



MagiCurrents

San Diego Ring 76

May 2025

VOL. XXXV #5

April Meeting Highlights "Fool Us" !

By Misha Osinovskiy

The theme of the April 14 meeting of IBM Ring 76 was our annual "Fool Us!" competition.

This month's performances were scrutinized by our razor-sharp judges, Mark Booth and James Thayer, who brought every ounce of their magical experience to the table.

Their goal? Deconstruct the routines, bust the secrets, and crown the cleverest conjurors.

When disagreements arose or secrets were just too sneaky, the final word came from our Master Judge, Misha Osinovskiy, the only person entrusted with knowing the real methods behind each routine. Misha served as the ultimate tiebreaker and magical oracle of the night.

(continued on page 2)

IBM Ring 76 meets every second Monday of the month at the Rec Hall of the Immaculate Conception Church, 2540 San Diego Ave. in Old Town, San Diego, California. Unless otherwise specified, the doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.



Photos By Greg Wauson

Ring 76 Calendar 2025

- May 12** **Stand Up Competition ***
- June 1** **Wheel Chair Regatta ***
- June 9** **Bill Goodwin Lecture**
- July 14** **Installation Banquet**

* Opportunity for Members to Perform

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P. of Entertainment, "Magic Mike" Stilwell at Magicmike@Ring76.com.

Published by the International Brotherhood of Magicians
Honest Sid Gerhart Ring 76

Editor - Michael Johnson, Proofreader Greg Wauson

Email - Editor@ring76.com



April Meeting (continued)



David Yee opened the show with a devilishly clever card routine. A shuffled deck, a chosen card lost in the mix, and—boom—it vanishes entirely. When the deck was flipped, the card was nowhere to be found. The judges were baffled and had to consult the Master Judge, Misha. Verdict: David fooled the judges. Bravo!

Ms. Charley brought her signature energy with a twist on the classic Robbing Jacks. She called up a volunteer, let her take the lead, and stunned the



audience with a surprise ending—her hand was stacked with diamonds (the card kind, not the bling). While the judges sniffed out her secret, the audience was completely charmed. A crowd favorite performance!



Bruce McArthur kept us guessing with a triple-card mystery. Three selections, three separate shuffles, and a suspenseful buildup where two cards seemed lost for good... until the final reveal blew the judges away. No gimmicked cards, just good ol' sleight of hand. Another one fooled the judges!

Rich took us on a mathematical mind trip with a prediction routine involving five-digit numbers, audience participation, and a final total that matched his pre-written prediction. Sharp minds in the room spotted the method, but the presentation was sharp and smart. A thoughtful and brainy performance!



(continued on page 3)



April Meeting (continued)

Alvin brought the laughs with a delightfully disoriented card trick. With dramatic pauses, misdirection, and even the removal of his glasses, Alvin had everyone wondering what was going on—until he nailed the reveal. Judges weren't fooled, but the room was in stitches. Pure entertainment gold.

Vic Terrific closed the night with a mind-blowing card teleportation routine. Two selected cards vanished from one deck and reappeared in another—alongside their mysterious counterparts. The secret? So secret even the NSA would be jealous. The judges were mystified, and the legend of Vic Terrific lives on.

Wrap-Up:

Another magical evening in the books! Thanks to all who performed, participated, and shared laughs. We can't wait for the next meeting—see you there!

Business Portion:

Elections: Members are stepping up! As of this meeting date, Max is running for Treasurer, Micah for Secretary, and Paul Dwork for VP of Entertainment, while James Thayer is continuing as VP of Membership. And we're still looking to fill the President position. Several potential candidates are considering the top spot. For an update check out the Board notes from April 28.

(continued on page 4)





April Meeting (continued)

Upcoming Events:

David Yee announced an event on July 12 in need of strolling magicians. Performers will score free tickets to the main shows—details to come.

Magic Mike Stilwell reminded everyone about the Wheel Chair Regatta, a heartwarming event where volunteers perform magic for attendees. Several members, including Ms. Charley, signed up to bring smiles again this year.



