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Tuesday, October 19th 2010 at Electrician's Union Hall

3232 N. 20th St. just south of Osborn Rd. in Phoenix, AZ

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COMING IN Next Month...

**TOP SECRET!**

## Message From the Prez...

The October meeting is our swap meet and auction. Contact Jay Gorham for a table. You can donate items to be sold at auction with the proceeds going to the Ring and have you magical items sold for you at auction. This is always a great event. We are still looking to fill the secretary position. Any takers?

See you at the next meeting and remember you make the magic happen.

Phil Tuttle  
President  
Ring 55

## The Lota

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BOO! Here's your

## Halloween WHATSIT?

Do YOU know the name of this spooky  
bag-o-bones?

If you know the name of this apparatus or the name of the magical craftsman from the past who created him, just be the first club member to contact our Editor, Leigh Hotz, before the AUCTION date and you'll win a **FREE \$10.00 Gift Certificate** to the online Wizard Magic Shop.



## RING 55 LINKING RING REPORT SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

Ring 55 conducted its annual Four Corners meeting.

Four members performed and taught several magic effects, in each of the four corners of our meeting room. This enabled the sessions to be close-up and personal.

LEIGH HOTZ started with a two card balancing act. This was followed by rope magic: eating a knot, appearing knot, tying a knot "without releasing the ends of the rope," threading the needle (Leigh's favorite!), rope through spectator's finger, and spirit wrist tie.

PHIL TUTTLE performed "Mental-Mental" and explained the working. He then taught: billet peeking, rubber band magic, crazy man's handcuffs (Leigh then showed Ed Rosenthal's comedy ending), and selected card revealed in his cell phone screen.

JAY GORHAM performed and taught "The Square Circle Comes Full Circle" from the January, 2010 "Linking Ring". He followed with "Will the Cards Match" and concluded with "A Baffling Prediction" by Martin Gardner from his book "Mathematics Magic and Mystery."

VICTOR GADE was up last and demonstrated effects which he has built or adapted: square knot, color-changing CDs, Geometric magic – cutting a circle from a square cut in a sheet of paper, Dentist's Delight (his adaptation of "Cords of Phantasia" with a dental theme, organ pipes, chain welding, coloring book monte, Blok Kord, rope tie, and several penetrations.

There was lots of magic and a variety to meet everyone's special interests.

Submitted by Jay Gorham with help from Larry Wilfong.

### TALES OF A MAGIC COLLECTOR PART 1

BY JAY GORHAM



I have been a part of the magic scene since I was a Cub Scout in the small village of Waterford, New York. My mother was the den mother. The month's theme for the pack meeting was entertainment, so mom made a Cub Scout uniform for a teddy bear and I did a very poor ventriloquist act. Soon after that I saw an ad in "Popular Mechanics" which I thought read "500 Tricks for 10 cents," so I put together a dime and sent for my package of 500 magic tricks. What I got in the mail was a catalog of 500 magic tricks from Douglas Magicians in Dallas, Texas. (Not too long ago I was told that Zany Blaney and Mark Wilson both worked there as teenagers!)

I bought my first magic book (Hoffmann's "Modern Magic.") and some tricks. Soon I was doing shows for our local scout troop, then the other troop in town. Our church suffered through my show and then the church in the next town, etc.

Well, I am a pack rat and soon I had magic tricks, catalogues, letters, business cards and just about anything pertaining to magic. I didn't throw anything away. Soon I had boxes with a Hodge podge of stuff! No organization.

The purpose of this series is to relate to you some of my experiences in collecting magic, including some of the do's and don'ts. One of my themes is: if I have something in my collection I want to be able to find it quickly and easily. Even if you are not a collector, I am sure you have magic somewhere in your home, so I hope my future ramblings will be of some value.

The photo shows a part of my magic den. My wife refers to it as cluttered; I say I am displaying my stuff!

Talk to you again next month.

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