



# NOW YOU SEE IT...

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## From The President

*Bertil Fredstrom, President*

Dear IBM Ring 60 members,

This has been a fantastic few weeks in the Austin magic community. Our last meeting on May 7 at the IHOP at 183 and Duval was one of the best I have been to since I joined the club nine years ago. With more open mic participants and better magic than in a loong time...

Then we had Jamy Ian Swiss at our first sponsored lecture. Thank's to our member Richard Garriott the lecture was free for IBM Ring 60 members. And what a lecture it was, I do not think that I have ever seen anything like it.

Last Monday SAM organized an incredible event with their first annual Progressive CloseUp Contest. I was competing and had a lot of fun doing it.

The winner was our own IBM Ring 60 member and speaker at our last meeting: Arsene Dupin.

Enough about the past, let us now look forward. The next IBM Ring 60 meeting will take place on Monday June 4. Gather your magic effects for the open mic and "Come On Down" as they say in "The Price is Right". June is also the month when we hold our traditional fathers day picnic. This year it will be on Sunday, June 17, again at the fantastic lake front properties of the Griffith family thanks to our member Brooks Griffith. Pencil in the date right away, it will be better than ever.

Finally, we have together with our member Peter the Adequate organized a trip to Branson Missouri the weekend of July 21-22. We will leave Austin early on Friday July 20 and come back late on Monday July 23. In Branson we will see at least seven shows. Do not miss out on this one - it will be a blast.

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## From the Editor

*Chris Walden, Guest Editor*



I know I'm not who you expected this month, but Emie needed a hand and I happen to have two of them, so here I am. I really enjoyed putting together this month's issue of "Now You See It." I remember my past newsletter editing days with another major

Austin magic club and I just dreaded the months where there was no content. That has *not* been a problem here. There is all kinds of news about what's beengooning on and what is coming up. It's worth reading and I hope that you will.

This month I did something new. I went a camped in the woods for a few days with a bunch of people who *really do* believe in magic and it was wonderful. I performed for these people and it was very well received. I was surprised to find that the atmosphere permitted me to stretch my performance a little and take something that I had already been doing and make it more magical. I was just inspired by their attitude.

In case you missed the announcement there is a new way to send news for Now You See It. Send all of your news to [news@ibmring60.org](mailto:news@ibmring60.org). Isn't that easy? Try it! Send your own news for the next issue. Now on with this one.

## April Meeting Minutes

*Mark Wilson, Secretary*

The theme for Mays monthly meeting of the International Brotherhood of Magicians was inventing magic, and the topic was introduced by our very own Arsene Dupin, who in addition to sharing his insight into the art of creating magic, brought with him a very old puzzle cup which he passed around for examination. In order for the wielder of the cup to successfully drink without acquiring the dribble down the front of the clothes, he or she had to learn the secrets of the cup and possibly demonstrate a bit of skill as well. An interesting relic to say the least.

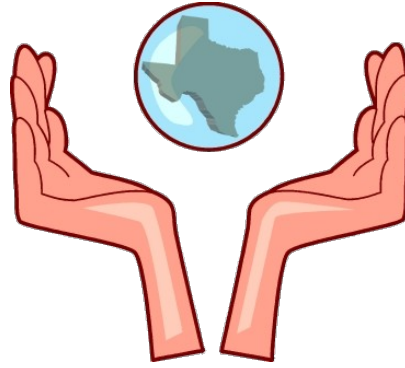
After Arsene's opening remarks he passed the puzzle cup around the room, and the presentation over to Kent Cummins who also handled the Teach a Trick section of the evening. He did this by first performing for the group, and then he gave everyone an explanation of the effect complete with its history. Kent then supplied everyone at the meeting with their very own version of the same effect he performed. That's right, free stuff at a magic meeting you gotta love it! Each attendee of the meeting received a version of MICO put together by Kent Cummins himself!

The reason for Kent's free gift was soon made apparent, as everyone was asked to separate into random groups, determined by playing cards distributed earlier in the evening. Each group was asked to work together to invent their own unique presentation of MICO using the props and the basic premise of the original trick. After about fifteen minutes of brainstorming by each group, we were all entertained by many clever and comical presentations. It was a great lesson in teamwork and quick thinking.

After the presentations were completed then meeting continued on in traditional fashion with Open Mic performances. Open Mic has become something to really look forward to and this particular evening the number of performers were many.

Some of the evenings performers included, Brad Henderson, Rodger Gorss and his friend Richard, Aaron Parker Fasel, Arsene's young protege Thomas, J D Stewart, Richard Garriott, , Laughing Larry Johnson, Current Ring 60 President Bertil Fredstrom, and Brian Brushwood. One of the highlights of the evening was Brian's assistance in a card through window effect in which Brian popped his hand up out of the bushes located just outside of IHOP and slapped the card on the window at the exact moment needed to make the trick a success. The audience was also treated to a beautiful rendition of Grapefruit, Lemon, Egg, and Canary, presented by CJ Johnson. The magical moments are many. If you did not attend then you missed a lot of great performances and valuable information. See you next time!





