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Broken Wand *Jim Riley*

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Lifetime Ring 76 Member, Jim Riley. Jim joined Ring 76 in 1966 at the age of 16. Over the years, Jim has served on the Board, been an associate editor of the newsletter and served as Ring President. Jim was a member of the steering that brought the 1979 IBM Convention to San Diego. Jim was a member of the Order of Merlin. In 2006, Ring 76 honored Jim with a Lifetime Achievement award.

Jim grew up in San Diego; his first exposure to magic was watching a pitchman doing the Svengali Deck at the fair in Del Mar. When he was in the 6th grade he met a man named Gordon Plummer who was a teacher, writer, scientist, musician and magician. Gordon became Jim's mentor in magic and a lifelong friend.

In the early 1960's, Jim worked as a demonstrator, on weekends and holidays at "The Fun Shop". This was located at Third and C streets just behind the California Theater. The Fun Shop sold gags and novelties in the front and in the back room, magic was sold.



*Jim Riley (left) discusses magic with long-time friend,
Gary Dismukes*

After graduating from college, Jim started a teaching career that was to last over 40 years. Jim retired from teaching in 2001. Jim was also active outside of the schools in working with young people. For many years, Jim worked with the Junior magician's program at Ring 76 and he helped to produced the annual Ring 76 Junior Magician's contest. Jim would

teach his students the importance of creating good clever patter to go with their tricks. He would have his students brainstorm ideas for good lines to go with each trick and taught them how to write a script for their shows.

Jim also found time for charity work. During the Vietnam War, Jim often volunteered at the Navy Hospital in Balboa Park. In 2006, Jim completed over 700 hours of volunteer work for patients and their parents at Children's Hospital in San

Diego.

Dick Dale, former Ring 76 President and IBM TVP, will be presiding for a Broken Wand Ceremony for Jim at the January Ring Meeting (10Jan2011).

— James Thayer

Holiday Potluck

Happy Holidays and Complements of the Season to all members of I.B.M. Ring 76. The time has come

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for all good members, and their families, to join together for the annual Ring 76 Holiday Pot Luck.

This year the festivities will be on Monday, December 13th, at the Lion's Club on 3927 Utah Street, in San Diego, 92104. Check the map here in the newsletter.

IMPORTANT - This will be the new setting for our Ring meetings for the next few months. We will not be at the usual place so you might want to leave a little early to find the new hall.

The Potluck will be from 6:30-9:30, though Board members will be there earlier to aid in set up.

This is a pot luck so please bring your favorite holiday fare. We need everything, and that includes main courses (enough to feed eight), side dishes (enough to feed eight to ten), salads (the same), desserts and breads.

The dish you bring can be hot or cold. The Ring has the facilities for both.

A suggestion for those who have holiday desserts in mind. Smaller, finger foods, like cupcakes, brownies, and cookie, often work better than larger cakes and pies (though those are always welcomed).

We will need a good head count, so that we can have enough tables and chairs for everyone. If you are planning on attending please e-mail Richard Ustick at rustick@flash.net and tell him how many in your party and what you intend to bring. You don't have to be specific on that point, we just want to be sure we have a wide variety of foods.

Entertainment will be provided by Chazz, the Magician.

Happy Holidays and see you at the Pot Luck.

— Richard Ustick

Chazz The Magician

Our entertainer for the Holiday Banquet is Chazz the Magician. Chazz has been the President of the "Jeff MacBride Ring (IBM Ring 359) for the last two years and he has won the Strolling Olympics at the Magic Castle. Chazz has been performing for over two decades. Among professional magicians he is said to be "flawless" and "amazing". His engaging style makes the audience an essential part of his performance. He can perform for a few people in a intimate setting or for hundreds on a stage.

