



MAGICCURRENTS

President's Message

Over the past year I have seen a variety of lectures through Ring 76, at the IBM Convention this summer and by independently sponsored lectures. Although I rarely 'perform' magic, I do listen to these lecturers with several points of view in mind. I try my best to think as a performer, I readily listen as a audience member, and most intently I listen as a presenter because I often do present to groups. It is interesting to me to compare the advice and ideas of a variety of lecturers. A few examples of what I heard follows. Hopefully my memory somewhat matches what the lecturers meant, or at least what they said.

When asked how to be successful and get booked to the shows you want to do Paul Green and Bob Markwood suggested only allow yourself to be booked for the type of shows you want to do at the fee you would like to be paid. If you don't want to be viewed as a children's magician, then don't do kids shows. On the other hand Jeff McBride said get booked doing anything you can including volunteer shows, just make sure you get publicity. McBride talked about the trickster and that we shouldn't present ourselves as having magical or mystical powers. Max Howard on the other hand expressed that we have made a great mistake and

done an injustice to ourselves by not convincing the public that we do have magical powers and of course we can read their minds. Please contact Rick Bruce for further details on this view. Yes, he knows who will call. There are many more successful magicians, lecturers and people who will give you contradictory advice.

Peter Pit once said something like find some honest people who will tell you the best parts of you as an entertainer and as a person and then put those traits forward as much as possible. Sort of a, go with your strengths, put your best foot forward, and to thy own self be true type of thing. This advice shouldn't be limited to performing and I do think this is probably some of the hardest advice to take because it is less of an act and takes quite a bit of internal honesty. Good luck.

GHOULISH GARY

THE OCTOBER MEETING BRINGS US ONE OF OUR FAVORITE PEOPLE, ALDO COLUMBINI, IN ANOTHER OF HIS FASCINATING PRESENTATIONS AS THE SPOTLIGHT FOCUSES ON DEALER'S NIGHT AT RING 76.

THE PRE-MEETING STARTING AT 6:30, OCTOBER 12TH, WILL BE A LOOK AT THE TREASURES OF LOCAL MAGIC COLLECTORS.

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RING 76 SEPTEMBER MEETING

After a pre-meeting teach-in which included two ring-on-string effects taught by president **Gary Schwartzwald** and an explanation of Slydini's rope count from Professor's Nightmare as shown by vice president **Dick Dale**, our Comedy night of magic began.

Treasurer **Julie Dale** was put on the spot to kick off this year's first board member pass-the-mat trick. Referring to June Horowitz, Julie presented an interesting card location routine where the cards from the top and bottom of the deck magically find their mates buried somewhere in the pack. Next to perform was **Charlie Norris** who demonstrated how a rope can be tied in a knot without

letting go of either end. Following this, **Dick Dale** did a take off of **Jeff Marcus'** masterpiece Helping Hand Kitchen Gadget Pitchman. Next, **Mike Bennett** offered many variations of cut and restored rope, finishing with the longest rope every made being pulled from shirt sleeves and pants cuffs.

Diane Lane, sans Snickerdoodle garb, entertained us with a water vanish, sponge ball that turns into a cube then finally a strange creature, and closed with mis-made American flag ala change bag. **Jeff Marcus** returned to wow us with his hilarious Helping Hand routine and show us how it's *really* supposed to look. Finally, **Jeff**

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RING 76 BOARD MEETING

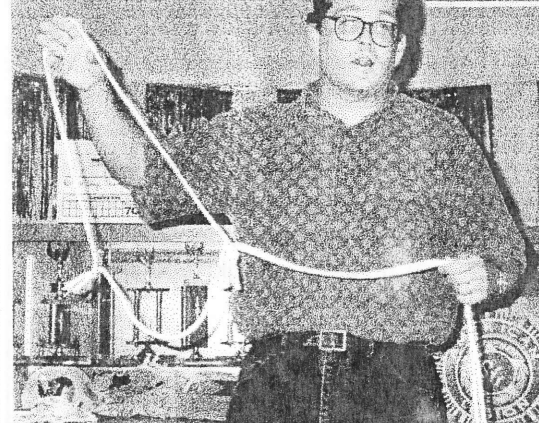
by Don "the Undertaker" Soul, secretary

September's board meeting was held at **Gary Schwartzwald's** home and attending were **Dick** and **Julie Dale**, **Tom La Chance**, **Ralph Mauzy**, **Don Soul** and **Paul Thomey**. Eager to share the recent Ring public show experiences at Sweetwater Springs Community School was Paul, who described the triumphs and pitfalls of the performance given September 24th. Performers included **Mike Stilwell** (who was responsible for promotion the show), **Don Bromley**, **Bill Monroe**, **Paul Thomey**, **Rick Bruce**, **Jeff Smith** and **Josh Hall** with **Tom La Chance** and **Don Soul** as backstage support. Also attend-