Club Updates:

The incoming VP of Entertainment shared his excitement after connecting with Bill Goodwin at the Magic Castle. Big things are coming—new lectures and fresh inspiration for Ring 76!

Alvin is putting together a magician's panel for Comic-Con and wants your input. Volunteers get a 4-day pass—a magical deal.

Mini-lectures were a hit! Magic Mike reported that the new format was fun, interactive, and well-received. Expect more soon.



Newsletter Editor Wanted

IBM Ring 76 needs a newsletter editor effective immediately, for the June issue. The current editor Michael E. Johnson is stepping down because he lives too far away, in Warner Springs, about an hour and a half away from the regular meetings in Old Town.

“I can’t attend most meetings, so I believe the club would be better served by a person who lives closer to town, able to participate in activities,” Johnson said.

The newsletter editor is responsible for writing, editing, layout, design, and proofreading, with the help of other volunteers and Board members. He or she should be comfortable working with desktop publishing, especially the Microsoft Publisher program. They also work very closely with the Board.

If you are interested, contact Magic Mike Stilwell at 619-251-2766. Please consider volunteering, to continue this tradition!



Board Shavings from April 28

1. Secretary's Report (Acting Secretary, Misha)

- Meeting Notes: Notes from the last meeting were transcribed locally from audio, not using AI file uploads. A separate cloud document was used for dictated notes from an in-person meeting, summarized creatively by AI. Feedback was requested on the shared cloud document; blanks were included for missing details. The plan is to use a running cloud document for future meeting notes and potentially start a separate one for board notes for a consistent record.
- Member Survey: 20 responses received with insightful feedback. A summary recap (highlighting good points, areas for improvement, and things to discontinue) will be shared soon via a cloud document for board feedback. The goal is to collaboratively decide on 1-2 action items based on feedback for the next year.

2. Treasurer's Report (Miguel)

- Financial Status: The only transaction was a payment for the website (IONOS). Current total balance is \$2,962.45. The balance is down about \$1,000 compared to the same time last year, partly due to significant donations last year and recent expenses like the Plex server payment and camera. Upcoming dues payments should help replenish funds.
- Upcoming Payments: An invoice for Pop Haydn was received but not yet paid. Payment will likely be made the night of the event. Payment for Bill Goodwin will also be made the night of his lecture.
- Fundraising Idea: A suggestion was made to hold a public show, possibly in conjunction with a charity, to raise funds. This was tabled for future discussion and potentially forming a committee.

3. Sergeant at Arms Report (Mark Booth)

- Meeting Attendance: Last meeting had 29 members and 6 guests, totaling 35 attendees. Attendance was up by two people from the previous month.
- Parking: Members are generally complying with parking rules. Arrangements will be made to ensure guest performers/lecturers (like Pop Haydn) have close parking spots, possibly by reserving a space.

4. Library Report (Gary Salisbury)

- Donations: Received donations from the estates of Loch David Crane (magic papers/props) and Rudy Fowler (bag of props).
- IBM Plex Server: Currently digitizing ~80 magic videos and need to combine ~220 multi-file videos. Server utilization is slightly up, but the TV category is not being used due to a file system bug being investigated. Members can request items to be added to the server; information on access is in the newsletter, on the website, and new members receive it via email. Gary offered to personally contact members having trouble accessing it. A suggestion was made to do another in-house demo of the Plex server at a future meeting.
- Finances & Purchases: Made \$30 from opportunity drawing, \$31 from door prize, and \$50 from library sales (audiobooks). Petty cash is at \$682.20. No physical books were purchased; the focus is on digital items for the Plex server and accepting donations.

(Continued on page 6)



Board Shavings (continued)

5. VP of Entertainment Report (Mike Stilwell)

- Upcoming Events: Full slate for the stand-up competition; Matt King is on standby. Five people signed up for the Wheel Chair Regatta on June 1st. Lecture with Bill Goodwin on June 9th; the camera/TV setup will be used. Installation banquet will feature Pop Haydn, the stand-up and close-up contest winners, and Member of the Year award. It will be a potluck again. Coordination for the potluck needs to be determined.