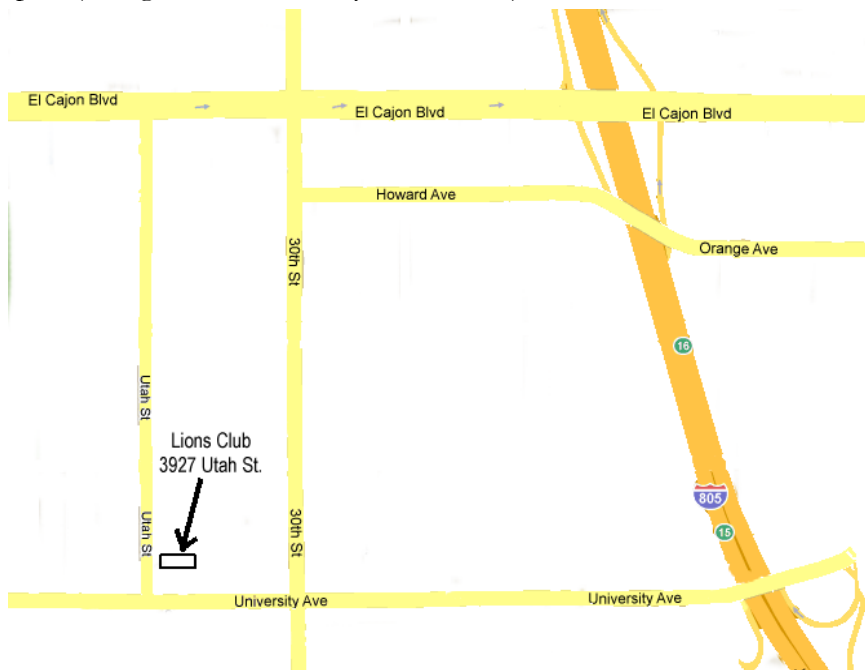
Chazz will also be presenting a lecture to Ring 76 on January 31st, 2011. This will be a free lecture for Ring 76 members. For non-members, there will be a \$10 charge at the door. This lecture will take place at the North Park Lions Club (3927 Utah St.)

— James Thayer

November Meeting (Thanks Jack!)

This article is a summary of our November meeting. I was going to lead with the headline, **GOING, GOING, GONE!** I liked the double meaning, as our November meeting was both an auction, and our last meeting after a decade run at the nothing-short-of-

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Photos from the November Meeting



The Auction Registration Desk



Terry Lunceford—Auctioneer



The Auction Crew At Work



Jack White and J.P. Jackson



Number 24 Places a Bid

Mischief

Radical Hypnosis & Mind-Control

by Harling and Nyrup
Reviewed by Joel A Moskowitz M D
Date: September 05, 2010

Why do you need this book? As a Forensic Psychiatrist it amused me to have a sign posted amongst my diplomas and credentials “Of course I know what you are thinking and you should be ashamed of yourself!” My mental health training and membership in Psychic Entertainers Association enhanced my experience to observe the tells of people.

The ability of those who describe themselves as Psychics: performers and charlatans; or Hypnotists: therapists and entertainers depend on being able to read subtle mannerisms. A clever television series, “Lie To Me” is based upon the usefulness of micro-expression detection in penetrating the masks of criminals and mentally disturbed or disturbing individuals and just plain folk. I am pleased to recommend a book that will enhance your ability to ‘bend men’s (and women’s) minds.

The art of ‘reading people’ has benefits in social and business situations. For those who pretend to read or manipulate minds such talents are imperative. “Mischief”, a veritable textbook, whose subtitle is “Radical Hypnosis and Mind-Control” should be of interest to all devotees of the conjuring arts. This softbound 438 page book, published in Denmark but happily available (by dealers) from Murphy’s Magic Supplies (check with your favorite dealer for pricing - circa \$70.00)

Who are Harling & Nyrup? Martin Nyrup is a certified NLP (Neurolinguistic Programming) ‘Business Practitioner’ with a keen interest in mentalism. In two companies which he owns, he successfully applies NLP and hypnotic methods to manage day to day activities. Ian Harling is said to have explored and performed hypnosis and ‘other devious forms of trickery for over 40 years. Passionate about the paranormal and the mysterious he roams the world in search of enhancing his appreciation of the possibilities of suggestion.

