



## Words from the Secretary

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We need people to come to the club meetings, learn how to perform a slight, practice a new routine or effect, or session with another magician. 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](mailto:accolombel@zipcon.com).

## Meeting Place

We are now meeting at a new place. The new meeting place is:

Richmond Beach Library

19601 21st Ave. NW

Shoreline, 98177

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The theme for the night is Cards

The link to Mapquest map is below

<http://mapq.st/1DVUe4V>

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## August 2015 MEETING

### Magic with Silks (or Any sort of Handkerchief)

Your secretary was vacationing in Michigan so was not able to be at the August meeting. I got a verbal report on the meeting. I apologize in advance for any errors in this month's report.

Jeff Dial gave a one hour presentation with props and PowerPoint on silk magic. It mainly covered the history and props for silk magic. The major item he covered was "Rice's Encyclopedia of Silk Magic Trilogy".

Ralph Huntzinger brought his usual box of magic stuff to show and educated the club.

There was a discussion about the clubs' performance of walk-around magic at the Richmond Beach's "Night Out against Crime" event. There was a consensus of the group that we should make ourselves available for more local community events. Christopher Hendricks(?) Volunteered to research for more events and venues for the club to participate in.

We then had the drawing for some prizes.

Come to a meeting and show off your magic

Remember, to visit the club's website, <http://www.nwringoffire.com> and also visit the clubs Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire/4296167377105973>

### UPCOMING LECTURE

Hi everyone! Direct from Spain, we have the incredible Dani DaOrtiz joining us on The Can-Am Conjuring Lecture Series this month. He'll be in Seattle on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.



September 19th, 2015 - Seattle, WA  
 2:00 PM  
 Shawn O'Donnell's (lower level)  
 122 128th St. SE  
 Everett, WA

**Ring of Smoke Report**  
No Report this month

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NWRF – 2015 Meeting Themes

August 13 – Magic with Silks (or any sort of handkerchief)

September 10 – Impromptu Magic

October 8 – Magic with Paper – Newspaper, slips of paper, note cards, stationery, origami paper – any sort of Paper!

November 12 – On the Ball – Magic with any kind of Ball - Baseballs, Tennis balls, Billiard balls, rubber balls, cork balls, Sponge balls, Marbles

December 10 – Finished Magic – Bring in Magic that you’ve been working on that’s finished. –maybe the “unfinished” Magic from March’s meeting!

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

[HTTP://WWW.NWRINGOFFIRE.COM/INDEX.HTML](http://www.nwringoffire.com/index.html)

**FACEBOOK :**

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAGES/NORTHWEST-RING-OF-FIRE/429616737105973](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire/429616737105973)

**Still Small, Still Deadly**

By Paul Hallas

Everything you ever wanted to know about packet tricks, but were afraid to ask

\$25.00

<http://www.paulhallas.com>

Softbound 8 1/2" X 11 1/2" 183 pages

Reviewed by Payne

In his book *Still Small, Still Deadly* Mr. Hallas details, references and/or attributes a wide array of packet tricks. I have never before seen a more concise compilation of packet tricks. But then I missed out getting his first volume "Small But Deadly" which was published back in 2002 in England, finally reaching our shores here in the States three years later when H&R Books published it in 2005.

If his first book was as thorough in his exploration of packet tricks as this volume is I am surprised there was anything more that could be written on the subject. But somehow Mr. Hallas has found nearly five hundred different packet tricks that didn't make it into his first volume. But don't get too excited. Of these twenty-fiveish score of referenced packet tricks he only details the inner workings of a couple of dozen or so. This volume is mainly a reference book for those among us, who like Mr. Hallas are not just fond of packet tricks, but seemingly obsessed with them.

Thus those who are not aficionados or fans of packet tricks should steer clear of this volume as there would be little of interest in it for them. The same goes for anyone simply looking for a few new tricks for their arsenal. While there are many packet tricks explained in this book they are hard to locate. Which is my chief complaint about this book, it is encyclopedic in scope but not in nature. It is poorly laid out and the information contained herein difficult to access. The six pages long "Index of Tricks Referenced" would have been made much more useful if it had featured an asterisked notation along side the tricks actually explained in the text of the book. A bibliography of the multitude of magazines, videos and books that are referenced throughout the text would also have been a useful addition. A more logical and consistent layout too would have been beneficial. Some chapters are about packet trick creators, while others are about a specific type of packet trick and the multiple variations upon that particular theme. Some chapters are just an explanation of a particular packet trick while other chapters might have the instructions to a trick buried in the text. Some chapters seem to be leading towards an explanation of an interesting packet trick but end up being a list of packet trick brainwaves or poker deals.

It ends up reading more like a series of papers or articles on packet tricks that have been haphazardly assembled into book form than a book that was purposely written on the subject of packet tricks.

As for the tricks themselves, they cover a wide range of material. There are ESP effects, mathematical and spelling tricks, effects with specially printed cards and tricks with regular playing cards, some with just standard cards and others which require standard gaffs. While some of them require the basic arsenal of packet trick sleights (not all of which are explained in the book) many of them are mathematical in nature and require an inordinate amount of counting and dealing. While reading this book and coming across an effect you might be interested in it would be best to mark the page as, it has been mentioned before, the tricks in this book can be difficult to wean out of the text. Particularly because, as mentioned before, they all vary in format. Some have chapter headings with "Effect" and "Setup" notations clearly laid out while others are buried as asides in chapters about a particular type of packet trick or its creator. This is true too with the few sleights that are described for use in some of the effects. A good editor would have standardized the format of the material and helped to make this a much more reader friendly book.