6. VP of Membership Report (James Thayer)

- Membership Status: Current membership is 78. Invited two potential new members encountered at shows.
- Dues Collection: Starting to collect dues for the next year; one payment received so far. An article regarding dues will be in the newsletter.
- Button Maker: Alfonso volunteered and currently has the button-making machine for new members.

7. Nominating Committee Report (Sherry)

- Proposed Slate of Officers: President: Mike Stillwell; VP of Membership: James Thayer; VP of Entertainment: Paul Dwork; Secretary: Micah Ortiz; Treasurer: Max Long; Sergeant at Arms: Mark Booth; Member at Large/Librarian: Gary Salisbury; Member at Large: Chris Lawrence.
- Nomination Process: The proposed slate will be announced at the next meeting, and nominations will be taken from the floor. Voting occurs in June. Anyone who has previously served on the board can be nominated for President from the floor.
- Nominating Committee Membership: It was noted that per the constitution, committee members should resign if they decide to run for office. Mike Stilwell agreed to step down from the committee.
- Member at Large Position (Josh): According to bylaws, the outgoing President (Josh) can take a Member at Large position. There was conflicting information on whether Josh intended to take the position. A recommendation was made for the board to vote to add a third Member at Large position regardless of Josh's decision, to allow more members (like Chris Lawrence) to join the board. This requires a board vote.

8. Newsletter Editor Discussion (Michael)

- Submission Deadline: Goal is to receive news/articles from the board by Saturday to allow weekend assembly and publication on Monday.
- Content: Will continue Richard's template and include sections like "Magic in San Diego". Requests pictures from members. Needs a blurb from the President (Josh).

9. New/Old Business

- Plaques: Plaques for the "You Fooled Us" contest were ordered. The price increased from \$18.31 to \$27.70 each. The purchase was approved. They will be brought to the next meeting.
- No Old Business.

(Continued on page 7)



Board Shavings (continued)

10. Discussion on Librarian Board Seat

- Proposal: A suggestion was made to consider creating a dedicated, voting board seat specifically for the Librarian. This addresses the concern that if the current Librarian (Gary) is not elected as Member at Large, the library role would lack board representation. Creating this seat would require amending the constitution and bylaws.
- Considerations: The potential impact on having an even vs. odd number of voting board members was raised, though tie votes have not historically been an issue.

A Message from Magic Mike Stilwell

Monday, May 12, 2025 Stand up Competition, 8 minutes max, Speaking of Max, Max with an X will be the timekeeper, at 7.5 minutes he will shine a light, giving you 30 seconds to finish! Order: 1. Mr. Funtastic, 2. Magical Ms. Charley, 3. Mark Booth, 4. Johnathan, 5. Joe Mystic, 6. Vic Terrific, 7. Chris Connely, and 8. Greg Wauson. The votes will be sealed until the installation banquet. Gift cards and medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd will be awarded.

Sunday, June 1, the 62nd annual Wheel Chair Regatta at the Silver Gate Yacht Club, 2091 Shelter Island Drive in San Diego,

1. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., entertaining guests in wheelchairs and volunteers.
2. 10 a.m. to 12 noon: Magic Mike, Magical Ms. Charley, Paul Dwork.
3. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: David Yee, Hudson.

Reach out to Mike Stilwell if you want to donate your time!

June 9, Monday, Lecture from The Magic Castle Librarian Bill Goodwin focusing on close up magic, Free to members.

July 14, Monday, theme: Installation Banquet; More info next month about the popular pot luck, awards, and special entertainment.

See you soon! Dues are due next month!

Dues Are Due! From James Thayer

April Showers bring May flowers. And May flowers bring...Ring 76 dues notices? Well, to be honest, there is no causal link, but nevertheless, it is that time of year again. Dues are due as of June 30th and we hope every member will renew by that date.

