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VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

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Kazoleas Chili at Huge Hit!

Doors opened a little after 6:00 p.m. for our March 2007 meeting. Early birds to the hall saw a quick beehive of activity with chairs and tables being set up, and the kitchen staff loading in and getting down to work. As people arrived they were greeted by Dennis "The Bulldog" Chan, who was pulling double duty this meeting, covering for ailing Sergeant-at-Arms Denzil Bee as well as taking care of his own position of Librarian, overseeing a selected display of the club's library books.



Jack Mellor

Anthony Young

The evenings workshop was scheduled to be hosted by David Watters, but due to work constraints he did not make it to the meeting. Instead, David Wilson rounded up a host foursome just minutes before the start of the workshop. Matthew Johnson, Amanda O'Leary, Ray Roch, and Gary Savard stepped up to the plate with hardly any notice and did an awesome job.

Two members did bring items with them for the original planned workshop. Jack Bastow asked for ideas for the use of a drink glass



Bill Lee

Bruce Hunt

with a slot in the back a coin could slide out & a finger tip (Not a thumb tip). Anthony Young was looking for a routine for 4 cards



Iron Chefs: Zany Zack & Graeme Kingston

that when laid out became a jumbo four of diamonds. After that a wide variety of magic topics was covered including card effects, top changes, Si Stebbins set up and it's uses, knots, ropes, *Professor's Nightmare*, *Three Ropes & a Baby*, and finished with a discussion on



Matthew Johnson(r) explains why Gary Savard's butt is so large

covering up if a trick goes wrong, and how to run with it. Time flew by during this absorbing workshop that lasted till past 8:30 p.m.

The business portion of the evening, as foretold in the March 2007 issue of the *Magical Minutes* Newsletter, was greatly reduced in length, to the delight of most onlookers. With President Mike Norden away at his wedding rehearsal and Secretary Karen Eskilson feeling under the weather, 2nd V.P. Walter Ruteck and Treasurer David Wilson conducted the bare essentials of business.

Grand Prix F.I.S.M. Champion at Next Meeting – well sort of...

The Vancouver Magic Circle's next meeting is Thursday, April 26, 2007 at the Sunrise Community hall at 1950 Windermere Street in Vancouver. Doors will open at 6:30 and workshop will start at 7pm. This month's workshop will be a video lecture by current FISM champion Rick Merrill.

The business portion of the meeting will start at 8:00pm. With Mike using his cattle prod and whip we should be able to keep the meeting short and sweet (he's married now so he is used to these tools). Refreshments will follow the meeting and from there we'll move into the heavily contested competition for the Charles Howard Trophy. This will be awarded to the individual with the best effect using Gimmick Cards not exceeding the time limit of 10 minutes. If you would like to register as one of the competitors, please contact our Trophy Chairman, Walter Ruteck at (604) 591-1930.

Highlights included a financial report, a reminder about the upcoming Eric Evans Lecture on April 6th, and news from committee chair Munro MacKenzie, that Dennis Hewson has volunteered to be on the Phoning Committee in place of David Murdoch who has resigned due to health reasons.

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Kitchen duty for this month's refreshment break was handled by the dynamic duo of Tony "Chili" Kazoleas & Graeme "Hotdog" Kingston, who both did a superb job. Tony treated us to his homemade Texas style Chili as well as an English chili for the less adventurous, while Graeme roasted up a rack of barbecued hotdogs complete with a plethora of fix'ins. Yummy!

It was then on to the feature entertainment: Past Presidents' and One Trick Night. Our club entertainment policy states that every member is expected to entertain at least once a year and O.T.N. is a dead easy and fun way to fulfill this obligation.

David Wilson acted as "Ringmaster" for the show, keeping the energy levels buoyant between spirited performances of all the willing sorcerers. The 18 performers (see sidebar) entertained the audience with new and classic effects.

After everyone had had a turn in front of the crowd, die-hard performers Clinton W. Gray and Chris Pataki both got up for a second time to present some bonus effects.

The lucky 50/50 draw winner was Gary Savard who picked up the tidy sum of \$53.50. We had 37 members and 5 guests enjoy a marvelous March meeting.