Still it contains a treasure trove of information of value to the serious student of packet tricks and their entomology and I'm sure references to this volume will find their way into bibliographies of future texts devoted to the serious study of this topic. I only wish that this volume had one.

### 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](http://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

1707 Main Street  
Vancouver, WA 98665  
360-448-9022

#### Brian Cook's

[WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM](http://WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM)

#### Seattle Juggling and Magic Shop

9460 Rainier Ave South,  
Seattle, WA 98118

206-859-8363

<http://SeattleJuggling.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/SeattleMagicShop>

### Magical happenings

**Magic Monday!** Magic Monday is an hour of magic, conjuring, & prestidigitation which stars magicians from the Northwest region on the second Monday of each month. Location: Ravenna Third Place Books in the Ravenna neighborhood of Seattle. 6504 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Seattle, WA. Time: 7-8pm Magic Monday is not only a great place to see local magicians doing what they do best; it is also a great place for YOU to perform. It happens the second Monday of each month. If you want to hone your magic skills, get in touch with Mark Paulson, the producer of this venue ([mark2061@yahoo.com](mailto:mark2061@yahoo.com)). It is a wonderful chance to perform for an appreciative audience. It's been standing room only all year.

#### SEPTEMBER 14

Jim Earnshaw-MC

Hugh Castell

Michael Jacobs

Steve Tyler

Master Payne

#### OCTOBER 12

Mark Paulson-MC

Jim Earnshaw

Philemon Vanderbeck

Xakary

Master Payne

If you wish to perform contact Mark at:

[mark2061@yahoo.com](mailto:mark2061@yahoo.com) or on Facebook at

<http://www.facebook.com/thirdplacebooksmagicmonday?fref=ts>

#### Illusion Factory (Seattle's Best Magicians)

Delancey's on 3<sup>rd</sup> 810 S 3rd St Renton, WA

1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays of the month. Doors open at 7:45pm

Food, Drinks Close-up Magic 8-9 pm

Emcee Tim Flynn

Stage Show 9pm. \$10/\$15

Call Seattle Juggling and Magic shop

206-859-8363

## Notes to Self - Karma Deck Review and special offer!

By Phil Reda

Do You believe in Karma - you should!

For years I played around with different stacked decks. One of my favorites is Richard Osterlind's "Breakthrough Card System". But there is a new kid on the block - The Karma Deck. This is a completely new and original stack that goes far beyond what other stacks can do. This is also a memorized deck without any memory work! What? No memory work! - I was skeptical. If you are like me I have shied away from learning a memorized deck. The main reason is you have to constantly practice with your deck to keep the order memorized. It is great if you perform all the time but for us weekend warriors it is just not practical. What a shame as there are so many great memorized deck routines out there.

So I crossed my fingers and ordered this 41 page manuscript from Library.com. As usual my order was in my inbox within minutes. I first read the forward by none other than Richard Osterlind - well this is off to a good start. Then as I read the method I marveled at the elegance and simplicity of the system. The ad is completely true you will learn a memorized deck in 5 minutes based on the algorithmic stack. There are just a couple of rules and if you need a crutch there is a very clever gimmick that we all have that will guide you. The beauty of the gimmick is it sits there in plain sight of the spectators and they will never notice it. But the gimmick is not required to use this deck it is only there if you need it.

Here are some of the highlights I copied from the ad:

- Karma Deck is a game changer. 100% intuitive with zero memory work.
- If a 12 year old can learn Karma Deck in just 6 minutes, you can definitely learn in 5.
- Karma Deck can be used as a stacked deck, memorized deck or an algorithmic deck.
- Karma Deck is based on a very innovative and clever principle (probably the world's first)
- Given a position you can know the card. Given a card you can know its position.
- Given a card you can know what card is before it as well as after it. Also, how many cards are above it and below it in the deck.
- With Karma Deck, if you cut the deck you can know how many cards are in each pile. And also what cards are in each pile.
- If you distribute Karma Deck to 52 people you can know who has what card for everybody.
- Karma Deck works with any suit order of your choice like CHaSeD, SHoCkeD, DuCHeS etc etc.
- Karma Deck system allows you to do amazing routines even without a deck of cards.
- Almost all existing routines of any stacked or memorized or algorithmic decks can be done with Karma Deck. And much more easily.
- The intro price is \$12 but the price was going up this week so I contacted Chris at Library.com and told him I was writing a review and could he extend the date. He contacted the author and they extend the date until October 12th then the price will go to \$18. They also are offering a package deal where if you buy this manuscript you can get "Amazons with Karma Deck" for Half price - only \$5. This book gives routines to perform with the Karma deck. I would recommend the package deal. But the Karma deck can be used for any stacked or memorized deck routine it is the versatile.

To order a copy of Karma Deck

<http://www.lybrary.com/karma-deck-p-703810.html>

If you want the Amazon book

<http://www.lybrary.com/amazons-with-karma-deck-p-730954.html>