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Words from the Secretary

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Greetings from your secretary, Craig Colombel. We are looking for writers for the newsletter. Anything on your thoughts on magic, any performances you are doing, or conventions you have been to. See yourself in print. Send the articles to accolombel@zipcon.com.

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President's Message

Jeff Dial -President 2013

Greeting Fellow Conjurers,

Greetings

This month's theme is "Not Playing with a Full Deck packet tricks and effects that require less than a full deck of 52." Entire books and many small envelopes have been devoted to this branch of magic. There is even a trick that uses only 21 cards! So, dust off your Elmsley Counts, collect some double facers, and throw away those extra cards you don't need; it should be fun.

Next month is "Prop-Position Me – Show and tell night. Bring a prop with you are particularly enamored, perform or demonstrate it. Lesson: One-ahead principle." You may not even be able to perform with the prop, but bring it anyway. We do have great teachin lined up for June as well. Mark your calendars. At the meeting this month the board would like to propose that we sponsor one of the Ring of Smoke (local youth magic club) to the upcoming McBride Experience and workshop in British Columbia. We can discuss it and see if we think it would be a good thing to

Sorry I have not been able to attend the last two meetings; an emergency in March and visiting family out of town in April. As of this writing it is 90% certain I will be there this month. And just to forewarn everyone I will present my Gilbreath Principle Lecture and Demonstration before I leave office. Looking forward to meeting this month, Jeff

If you've never been to a magic convention consider attending the 3 of Clubs Weekend in Vancouver, BC. The NWRF will be entertaining in the Friday evening show. If you think you will be attending and might want to be in the show, contact me. The web site for registration is: http://www.ibmring92.com/tri-city-convention/index.php

and the Facebook page is:

http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/485766131446772/5537 02524653132/?notif t=plan mall activity

April 2013 MEETING

April Meeting theme was "Backwards and Forwards-Trick using the Gilbreath Principle"

Phil Reda gave a presentation on the Gilbreath principle. He told a story about two people on an imaginary trip to Vegas. He had each spectator pick a bag with a magic stone then he had them activate the stones by holding the bag to their third eye. He then took a deck of cards and had one volunteer cut the cards, the second cut the cards again and then riffle shuffle the deck. He held the card faced own in front of each person and had them say yes or no, if yes the card with face down in front of them if no in a discard pile. They were told to do this as fast as possible using the energy of the stone to tell them whether to keep the card or not. When he was done he showed that the discard pile was a mixture of different cards red and black. He then had him open the back one had a Redstone the other had a Blackstone. The one with the Redstone all the cards that were chosen were red and the one with the Blackstone all the cards that were chosen were black.

This was a version of "out of this world" using the Gilbreath principle. After demonstrating this fill kindly showed us how the trick was done. He also had handouts explaining the Gilbreath principle and explaining again how the trick was done. Darn the discussion someone brought up that Max maven has a PDF out called the Hawk which you had was a similar trick and someone also mentioned that Max maven was possibly write the book on the Gilbreath principle.

Mark Paulson performed find a card trick using the Gilbreath principle. This effect had the spectator only think of a card, move the rest of the cards and place the thought of card in the middle. The magician finds the card without looking at the faces of the cards.

Bill Murray brought out two packs of bandages, a pack of gauze, a large close up mat, smaller red mat, a knife and a deck of cards. He explained the bandages and gauze in that the trick was very dangerous and he may need the bandages and gauze. He stuck the knife through the deck of cards, remove the knife, and open the box and emptied out the cards. There were no cards in the box but a solid block of metal.

Benjamin Eskenazi performed a book test. Using a book and a deck of cards. The cards were used to randomly pick a page and a word. Benjamin then determine the word chosen.

