year (under 18 years is \$10)
- Membership in the IBM international organization is required. IBM dues are \$40 the first year. You will then receive "The Linking Ring" magazine, one of magic's best publications.
- Prospective members are required to perform a five-minute magic audition at a Ring 76 meeting.
- Ring 76 members receive the monthly MagiCurrents newsletter and may attend all monthly meetings at no charge.

Ring 76 Mental Magic Night



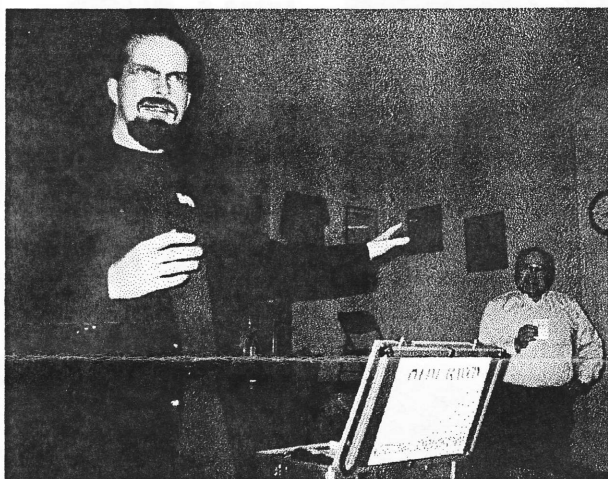
Gary Dismukes can't decide whether to give Bill Monroe the card or to take it.



Out-of-towner Augie Arnstein demonstrates West Virginia poker.



Did anyone explain the American Legion Hall fire codes to Gabe Travers?



It would appear spooky mentalist, Mini Raven (Paul Thomey), has shrunk our visitor, Augie.



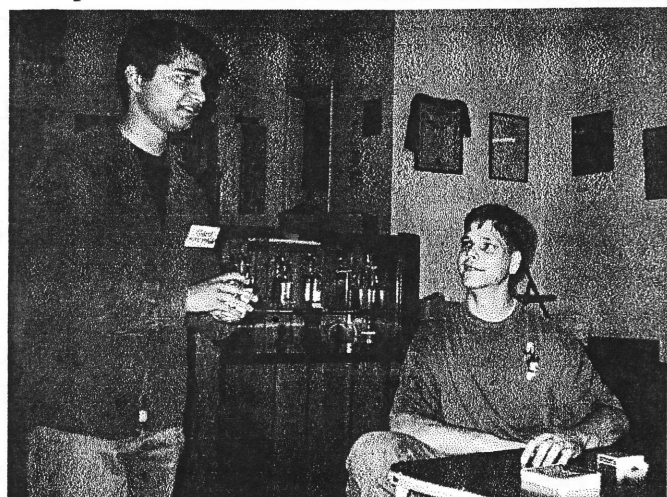
Gary Dismukes attempts to cut the deck using a judo chop.



No, this really isn't a musical tribute to Frank Sinatra by Jeff Smith.



"I have a splitting headache," says Rick Bruce, "What should I do?" Debbie Travers replied, "Just keep looking up at the ceiling."



Card sharp Sumit Dua tries to fool card sharp Bill Monroe.

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Ring 76 May Meeting

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This evening's theme was Mental Magic and everyone who participated offered something from that genre. **Bill Monroe** started off with a selected card shown to be reversed in a boxed deck of cards then gave us a psychometry effect using four half dollars and a copper English penny. He was able to divine who was holding the copper coin in his tightly-clenched fist. Gabe Travers next did a Bank Night routine then delighted us with a humorous center tear, with the assistance of **Jeff Marcus**. **Sumit Dua**, longtime admirer of the magic of Guy Hollingworth, showed us a spelling trick using two decks of cards. **Jeff Smith** then asked someone to concentrate on a number from one to 1,000 as he wrote something on a pad of paper. Announcing his number to the audience, the response was "NO", which was exactly what was written on the pad! Amazing. He then asked a person to concentrate on any country in Europe. Unbelievably, Jeff was right on with what he'd written on his pad. (Gotta get

one of those pads!).

Mental magician Rick Bruce took center stage next and asked Gabe's mother, **Debbie Travers**, to think of an elementary school friend's name, write it on a small billet, place it in a coin envelope and seal it. He then asked **Roy Armstrong** to think of a pet's name from his childhood and seal his information in the same manner. Lastly, he asked Diane Lane to draw a simple shape on a piece of paper and seal it. His mental impressions were surprisingly accurate, missing only one of the three secret bits of information. Then the spotlight fell on a special guest for the evening, Mini Raven (Paul Thomey) who bore an uncanny resemblance to Phil Goldstein's alter ego. Mini shocked us with an incredible book test followed by an excellent card divination, all the while hawking his new book for sale in the lobby.

Visitor Augie Arnstein surprised us by coming up to show us how they play poker in West Virginia. The



Diane Lane, left, helps Don Soul perform his pass-the-mat trick.

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jokers he displayed to us, thinking he'd win the game since he thought jokers are wild, changed to all aces when he was told that jokers were low cards and aces were high. Augie followed this with a Dream Vacation one-ahead which used a clever equivoque technique many of us will file away for future use. Closing the evening was **Gary Dis-mukes** who, with **Julie Dale** and Augie as assistants, had the two take a small packet of ESP Rhine cards, shuffle them then, while his back was turned, swap one card with each other. He was able to prove that he knew which card each had swapped into their decks. Great trick. As usual, the end of the meeting put the audience on the spot as, once again, we had to submit our secret ballot as to who turned in the best performance of the evening. The winner will be given a special award, Entertainer of the Year, at the July installation banquet based on the accumulated tally of previous meeting votes.

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AT THE CASTLE

What's Happening

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| June 8 | 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa
theme: Stand-Up contest |
| June 22 | 7:00 pm Board meeting
Gary Schwartzwald's home |
| July 13 | 6:30 pm Jack White's Magic Museum
Annual officer installation banquet |
| July 27 | 7:00 pm Board meeting
Tom La Chance's home |

June 15 - 21	June 22 - 28	June 29 - July 5
CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Barry Price Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Michael Forbes	CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Paul Green Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Dylan Sardo	CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Whit Haydn Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Johnny Ace Palmer
PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Brandon Scott Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Dick Barry	PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Larry Clark Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Fitzgerald	PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Lisa Meuna Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Martin Lewis
PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Glenn Falkenstein Frances Willard Joe Fleming	PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Michael Grassie Franz Harary & Co	PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Joe Monti Enrico De La Vega Junge, Junge
SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 J.C. Dunn	SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 Trissia Baughman	SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 David Groves

Lectures (for magician members only)

Until further notice, lectures will be held on Sundays at 2:30 PM, in the Parlour.

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| May 31 | Fenik | This will be a lecture on the fine art of close-up card magic by one of Mexico's finest card men. Fenik studied under the late Larry Jennings and has recently written a book on the subject. |
| June 7 | Dan Jordan | Dan is a children's performer. He will discuss how to create a show, utilize old props for new effects, discuss how to handle problems with kids/parents and the right way to book children's shows. |
| June 14 | Fred Hershberger | Fred is known as "The Balloon Dude." He recently won first prize gold medal at the World Clown Association. He is a superb artist and will demonstrate and teach you how to create super balloon sculptures. |
| June 28 | Mark Jenest | Mark will lecture on original close-up magic with the emphasis on highly commercial routines incorporating the use of "natural" props. This material is featured in his new video "Miracles while you wait." |