The Performers

- Dennis Chanmade a rabbit out of a pair of white gloves
- Gary Savard.....a number prediction effect
- Bill Lee.....a jumping gems routine
- Graeme Kingstondisappearing hotdog, up the Nose!
- David Wilson.....cut and restored a piece of wool
- Jens Henriksengigantic jumping rubber band with four people from the audience
- Joji Yamashitaa rising card effect
- Walter Ruteck.....magician becomes a mentalist
- Bruce Huntcolor changing disappearing hankie
- Anthony Youngappearing bottle cap inside a pop bottle
- Jack Mellor.....looking dapper in his trademark red vest, doing the mental photography deck
- Clinton W. GrayTenyo's cut & restore lady card effect
- Rod Chowmoney magic, dollar bill to a million dollar bill
- Nicholas Chowmade himself disappear - a photograph of himself
- Jack Chow "Where's the fish?" card effect
- Munro MacKenzie ...Tarbell's ring off Rope
- Chris Pataki3 effects with a memorized deck
- Matthew Johnson "Zipper" card effect

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President's Perspective



Hello Ring 92!

Another month has passed and we are headed towards summer! That means many activities for

the club including the Children's Show, the Summer Picnic and an Open House that is going to feature a "Magic Idol" competition! If you can help out in any way for these events please let me or someone on the Executive know.

I apologize for missing the March meeting but my wedding rehearsal was that night and I thought it might be a bad idea if I went to the meeting. Nicole and I sealed the deal on the Saturday, march 24th 2007 - Harry Houdini's birthday! (Now I have no excuse for not remembering our anniversary) Our wedding was held at Newlands Golf & Country Club and was beautiful despite the rain that day (100 ml).



It was of course magic themed with personalized decks of cards for all the guests, playing cards to assign tables, a huge ice sculpture of the 4 aces, and a wedding cake topper made to look like us - with me fanning a deck of cards to Nicole. Yeah, I am a sucker for romance.

Many of our members were in attendance (some were even invited!) and I would like to thank the Dave's and Cameron for doing some walk-around magic and to Clinton for doing his full stage show for our guests - it was such a hit that people are saying "it was a nice wedding at the magic show" instead!

I will be at the April meeting but away again for the May one as I am on a month long honeymoon in Europe on a Cruise (Eric Bedard is the magician on board!) - and I will return June 9th just in time to host the Children's Show at the

Shadbolt. Ok - enough about me...oops now I am out of room...well, I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting!

LECTURE REVIEW: Eric Evans

by David Parker

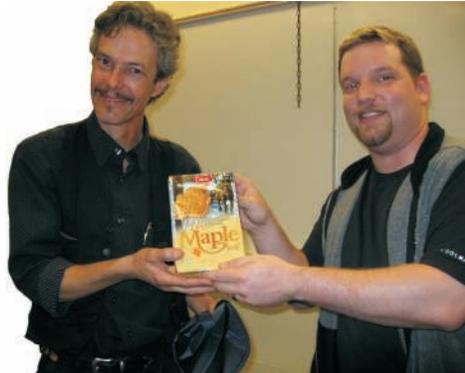
On April 5th 2007, 32 VMC members and 9 guests spent their Good Friday evening attending the Eric Evans lecture. Eric Evans tours the world performing street magic, and a variety of other venues from restaurants to theaters to festivals. He is the co-author of *The Secret Art of Magic*, and has won awards from SAM and the Texas Association of Magicians.

The lecture consisted of tricks from what Eric calls his Sidewalk Show. In addition to teaching the tricks, he spent a lot of time on the philosophy behind the tricks. He has actually studied ancient Chinese war strategies, and uses various strategies as the reasoning behind his various moves.

He started out with a coin routine that just "wowed" the audience, and proceeded to do some great vanishes and re-appearance of his "magic stick". He then did a so called mentalism routine, where he tries unsuccessfully to name a selected card, then has it magically jump out of his hat. Throughout his routines, he kept on referring to his "Ball of Death"

At the break, David Hamil was the lucky member who registered in advance

to win back his registration fee. David kindly donated his winnings to the food fund. Eric did not have a whole lot of merchandise as he had sold most of it at earlier lectures. At the end of the break, our illustrious President, Mike Norden, presented Eric with the coveted VMC pen, a lovely garment bag, and a little bit of Canada — Maple cookies.