The amount for Ring 76 annual dues is \$30 (\$15 for junior members and \$15 for non-resident members). We have three ways to pay:

1. By mail: Make a check out to "IBM Ring 76" and send it to: Ring 76 c/o James Thayer; 9556 Babauta Road; San Diego, CA 92129.
2. Send your dues via PayPal to payments@ring76.com. Please put "Dues" in the comments section.
3. Pay James Thayer directly when you see him at a Ring Meeting. He accepts cash.

Magic Live! Coming

Lots of IBM Ring 76 members will be attending the Magic Live! convention at The Orleans Hotel & Casino August 3– 6. This includes Mark Booth, Michael & Julia Johnson, Michael Callahan, Paul Dwork, Gary Salisbury & Shelly Alston, Bob Meigs & Mike O'Conner, Greg Wauson, Joe Mystic, Happy Elliott & Terry Runyon, Gary Dismukes, Laurie Pearson, David Yee, Rich Robertson, Terry Lunceford, Dan Poplawsky and Sherry Luft.

Local Magic Around San Diego



Did you know that in 1907, Harry Houdini performed at 335 Fifth Avenue in San Diego, called The Grand Theater? This was once called Louis' Opera House, and later became a motion picture house, before it disappeared.

It was said that Houdini did an underwater escape with shackles in the San Diego Bay to drum up business for his show. Now many magicians continue to follow his legacy and perform in San Diego. Here's a few shows you can enjoy!

May 8 15, 22 and 29, Derek Ostovani performs Thursdays from 6 – 8 p.m. at Bellamy's Restaurant and Wine Bar, 417 W. Grand Ave. in Escondido; for info call 760-747-5000. Sometimes Derek's schedule changes, so for the latest update call him at 619-813-0539.

May 15, Thursday, 7 – 9 p.m. Joe Mystic headlines at the Magic Cellar of Wonder, located at the Holiday Wine Cellar, 302 W. Mission Ave. in Escondido; tickets \$65 or 2 for \$110, which includes a cheese plate and a wine pour or a beer; ages 21+ only; curated by Tim Wise. For info visit www.holidaywinecellar.com. The photo below shows Joe performing at the Mission Bay Yacht Club for a full house. You can see why this Magician is a living San Diego legend!



(continued on page 9)



Local Magic (continued)

May 15, Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. the Children's Creative & Performing Arts Academy holds an event titled "Step Into the Magic" at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre, 6845 University Ave. in San Diego. Tickets are \$39.19 through www.eventbrite.com.

May 17, Saturday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Lakeshore Learning sponsors "The Magic of Science" at their Hazard Center store, 7510 Hazard Center Dr. in San Diego. This is a free event. For info call 619-297-8494.

May 20, Tuesday, May 22, Thursday, and May 24, Saturday, the San Diego International Fringe Festival offers "It's A Magic Show Damn!" at 7:30 p.m. at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Plaza in Balboa Park. This event stars Chase The Entertainer. Tickets are \$13. For info visit www.sdfringe.org.

May 27, Tuesday, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Illusions By Allen Oshiro Magic Show at the Linda Vista Library, 2160 Ulrich St. in San Diego; free; 858-573-1399.

May 31, Saturday, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m., Sparkles the Clown performs magic and more at the San Carlos Library, 7265 Jackson Dr. in San Diego. For info call 619-527-3430.

June 4, Wednesday, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. David Skale the Magician at Del Mar Library, 1309 Camino Del Mar in Del Mar; free; 858-755-1666.

June 4, Wednesday, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Sparkles the Clown at Fallbrook Library, 124 S. Mission Rd. in Fallbrook; free; 760-731-4650.

June 6, Friday, 8 p.m. All Star Vegas Starring Piff The Magic Dragon at Pechanga Resort Casino, 45000 Pechanga Pkwy. in Temecula; tickets \$34 - \$51; 888-810-8871 or visit www.pechanga.com.

