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Eddie Shinn



Godfrey The Magician

*Laughter was flowing at
the September meeting!*

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September Meeting Highlights



Toni Perrine performs again, recovering from a broken hip!

The September meeting of IBM Ring 76 opened to another full-house at Jack's Magic Place, with ten performers headlining "My New Magic" Night. Second Vice President **Kenny Shelton** handled the entertainment, while Treasurer **Richard Us-tick** covered the door.

Club President **Michael E. Johnson** began the meeting with a surprise presentation. **Bob Ingalls** was invited to the stage, as Johnson read a letter from International President **Jack White**.

Jack wrote, "Bob has been more than a fellow Ring 76 member; he has been a truly supportive friend and gone the extra mile so many times that I have lost count. Bob's behind-the-scenes hard work, especially now that I am unable to perform my usual duties, more than exemplifies the fraternal nature of membership in the International Brotherhood of Magicians. I wish to salute and honor Bob for his tireless dedication to both Ring 76 and the IBM."

With that, Ingalls received an official Presidential Citation from the International Brotherhood of Magicians, as the crowd roared its approval.

Next up was a mini-panel discussion, continuing the subject of "How to handle Hecklers." **Terry**

Godfrey, Professor Rich Robertson and **Robin Freeland** shared their experiences, as Johnson moderated. Several members from the crowd shared too.

Finally came show time, and the Ring 76 audience was blessed with several new performers making their debut. The first performer of the evening was **Eddie Shinn**, who wished to audition for the club to become a member. His rope routine was well received, and the audience enthusiastically endorsed his membership into the club.

Second was **Jeff Marcus**, a club favorite and the Territorial Vice President of the IBM. Jeff introduced a classic prop called "Bob The Psychic Bellhop". Several

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Bob Ingalls gets an International Presidential Citation.



Godfrey, Professor Rich and Robin Freeland discuss their experiences with hecklers.



Anthony Brown

September meeting (continued)

cards were selected, and placed into the houlette, and Jeff was able to find them all.

The third performer was **Anthony Brown**, a new member who teaches in a nearby elementary school. He explained how he uses magic to connect with special needs kids, and then demonstrated a well-conceived, multi-phased silk routine of vanishes, color changes and confetti.

Fourth, Club Secretary **Bob Meigs** shared two new effects. One, using a newly manufactured die box and a Rubik's cube, even cites Bob on the instruction sheet. His second trick was "Any Card Any Number" with volunteer **Charlie Gott**.

Next up, new member **Tyson Vogel** made his debut on the Ring 76 Stage, performing a card trick with volunteer Happy Elliott. Tyson did great for his first time.

The sixth performer was Michael E. Johnson, who introduced his original trick called "The four-hand vanish". With three volunteers holding onto his sleeve, he vanished

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September meeting performers were (from left to right) Tyson Vogel, Anthony Brown, Bob Meigs, Godfrey, Jeff Marcus, Tony Perrine, James Kellogg Jr., Eddie Shinn, Greg Wauson and Michael E. Johnson.

September meeting (continued)



Greg Wauson breaks a smile

a silver dollar.

Godfrey the Magician came on stage next, lugging an ironing board and talking about **Max Malini**. He did a fun routine with dice, hats and a toilet plunger, performing on the ironing board as a table.

The eighth magician of the evening was **Toni Perrine**, making a triumphant return to stage after breaking her hip a few months earlier. The crowd cheered wildly, as the lively sprite took the stage. She delighted everyone with an appearing necklace routine.

Near the end of the program, **Greg Wauson** borrowed a quarter, had it marked, and then made it appear inside a glass bottle. He then shattered the bottle to retrieve the coin, thrilling the audience.

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David Watson and the audience cheered the performers on!



Tyson Vogel's debut



Bob Meigs' boxes



Jeff Marcus's bellhop



September meeting (continued)

The final performer of the evening was **James Kellogg Jr.** who recreated a Magician's First Date. With assistance from volunteer **Arlene Moskowitz**, he showed some of the tricks beginning magicians do to meet girls, then climaxed with the production of a table full of wine and food.

