



# THE TARBELL TRIBUNE

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## IBM RING 43 NEWSLETTER

### The Month & Upcoming

Next Meeting: Friday, January  
16th, at 7:00 pm

**Holiday Party @ Mr. Beef &  
Pizza 1796 S. Elmhurst Road  
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056**

One of the highlights of the Ring 43 calendar is right around the corner, and we're already looking forward to our upcoming Holiday Party, a night that perfectly captures the spirit of our club. If last year's celebration is any indication, we're in for something special. The evening was filled with laughter, strong magic, and a wonderfully supportive atmosphere, with performances ranging from elegant close-up routines to playful, theatrical pieces that had the entire room engaged. From clever card work and storytelling to visual classics like cups and dice, dancing canes, and silk-to-egg routines, our members truly brought the magic. This year, we encourage everyone, seasoned performers and first-time volunteers alike, to consider taking part.

The holiday party is one of the most welcoming stages you'll ever find: a room full of friends who want to see you succeed. Whether you're polishing a favorite routine or testing something new, this is the perfect opportunity to share your magic and be part of a memorable evening.

Beyond the excitement ahead, this issue also gives us a chance to reflect on a strong close to the year. Inside, you'll find recaps of recent meetings, thoughtful insights from our President, and a look at the rich history and connections that continue to define Ring 43. Together, these stories remind us why this club remains such a valuable and inspiring place to learn, perform, and grow.

We hope everyone found the space to enjoy a restful holiday season. Thank you for being part of Ring 43, we're excited for what's to come and can't wait to make even more magic together in the new year.

## Last Month: Teach a Trick

**Pedro Nieves** kicked off the December meeting by showing some new effects in the shop. Tenyo's new Erase Away was a very clever vanish of a coin. Pedro later demo'd the other Tenyo new releases in the shop. Shine 3.0 is a very cool remote-controlled lightbulb, and Pedro shared the differences in the versions as well as some ideas for use. Finally, Pedro showed Color Changing Chips where a white and black chip changed places. The routine ended with both chips having different colors on each side.

Pedro also started the teach-a-trick segment by sharing his handling of Red Hot Mamma. With the use of a simple gimmick, it makes the forcing of the card and the double lift VERY easy to do.

Next up was **Terrence Hunter** who showed his take on Richard Sanders 30 seconds to Stun. Using a very cool jumbo indexed deck, Terrence turned his back and rifled the cards to have one selected. When he turned around, the selection was found in Terrence's mouth. Terrence also asked a series of questions which led to asking for a color and a tool; a psychological force of a red hammer.





**Asher Stuhlman** wrote a prediction and had **Jay Collen** shuffle a deck. **Ian Murray** was invited to come up and cut to a card, which was not the prediction. Ian cut deeper also not to the prediction. All the face up cards were shown not to be the prediction, and some cards were set aside face down. Ian continued to eliminate cards until the final card dealt was shown to be the predicted card.

**Jay Collen** was up next to share a very clever handling for a stripper deck. After a card was selected, Jay removed it from the pack in flourishy way that automatically reversed the card

**Ed Vargas** shared a nice routine where a small object changed in Kristen Kaniewski's hand as Ed waved a small paddle (using paddle move) over Kristen's hand..

Closing out the evening was **Mike Kamlet** who taught Brother John Hamman's Twins routine using the Gemini Count. With only 4 cards, there were lots of changes and a cute story. Mike also shared Daryl's Untouched where the spectator plays the magician and finds a selected card without the magician touching the deck. Folks liked the solution Mike shared when the "something" needed to be adjusted.



## Prez Says...

As many are aware, I'm an avid reader (of all kinds of books) and a collector of magic books. This year my magic library grew to over 1000 magic books although my book reading count was a bit lower this at less than 90 books. A few highlights: I enjoyed Christopher Carter's In the Spotlight. All the effects are very well constructed, and I liked the essays as well. Escaping Obscurity - The Travel Diary of Harry Houdini, 1897-1899 published by Mike Caveney is a great historical look at Houdini just before he became famous. Houdini's travel diary is published with annotations by John Cox explaining what Houdini was doing (and deciphering his poor penmanship) alongside some great images.

