



# NOW YOU SEE IT...

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## From The President

*Bertil Fredstrom, Ring 60 President*

Dear members of IBM Ring 60,

October is a Magic month and we have a lot of magic to look forward to this month.

Our meeting on Monday, October 6 at the IHOP at 183 and Duval will be a good one as usual with Cody Fisher as the moderator on the subject of Educational Magic as you can read more about later in this Newsletter. Before the regular meeting we have a special program this month as we will try to gather a bunch of younger magicians that have shown an interest in our IBM Ring lately. If all goes according to plan we might have a junior IBM Ring in Austin before the end of the year as a result of this.

So, if you know a boy or girl that is interested in magic but that have not been able to find any peers with a similar interest, this is the time to invite them. The junior meeting will start at 6.00 PM and will run until the general meeting starts at 7.00 PM. The juniors will then be invited to stay on as our guests for as long as they want.

Our board member Richard Garriott is also about to do something magical. He is in Baikanor, Kazakhstan, right now and he just sent me an e-mail explaining that he sat in his Soyuz in his Sokos (?) for the first time this week. He will launch from Kazakhstan on 12 October at 0201 CT. The docking with the USS is scheduled for 14 October at 0338 CT. Both events should be on NASA television. If you can not find NASA television on your TV it will also be web cast on your computer if you google NASA Select TV.

We will also have a lecture and on Thursday, October 16 it is time for Kostya Kimlet to visit Austin. This exciting lecturer promises to release something unique to the magic lecture scene unlike anything we have seen before and which might revolutionize the future of how lectures might be structured. Do not miss this one.

We will also have a clinic on Saturday, October 18 and on Sunday, October 26 IBM Ring 60 will sponsor Kent Cummins Magic Camp at a big fund raising event at the One World Theatre. I hope to see you all there as contributors, in one way or another.

A magic month indeed...

Bertil Fredstrom

President of IBM Ring 60

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## From The Editor

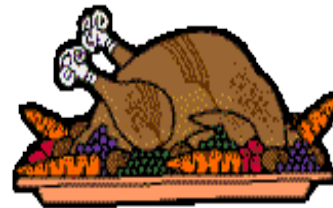
*Emiline Cantore*

Hi again everyone,

Welcome to the October issue of Now You See It... As I recall, October is usually the month when things begin to cool down but it looks as if, for now, our heat wave will continue. So I suggest staying inside, grabbing a cool drink and sitting down to enjoy this latest issue for a bit. Any time of year is a perfect time for magic but, in my opinion, October is especially suited for it because of Halloween. Since that's not until the very end of the month, I've decided to extend the holiday a little bit with an idea. If you haven't done so already, for this issue, save up a good joke or spooky story or two for next time. Just for fun. And of course, if you have a corresponding photo or drawing, include that as well. Pictures always make any newsletter a little more interesting. Well, I suppose that's enough out of me for now. Happy Halloween, and remember those of you with a sweet tooth (myself included) should take it easy on the candy. Thanksgiving is on its way!



Remember,  
always brush your  
teeth after eating  
candy folks!



## Secretary's Report(s)

*Mark Wilson, Secretary*

July- The hottest month of the summer. It was time for the regular first Monday night of the month get together. This time it would be no different than all of the other first Monday nights of the month in his life. Or would it? He wished he had access to a gas oven, so he could start cooking his Jiffy Pop. In fact he wished he had some Jiffy Pop. But it had been many years since he had seen a shiny foil <sup>3</sup>Jiffy Pop<sup>2</sup> container, much less eaten any stove top popping corn. It was time to sit back and relax and watch the show. But there was no black and white Television. There should have been. It felt like it was right in front of him. His friends had gathered at the appointed time and place and sat nervously anticipating the program, but yet there was no television to be found anywhere. The program began. An eerie ominous sound filled the room. The show's host began his introduction of <sup>3</sup>Tales of the Weird<sup>2</sup>. Shortly thereafter, the first of three short segments prepared by the local members of the International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 60 began. Suddenly he began to understand that his was not a television broadcast from the fifties, this was real!

For the next two hours the various members of the groups that made up the three different teams competing against each other took turns performing feats of themed magic with a vintage fifties Sci-Fi and unexplained

phenomena style. There could be only one! (winner that is..) It had only been a few moments before when he was randomly selected along with two other performers to become group three. Group Three. He wondered if the number had any significance. The first tale dealt with a revelation, and involved magic hat, gold coins, and a spherical scrying device. The items had been selected for their possible use from many others that lay on a table at their disposal. Each group had been given a short time to pick out their objects and come up with a tale to tell. The next group was eerily introduced by the host and the various members quickly rose to take the stage. Group Three. His group.