New guests that evening included **Malcolm Campbell**, **Chuck Cook**, **Tom Interval**, **Mike Hampson** and **Jay Malone**. After the meeting, the crowd moved over to Denny's for food and trickery. Some say that's where the magic really cuts loose. It's always interesting for the other patrons of the restaurant, watching a bunch of magicians go crazy.



Arlene Moskowitz applauds James Kellogg Jr.

The next meeting of IBM Ring 76 will be Monday, October 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at Jack's Magic Place. The theme is "Halloween Magic," so come early if you want a good seat! Members are invited to perform, so sign up before the meeting.



Godfrey makes magic with a toilet plunger.



Michael E. Johnson's Four-Arm Coin Vanish.



Review by Joel A. Moskowitz, M.D.

The Classic Magic of Michael Vincent (A three-DVD set)

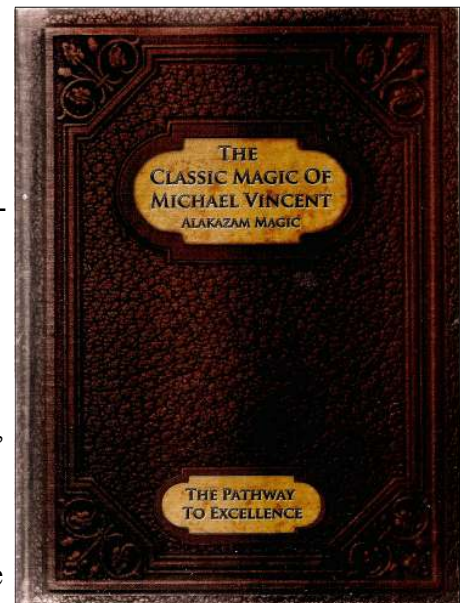
A prescription for elegant magic is awaiting the viewer and student of **Michael Vincent** (Louis)'s three-DVD set "The Classic Magic of Michael Vincent: The Pathway to Excellence" offered by Alakazam Magic. If you have five hours plus to spare, you couldn't do any better than appreciating this master magician at play. Michael Vincent is not simply a card/coin etc. mechanic but foremost he is an entertainer, the latter sadly missing amongst those who manipulate pasteboards but fail to manipulate their audiences. The latter analogy is not clean. Michael Vincent doesn't manipulate anyone. He respects his audience and charms them.

Imagine being invited to a session with Jascha Heifetz where the consummate violinist inspires you by his manner and dexterity. Such is the atmosphere engendered by this three-times award winning British performer (Magic Circle Close Up Magician of the Year).

From superlatives to specifics: The first of the three DVDs is devoted to Parlor Magic where using the ABCs of deception (audacity, guile and cunning), Vincent presents his version of the Cups and Balls (which many assert is the measure of a magician). Using catch phrases such as the "illusion of impossibility" and "intuitive insight," he wins rapport with those he will soon mystify. A fleck of humor, light British accent, good manners and conventional stylish dress, he enchants with (amongst other effects) the astonishing Intuition Speller and My Card, Your Card, Everybody's Card.

Michael began in magic some two decades ago and gives credit to Harry Lorayne's "Decksterity" and "Rim Shots." He also praises Alan Alan, Slydini, Jason Aronson, Dai Vernon and Roger Krause amidst others whose written word and counsel shaped his accomplishments. It is clear from the careful production characteristics of the DVDs that his intention was to teach clearly.

Stephen Minch, we learn, remarked that Michael's reading material was prior to 1950. This is an exaggeration but has the semblance of truth. It is clear that Michael Vincent has made a careful study of early works including Erdnase, Marlo, Vernon, Jennings, Ortiz, Stars of Magic, Buckley, Apocalypse, Harry Lorayne's books, Ken Krenzel's classic work and even Robert Houdin. It is ventured that many of these books are collecting dust on reader's shelves. What Vincent proves is that there is still, in the age of the DVD and YouTube, a vital place for the illustrated written word. Also that the thirst for "new" effects can be quenched by knowledge of the amazement that resides in conjuring literature blended with creative novel approaches, skillful much-practiced artistry, and crowd-pleasing personal style. It is this amalgamation which has made Michael Vincent the consummate conjurer.