June 12, Thursday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Sparkles the Clown performs at the Vista Library, 700 Eucalyptus Ave. in Vista; free; 760-643-5100.

June 14, Saturday, 10:30 - 11:15 Sparkles The Clown at University Heights Library, 4193 Park Blvd. in San Diego; free; 619-692-4912.

June 17, Tuesday, 6 - 7 p.m., Family Night Illusions by Allen Oshiro from 6 - 7 p.m. at the San Ysidro Library, 4235 Beyer Blvd. in San Diego; free; 619-424-0475.

June 18, Wednesday, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Comedian Magician Justin Rivera at the Fallbrook Library, 124 S. Mission Rd. in Fallbrook; free; 760-731-4650.

June 20, Friday, 10 - 11 a.m. Children's Summer Reading Program event Illusions By Allen Oshiro at the Mission Hills / Hillcrest Knox Library, 215 W. Washington St. in San Diego; free; 619-692-4910.

June 21, Saturday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. The Billy Bonkers Magic Show at Cardiff-By-The-Sea Library, 2081 Newcastle Ave. in Cardiff-By-The-Sea; free; 760-753-4027.

June 25, Wednesday, 11:00 - 11:45 a.m., Illusions By Allen Oshiro at the Valencia/Malcom X Library, 5148 Market St. in San Diego; free; 619-527-3404.

June 25, Wednesday, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. The Magic of Alfonso Vasquez at the Del Mar Library, 1309 Camino Del Mar in Del Mar; free; 858-755-1666.

June 26, Thursday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Billy Bonkers Magic Show performs at the Vista Library, 700 Eucalyptus Ave. in Vista; free; 760-643-5100.

June 28, Saturday, Alchemy After Dark magic evening at Witch Creek Winery, 2906 Carlsbad Blvd. in Carlsbad; doors open 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. close-up magic, 9 p.m. main show; hosted by Tim Wise; tickets \$25; info 310-770-2877.



Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



Welcome to Ex Libris, my monthly newsletter article about the IBM Ring 76 Library in San Diego, CA.

'Ex Libris' (Eh-cks LEE-breese), means 'From the Book'. Generally, you will see this term used on bookplates to denote that it came from the library of its owner. For example: "*Ex Libris: Gary Salisbury*" is on all my personal books.

This is where we talk about your library as well as do book and video reviews. Yes, your library! If you are a Ring 76 member in good standing, then this is your library! So be sure to stay in good standing by paying your dues on time.

Someone recently asked me, "*What is the Ring 76 Library?*" I responded, "It is a collection of magic books and magazines, all available for check-out. It is a collection of magic themed audiobooks, magic instruction videos, magic movies, albums of magic music (some royalty free), a collection of public domain magic performance videos (many classics), a collection of magic podcasts that we co-host, magic TV series, a photo warehouse (where we will save all our Ring 76 activity photos) and all this is available for streaming from the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server*."

It is also a museum for a collection of historic Ring 76 memorabilia from one of our founders, Honest Sid Gerhart. It is a magical learning source unparalleled in the entire IBM organization and it is funded totally from donations and fundraising efforts that I have engaged in on your behalf."

Recently we heard a rumor from a non-member that we were stealing videos and putting them on our server thereby robbing hard working magicians from money they deserve. We respond, "ABOSOLUTELY NOT!" We have a very strict policy against pirating any media where it be digital or printed. In fact, if you donate any merchandise that has even the slightest hint of illegality, we will politely refuse it. The only media on the server is media that we legally own.

It is our understanding that per the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) 1998, that you are legally allowed to make one back-up copy of any digital media you own. Our back-up copy is what we have on the *Magic Media Server*. Streaming saves you from having to check out the physical media. You can stream the videos but not download them and the only exceptions to downloading, are the pictures and graphics in the *Ring 76 Photos & Videos* library.

As members of Ring 76, it is your job to defend the Ring against any slander. Perhaps the best way to deal with this in the future is to follow the rules of *Fight Club* and what's the 1st rule about *Fight Club*? *You don't talk about Fight Club.*

If anyone has any further questions about this, I am at your service.

WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY?

We need your DVDs, VHS tapes, and video downloads. They will be put on the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server* so you will still be able to watch them or check the physical media back out. Please help. Sharing is good! Sharing is fun!

Library Donations:

- Loch David Crane (former San Diego magician & member) posthumously donated a box of magic papers and props.
- Rudy Fowler (former San Diego magician) posthumously donated a box of magic props.

Funding & Expenditures Summary:

- \$30.00 from the *50/50 Opportunity* drawing
- \$31.00 from the *Door Prize* drawing
- \$50.00 from *Library Sales*
- \$0.00 from *Donations*



We purchase 3 magic audiobooks for \$14.95 each (50% discount off retail). We also had to replace a monitor on the *Magic Media Server* (\$40.00 discount) which cost the library \$285.14.

The library needs to be fed in order to keep it alive, so your donations would be greatly appreciated. It's your library so please support it.

Ring 76 Magical Arts Library (Books):

We did not purchase any printed books this month.

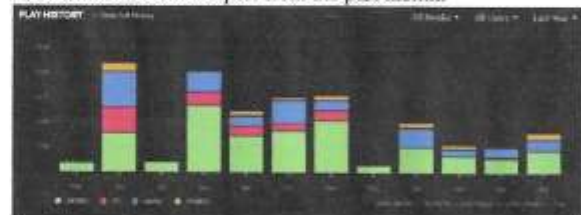
Ring 76 Magic Media Server (Streaming Service):

I am still working on importing magic videos, of which there are about 70 more to go. I have an additional 230 that have already been digitized but need some editing work. I could use some assistance on that so let me know if you want to help do some video editing.

Plex only offers four categories for our eight separate libraries:

- **Movie Category in green** (*Magic Instruction, Magic Movies, & Magic Performances*)
- **TV Category in red** (*Magic TV Shows*)
- **Music Category in blue** (*Magic Audiobooks, Magic Music, & Magic Podcasts*)
- **Photos Category in orange** (*Ring 76 Photos and Videos*)

Here is the utilization report from the past month:



We currently have a wide variety of magic oriented material on the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server* in hopes to have something of interest for everyone. Please tell me if there is something else you would like to see there. We have lots of new things this month. You need to get logged on and do some exploring.



This magic machine is your key to learning and being entertained. It is a benefit from being a Ring 76 member so please make use of it.

UPDATE: PLEX now offers rental movies via streaming just like Netflix. Be sure to check it out.

Do you have an account on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server yet? It is the best thing since Netflix and it's FREE for members of IBM Ring 76! Send me a request at librarian@ring76.com.

How would you like to be featured on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server? Just forward any of your performance videos to me and I will put them on the server in the **Magic Performances** library where everyone can see you perform.



UPDATE: Tired of high cable TV bills? Would you like to watch free movies & live TV? You've come to the right place. We've got bunches of them here on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server and you can start watching right now, all courtesy of PLEX! There is a wide selection of gandora to choose from.



WATCH THIS: Here is a short video on how to watch the over 800 channels of free TV from the PLEX Magic Media Server: <https://watch.plex.tv/watch/video?url=provider%3A%2F%2Fiv.plex.provider.vod%2Flibrary%2Fmetadata%2F66e319d4361d05521fb973d1%2Fextras%2F66e319d4361d05521fb973d1&context.page=on-demand.list&context.groupID=plex-prime&context.groupIndex=0&context.itemIndex=9>

SPECIAL OFFER: Do you have your eye on a video from your favorite magic dealer but were holding back because of the cost? Have I got a deal for you! Just tell me what you want to buy and I will take a look at it. If there are funds and it is something that would benefit all the members, then I may be able to purchase it and put it on our Magic Media Server where you and others members can enjoy it.