Eric Evans (l) receives his maple cookies from IBM Ring 92 president, Mike Norden

The second half of his lecture included a Miser's Dream sequence that involved a youngster from the audience, followed by the production of a stream of who knows how many coins from his shoe. He managed to accidentally

destroy a borrowed bill, then he performed his version of the Sucker Egg using a lime and inside the lime was the originally destroyed bill.

After keeping us in suspense for the entire evening, Eric closed his show with the *Ball of Death* in which he vanished the ball and managed to produce many, many balls from his mouth.

As a Street Magician, you need to make sure that you manage your audience, and Eric did that well, making sure that he controlled any distractions that occurred such as people entering the hall while he was lecturing. One of the many tips that Eric shared that I found particularly useful was that if you have a weak point in the performance, then make sure to move one step beyond it so that the audience will not have an opportunity to dwell on it.

This was a great lecture that combined explanations of his routines along with the philosophy behind them.

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RON ALLESI'S INTERNATIONAL MAGIC AUCTION

For those of you who are not already familiar, please allow us to introduce you to the most innovative internet auction site available, Ron Allesi's International Magic Auction (internationalmagicauktion.com). This auction runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year!

Devoted strictly to magic, the site provides a veritable cornucopia of merchandise for the collector and/or performer. Registered users not only can purchase quality items, they can also SELL! With a format similar to eBay (although without the astronomical fees), sellers can list their own magic FREE of charge. Additional enhancement features are available at nominal fees. LOW commission fees are collected only when an item sells,



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featuring a wealth of premium quality used, rare and antique magic apparatus, books, posters, etc.

Ron continues to buy complete magic collections and estates, paying top dollar in cash. He travels to you, packs and transports even the largest collection. Send Ron an email (ron@ronallesimagic.com), or give him a call (513-678-6146). He looks forward to hearing from you!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT JAMIE D. GRANT

Known amongst V.M.C. professional magicians as the entertainer's entertainer, Jamie is a true professional. Whether you've just won an Oscar or planning a wedding, he's your answer to quality entertainment. He is spotlighted this month on our website.

Kramien's Deadline

Stan Kramien's Magic Jamboree will not, we emphasize NOT accept registrations at the door. All registrations must be in and paid in full by Friday, April 20th. Stan wants to accommodate everyone who wants to come and he needs to ensure that they have bought enough food for everyone. This is a huge undertaking for Stan, and it won't be a complete success unless he know EXACTLY how many people are attending. So register BEFORE Friday, April 20th, or you'll have to wait until next year!

TIDBITS FROM THE TOP HAT

On March 6th, Ring 92 members, David Wilson & Ray Roch, sailed to Vancouver Island to participate in the Victoria Magic Circles 'Tony



Award Night' (double-entendre). The club totally fooled the fooler himself, Mr. Tony Eng, with dozen of magicians, family and friends presenting Tony with a highly deserved Life-Time membership. Mike Brough and Eric Bedard delivered a 'Focus' on Tony Eng which was as much an impossible-to-resist 'roast' as it was a pictorially illustrated biography of Tony's life in magic.

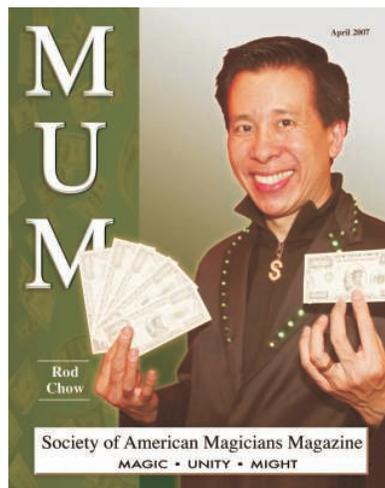
Ray Medway just signed a one year contract to deliver certification training for the Motor Dealer Council of BC (MDC). This opportunity arose from the work he has been doing with the training programs that he delivers at Douglas College for the Self Employment Program where he uses "magical demonstrations" to illustrate the finer points of the training materials. The MDC program delivers licensed training for all Motor Dealer Salespeople in BC. On June 1, 2004 the Salesperson Licensing Regulations under the Motor Dealer Act came into effect. Under this legislation it is required that every person involved in retail vehicle sales apply for and maintain a salesperson license as

issued by the M.D.C. of BC. Ray will be delivering magic presentations throughout the training to illustrate the important aspects of the program and to keep it interesting for the attendees. Says Ray, "I am really excited to be a part of this industry change."

