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the answer to the December '08 WHATSIT? is Alan Warner.

# TOP 10 TRICKY TRIVIA

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and your "stage name" to  
[leigh@wizafdmagic.com](mailto:leigh@wizafdmagic.com)  
for an upcoming contest.

Update:  
We have just spoken  
with Arlene Sands.  
She has been  
transferred to a  
hospital in her home  
area (Janesville,  
Wisconsin).

She is in good spirits  
and would be pleased  
to hear from Magic  
Friends of hers and  
George's.

Her direct-to-the-  
room phone number  
is (608) 755-3873.

# OUR LAST MEETING

NO. 55 Phoenix, AZ The Bert Easley-Danny Dew Ring.  
Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month. Best Western Airport Inn 2425 So.  
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Instead of our usual meeting this month Ring 55 had its Annual Winter Solstice Holiday Gathering Celebration or as I like to call it: The Annual Christmas Party. Many Ring 55 members braved the chilly 65 degree Phoenix night to attend the party. There was food, conversation, gifts and of course MAGIC!

KJ Phelps showed her manipulative skills with a Card Fan Routine. Next up Brent Daniels grandson of member Jack Daniels showed that he is an up and coming magician by Finding a spectators selected card. Zack Gibson another young member of Ring 55 performed a perplexing 2 Card Revelation. Jay Gorham performed his ever popular Popcorn Box Routine. Watching Jay in action provided a good lesson for all of us on what to do when something goes wrong as he experienced a slight technical glitch. But Jay being the true professional just kept on going and completed the effect and received a well deserved round of applause. Next up was another young member of Ring 55 Elliot Travis. Elliot performed a very nice Selected Card to Pocket effect. These kids are getting really good. Clark Wirthlin did something off the beaten path with his Vanishing Ketchup Routine where he caused the ketchup in a bottle to vanish only to come back in the form of tomatoes.

Power tools in magic? Joe Swicklik demonstrated that power tools can be used in a magic effect. Joe used a cordless drill to spin a swirling disk which we all stared into and then we looked at Joe's head and swore that it was expanding. Then he did just the opposite. Truly an optical illusion. John Papamatheakis showed off his numbered Block effect where two stacks of numbered blocks covered by separate tubes magically stayed in the same order. You had to be there to appreciate it. Craig Filicetti did an incredible Mental Effect that involved five spectators who each selected a colored pen and drew a simple picture on a 3 by 5 card. Craig was able to correctly divine who drew what and what color they chose.

After the magic it was time for the gift exchange. And the last item on the agenda was the drawing for a \$100 gift certificate from Presto Magic Studio in Scottsdale, AZ.

Also thanks to Jerry Ferguson for video recording the performers.

David Goldberg .

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