



THE TARBELL TRIBUNE

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IBM RING 43 NEWSLETTER

The Month & Upcoming

Next Meeting: Friday, March
21st at 7:00 pm **Mike Powers**
Lecture
@ Magic Inc

Ring 43 hosted a fun and enriching Works in Progress session last month. Members showcased new routines, creative approaches to sleights, experimented with principles, and workshopped ways to improve presentations. The vibe was collaborative, friendly, and quite productive for several members.

This month's meeting is a special one, as we welcome Mike Powers to the lecture table at Magic Inc. Mike runs the card corner section of the Linking Ring, has published several books, and is the creator for some of our favorite effects such as the Diminishing Returns.

Mike's close up lecture will feature magic on cards, coins, rubber bands, and maybe some dice. He'll teach magic that is approachable, as entertaining as it will be fooling to any audience, and he even promises some trivia questions with cool prizes. Join us for this month's lecture to learn principles and tools to keep your magic fresh and powerful.

We have a few more meetings planned before the summer, including a teach a trick session, the highly anticipated Joe Diamond lecture, and finally our Annual Close-Up competition. Don't delay your practice on your close up competition act!

This month's newsletter features a new section we're experimenting with, a member spotlight! Our ring has a fascinating history of past members, and our president Mike Kamlet is going to share this history with us each month. Our current member roster is equally fascinating, and we'll also feature an active member spotlight so we can all learn about members we have the opportunity to engage with today.

Last Month: Works in Progress

Our February meeting began with a Front Table by **John Hutsebaut**. John demonstrated and taught how to get a rubber ball to penetrate into a sealed coffee cup. He also demonstrated and explained a Chop Cup routine that used a Starbucks cup. Finally, he explained the Elevator Rubber Band Trick

Next, President **Mike Kamlet** gave the Est night awards to Terrence Hunter and Paco Perez, who came in first and second in last month's contest. Mike also announced that next month would be the Mike Powers lecture and the Joe Diamond lecture would be in May.



Our program for the night was Works In Progress where you share something you are working on and get feedback from the members.

First up was **Terrence Hunter**, who showed a hefty bag with his first magic hat and coat and his first school book briefcase. He opened the briefcase and pulled out a real bowling ball! He also showed his first book, which, when opened, had a butterfly flying out of it. He finished with a comedy multiplying tennis ball.

Asher Stuhlman got a volunteer to assist in a fortune cookie trick. The volunteer cut the deck into four piles and turned over the top four cards: 2, 4, 7, and 6. He then opened a fortune cookie, and his "lucky numbers, per the cookie, were 2-4-7-6.

John Hutsebaut showed his "Light Fingered Glove" trick, a prop in search of a trick.

Dennis O'Neil talked about the power of his mind and how you could manifest your thoughts. He had Jay name a card (3C) and produced the card. He had Alec name a number (68) and then emptied his pocket to see if he had that amount of change. He then had Alec initial a coin and hold it in his hand. When Alec opened his hand, the coin was bent. Kristen then thought of a book (Murder on the Orient Express) and then thought of a word in the book. He correctly divined that she was thinking of the word "money".



Jay Collen shared a card move where he essentially did a double lift but he did it from the center of the deck.

Mike showed an effect from a Gary Brown book. Mike dealt twelve picture cards, face up. His volunteer picked six of them. The selected cards were in one pile and the others were in a separate pile. As each card was turned over it matched the card back from the other pile.

Alec Schraegle performed the latest effect featured in the Linking Ring Card Corner, Mar Locato Revisited, by Mike Powers. He had a spectator cut the deck and look at a card then pick a second card. Alec magically found the selected cards.

Kristen Kaniewski did a card reading for Alec. He cut the deck, several times, turning over the half he cut. Kristen demonstrated that she had total control over which card Alec selected.

Craig Reeder did an effect with a packet of ESP cards and asked for suggestions on how to force one of the cards.

To close the meeting, Mike showed off some interesting antique items from his magic collection.

New! Member Spotlights

This month we're adding some new features to our newsletter. We are spotlighting a past member to help share the ring's rich history (our 80th anniversary will be next year). As one of the "older members" now I have known some of the folks we'll be exploring, others were before my time. We will also be spotlighting our current members as well. If you'd like to be featured, please let us know. If you have any suggestions for historical bios we'd love to hear from you. We are also always looking for content for the newsletter so if you'd like to write an article, book/trick/show/convention review – just send it to us!

Peter Tappan 1928-2007

In the January 2025 Linking Ring, the youth trivia question was "In the last decade of the last century, an acoustical engineer and member of the I.B.M. made significant, original improvements to a fascinating and baffling type of puzzle and illusion that had previously been the focus of some other well-known magical thinkers and creators... Who was this magician, and what was this type of puzzle and illusion?" And the answer was Peter Tappan.

As an acoustical engineer, Peter designed/consulted on tons of projects and his work can be heard in theaters, churches, and other structures (including O'Hare) all around the world. Peter also consulted for the "Is it Live or is it Memorex" commercial.



Peter Tappan and "The Quicksilver Cube"

Peter was Ring 43 President in 1984-1985 and won the ring's close-up contest in 1990 and 2003. He served on various committees at the International level including membership and executive committee.