Clownin' Around Magic, (604-682-0244) wrote to remind us that when you spend \$100 (net) anywhere in the Kids Market (Granville Island), you will be given a \$5 gift certificate to spend anywhere in the market.

The Roster Book is coming - Call DAVID now with last minute corrections before it goes to print. Dues are past due and all members not listed will now pay the non-member price for events and lectures. Also, please note that the price for non-members at lectures is increasing by \$5.

Rod Chow (seen below on the cover of April's M.U.M. magazine) will open FFFF 2007 in the World Performers show, April 27, 2007. He will be in great company with other magical luminaries on the bill to include Shoot Ogawa, Bob Swadling, and current F.I.S.M. champion Rick Merrill.



CONJURORS' CALENDAR

the monthly guide to magic & events in our community

Saturday, April 21, 10 - 5 p.m.

Clowns Of America International Local Alley

CLOWN WORKSHOP

Beginners class on finding your clown character!

Great price \$25.00 for the whole day.

More info email Amanda O'Leary at

fun@magicclown.ca

Thursday, April 26th, 2007 - 7pm

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APRIL MEETING & COMPETITION

Gimmick Card Night for the Charles Howard Trophy. Call Walter (604) 591-1930 to enter.

April 27th & 28th, 2007

Stan Kramien present's his

20TH ANNUAL NW MAGIC JAMBOREE!

Annual magic get-together in Newberg, Oregon.

See the likes of Mac King, John Carney, Mike

Caveney, David Williamson, Tina Lenert, and

Jerry Andrus. www.magicjamboree.com

Thursday, May 24th, 2007 - 7pm

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle

MAY MEETING & COMPETITION

Close-up competition for the HB MacLean

Trophy (Adult) and Dick Gardner Trophy (Jr)

Call Walter (604) 591-1930 to enter.

Sunday, June 10th, 2007 - 1pm

IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle's

MAGIC FOR YOUNGSTERS SHOW!

Children's Magician of the Year competition for

the Wilf Rutherford Trophy. Call Walter to enter

& David Wilson for tickets.

June 14-16th, 2007

Canadian Association of Magicians

2007 CAMARADERIE CONVENTION

Toronto, Ontario Visit the website at:

CanadianAssociationOfMagicians.com

Thursday, June 28th, 2007 - 7pm

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JUNE MEETING & COMPETITION

Impromptu Card Magic Night for the Ray

Gamble Trophy! Call Walter (604) 591-1930 to

enter.

August 2 - 5th, 2007

Pacific Coast Association of Magicians

PCAM 2007 CONVENTION

Calgary, Alberta

Visit the website at PCAM.biz

October 19 & 20, 2007

IBM Ring #92 presents:

WEEKEND O' MAGIC 2007!

