



President's Message

A few Saturdays ago several Ring members and most of the Board ended up at Magicopolis in Santa Monica. It is a seven-month-old magic club owned and developed by Steve Spill. We were fortunate enough to see a great close-up show by Bob Sheets and then an unbelievable stage show by Jeff McBride. Sheets is a regular at Magicopolis. If you are heading to the Santa Monica area and want to see magic in a terrific venue, head to Magicopolis. It was designed for viewing magic and the design works. Call now at 310-451-2241.

Of course, you may want to wait until you win the Stand-up Contest before you call up to Magicopolis. With a Stand-up Contest victory under your belt, you may out shine McBride. Contact Dick Dale to enter the contest and take on the defending titleholder ShamanDon. Good luck, don't hesitate and the winner will be announced at the July Installation event which, by the way, should be great. Details to follow.

Our membership and Treasury both looks stronger than they have in the recent past and I thank you. If you have not rejoined, and there are only a few of you, please hurry. Remember you probably know someone who would like to be in a magic club. Let them know about us.

I'll see you Monday night. It should be an interesting pre-meeting and an entertaining meeting. Bring your money and show us some magic.

Gary S

**MONEY!
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That's the theme of this month's meeting. First off, the pre-meeting entertainment will consist of a History of Cards presented by Jack Evans and Chris Portillo. You'll enjoy this fascinating journey back in time.

The theme for the meeting will be money magic. This includes coins and paper money - perhaps even some origami thrown in? If you'd like to perform your Raven, Scotch and Soda, coin assembly or new ideas you picked up from the Rune Klan lecture recently, please show it off for us this Monday evening, May 10th, starting at 6:30 at the La Mesa American Legion Hall at 8118 University Ave.

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April Meeting

by Don Soul, secretary

April is our Ring dues night and what a turn out we had to attend the lecture given by Whit Haydn. Before the lecture, Ring business included the selection of three members - **Debbie Travers, Roy Armstrong** and **Sherri Luft** - to be our nominating committee for the June election of officers. **Craig Stone** also made an announcement that Chad Long will be lecturing in San Diego on May 25th. With that, our lecture began.

Mr. Haydn's topic featured his experiences as a street performer - a tough grind. He listed how to attract an audience, what to perform and how to control the crowd and keep your props and pass-the-hat donations from disappearing. Stars like Whit, Harry Anderson and others started out as street performers and now we know what they went through.

Whit then gave us his well-tested lecture - Fast and Loose - one which was both informative and entertaining. The name of the lecture comes from his "endless chain" routine which can be a street hustle, part of a close-up routine or performed in trade shows. However, this demonstration came at the conclusion of the lecture. Haydn started with a clever ESP bit called "The Impromptu Card Code" and it is killer magic. With no previous coaching between performer and audience assistant, the assistant could accurately identify cards randomly chosen by Whit! Believe it or not, even a blind assistant can look like a magician using this code. For his next effect he honored Dai Vernon by explaining the psychological structure of Vernon's Brain Wave presentation. It is so convincing one would swear that ESP was working.

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Board Meeting

by Don Soul, secretary

The April 26th board meeting was held at the home of **Don Soul** and attending were **Gary Schwartzwald, Tom La Chance, Paul Thomey, Dick Dale, Julie Dale** and **Ralph Mauzy**. After a quick review of the May regular meeting agenda, Gary asked Dick for a count of Stand-Up contest participants. Only Don Soul was on the list so Paul was urged to perform, too. Let's hope more challengers try to capture the award at the June contest.

After an evaluation of possible Installation Banquet performers, it was determined that Gary would attempt to secure Bob Sheets as the headliner. In lieu of that, Dick will work on getting either Sylvester the Jester or Loren C. Michaels, depending upon

availability. The American Legion Hall still seems to be our banquet facility with a Hawaiian luau as the menu provided by Ranch Catering.

Next, it was mentioned that veteran Ring 76 member **Mike Stilwell** is ailing and had just come home from the hospital. The board decided to express their wish for a speedy recovery to Mike with the involvement of the members. Therefore, a card will be circulated at the May regular meeting.