REMEMBER, TO VISIT THE CLUB'S WEBSITE,(

HTTP://WWW.NWRINGOFFIRE.COM/INDEX.HTML)

and also visit the clubs Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire/429616737105973

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2013 NWRF Meeting Themes

- May **Not Playing with a Full Deck** packet tricks and effects that require less than a full deck of 52.
- June **Prop-Position Me** Show and tell night. Bring a prop with you are particularly enamored, perform or demonstrate it. **Lesson** One ahead principle.
- July One is the Loneliest Number Tricks using one ahead Principle.
- August **You've Got Mail** Effects with envelopes, stamps, mail boxes, etc.
- September **Make a Beautiful Noise** Magic set to music.
- October **I'm Not Dead Yet** Themed magic around life, death, and the undead.
- November Why Don't You Just Read the Directions? Effects requiring the spectator(s) to follow your directions.

 Lesson False calls, multiple outs, redefining what happened.
- December **Liar, Lair, Pants on Fire** Application of false calls, multiple outs, and redefining.

Make sure to check the website for upcoming events and lectures.

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Reviews by Payne Magick Balay

Borrowed Bill to Mismade Bill and Back DVD instructions an a Mismade Bill \$24.95

Magick Balay

http://www.murphysmagic.com

Reviewed by Payne

As you might already have deduced this is a Hundred Dollar Bill Switch using a Mismade Bill in lieu of the Hundred. Many of you in fact might already be doing this exact effect as it is something of a no brainer and one of the reasons the mismade bill was created fr in the first place.

Those of you who never contemplated using their Mismade bill in this fashion and are happy with their particular version of the Hundred Dollar Bill Switch might be thinking that they need not purchase this DVD nor read this review any further. But they'd be wrong. Mr. Balay's version of the bill switch is a very useful addition to anyone's arsenal. Even if you've already mastered the classic version.

Mr. Balay's switch is easy to learn, avoids some of the potential fumbling points of the original Mike Kozlowski\Milton Nichols\Vladimir "Vlado" Vladimirov version and will potentially fry those in the know. The instructions on the DVD are clear and easy to follow and with a modicum of effort one should be doing this like a pro after a few days of diligent practice.

Mr. Balay's technique as it most likely cleaner and faster than the one you are currently using. Over the years he's carefully honed and improved his version of the switch by using it amaze both magicians and laymen alike while working behind the counter at Fantasma Magic in New York City.

So do yourself a favor and take this opportunity to add this version of the classic bill switch to your performing arsenal.

List of kinds of card tricks that require less than a full deck:

Packet tricks of all kinds

Poker Deals

21 card trick

11 Card Trick (Paul Harris)

Cards Across

6 Card Repeat

Wild Card

Oil and Water

Linking Cards

Card Warp

Monte – all sorts

Mutus, Nomen, Dedit, Cocis

Twisting the Aces

Anything in Phil Goldstein's book "Focus"

Almost everything by Nick Trost

MAGICAL HAPPENINGS

That's Impossible

Tim Flynn is looking for performers, If interested contact Tim at 206-290-7767 or on Facebook at notification+khiuhkim@facebookmail.com

May 13 will be Jim Earnshaw, JR Russell, David Rudd, Master Payne, and I will host. June 10 is not quite firmed up yet. 2nd Monday of every month from 7-8pm at Ravenna Third Place Books.

Magic Mondays at Third Place Books in Ravenna.

Remember if you want flight time at the longest running magic show in the PNW contact Mark Paulson at

mark2061@yahoo.com or on Facebook at
http://www.facebook.com/thirdplacebook
smagicmonday?fref=ts

Ring of Smoke Mystic Pasta Report

Sunday evening April 21st the young magicians of the NW Ring of Smoke to a very appreciative crowd at Mystic Pasta who responded with long and sustained heart-felt applause in appreciation for their performances. Following very clever close up magic at the tables by these wily young magi was a delicious all you can eat pasta dinner prepared by O'Donnell's Irish Restaurant, who were also kind enough to host another Mystic Pasta. Following dinner came the well and hard earned award trophies of the NW Ring Of Smoke presented by Headmaster Bruce Meyers. Close-Up Magician of The Year went to Leo Kanzelberger who baffled us all year long.