## National Lecture Night of Texas — A Perspective

*Lou Hornung, Magician-at-large*

It's that time of the year again. The National Lecture Night of Texas is coming up at our next Ring Meeting on June 4. And a terrific line-up of lecturers we have who are readying themselves to bring you a program that sure to be entertaining, informative and inspiring. Before we get into the details some background may be of interest to you.

The program has been very popular with the membership of the Ring over the years. It was started in the early '80s by Bill Amstead, who was then Vice President. When Bill was invited for nomination as President, he declined realizing that he had enough feathers in his hat already for two life times. Bill had been the first President of UT at Permian Basin in west Texas, Chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department at UT, Austin, a licensed professional engineer, and had his fingers in many other ventures and hobbies—watercolor painting and model airplane flying especially come to mind.

When Bill's term as Vice President was up, no one was identified to continue the program, and it was slated to be dropped from the calendar. That's when big mouth (yours truly) spoke up volunteering to run it. The program has continued yearly except for a one or two year break in the early '00s. It has been a fun and rewarding experience. Thank you for allowing me to serve you in this way.

The program derived its name from "The National Beer of Texas," which was being marketed by the Lone Star Brewing Company in San Antonio at the time. Some very good magic has been taught in the program and has been adopted in the acts of some of our members. It is interesting that Jack Yardley from Waco called last year wanting to replace the notes that he had misplaced for a piece that had been taught in 1991. He had performed it previously and wanted to restore it to his working repertoire.

Enough for background. How does it work? Very simple. Each participant presents a magic piece. It may be a classic that is presented in a novel way or uses some variant clever methods to achieve the effect. It may be a gem that has remained unnoticed in the literature for many years. Several times we have been provided with a new creation that the presenter has decided to share. After his performance the presenter teaches his piece and describes any notes or gimmick that he may be offering for sale at a \$1. The notes or gimmick is encouraged but not mandatory. Please bring a few loose dollars to join in the fun. Believe it or not it is gratifying to make a sale even at the token amount of a dollar. Besides we have our rent payments to make.

The line-up for this year is comparable in number to last year. The lecturers alphabetically are Cy Albertson, Mike Collins, Bobby Cordell, Richard Garriott, Jim Gentil, Brad Henderson, Larry Johnson, Marcus Eddie, Keith Mitchell, and J D Stewart. Yours truly has also readied a piece that will that may be presented depending on time. Be sure to get this meeting put on your calendars.

## Jamy Ian Swiss Wows Austin Group

*Ron Cartlidge, lecture chair*

Austin's Ring 60 had a very enjoyable lecture last night by Jamy Ian Swiss of New York City. Jamy was in town for a cooperate gig and that information was provided to lecture chair, Ron Cartlidge who set the event up with Jamy.

The lecture was a jointly sponsored event by Ring 60 and Richard Garriott who provided the funds to make this a "free" event for all Ring members. The crowd of 35 included attendees from San Antonio, Houston, and Killeen as well as Austin. About 25 members of the Ring took advantage of this unique opportunity to attend this special lecture by one of the greats in the close-up field of magic. The lecture was held at the IHOP, 1101 South MoPac Expressway, which proved to be a good venue on a Sunday afternoon and evening. It was easy to get to with very little traffic and the restaurant had plenty of room for the event, although a few chose to stand to see the work of Jamy. It was a four hour event, not including the evening meal in which a lot of the magicians chose to enjoy the early fellowship and restaurant.

I must credit Brad Henderson for the first contact about Jamy and once again thank Richard Garriott for a splendid contribution to the Austin Magic Community. Incidentally, the Ring picked up a couple of new members last night and several paid their dues to attend the event. All in all, it was a very successful night and if you missed this one, you missed one of the best in the last couple of years.

## IBM Ring 60 Trip to Branson Missouri July 20-23, 2007

Our Ring 60 member Peter the Adequate who is currently living in Branson Missouri has organized a fantastic weekend for IBM Ring 60 Members and friends in Branson this summer. This will be an event you will never forget!

The package includes transportation by car/buss from a central location in Austin to Branson, transportation between shows in Branson, three night at a hotel (double occupancy). Tickets to seven (7) shows, see tentative list below, and transportation back to Austin. No meals are included in the trip price.

All of this for \$290 for IBM Ring 60 members and \$320 for non IBM Ring 60 members.

Non refundable registration fee \$50/person, final payment one week before the trip starts.