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# Member Spotlight

## Eugene Burger 1939–2017

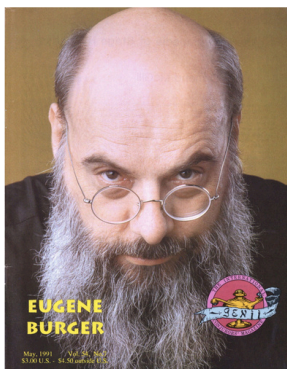
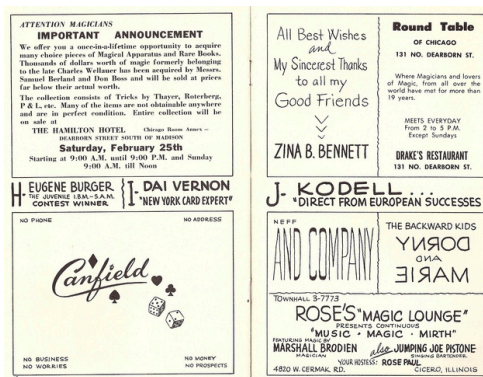
This column will be a bit different. Hopefully you're familiar with Eugene so this won't be a bio, but rather a look at Eugene's connection to Ring 43. I haven't found evidence that he ever was a member, but he did attend meetings even as a teenager, and always had a fondness for Ring 43.

Eugene describes coming to a meeting when he wrote the introduction to the Ring's 60th anniversary history booklet. *"I first visited Chicago's IBM Ring 43 with my friend Jack Gould when I was fifteen years old. After the meeting, there was a show and one of the performers, Eugene Bernstein presented a book test that involved adding a group of numbers on a pad. Since I was sitting on the aisle, he handed the pad to me and, in the process, it fell on the floor. I was confused. I had no sense that the pad had even touched my fingers and yet I strangely felt some responsibility for its falling. Bernstein picked up the pad and handed it to me. I took it and added the numbers and, as he walked back to the center of the performing area, someone behind me leaned forward and whispered in my ear. "That was a great switch, don't you think, kid?" Sadly, I never discovered if it really was a switch -- or simply one of us being clumsy."*



Several years later in 1956 Ring 43 and SAM 3 held a magic competition for younger magicians. Each local magic shop sponsored a young magician. The contestants were Jackie Gould, Chicago Magic Center; Tommy Torville, Madza Magic; Eugene Burger, Ireland Magic; Bob Goldsmith, National Magic; and Marshall Ellenstein (and current Ring 43 member), Al Sharp Studio.

Eugene Burger performed a short routine involving a snake basket and linking loops of rope. Marshall Ellenstein did a vanishing bird cage and linking rings.



Eugene won the contest which earned him a spot on the public show sponsored by the clubs at the 8th street theater. Eugene performed after intermission and following Eugene was another magician you may have heard of... Dai Vernon. Other performers on the show were Frances Carlyle, Ron Urban, Manakin, Bob Gurtler, Eugene Bernstein, Jack Kodell, and Julius Sundman.

In addition to writing the introduction, Eugene also performed at our 60th anniversary celebration performing 13 At Dinner. He described an unlucky dinner party illustrated with 13 red cards. No matter how many times Eugene removed the 13th guest, 13 cards remained, until their untimely demise (changed to 13 black cards).



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Another set of books I enjoyed were by our own Jim Hagy (available through Quicker than the eye). The 2 volume set: Animal Wizards: A Critical History of Magicians' Most Trusting Assistants and Animal Wizards: An Insider's Guide explores the use of animals in magic. The first volume written for the public discusses why animals were so popular in entertainment and how society's views changed over time while the second volume for magicians delves into some of the methods used with livestock effects. Both volumes also take a deep look into Carl Hertz when he was called before the House of Commons in England for his vanishing birdcage. I've also just started the Tim Conover books and they look good too.

In non-magic books, I read the definitive Bob Crane biography. I knew Johnny and Pam Thompson were friends with Bob, but I didn't realize how close they were. Bob had tired to get Johnny a part in one of his sitcoms and was planning on having them perform magic in a Hogan's Heroes Las Vegas Revue show – well maybe it was good that show never came to fruition.

– Make Kamlet

Happy Birthday



Fernado Garcia  
Owen Marshall  
Alberto Navarrete  
Kevin O'Donnell  
Paco Perez  
Bob Siwek

## Events Calendar

**Jan 16\*\*** Holiday Party

**Feb 20** TBD

**Mar 20** 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!  
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**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.

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### Club Meetings:

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

www.magicalchicago.com

**Conjuror'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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