

THE LOTA



THE BERT EASLEY
/DANNY DEW RING

Promoting fellowship and the advancement of magic as an entertainment art in metro Phoenix For over 61 years **November 2010**

HOLIDAY MAGIC NIGHT

Bring your favorite holiday effect and amaze us. Now that could be ANY holiday, including Ground Hog day. Also Please try to bring a Toys for Tot gift that's magical like a magic kit or trick.



Tuesday, November 16th 2010
at Electrician's Union Hall
7:00PM
3232 N. 20th St.
just south of Osborn Rd.
in Phoenix, AZ

In This Issue...

- The Big Event!
- Last Meeting
- Members Classified Ads
- Club Supporters

Visit our **NEW**
interactive website at
www.ring55.org

COMING IN Next Month...

HOLIDAY PARTY!

Message From the Prez...

Hi Everyone,
I hope you survived Halloween and the election with your favorite pumpkin getting elected. We had a very enjoyable evening at the swap meet and auction. The holiday season is upon us, so the November meeting is all about holiday magic. Bring your favorite holiday effect and amaze us. Now that could be any holiday, including Ground Hog day. Also Please try to bring a Toys for Tot gift that's magical like a magic kit or trick. I've seen magic tricks at the 99 cent store. Let's help make this a magical holiday for the kids. Our holiday banquet is set for December 4th at Larry Wilfong's club house. There will be a gift exchange and other fun stuff including entertainment. The dinner is being catered and will be \$10 per person. This is shaping up to be a great event. Please RSVP to myself or Jay Gorham. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 16th. Have a magical month.
Phil Tuttle
Prez Ring 55

The Lota

The monthly publication of the
International Brotherhood of
Magicians Ring 55

Ring 55 Officers

President	Phil Tuttle
Vice President	Leigh Hotz
Secretary	OPEN
Lota Editor	Leigh Hotz
Treasurer	Jay Gorham
Sergeant at Arms	Kim Phelps
Webmaster	Leigh Hotz

Here's your Nifty November **WHATSIT?**

This month's goodie is circa 1995 by the Milton Bradley Company.

One of just three *electronic* magic items sold by this venerable toy company during their MAGICWORKS period, this delightful apparatus rivals Anverdi and other contemporary high end manufacturers in terms of quality and value.

As a matter-of-fact one of today's top magic manufacturers uses the same micro chip in his expensive (\$350.00-\$400.00+) wooden & plastic combo version.

The first club member to notify our Editor, Leigh Hotz, of the correct name for this "goodie" before the meeting wins a **FREE TEN DOLLAR GIFT CERTIFICATE** to the Wizard Magic Shop!

Answer to last month's WHATSIT? is: Bob Kline's GRAVEYARD GHOST



TALES OF A MAGIC COLLECTOR PART 2

BY JAY GORHAM



This month my topic is MAGIC BOOKS. Magic books vary in size from a maximum of 15 pounds to a few pages stapled; I treasure them all! They range from general interest books for the public to very specialized books for magicians only. I have some of both.

Every trip to the bookstore includes inspection of the section with magic books. They are usually found in “Games.” Used book stores are a good source for magic books, even though they are becoming too aware of the values of some of the older books.

My book collection consists of essentially three types. First, of course, are those with magic tricks, history of magic and biography, and related arts such as carnival and circus. The second group consists of fiction which features magic or magicians. The third contains math, optical illusions, and puzzles.

There is an old saying in the magic world, “If you want to hide a magic secret publish it in a book.” It is so true! Many magicians have books in their collection and have not read them. At a meeting of Ring 55 last year the topic was magic from a book or magazine. I performed a mental trick and one of the members said he had the book from which I found the trick but never realized how good it was.

Another old saying is, “If you want to find a new trick look in an old book.” I recently was doing some research into the 27 card trick and found two excellent ideas in books from the late 1800’s.

Caring for your books is important. The photo shows a portion of my library and you can see three different depths between shelves to accommodate different size books. Especially important is to care for 8 ½ by 11 stapled or spiral bound items such as lecture notes. Gravity will ruin them if you don’t put them between two large books. You can also put them into extra capacity acid free holders and use three ring binders.

Finally, take notes when you read something you like and don’t hesitate to make it up and try it out. Ring meetings are great occasions to try things.

THESE COMPANIES SUPPORT OUR CLUB



www.wizardmagic.com



www.easleys.com



www.prestomagicstudio.com

Kenton Knepper

www.wonderwizards.com



www.williamsmagic.com

Shawn Greer

www.idealmagic.com

CLASSIFIEDS

NEW HOURS WIZARD MAGIC SHOP
POWER SQUARE MALL, MESA AZ
Most weekdays 4pm to 6pm
Fridays 10am to 3 PM and
Saturdays 10am to 5 PM

THE LOTA
c/o Leigh Hotz
2950 E Blue Ridge Way
Gilbert AZ, 85298