REVIEW:



After Dinner Magic DVD By Mark Wilson

Mark Wilson and Nani Darnell teach Impromptu Magic at the dinner table. This DVD features many tricks including: Magically Multiply Your Money, Hypnotized Handkerchief, Torn and Restored Napkin, Ring and Rope Escape, Cords of Fantasia, Impossible Penetration, Spoon to Knife, Spoon Bending, Salt Shaker Through Table, Four Coin Assembly, Coin Through Handkerchief, Delightful Dollar Deception, Roll the Bills, Flying Match, Thumb Escape, Rubber Band Penetration. This video is now on the Magic Media Server.

LIBRARY CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

Members may contact me 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, either by e-mail (at librarian@ring76.com) or by cell phone (voice or text) at 619-569-6035 to let me know what you would like to check out. (If you do not hear back from me within 24 hours, there may have been a technical problem so call me.) I will make sure the item(s) get to the next monthly meeting or you can pick it up at my home in Blossom Valley.

There is a limit of 4 items per month. You will need to sign the library card attached to the item along with your phone number. We ask that you return the items to the library on or before the monthly meeting for the following month (for example: If you check out a book at the July meeting, it should be returned on or before the August meeting). If need be, you can keep the book or video again if nobody else has requested it but you must sign for it again.

Our objective is to build the best magic reference library in the entire IBM organization world-wide but we need your help to do that. Please return over-due books & videos and donate regularly to your library. The library is here so YOU can learn how to perform magic. Use it! Am I doing a good job for you? Do I meet your needs? Please email me with any comments or suggestions.

From my secret underground bunker, hidden deep in the hills outside San Diego, California, I wish you a magical month and I will see you again in the next newsletter. May the *Classic Force* be with you.

Gary Salisbury



Objective: To build the best magic reference library in the IBM organization world wide.

IBM Ring 76 Board Member-at-Large
IBM Ring 76 Librarian
Email: librarian@ring76.com
Cell: 619-569-6035

CRIDES QUOD HABES, ET HABES
What you believe is real, is real.

(Disclaimer: Much of this material is my own but I sometimes copy material from other sources with and without credit, and then merged with my own commentary to give you a better, more thorough source of information. Thanks to all who have brought and unknowingly contributed.)

MAGIC FOR SALE:

INSIGHT PRO BY HUGO SHELLEY (NEW) - \$400



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Insight has evolved – featuring a new reader with the ability to detect three cards simultaneously! Retail for \$550 but is out of stock everywhere I have looked.

Insight Pro includes a deck of 52 electronic playing cards. Invisible RFID chips embedded in each card transmit the suit and value to the Insight reader, a miniature device that will quietly vibrate the value of the card, or send it to a nearby iPhone.

THE BASIC EFFECT:

The performer hands the deck to a volunteer and invites them to choose their favorite card, placing the rest of the deck aside. Without touching the volunteer or the deck, the performer reveals the chosen card. Included are seven incredible new routines by Colin McLeod and Mark Elsdon.

THE READER:

The reader features both wireless transmission and on-board vibration cuing. At only 77 x 33mm it's incredibly small, with a range that allows you to detect cards and tags with a single gesture. The battery will last for over 10 hours on a single charge and is both rechargeable and replaceable.

THE DECK

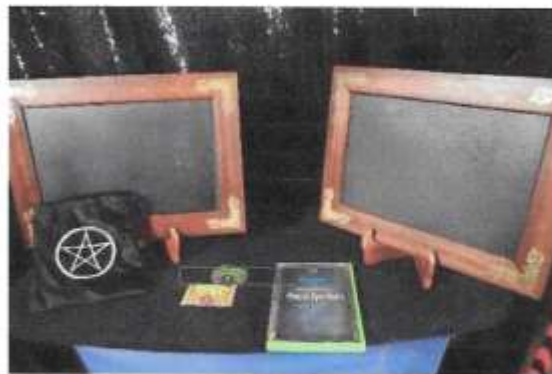
The Insight deck (Phoenix edition) is the very first electronic deck to be designed from the ground up specifically for magicians. The chips and antenna are embedded in the cards during the manufacturing process, ensuring that each card is perfectly thin and flat. The deck can be shuffled and handled in the same way as an ordinary deck, and is designed to last a lifetime.