You can read all about the fantastic Magic in Branson in the last five issues of the Linking Ring.

### IBM Ring 60 tentative show list in Branson July 20-23

**Taylor Reed**

<http://www.taylorreed.com/>

**Magic Parlor & Imaginary Theater/ Justin Flom**

<http://justinflom.com/>

**Tom Mullica / A Tribute to Red Skelton**

<http://skeltontribute.com/>

**Kirby van Burch**

<http://www.kirbyvanburch.com/>

**Hamner / Barber Variety Show**

<http://hamnerbarber.com/>

**Darren Romeo**

<http://www.darrenromeo.com>

**The Haygoods (non- magic)**

<http://www.thehaygoods.com/>

**Friday After Dark Cabaret**

(no website)

The Hotel would be the Days Inn located one block off the center of the main strip in Branson.

## RESERVATION FORM: IBM Ring 60 Trip to Branson

Space is limited so please do not delay. RSVP by returning below registration form to: IBM Ring 60, c/o Bertil Fredstrom, 12316 Indian Mound Drive, Austin, TX 78758, no later than Monday, June 11 with your registration payment (\$50). Write your checks to: Bertil Fredstrom

Price: \$290 for members, \$320 for non-members, (\$50 per person at registration time)

Please reserve for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Ring 60 Clinic Update

*Lou Hornung, Magician at Large*

The Clinics are off to a roaring start in '07. In January a clinic on the Linking Rings was lead by Sensei Strange and with a presentation by Larry Johnson. Sensei's award winning routine from the SAM Assembly 206 Contest was the featured attraction. A noted comment from Robert Castillo summed it up: "I have been wanting to add the Linking Rings to my show for a long time. Now I am motivated to really do it!" In February, Cody Fisher presented a clinic on Restaurant Magic. This was the third clinic for Cody to do for us. A sponge ball routine and a coin routine were included. These three topics showed to be of high interest in the Clinic Priorities Survey. Cody is always witty, informative and open. I hope you didn't miss it. We are very fortunate to have Cody share to so generously with us. In March we took time off to see John Calvert, who was brought to us by the Texas Magic Supply.

The Clinics were resumed in April with John Maverick on Children's Magic. John had put together a delightful program on this topic for our sister SAM organization with performances by John and others. Not wanting duplication of that program, John promised that he had much additional material that he wanted to share. And share he did. He held his audience spellbound for three hours and presented not one magical effect! John hit a homerun indeed!!

We had such wonderful clinics last year that I can't help but mention a few highlights. Arsene Dupin taught his bullet proof Cups and Balls routine, which had been a staple from his years of street magic in Paris and on the French Riviera. It was a delightful routine with instant setup and no angle problems. The clinic by Keith Mitchell on the Torn and Restored Newspaper has perhaps been the most favorably talked about clinic of all. Keith had ironed out all the little hitches that so often cause us to put effect back in the drawer. If we can help get Keith's priorities straightened out, we may be able to get another clinic from him.

There has been much high praise for the Clinics; many of the comments have been passed on to you in subsequent announcements. They were even recognized from the floor of the SAM Assembly 206 meeting at the March meeting—quite a nice pat on the back—thank you Hull. The best testimony for the Clinics being well received is that the same people keep coming back month after month. Novice magicians and experienced magicians undoubtedly feel that they are receiving material of value.

As the popularity of the Clinics has increased so have the volunteers for presenting or leading a clinic. The problem now is fitting them all into a schedule. Clinics have been identified that can keep us going a couple of years more without adding to the list and without repeating. All the volunteered clinics are definitely worthy, and strong interests have been shown in them. In order to maximize impartiality in scheduling, the Clinic Priorities Survey is being weighed in heavily. Be patient, it may take some time, but the goal is that all expressed needs and desires will be satisfied.

The Clinics are held at the Texas Magic Supply in CedarPark on Saturday mornings—10:00 to noon. This provides the extra benefit of accessibility to the magic shop. Besides where else can we get space for three hours at a price that we can afford? Please join me in thanking Texas Magic Supply for their generosity in the use of their space. The seating is limited, hence reservations are requested. Thank you for your cooperation. Fortunately, no one has been turned away to date, but we are generally near full capacity. The Clinics are free to Ring 60 members and a token \$5 for non-members. And there is generally nothing else to buy.

Now for what is coming up through the third quarter of this year:

- June: no clinic—go to the Ring 60 Picnic
- July 21: Coin Magic and Manipulation with Marcus Eddie
- August 18: Impromptu and Rubber Band Magic with Opie Houston
- September 15: Tips on Thumb Tips with J D Stewart
- October 20: Story Line with Chris Walden

These all hold promise of being very strong clinics. See the announcements of each clinic as the time approaches for details on what is to be expected in each clinic.

Hope to see you there!