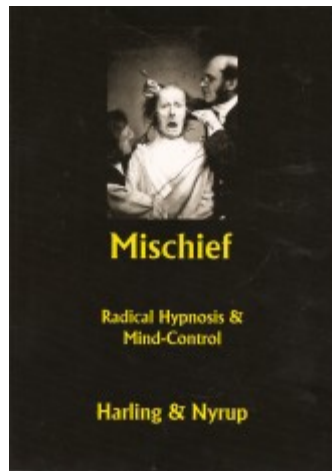
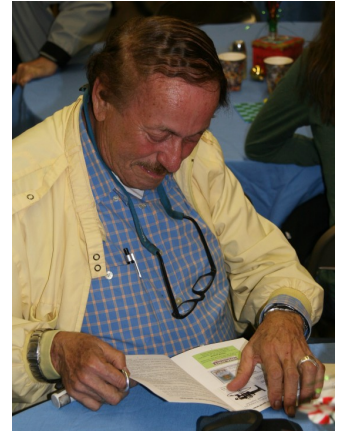
Martin and Ian had previously published “Sleight of Mind” and “Geist” which were acclaimed by mentalists especially

those interested in NLP. This new production includes revision of their earlier work plus a hundred additional sheets of new material. The latter includes a smorgasbord of effects and tricks which might be a tad too complex but the methods deserve study. When people think of ‘mischief’ they think of practical jokes but more current definitions are less bland. Parallel might be hacker mischief with invasion of privacy and dire consequences. To be able to read another’s mind is in a sense an invasion of privacy. Hence “mischief” is appropriate.

Harling & Nyrup describe tools to diagnose facial and bodily movements. They also address the elements of hypnosis. Hypnotism, the authors explain, includes attention to tone of voice, pacing, as well as methods to determine susceptibility. Maneuvers to avoid resistance, to create expectation melded with confidence in delivery, and good scripting are essentials for the master hypnotist. Suggestions which are clear, unambiguous and not too subtle, layered with rapport leavened with an aim to get the audience to like you are key to success.

The authors provide historical insights. For example: Emile Coue’ at the turn of the 19th century also known as the Father of Self Conditioning and the Prophet of Self Suggestion (auto-suggestion) His lessons are still valid today. Positive effects e.g. vs. addiction and phobias, for instance, are capable of being used against society Public deception e.g. in occult ‘science’s’ employ some of the same psychological principles. Those familiar with Theosophy (Madame Blavatsky) may the correlation described by Harling & Nyrup.

That said, the text is replete with concepts that some finger flickers care will not care about. But if their aim is to truly understand and master the art (not only of psychic marvels and hypnotism) but the psychology of maximizing wonder, this book is for you. It is most highly respected and recommended. Rx Rx Rx Rx (5/5)





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fabulous lair for magicians we affectionately call *Jack's Place*. Jack, we cannot thank you enough – for Jack's Place, the popcorn, the good times, and most importantly, for who you are. It's been a grand run, and you are a true friend.

But, 76ers, fear not! We are not adrift! You are going to like our new digs, and we'll be trying them out with our Holiday Banquet on December 13. And, of course, Jack remains an active member of our Ring.

Back to The Month That Was. The November meeting was Ring 76's Annual Magic Auction. President **Kenny Shelton** called the meeting to order at 7PM. He reminded us this would be our last meeting at Jack's Wonderful Museum of Trains and Magic. Beginning with our December Holiday Banquet, we will be meeting at the North County Lions Club, on Utah St., just one door north of University Avenue. Our meeting times will remain at 7PM, on the second Monday of the month.

There were several other important announcements. James Thayer is recovering quite well from heart valve surgery, and almost made it to the auction. James did attend the November Board meeting, and I received an email today that he is now driving. (*Look out! — ed.*)

Next, Terry Lunceford and Magic Mike Stilwell will be opening a new *Magic Lounge* at the *Rock Bottom Café*, 401 4th Ave. They will be open every Thursday and Friday, beginning January 6, with shows at 7:30 and 10PM. Let's have a big Ring turnout for their opening show!