The Shawn O'Donnell Community Service Award went to Elliott Hofferth for his many magical contributions to charities and good causes. It was awarded by the wonderful Sophie O'Donnell.

The Mystery Award deservingly went to the amazingly entertaining magician Otto Miller. Always a joy watching Otto perform.

The Stage Magician of The Year was awarded to Joshua Cizek due to his hard work in producing, perfecting and performing stage magic which has earned him competition awards as well as many performances for the public.

The Sterling Dietz Award of Excellence was presented Magician of The Year was the 2nd trophy of the evening for Elliott Hofferth with his excellence in performance and personally exemplifies the spirit of the award in so many ways. Zinger read a stirring letter from Sterling, who is away performing in Mexico, about the award.

A new permanent award was awarded the first time this year is the Bud Staple Merlin Award which caught Bud completely off guard this evening. It is awarded to "the one who has generously and selflessly contributed to the art of magic and magicians everywhere solely to assist in the spreading of joy and wonder." This year's recipient was it's name sake, Bud Staple. For years Bud has built, engraved, and donated badges to both the NW Ring of Smoke and the NW Ring of Fire. In 2012 he built and donated the trophies which were awarded for that Mystic Pasta. On more than one occasion Bud would approach me with magical items he constructed offering them to the Ring of Smoke magicians.

This year's recipient of Magician of The year is Leo Kanzelberger who is exceptional in so many ways that go well beyond winning 2nd Place Stage at the IBM convention and awards at PCAM After the 2013 awards came the parlor show. The Master of Ceremonies was none other than Billy "Bales" Hsueh of Vancouver BC who took us through a show of magic, wonder and laughter featuring leading award wining young magicians. This year's line up in a dynamite show from the small riser was Josh Cizek, Otto Miller, Tristan Wine, Leo Kanzelberger, Jakob Schreiner, Brianna Carlson, Logan Earl and Elliott Hofferth.

Special thanks goes to Brian Melicher, Jennifer Meyers and Ralph Huntzinger who worked tech and as stage hands and kept the evening moving

Leo Magician of 2013

smoothly.

Bud Staple receiving the Merlin Award



Reports from the "Ring of Smoke" the youth group associated with our club. Everyone should make a try to attend one of their meetings. A great group of young magicians.

May 5 Cinco de Mayo celebrations, and spectacular weather outside did not deter Ring of Smoke magicians coming out to share stories and jam together. Leo, Otto, Jacob and Ben were joined by Marty and Ralph. Leo did a great 4 card ambitious card routine, while Otto did an impromptu Professor's Nightmare, and Ben did a variety of close up string and card magic. We also talked about "astonishment" and turning tricks into magic by making sure to have a beginning, middle and end to the performances, as well as an effective entrance and exit and the kids worked on methods to incorporate these elements. Ralph also was kind enough to demonstrate these performance ideas in an entertaining card routine.

Marty & Benjamin Eskenazi

Ghosts From My Past

Growing up in Detroit in the 60's and 70's was an exciting time. The Automotive industry was in full swing and the region was prosperous. Magically speaking Michigan, Illinois and Ohio were the center of the magic scene. For example Colon Michigan - a sleepy farm town in the South West of the state is Home of the Abbots Magic Co and is crowned the Magic Capital of the World - even to this day it comes alive with a weekend of magic -with some of the best in the business performing and lecturing. The IBM had several chapters around Michigan and they held Jambories throughout the year. There was one in particular - the year year is a little foggy - I would say 67-69 time frame. It was a Sunday he together in AnnArbor MI - held in the basement of a church. The small little stage was crammed full of magical boxes, a trunk and other items. The lecturer and performer a young hippy looking guy - I would guess maybe 20 or 21 years of age. He was from Canada - our bordering neighbor to the East and North. He was on Scholarship from the Government to study magic - lucky dog. And was working his way to the West Coast to study with Di Vernon at the Magic Castle. I remember being an assistant chosen out of the audience to inspect a trunk for the substitution trunk mystery. He also performed at that time a new illusion - Zig Zag. Can you guess who this performer was- if you Guessed Doug Henning - then Move to the front of the class.