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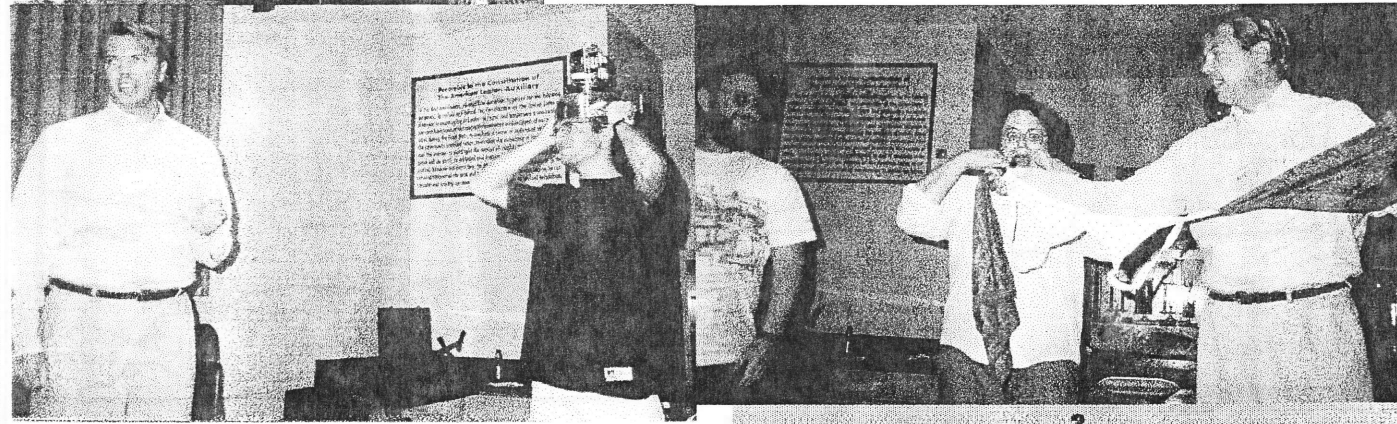
About Ring 76...

- 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.



COMEDY MAGIC NIGHT!

Clockwise, starting top, left: Dick Dale's rope teach-in, Donna Soul assists in Julie Dale's pass-the-mat trick, Dick Dale - "It slices, it dices...", Diane Lane, Jeff Smith surprises Julie Dale as David Lane looks on, Jeff Smith tests his new lie detector on a visiting volunteer, Mike Bennett poses a knotty problem and Charlie Norris demonstrates knot tying. Center, Jeff Marcus is about to nickname Sherry Luft "Lefty".





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Anyone up for a volunteer magi to do a free half hour show? Dates are either October 23, 24 or 31 or November 14, 21, 28 or 29. Seems like just about anyone would have one of those dates open. From what is known, it is most likely for a convalescent home.

If you're interested, give Cindy Baum or Carmen Patterson a call at:

Pleasant Care of San Diego
(619) 277-6460

Here's another one. Magician needed for a variety show in late November or early December. Little or no budget. Performance is for mobile elderly people in their sixties. The location of the event is on Market Street downtown between third and fourth.

Contact Jim Moir at:
(619) 234-4423

According to Jeff McBride, you might benefit from gigs like this.

As mentioned in the minutes of the board meeting on page two, Ring 76 has use of Jack White's Magic Place for our annual pot-luck Christmas dinner and party. As usual, we'd like to showcase our own, talented entertainers that evening after the meal.

So, who's ready, willing and able to get up and perform? Sure, we'll all be bringing food such as entrees, appetizers, soft drinks and deserts which we've toiled over all day but

WE WANNA SEE STARS!!!

Please contact Dick Dale ASAP to let him know you'll be providing us with mystery, magic and mayhem on December 14th.