Sebastian is starring in *How I Went Mad*, the back-story of the Madhatter, at the Wizard's Warehouse in Sorrento Valley. (Your humble correspondent attended to November 13 show, and it was GREAT! And Sebastian's antagonist was none other than our Dove Master, Jose Sanchez.)

Finally, Richard Ustick will be the contact person for scheduling food at our pot-luck Holiday Ban-

quet. The banquet will be at the North County Lions Club, 6:30PM, Monday, December 13.

After these announcements, Terry Lunceford, our celebrated, fast talking auctioneer, opened the auction, with Kenny Shelton and Jeff Marcus demonstrating many of the apparatus. About 70 items were sold – everything from lecture notes to some rare, collectible apparatus. The Ring kept 10% of the sales proceeds, making this one of our rare meetings with a positive cash flow.

We adjourned at 8:45, and, perhaps, for the last time, ambled the two short blocks to *Denny's* for our after-meeting coffee, conversation, and camaraderie. In December, we'll be in our new digs!

— Bob Meigs

Holiday Show for the Lions Club

Ring 76 will be entertaining members of the Lions Club at their Holiday Luncheon Banquet.

The Lions Club is the largest charitable service club in the country, and, of course, is our new and generous landlord. For these reasons, Ring 76 is honored to donate this show for their entertainment. The luncheon begins at 11:30, and the magic show will be from (approximately) 1 to 1:30. Magic Mike Stilwell will be doing close-up as the guests arrive. Kenny Shelton will emcee the show, Jeff Marcus, Bob Meigs, and Belinda Kaesler will perform, and Bob Ingalls will be the indispensable "man behind the curtain."

We also will be putting on a show as a Lions Club fund raiser later in 2011.

— Bob Meigs

A Three Ring Circus

The Paul Shartle/Karrol Fox Ring (Ring 254) will be joined by the Palm Springs Magic Club (Ring 291) and the Lake Elsinore Ring for a holiday dinner on

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December 7th at the Mill Creek Cattle Company in Mentone CA. Dinner will be at 6pm. Ring 76 members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Jeff Marcus will be attending. If others would like to carpool/caravan up there, they are encouraged to contact Jeff (jkmarcus@cox.net)

Magic Notes

Have a performance coming up? An interesting tidbit that you'd like to share with the Ring76/ Tales of brave adventures in far away lands? The motto of The Magicurrents is "All the news that fits, we'll print." Please send any contributions to Editor@Ring76.com



Several members have expressed interest in the Ring putting on annual hospital shows as regularly scheduled events. We also will be continuing our shows and kids' Magic Camp at the Del Mar Fair. We are taking care not to compete with our professional members with these "pro-bono" engagements, but many of us think it important for the Ring to develop a formal program of community service. Members with an interest in such a program should contact Bob Meigs, at igor@ring76.com



In the right place at the right time — Bob Meigs and Belinda Kaesler met at The Lions Club to check out, lighting, sound, tables, etc. Somehow, the morning ended up with Ring 76 getting some extra publicity at the Annual North Park Holiday Parade! The parade STARTS at the Lions Club. The scheduled, official car to open the parade became unavailable. Belinda mentioned that Bob Meigs had a couple cars. Bob offered one of his cars to start the parade. In return, we could put signs/lettering on sides of the car promoting Ring 76!



Ring 76 2010-11 Calendar

Dec 13	Holiday Banquet
Jan 10*	Open Stage Night
Jan 31	Lecture—Chazz the Magician
Feb 14*	Close-up Competition
Mar 14	Swap Meet
Apr 11*	Animal Theme Magic
May 09*	Stage Competition
Jun 13	Lecture and Elections
Jul 10	Installation Banquet

* Opportunity for Members to Perform

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"MagiToon"

by Jim Whiting & Ellen Friedman



"The Great Valdaro is shorter than I recall."