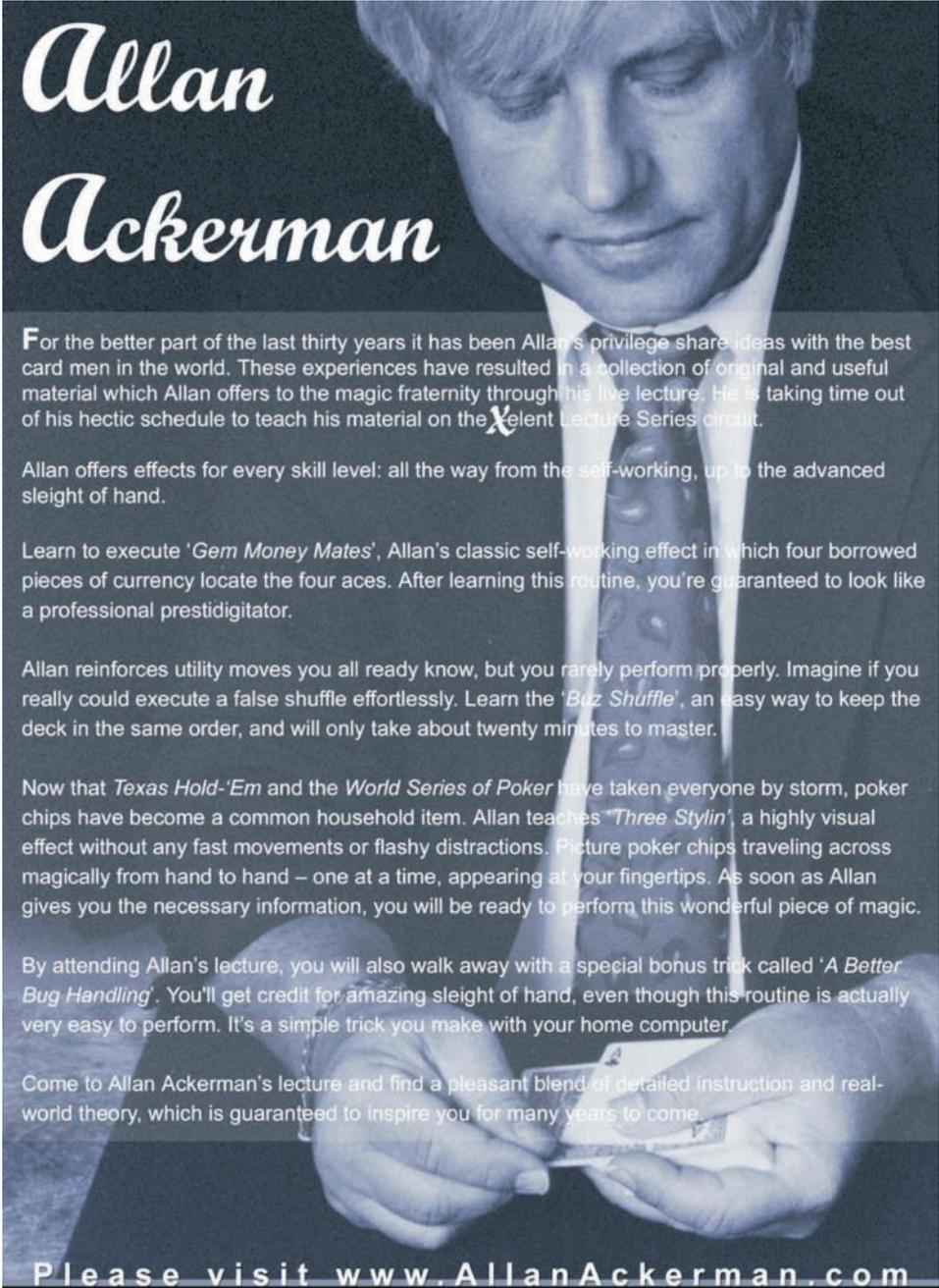
Yes - it's back! And you won't want to miss it!

We are securing the talent as we speak!

Dealers room, contest, prizes, lectures, gala

show, food and more! Early bird registration

coming soon!



Allan Ackerman

For the better part of the last thirty years it has been Allan's privilege share ideas with the best card men in the world. These experiences have resulted in a collection of original and useful material which Allan offers to the magic fraternity through his live lecture. He is taking time out of his hectic schedule to teach his material on the *X*elent Lecture Series circuit.

Allan offers effects for every skill level: all the way from the self-working, up to the advanced sleight of hand.

Learn to execute '*Gem Money Mates*', Allan's classic self-working effect in which four borrowed pieces of currency locate the four aces. After learning this routine, you're guaranteed to look like a professional prestidigitator.

Allan reinforces utility moves you all ready know, but you rarely perform properly. Imagine if you really could execute a false shuffle effortlessly. Learn the '*Buz Shuffle*', an easy way to keep the deck in the same order, and will only take about twenty minutes to master.

Now that *Texas Hold-'Em* and the *World Series of Poker* have taken everyone by storm, poker chips have become a common household item. Allan teaches '*Three Stylin*', a highly visual effect without any fast movements or flashy distractions. Picture poker chips traveling across magically from hand to hand – one at a time, appearing at your fingertips. As soon as Allan gives you the necessary information, you will be ready to perform this wonderful piece of magic.

By attending Allan's lecture, you will also walk away with a special bonus trick called '*A Better Bug Handling*'. You'll get credit for amazing sleight of hand, even though this routine is actually very easy to perform. It's a simple trick you make with your home computer.

Come to Allan Ackerman's lecture and find a pleasant blend of detailed instruction and real-world theory, which is guaranteed to inspire you for many years to come.

Please visit www.AllanAckerman.com

Friday, June 1, 2007 - 7:30pm
Douglas College, Room 2203

Advance - \$25 / \$20 for members

At Door - \$30 / \$25 for members

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