SPECIFICATIONS:

- Dimensions: 77 x 33mm
- Battery life: 10 hours (rechargeable & replaceable)
- Range: 11cm from the Insight playing cards to the reader, 10m from the reader to a nearby iPhone.
- Includes: The reader, 52 electronic playing cards, Velcro wrist strap, instructions and routines.

Contact Gary Salisbury (619-328-9694) for more info.

LEBANON CIRCLE'S ABACUS SPIRITALIS SPIRIT SLATES - \$350



Demo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Puo9KymZoA>

These are the Rolls Royce of Spirit Slates! You can actually hear the spirits writing on the slates with chalk. You can also program your own sounds in them. Out of production, collectors' item originally sold for \$502. In excellent condition. Comes complete with wooden stands and instructional DVD.

Contact Gary Salisbury (619-328-9694) for more info.

JOHN MENDOZA'S JOHNSON CUPS & BALLS (+ CHOP CUP) - \$400



This four-cup set of Johnson Cups & Balls was once owned by legendary Cups & Balls Magician, John Mendoza. (Providence available.) The 4th cup is a chop cup. They are turned out of a solid block of brass, not pressed like cheaper sets and when rung, sound like the heavenly bells of St. Mary's. Comes complete with custom magic wand, knit balls, velvet bag and John's performance video.



Demo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbs80H4Iey8>

Contact Gary Salisbury (619-328-9694) for more info.

**TENYO T-174 CLYDE MAGIC RABBIT (UNUSED) - \$125**

Ask a spectator to select a card from a deck, remember it, and place it back anywhere. Now this is where the magician traditionally tries to find the card. But not this time! Instead Clyde the magic rabbit will find it. Clyde is a wonderful idea, a great prop, and a guaranteed audience pleaser. This is a wonderful 'puppet' effect where the magician holds a stuffed bunny which appears to have a life of it's own. Several effects with this wonderful prop are suggested in the instructions including "card in carrot."

Even if you don't use this item for a magic act, it's a wonderful collectible item and also a great prop for puppeteers. Comes complete with original box.

The rabbit itself looks very nice and is of superb quality. When you use the rabbit as the instructions say, it really does look like it is alive – very well done by Tenyo and is now a sought after collector's item selling elsewhere in the \$200 range.

Contact Gary Salisbury (619-328-9694) for more info.

RUN DRAGON, RUN! (UNUSED CONDITION) - \$100

Similar to Run Rabbit, Run! One recently sold for \$145 on-line.

Contact Gary Salisbury (619-328-9694) for more info.

\$2.85 LOCKING COIN TRICK (JOHNSON) - \$40

Retail=\$75 (Out of Production)



For the connoisseur of fine magical apparatus. Same effect as The Locking Dollar Thirty-Five trick but using two silver dollars, a half dollar, quarter and a dime. Everything vanishes except for one silver dollar, and that can be examined with a magnifying glass. Easy to follow routine also included. *Missing the silver dollar bang ring.*

The magician produces four coins, two coins of dollar, a half-dollar one, a quarter and a dime. He puts one to one inside of his left hand, then he removes a dollar coin and opens the hand all the other coins will have disappeared.

Performance:

<http://www.mymagicvideos.net/page5/>

Review:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDJ6NxAwUjY>

Contact Gary Salisbury (619-328-9694) for more info.

CARD-SHARK'S MARKED PHOENIX DECK (NEW) - \$20

Card-Shark meets Ted Lesley. This is a dream come true for all magicians who love to use a marked deck. The markings are based on the ideas of Ted Lesley, are extremely visual compared to all other marked decks on the market as they perfectly blend into the design of the Phoenix backs.



All markings are situated at the same spot right in the corner, so even the slightest opened fan will allow you to read the marking. If the back design gets into view, you will be able to spot the value. Can't get easier!

Contact Gary Salisbury (619-328-9694) for more info.