



THE TARBELL TRIBUNE

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IBM RING 43 NEWSLETTER

The Month & Upcoming

Next Meeting: Friday,
February 20th, at 7:00 pm
@ **Magic Inc**

This month's issue is packed with great reminders of why Ring 43 is such a special community. Inside, you'll find a recap of our Holiday Party meeting filled with strong performances, raffle prizes, and plenty of pizza-powered magic.

We also continue our "Prez Says" reflections on the history and preservation of magical knowledge, along with a fascinating Member Spotlight on Arthur H. Buckley – a performer, inventor, and past Ring 43 president whose influence on card and coin magic still echoes today. It's a fun mix of history, inspiration, and recent memories that captures the spirit of our club.

Looking ahead, we're especially excited for our upcoming meeting, which will be a Show & Tell Night. Bring a favorite trick, prop, book, or odd little magical treasure and share what makes it meaningful to you – whether it's polished, in progress, or simply nostalgic.

We'll also kick things off with a Front Table session focused on newspaper tears and torn-and-restored cards, giving everyone a chance to swap techniques and ideas right from the start. It's shaping up to be an evening of sharing, learning, and a little bit of beautiful destruction followed by restoration – just the way magicians like it.

Last Month: Holiday Party

The January meeting was our annual Holiday Party held at Mr Beef and Pizza and for those willing to brave to weather great magic and great food were served.

First up was **Fernando Garcia** who did a nice mentalism trick with **Alec Schraegle** as his volunteer. He handed 8 postcards with weird pictures on them and Alec chose one. The cards were then clipped to a rope on command all but one card fell off the rope clips.

Next came **Terence Hunter** who came to play with a whole bunch of tricks and magical effects. He did a complete show including a colorful sock trick and causing a borrowed deck of cards to penetrate into a balloon. He then got **Anna** to volunteer for yet another nice card trick.

President **Mike Kamlet** tore up a newspaper and after each tear **Asher Schulman** decided which piece to throw away and which to keep. When Asher was left with just one piece Mike told him the word that was printed on that piece. A great mentalism trick!



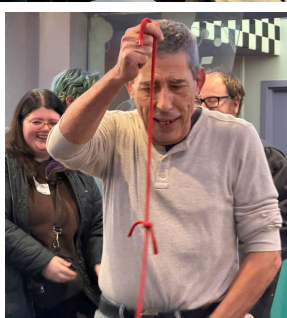


Next up we took a break to have our Raffle. Six lucky members each got a great prize.

After the break, **Mr Furio** took the stage to perform a rope routine with a red rope. It started as a well known "Professor's Nightmare" routine but then took off in different directions to turn a classic routine into something more elaborate and innovative!

Finally, **John Hutsebaut**, our MC for the show, Introduced The Box of Mystery, a series of nested boxes That when closed and then reopened Produced a colored ball. As a one of the balls turned into yet another box which then produced a gold coin. John then performed His original ring and rope routine.

A great time was had by all and even those who didn't win the raffle prizes got to take home a box of delicious pizza.



Prez Says...



As I've been researching our Ring's founding members, I went down a small rabbit hole into the world of Tarbell. I began to accumulate (although collect may sound better), some interesting Tarbell ephemera, which you'll be able to see at this month's meeting. The seed may have been planted as a teen when a cousin gifted a signed copy of Tarbell vol 1. While I really didn't appreciate it at the time, who knew I'd end up as President of the Tarbell Ring. These days it's relatively easy to collect with eBay and various magic auction houses including Potter and Potter. I was even able to purchase a limited edition, long out of print book about Tarbell all the way from Australia; oddly it arrived much faster than other books I had ordered domestically.

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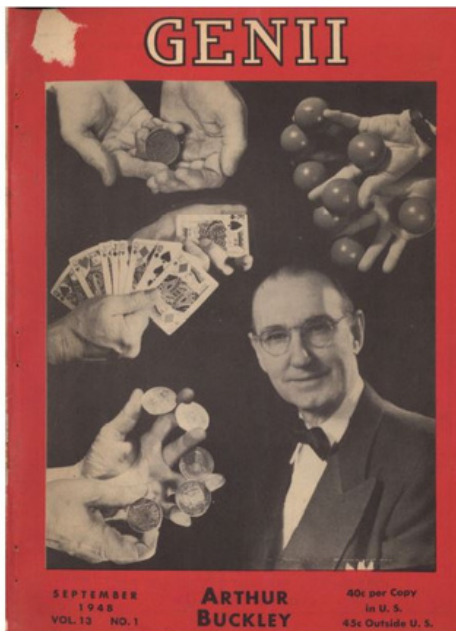
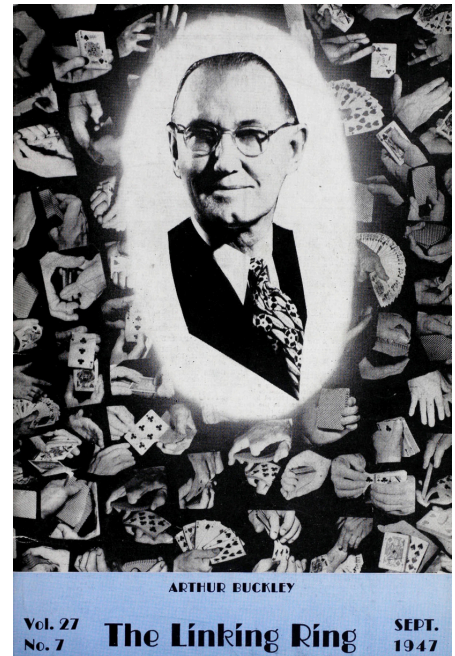
Member Spotlight