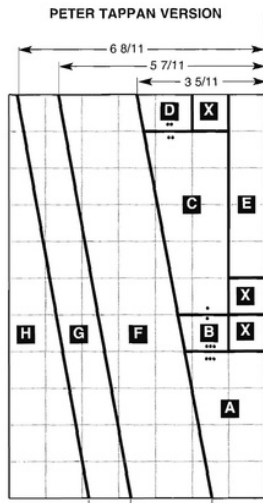
As a regular at FFFF, Peter was well known for his miniature floating lady effect where he could pass the floating doll through a wedding ring. He also wrote the book, *The Impostress Princess*, which focuses on a single effect that's gone by many names, including Paul Fox's "Five Card Mental Selection," Al Baker's "Vocalepathy," and Al Koran's "Princess Card Trick Plus."

Peter was also well known for his stage work including the Quicksilver cube. A metal cube would float to the top of the theater over the audience and then float back down to the stage.

Turning back to the question. The "Winston Freer Tile Puzzle" allowed for a single square tile to be physically removed, and the empty space could be made to vanish by re-arranging the rest of the pieces within the same confined area; a sort of something-from-nothing effect.

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This could be repeated three times. Peter improved this illusion by eliminating gimmicks and any sleight of hand.



In 1994, Peter Tappan's "FuTILE Subtraction" won the I.B.M.'s Originality Contest. It was published in the October, 2000 issue of The Linking Ring (with corrections in the December, 2000 issue.)

Robert K. Miller with his IBM Presidential Citation at Bob's senior residential facility on February 7, 2025.



Happy Birthday

Jason Harvey
John Mussman
Kevin Owens
Joanne Volk



Events Calendar

- Mar 21** Mike Powers Lecture
- Apr 25*** Teach a Trick
- May 16** Joe Diamond Lecture
- Jun 20** Annual Close-up Contest

Meeting location is graciously hosted by



1838 W Lawrence Ave. Chicago, IL 60640

*Due to Good Friday, meeting moved to the 4th Friday

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—Now meeting 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.

Mazda Mystic Ring—Second Thursday, Knights of Columbus Hall, 10 Villa Court, Elgin.

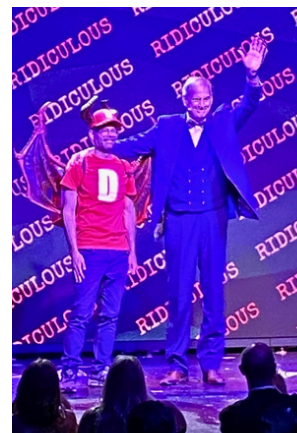
S.A.M. Assembly 106—Second Monday, The Timbers, 1100 N. River Rd., Shorewood.

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

Member Spotlight Continued...

Current Member Spotlight -- Ethan Schleeter

My first exposure to magic was as a young child. I received a couple of magic sets as Christmas gifts and saw magicians on television, such as Doug Henning, Harry Blackstone Jr., and David Copperfield. While in elementary school, an older cousin of mine fooled me badly with some card tricks at several family functions, and he eventually let me keep the book he learned them from (Garcia & Schindler's "Magic With Cards"). However, I didn't keep up with the magic, and I gravitated toward other interests until I rediscovered it as an adult.



In the mid-2000s I moved to an apartment in Chicago that was only a couple blocks away from the Lincoln Avenue location of Magic Inc. I liked popping in there every few months to quietly lurk and gawk at the counter-demonstrations. In early 2012, I was researching some magic concepts for an art project and thought I should join a magic club to learn more, but I wasn't finding much information on Chicago clubs. That summer while visiting family in Tucson, Arizona, I made a chance visit to Williams Magic, operated by the beneficial and friendly Emory Sr. and his son Emory Jr. Due to their mobile magic shop project they were able to give me the contact information for IBM Ring 43 and the rest is history.

My favorite Ring 43 memory is my first meeting, which was also my first magic lecture. I arrived late trying to find the Evanston hospital where the club met at that time, and I circled the entire building looking for the entrance. When I finally got inside and found the group I was treated to a brief performance and an amazing lecture by the mentalist Banachek. Mentalism was one of the branches of magic that got me interested in magic again as an adult and this lecture absolutely blew my mind -- I was definitely hooked after that!

There are many things to recommend about IBM Ring 43. It feels somewhat more accessible to me than some of the other local clubs. The club's vibe these days is pretty laid back too -- there's no pressure to perform if you just want to hang out and watch the magic; but it's also a safe space to try something new because you can make mistakes and still receive encouragement and support for the attempt. There's a good mix of meeting formats throughout the year including lectures, contests, open performance, instruction, show and tell, etc. and the fellowship (holiday party, after meeting dinners) helps strengthen the magic community.

This year I have a lot of magic in the works! In January I kicked off a new book with my monthly Magic Study Group (Bobo's "New Modern Coin Magic"). I also recently started volunteering at Lurie Children's Hospital as a magician with Open Heart Magic. And there are plans for me to teach some additional classes at Magic Inc. where I continue to work part-time (keep your eyes peeled for an introductory Tarot class and possibly more...).

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