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From the President:

San Diego magicians visit Magic Live



Magic Live in Las Vegas drew a huge crowd from San Diego. The reviews were great, and magic celebrities were everywhere. **Greg Wauson** saw **David Blaine** in the bathroom, taking a photo of a urinal cake humorously commemorating another TV magician. How surreal is that!



Michael E. Johnson

The next meeting of IBM Ring 76 is Monday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m.. The theme is "Halloween Magic". Before that, the IBM Board meets at 6:30

p.m. in the usual place, right outside the latrine behind the stage. Visit the Board meeting if you want to get appointed to something. Otherwise, don't be shy about walking through to get to the facilities.

Moskowitz review (continued)

Exuding low-key but engaging confidence, his awareness of audience psychology stressing the Relaxation Principle (do your dirty work on the off-beat when the audience awareness is lowest) is both entertaining to the viewer and avoids boredom and puzzlement. "Confusion is not magic" is a motto expressed often by Vernon. In parlour, cabaret, close-up, restaurant, walk-about and cocktail party, Vincent teaches the DVD viewer not only the "moves" but how to move—body language and finger-flicking in a symphony.

To be sure, most if not many, who are lucky enough to watch these three DVDs will shrink from the obvious much-practiced technique required to duplicate what Michael presents. One viewing (five hours) will not suffice. But if the student magician truly desires The Pathway to Excellence (the title of the third DVD in the collection), these instructions will be well worth the time devoted. Alakazam deserves praise as well for the fine production quality of these DVDs. On a scale of 1-5 Rx's, This work is very highly recommended. Rx Rx Rx Rx Rx.

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Magic News Briefs

Syd Segal has been busy planning for Magic-Con 2010, the biggest magic event to hit San Diego in years. The event will be held from March 18-21 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront. The list of presenters is quite impressive: **Dan and Dave Buck, John Carney, Bill Goodwin, Sebastien Clergue, Daniel Garcia, Derek DelGaudio, Chris Kenner, Guy Hollingworth, Chad Long, John Lovick, Max Maven, Eric Mead, Apollo Robbins, J.C. Wagner and Michael Weber.** For more information, visit www.magic-con.org.

Here's some fun meetings you might enjoy:

- October 1, Monday, the Magic Guild of Southern California meets at 7:30 p.m. in Vista. For info call President **Lou Heck** at 760-741-1141 or magiclou@cox.net.
- October 4, Sunday, the **San Diego All-Star Clown Club** meets at the American Legion Hall in San Diego; for info visit www.clowns.dreamstation.com or e-mail bonbonsandiego@yahoo.com.
- October 13, Tuesday, north of San Diego County, **IBM Ring 254** meets at the Highland Senior Center in Highland, at 7:30 p.m. For info, contact Club President **Justin Ingram** at 909-234-5655.

The California Center for the Arts Escondido presents "Moonlight Magic" with **Garry Carson and Kelsey** on Friday, November 6, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 - \$50 to benefit the non-profit Assistance League. For more information, visit www.artcenter.org.

FISM winner **Robert Baxt** lectures on Tuesday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Jack's Magic Place. The cost is \$15. For info, contact Syd Segal at BTL6380@aol.com, or call 619-300-1344.

Magician **Michael E. Johnson** performs at the Pumpkin Stations every Sunday in October. October 4, 11, 18 and 25, he'll be at Plaza Bonita Mall in National City at 3:00 p.m.; on Oct. 11, 18 and 25 he'll be at Parkway Plaza Mall in El Cajon at 2:00 p.m. Shows are free.

Got any magic news? The deadline for the November issue is October 24. Send news and photos to mjohns341@cox.net.



*Ring 76 Salutes
Past President
Dazzling Diane Lane
Nov. 22, 1957-
Oct. 22, 2008*

Ring 76 Calendar

Oct. 12*	Halloween Magic Night
Nov. 9	Auction
Dec. 13	Holiday Banquet
Jan. 11, 2010*	Lecture & New Member Induction
Feb. 8*	Close-up Competition
Mar. 8*	Favorite Trick Night
Apr. 12	Swap Meet
May 10*	Stage Competition
June 14	Lecture, Election & Dues
July 11	Awards Banquet & Installation of Officers

* chance for members to perform