A rough draft of a Ring 76 Policy manual (based on the Ring One manual) to guide future board members was presented to Dick Dale by Don Soul for editing. The manual should be completed in time for the new administration in July. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



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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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April Meeting

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The Chicago Opener, which relies heavily on multiple lifts, became the Chicago Surprise as Whit embellished the routine with his own contributions. As Whit puts it, "This is one of the strongest card tricks I do for laymen." Just as his other effects, this is impressive magic. Closing with Fast and Loose, the chain swindle in which the performer can never lose (unless he wants to), he offered to include with the sale of his lecture notes what might be called the "ultimate" working of this trick. Having seen it performed several times by Charles Greene III in a trade

show environment, your secretary can assure the performer that this one trick alone is well worth the \$10 paid for the lecture notes.

Also on the entertainment agenda was his fascinating 4-Ring Linking routine and The Mongolian Drop-Knot, both crowd-pleasers at the Magic Castle. Always ready to answer questions and give advice backed by 30+ years of experience, Whit Haydn's lecture was very well received and the information we gathered will be treasured forever. Thanks, Whit.

Ring 313 in Irvine has an Aldo Colombini lecture scheduled in June and a Michael Ammar lecture for August. Call Larry Krasny at (818) 783-9557 if you're interested.

The I.B.M. national convention takes place in Little Rock, AK beginning June 30th. Contact Dave Sandy, P.O. Box 8573, St. Joseph, MO, 64508.

The West Coast Wizards magic camp in Idyllwild, CA for kids 10 - 16 will be August 1st thru 7th. Speak to Don Soul for details.

Photos: Right - One of these two is standing on a chair. Is it Don Bromley or Sumit Dua? Below - For those who know, no explanation is necessary. For those who don't know, no one will tell.



STAND-UP CONTEST

NEXT MONTH!

Go after this coveted award by signing up with Dick Dale NOW. If you weren't in the Close-Up contest in January, here's your chance to pick up the remaining prize. Let's have a full evening of magic at the June competition!

The Ring 76 website is online. Want to see plenty of pics and a great promo for our group? Want to find out what's in our library? Then visit

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Find out what Ring 76 is all about by getting on the web now! Links to many magical sites are also listed.

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.

at the Magic Castle

May 17 - 23	May 24 - 30	May 31 - June 6
CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Ed Ellis Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Martin Nash PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 The Falkensteins Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Jeff Martin PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Martin Lewis Myrtina The Fabulous Valentis SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 Jeff Martin	CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 R. Paul Wilson Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Andrew Winhurst PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Handsome Jack Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Whit Hayden PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Kerry Pollock Amos Levkovich Michael Grandinetti SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 Blake Maxam	CLOSE-UP GALLERY Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Len Reid Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Whit Hayden PARLOUR Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Maryna Roy Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Brandon Scott PALACE of MYSTERY 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 George Sateriale Jody Baran & Co SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 Bill Perron

Lecture Schedule for magician members only

Lectures are normally held at 3:00 P.M. on Sundays, in the Parlour

May 2	B. J. Hickman	This busy professional is from New Hampshire and specializes in family magic shows for all ages. He will share some 'tricks of the trade' in working with children as well as ideas on the importance of injecting lots of humor into his shows.
May 9	Simo Aalto	Simo comes to us all the way from Finland! This will be his first visit to the Magic Castle, where he will both perform and lecture for us. He came in a very close second place at the last FISM convention and should delight our close-up magic enthusiasts.
May 16	J. Paul Moore (Alfie)	A playful romp through some legendary saloons with the ancient and noble art of bushing. Excellent for the strolling or "house magician" and a must for every salesperson. Supplement your income or quit your job. Strong emphasis on patter.
May 23	Ed Ellis	Ed is from Phoenix and his lecture will be principally on card magic. He has performed professionally for many years and has some original ideas on color changes and productions. He will be selling his video tape of original card work.
May 30	Andrew Winhurst	Andrew is a card expert from Australia. His card work centers primarily on gambling effects. He portrays himself as a sophisticated card hustler. Earlier this year he published a set of lecture notes, "Down Under Deals" which has been very well received.

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GO FOR IT! SIGN-UP FOR THE JUNE STAND-UP CONTEST NOW!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 10th American Legion Hall-La Mesa 6:30 pm
theme: money tricks
pre-meeting: the history of cards

May 24th Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Dick and Julie Dale's home

June 14th American Legion Hall-La Mesa 6:30 pm
theme: Stand-Up contest
Board election

June 28th Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Dick and Julie Dale's home

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