I still have a set of his notes on file. The resent cover story in Gennii brought these memories back - it is a great article if you have a chance to read it.

Next month I will be back with - Notes To Self

Phil Reda

Magic Shops in the Area

Below is a list of the Magic shops in the Area

None have paid for this listing and if anybody knows of others let me know and I will list them.

Seattle's Market Magic Shop Pikes Place Market 1501 Pike Place #427 Seattle, WA 98101 www.marketmagicshop.com

(A store that many know about. In existence for 30 years)

Terjung's Studio of Gifts 4547 Calif. Ave SW Seattle, WA 98116 (This is a gift store with a counter in the back were they sell magic)

Lakewood Costumes 5932 Lake Grove ST SW Lakewood, WA 98499 http://www.clownshop.com

(Mainly Costumes and Clown items, they have a counter where they sell magic)

Dave's Killer Magic Shop 910 NE Minnehaha St. Ste 1 Vancouver, WA 98665 1-888-360-6244

Brian Cook's

WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM

Information on the Weekend of Magic, 3 of Clubs convention. This will be held in Vancouver BC on November $8^{th} - 10^{th}$ 2013

From Mike Norden IBM Ring #92 Vancouver Magic Club and Host of the Convention.

The ALUMNI price is for anyone who has attended a PAST 3 of clubs, Weekend of Magic, 3 of Clubs convention. The price is now set till September. The first 75 people who register will receive a GIFT BAG of EXCLUISVE magic stuff worth over \$75 – I am serious! We have 68 people registered already so register now!

See the NW Ring of Fire Website for the registration form or go to www.ibmring92.com to register. Or for more information contact Mike Norden at 604-916-9879.

Diamond Jim Tyler has offered to donate some material from his upcoming book Bamboozlers Three. For the next couple of months I will print them here. More information on the book can be found at www.diamond-jim.com/originals
Bamboozlers- The Book of Bankable Bar Betchas, Brain Bogglers, Belly Busters & Bewitchery: Volume Three by Diamond Jim Tyler is due out June of 2013.

Expect the same classy style pocket-sized book. It contains 75 effects with over 100 illustrations and is bound in green faux leather, with silver gilt edges, silver foiled stamping and has a ribbon marker. The foreword of the book is by Mac King. The book will be sold exclusively at www.diamond-jim.com/originals for \$19.95.

NEVER-ENDING THREAD

GAG: Someone notices a loose thread on your jacket and begins to remove it. To their horror they learn that it's a neverending thread which shocks them into a fit of laughter.

SECRET: If wearing a dark jacket, then you'll want to use a light colored thread and vice-versa. Place the end of a spool of thread through the eye of a needle. Pull about five inches of the thread through the eye. From inside your coat, use the needle to push the thread through your jacket at the point that is halfway between the collar and the shoulder on either side of the jacket.

Push the needle all the way through the material. Put away the needle and leave the thread hanging from the back of your jacket. Drop the spool of thread into the inside jacket pocket that corresponds with the side you pushed the thread through. Carefully put on your jacket and run your arm behind the thread when slipping it into the sleeve of your jacket. You don't want your arm between the thread and your pocket. The thread inside your jacket should rest on the front part of your shoulder nearest your chest.

Finish putting on your jacket. Pull the thread back into your jacket so that only a two-inch piece emerges from your coat. Press it down flat and you are ready for the fun. The nice person that offers to remove it for you will be in for a big surprise. Don't laugh but act aggravated once they've started it. As they continue pulling the thread secretly retain a few loose buttons in your hand and drop them on the floor as you exclaim, "Wonderful!" Say something consoling like, "Is it your sole purpose in life to serve as a warning for others?"