MISTER BOFFO By Joe Martin



September Meeting

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Smith took the spotlight tying two silks together (they always magically came undone, somehow) then went into 20th Century Silks, with the help of Julie Dale and **David Lane**. He closed by using a lie detector helmet worn by one of our guests and was able to perceive which card the spectator had chosen merely by the helmet's "buzz" each time he lied. The prop was put together by Jeff and **Tom Kasner** and, we understand, will be on the market through Joe Stevens Magic Emporium soon. Watch for it. It's a killer effect.



Ring 76 President Gary Schwartzwald receives the official IBM Ring Recognition award certificate from Territorial Vice President Dick Dale.

September Board Meeting

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ing was **Loch David Crane**, who videotaped the evening. Based on the enthusiasm of those involved with producing the show and the rewarding financial outcome for the Ring treasury (\$240!!!), it was agreed the Ring should pursue, perhaps, three or four of these events per year and leave the marketing up to Mike Stilwell, if he is so inclined. A Ring policy regarding payment, stage security during performances, etc. in the form of an agreement should be generated for Mike to use.

Meeting plans for October, November and December were discussed. **Jack White** has okayed use of his Magic Place for our pot-luck Christmas dinner. Future speakers for either Ring-sponsored lectures or the remaining free-to-members lecture were reviewed. Dick and Don will attempt to find quality magis.

Next, **Tom Kasner's** bill for services during the previous administration was debated with the result

that he should receive reimbursement payment with regard to materials statements submitted to Julie to this point. The approximate total was \$35. Dick then moved on to announce he'd like someone to photograph the two publicity proclamations he's arranged near the middle of the month of October in honor of Magic Week. Ralph will attempt to offer support.

Officer's reports: Julie announced a treasury of \$696 and Tom stated a membership of 56. Gary would like to see that figure soar to 100 before the next election. Ralph requested that a new set of badges be fabricated, which he is willing to undertake, and the board agreed. Don was notified by Gary that **Greg Wauson** will publish the February issue of MagiCurrents since Don will be out of town during the editing and publication process.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

The new,
improved Ring 76
website is online.

Want to see plenty of
pics and a great promo
for our group? Then
you've got to visit
[CMSS.LIMAX.COM/
RING76 /RING76.HTM](http://CMSS.LIMAX.COM/RING76/RING76.HTM).

Thanks to the diligence
of Tom Kasner, you're
in for a treat when you
visit our site. Archived
pictures galore.
Find out what the Ring
is all about by
getting on the web
NOW. Links to many
magical sites are also
listed. Be sure to let
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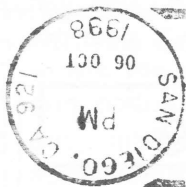
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Magicians



AT THE CASTLE

What's Happening

- October 12 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa
theme: Dealer's night w/Aldo Columbini
pre-meeting: Collector's corner
- October 25-31 County-wide Magic Week
- November 2 7:00 pm Board meeting
Dick & Julie Dale's home
- November 9 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa
theme: Mentalism/mental magic
pre-meeting: Rubber band teach-in
- November 23 7:00 pm Board meeting
Dick & Julie Dale's home
- December 14 6:30 pm Christmas pot-luck Dinner
Jack's Magic Place

October 19 - 25	Oct 26 - Nov 1	November 2 - 8
CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Larry Clark Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Doug Brewer	CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Bruce Cervon Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 John Carney	CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Mark Haslam Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 John George
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Lectures

(for magician members only)

Lectures are normally held at 3:00 P.M. in the Parlour, however, this Sunday, Peter Pit's lecture will be held in the Palace of Mystery, and probably a little later due to the last Palace show.

- Oct 4 Peter Pit Peter's lecture was one of the highlights of the recent IBM convention. His lecture is entitled "Method and Magic" and deals with just about everything one should know about performing.
- Oct 11 Pete Biro Pete says that with the present generation of magicians the new stuff is in fact, the oldest stuff. He will present Parlour and Stage Items, showing how to THINK OUT better ways to present your effects.
- Oct 25 Marcelo Contento Marcelo's lecture will cover both Close-up and Parlour Magic including some seldom-seen moves. He will demonstrate his Cups and Balls routine and some other published, some marketed effects.
- Nov 1 Dennis Marks Dennis will be lecturing on mentalism and original card and coin items in print, from the Tarbell course to Harry Lorayne's books. He will also discuss and take questions regarding "Magic and Television."