He mustered up his courage to stand before the audience and began the introduction that he had prepared just a few moments before. Something about the effects of Radiation and it's effects on the oooo- aaahh bird which lay an egg. The audience roared with laughter. He didn't know why? This was serious stuff. Dr. Ray D. Active was involved. Their performance completed he returned to his seat not quite knowing what to feel. He had given it his best shot but maybe it wouldn't be enough. Maybe they wouldn't understand. The final group to perform was introduced by the host. The last group delivered an eerie tale of an extraterrestrial nature, referencing area 51 and a message from a long since departed space traveler with an affinity for cosmetology. Now that their tale was told it was all up to her. The judge. There she was. She had been their all evening. She sat all alone, a nine year old with complete authority. She would decide who the winners were. The fact that he knew the girl to be his own daughter made him nervous. Would she show unfair favoritism? Yet while he pondered the situation the host rose to confer with her to make sure she had chosen wisely. The winner was announced! He blinked again. Had he heard correctly? It was not his group. It was the other group. The one who told the tale related to area 51. They were victorious. Not he. As hard as he had tried to create the ultimate presentation he had failed. He shrugged his shoulders. <sup>3</sup>Well there's always next year<sup>2</sup> he said.

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August - Well, midway through the summer of 2008 on the 4th of August the room located in the back of the IHOP was crowded with many performers ready and willing to share some great magic with the rest of the spectators. Vice President J.D. Stewart opened the meeting and introduced Kent Cummins from the Magic Camp who performed and demonstrated a prediction effect that is often taught to young campers. Afterwards he volunteered as a free gift to those who asked, the printed materials used to create the effect. It's always fun to get free stuff at a meeting.

After we all learned a trick we had several reports of interest starting with current IBM Ring 60 President Bertil Ferdstrom's report on the joint SAM and IBM Convention that took place in Louisville Kentucky this year. Bertil then performed a new effect involving a large die that he acquired during the convention. Next up was Lou Hornung with a very large collection of books. The highlight was a group photo from 1954, which featured Lou along with several other Magi together including the great Edward Marlow. Ron Cartlidge gave a special report on his special invitation to visit and tour the home of legendary Magician, Actor and Producer John Calvert along with his wife and assistant Tammy. (My favorite Magician - If only I could have been there).

After the special reports and a short break, it was on to the Open Mic segment of the evening. First up was Rodger Gorss with a card effect followed by Chris Walden who presented a nice scrambled word prediction. After that young but deft Eddie Boswell wowed the audience with another of his expertly executed card effects.

Just back from Indonesia, Lee Robertson presented some unusual effects appearing a card and one involving pens behind his back. Ramon Galindo as always kept the audience entertained, this time with cards and a jumbo color change coin as a finale. Finishing out the evening was Robert Castillo with a card trick involving four younger members of the audience. Another great evening of magic in Austin Texas.

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## **Kostya Kimlat's Last Lecture of the Year – Don't Miss it! – Everyone will be there, will you?**

*Robert Castillo, Lecture Chairman*

We're very excited to have Kostya Kimlat presenting his brand new "lecture experience" for us. Kostya's lectures for magicians have gotten rave reviews from across the world. His material ranges from the *"that is so simple, why didn't I think of that?"* to the *"ohmygod, that is really worth my time to master!"*

Get ready for a lecture experience that you will treasure for a long time to come!

Now is your chance to see Kostya's Lecture and learn:

- **Incredible magic** with candy, receipts, chicken wings, peanuts, license plates and other unexpected and natural objects.
- **Kostya's opening card act** that he uses in every professional performance
- A **full, interactive and audience-pleasing routine** using only a pen and a post-it pad
- **Psychology of audience interaction** and the secrets it takes to **engage your audience!**
- **Technical, psychological and professional secrets** that will elevate your performances and give you the confidence of a seasoned professional.

With the vast amount of information out there, these days it is the quality of knowledge that matters most. If you'd like to further your magical knowledge and abilities, be sure and attend this lecture.

## **Kent Cummins Magic Camp Fund Raiser Sunday, October 26, 2008**

IBM Ring 60 will partner with The Kent Cummins Magic Camp (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation) to produce a magical fund raising event on Sunday, October 26 (The first day of National Magic Week), at One World Theater.

The tentative schedule of events includes:

- Houdini Publicity Stunt
- Children's Magic Matinee

- Magic Class
- Juggling Class
- Silent Auction
- Short Stage Auction
- VIP Reception
- Evening Magic Show for Adults

Here are some of the ways Ring 60 members can help:

1. Volunteer to perform strolling magic.
2. Volunteer to perform on stage.
3. Help promote the event.
4. Sell tickets to family and friends.
- 5. Buy tickets**
6. Sell program ads.
7. Buy program ads
8. Donate items for the auction (not necessarily magic items)
9. Donate cash to help defray expenses.

Performers **MUST** be members of IBM and Ring 60, with dues paid in order to perform. Those selected to perform will be featured in marketing materials and press releases, as well as the Magic Camp website ([www.magiccamp.com](http://www.magiccamp.com)).

Ring 60 will not have a stake in the financial outcome of the fundraiser, meaning that if we should lose money, the Ring will not be liable, and if we should make money (LOTS of money!), the Ring won't get any of it! Assuming that the fundraiser is successful financially, the money will support our scholarship program. (We approved \$28,000 in scholarships this summer!) I appreciate your continuing commitment to support The Kent Cummins Magic Camp! (Contact info below)

If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact me directly.

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