Arthur H Buckley (1890 – 1953)

Buckley was born in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. His magic idol was Allen Shaw. Thurston's Card Tricks and T. Nelson Down's Modern Coin Manipulation were among his most prized possessions. In 1908 he billed himself as "Dante, King of Kards" and toured Australia and New Zealand.

He came to United States in 1918 and soon became well known in America on the major vaudeville circuits of the 1920s. Buckley soon published a pamphlet of card tricks (Illustrated by Tarbell) that contained such effects as: The Triple Climax, The Burglar, and A Pack of Cards and Four Pockets.

By 1925, he was working as a two-person mind-reading with his partner/wife Helena back in Australia.



In 1934 Buckley returned to America, this time as an electronic and communications engineer in a creative and consulting capacity, he developed a number of commercially successful patents, and became an electronics engineer for Reliable Electric. Buckley had over 30 patents ranging from cabinet fans, motorized typewriters, to cryptography devices.

The 1940's were a productive time for Buckley publishing Card Control (1946) – where he published "split fan" production, Gems Of Mental Magic (1947) and Principles and Deceptions (1948) where he published the Muscle Pass.

Buckley was President for SAM 3 and Ring 43 (1947–1948) and he appeared on the TV program You Asked For It with his coin manipulations. Buckley's was very generous in sharing his great knowledge of magic with younger magicians.

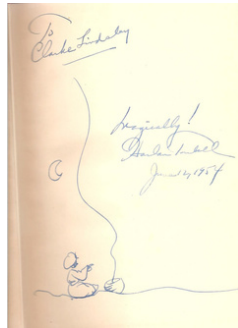


Open Mic Night
Thurs Feb 19th 7PM
Vitos Vault
5901 W Lawrence
suggested donation \$5
email to Ben at adso1327@gmail.com
if you'd like to perform



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But what drives us to collect? In searching for an answer, I turned to AI to ask for a short essay on magic collecting and it came back with a few interesting observations (true or not).



"Historically, secrets were fragile. There were no videos, no downloads, no reliable teachers. Knowledge survived because it was written down, printed cheaply, and passed hand to hand.... To collect was to preserve information that might otherwise vanish. A magician without books was a magician without memory."

"...collecting in magic isn't about romance or reverence. It's about continuity. We collect because the art has always depended on objects to carry knowledge forward, and because losing those objects would mean losing the thinking embedded inside them."

- Make Kamlet

New Members: Juan Friguglietti
Brian Waddick

Happy Birthday

Michael Appelbaum
Brad Davidson
Jim Hagy
Chuck Horgan
Kristen Kaniewski
Nico Lopez
Andrew Michals
Barrett Sweet



Events Calendar

Feb 20 Show and Tell

Mar 20 TBD

Apr 17 TBD

Meeting location is graciously hosted by



1838 W Lawrence Ave. Chicago, IL 60640

*Meeting date one week earlier due to the holidays.

**Location change, at Mr. Beef and Pizza in Mt. Prospect

Chicago Magic Lounge - Shows Every Night!
chicagomagiclounge.com.

Coin Magic Study Group - Work through the classic coin magic book, Bobo's Modern Coin Magic, on the second Saturday of every month from 2 pm - 4 pm.

Magic Inc. - Support your local magic shop! For more info, call 773-334-2855 or magicinc.net.

Club Meetings:

S.A.M. Assembly 3—At Magic Inc, first Monday of the month 6:30pm.

www.magicalchicago.com

Conjurer's Corner Magic Club—Fourth Monday, Mr. Beef & Pizza, 1796 S. Elmhurst Rd., Mt. Prospect.

Magic Masters—Fourth Wednesday, The Station Pub & Restaurant, 6657 South Street, Tinley Park.

S.A.M. Assembly 106—Second Monday, The Timbers, 1100 N. River Rd., Shorewood.

S.A.M. Assembly 148—Third Monday, Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, 314 W. Valette St., Elmhurst.

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