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June 8 Meeting Photo Highlights



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Thanks to the many performers who shared their magic at the June 8 meeting! Here's some photo highlights.



Terry Lunceford



Mago Ruly



Charlie Gott



Bob Meigs

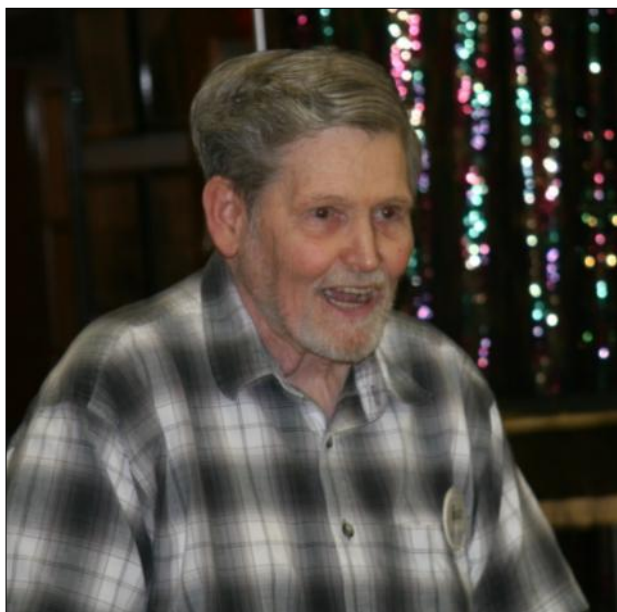
Photo Highlights (continued)



Jeff Marcus and Arlene Moskowitz



Jack White and Terry Lunceford



Bob Pozner



Jeff Pearson



1. Brave rookie **Timmy Qafiti** takes the stage for the first time.

The Veteran and the Rookie: A Story In Pictures

The timeless ritual of magic evolution was captured on film at the June 8 IBM Ring 76 meeting.



2. He asks Ring 76 President **Terry Lunceford** to pick a card.



3. Dad watches from the sidelines, hoping for the best.



4. Timmy struggles for a moment, then...



5. He reveals the chosen card. Success!



6. The Veteran takes notice.

The Veteran (continued)



7. After the meeting, a session ensues, as Terry cuts loose.



8. A crowd gathers to watch the fun, and Terry reels them in.





From the Editor:

Martin Lewis headlines July 12

Martin Lewis, the international magic celebrity, inventor and award winner, will be the featured entertainment at the IBM Ring 76 Awards Banquet this weekend. Somehow, President **Terry Lunceford** convinced the English wondermaker to visit San Diego on July 12 and share his magic at Cottonwood Golf Course in El Cajon.

Martin is a 3-time award winner from the Academy of Magical Arts. He just wrapped up a 41-city lecture tour, where he travelled more than 12,000 miles and drew rave reviews from the toughest critics in the world—fellow magicians. Tricks from his book “Martin’s Miracles” were featured in David Copperfield’s 1991 and 1994 television specials.

As a special surprise to Ring 76 members, Martin promises to perform his entire night club act, the same show he performs on cruise ships around the world. Did you know Martin opened for stars like Robin Williams, Debbie Reynolds, and Harry Anderson? Now you can see why. This show will be great for all family members, even non-magicians. To get reservations, call **Richard Ustick** 619-589-1913. Do it now! Available seats are going fast.

San Diego’s own **Jack White** was one of the stars of the International Brotherhood of Magicians convention in Nashville, Tennessee. He made magic history July 1 when he was inducted as International President of the world’s largest magic club.

Describing the ceremony in “Magic New Zealand”, **Maria Ibanez** said, “Today was also the day of the banquet where the gavel and regalia was passed on to the new International President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians during a very lovely ceremony. Jack White looked, as he always does, very debonair up on stage as he received the gavel and accepted the chain which he will now wear for a year as he represents the Brotherhood and its many members and rings around the world. He and his wife were indeed very Presidential looking on that stage. Congratulations to them both and

a magical year ahead as they deserve.”

Another local star, **J.C. Wagner** from Coronado, was a featured lecturer as well. Those who went said it was a great time. Next year, the international convention comes to San Diego!



Michael E. Johnson



David Di Donato, Jacob Papapietro, Sidney Franklin and Skyler King



Review by Joel A. Moskowitz, M.D.

ShellRaiser - Magic With An Expanded Shell Staring Troy Hooser Offered by Royal Magic (Fun Inc.) for \$25.00

A TROY ounce is a traditional unit of gold weight. But no gold coins here. TROY is also the legendary city and center of the Trojan War (remember Homer?).

We don't learn what motivated Troy's parents to choose his name. Wonder if he ever thought of using "golden" coins and telling a "story" about how his name was "chosen." This writer admires quirky connections and Troy might have made some capital about the Trojan Horse story and weave it into one of his coin effects. Maybe next time...or not.

What Troy does present and what he carefully explains are ten effects with coins. He uses the expanded half dollar shell supplied with the DVD. Let's get the negative aspects out of the way. The shell is not the most convincing and it is tight on the real coins. The industrious coin worker might want to use the supplied shell in the process of study but when it comes to performing, a more realistic and functional shell might have to be acquired. Although many routines are "classic," even a novice will find something to learn about misdirection, subtlety, and techniques (i.e. transpositions, vanishes and conversions).

He begins with a Two-Coin Vanish that simply consists of sliding the true coin into the shell while making believe that a coin is taken. Troy respects that some who are viewing the video may be left-handed and he presents both versions. The Coin and Phone effect is reminiscent of Al Goshman who was the master at getting a coin under an ash tray or whiskey glass. Troy loads under the cell phone from a finger-palmed coin. He adds a Chinese coin (not supplied) to widen the mystery. This then is labeled an International Version. A three-coin production and Coins thru the table employs a lapped coin and further finger palming.

To make the moves easier to follow, Troy has attached a bit of tape to the surface of the shell coin. A coin and pen trick is named Silver Ink. Required are two coins and an expanded shell, as well as a Bic Pen. The latter is "a magic wand" and from the cap (a concealed coin being in the finger palm position), the coin is made to seemingly come out of the cap. Any spectator who will believe that the coin was ever in the cap can be a candidate for a Bernie Madoff swindle.

One to Four and Barehand Matrix again utilize a coin on the leg and another finger palmed but an additional maneuver is the migration of a coin beneath the thenar eminence (fancy medical term for the ball of the thumb). Wiggling the fingers, while moving diagonally with the coin pressed below the base of thumb, is supposed to deceive the spectator. Patience and practice are the key requirements for all this wizardry.

Coins Across provides an opportunity for the magician to make the spectator part of the show where one aspect has the spectator discover he has more coins than he thought in his mitt. Brass and Silver is a misnomer for an effect where a Chinese coin (buy it from your favorite magic dealer) and an English penny (not brass but copper which you, Troy says, may get from a box of junk coins allegedly

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Magic News Briefs

July is a great month for magic in libraries. **Joe Mystic** performs July 1 at Lincoln Acres Library; **Loch David Crane** July 14 at Crest Library; and **Craig Stone** July 22 at Bonita-Sunnyside Library, July 23 at Fallbrook Library, July 29 at Lemon Grove Library and San Diego Central Library, and July 30 at Solana Beach Library.

Dick Dale teaches magic camp at Palomar College in San Marcos, through the College for Kids program, with sessions July 6 -10 and July 20 - 24.

Joel Ward performs at The Four Seasons Resort Aviara in Carlsbad July 5, July 12, July 19 and July 26, and at the Comedy & Magic Club in Hermosa Beach on July 11 and July 17.

Whoops! There were some typos in the directory, so the proofreader was fired. Here's some updates: **Don L. Bromley**: dbromtinyusa@netscape.net; **Bill Michalek**: Michalek@san.rr.com; **Joe Mystic**: www.joemystic.com; **Jeff Pearson**: magicdoc@sprainedangles.com; **Kaleo Whiting** (Steven Kinglesy): drwhiting@aol.com If you have any updates, contact **Michael E. Johnson** at mjohns341@cox.net, or call 760-703-9661.

Review by Joel Moskowitz (continued)

at a coin dealer's shop). Here Troy introduces a lapping technique. The spectator expects a half dollar to be in their hand and winds up with an English penny (sounds right according to present day finances).

ExTROYdinary Lite is morphed into one display. International ExTROYdinary Lite is a bit confusing with Troy advising that you study his other method and "you can go on and on and on."

In sum, when you purchase this DVD from Fun Inc., you get your money's worth. The camera shots and the slow precise demonstrations of Troy Hooser are praiseworthy. You will learn the mechanics of many utilitarian coin moves and have a valuable, albeit inferior, device with which to practice. What Troy doesn't teach is how to make all this flim flam entertaining. Doubtless, as a successful entertainer, he knows. The performance portion of the DVD is probably representative of Troy's easy manner which works for him.

He is no Al Goshman but then again, who is? My prescription for the novice coin enthusiast (and even more sophisticated coin worker) is: Buy this DVD - blend it with Patience and Practice and add your personality to accomplish the surprise that is entertaining.

Calendar

July 1 Membership due for 2009-2010
July 12..... Ring 76 Awards Banquet &
Installation of Officers
July 27..... Board of Directors meeting
Aug. 10 ... Ring 76 Meeting: Paper Magic

