

# Legerdemain Digest



## IBM Ring 313

*The John Fedko Ring*

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### **Message from the “fire eating” President**

*There is a reason Chris Wynkoop is known worldwide as the “Fire eating President.” He eats fire and spits out flames. If you have not yet seen him when he is **fully inflamed**, ask him for a demonstration.*

Dear Members of Ring 313

I hope everyone is enjoying a magical summer! We had a great picnic on July 11<sup>th</sup> at Taft Elementary school in Santa Ana. More than seventy

magicians from Ring 96, OCMC, and Ring 313 enjoyed a wonderful time. After that, thanks to Annie Young, we held the Future Magician’s contest at the Orange County Fair on July 25. This year we had only one contestant, and he won first place! After his performance, members of our club made themselves available to teach magic to juniors. There was a great response. Many people were interested in info on our club!

I visited Philip Henderson at the fair (I think he lives there) with his oxen Patches & Freckles. Some sense of humor, Philip located his huge oxen near a hamburger stand. Wonder if they were offended?

From August 9-13, I will be attending Magic Live with Ron Porter and several other Ring 313 members. I will be looking for prospective lecturers. Not sure what Ron will be looking for.

Our upcoming speaker list is exciting.

August 25, 2015 Pop Hayden

September 29, 2015 Richard Ribuffo

October 27, 2015 Kevin Brown and Ring 313 performers

November 24, 2015 Chris Randall, recent IPM stage contest winner.

December 12, 2015 Christmas Party at Chris Wynkoop’s

January 26, 2016 ICE McDonald, 2015 SAM president and professional magician

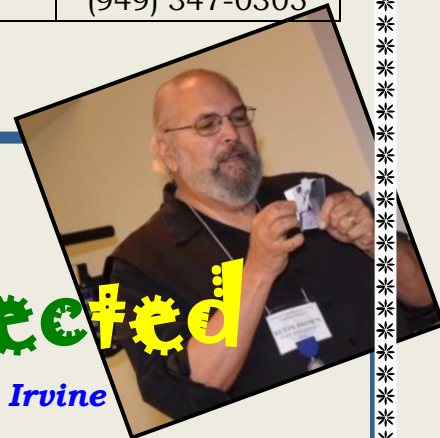
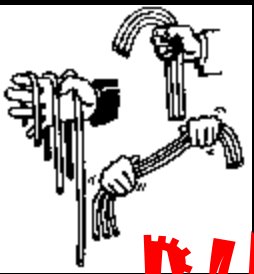
Look forward to seeing you soon,

*Chris Wynkoop, Ring President*

Thanks for making Ring 313 a great magic club.

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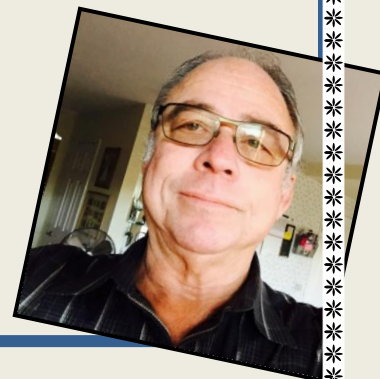
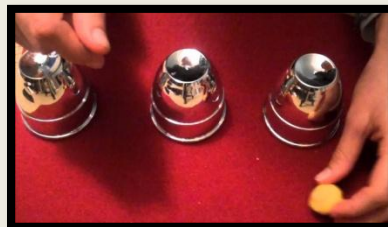


## RING LITE is resurrected

We meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** at **Knowlwood Restaurant in Irvine**

Thanks to members **Kevin Brown** and **David Peltier** RING LITE is back in business. RING LITE is an opportunity to show work in progress. This informal workshop gives magicians of every ability a platform to perform and eliminate problems in a new effect before you present it to the public. If you desire to learn a card sleight or teach a new method, this is the place for you.

**RING LITE starts promptly at 7:00 pm** at Knowlwood Restaurant on Sand Canyon Avenue next to the 5 freeway. We continue until the restaurant closes at 9:00 pm. All you have to do is show up ready to workshop any effect you desire.





# ORDER of MERLIN

**If you are in the Order of Merlin please notify Philip Henderson**



Several of you have been members for IBM for more than 25 continuous years. Such members are referred to as belonging to the **Order of Merlin**. I know some of you who are Merlin's however, I don't know everyone in our Ring who has attained that rank. We prefer to recognize our long term supporters of IBM International. Don't be shy! Send me an email message or just let me know your status when you see me at the next meeting.

ORDER of MERLIN is a special honor. Please acknowledge the Merlins among us. If you know of others in our Ring who have earned this level please contact me at once.

IBM Ring 313 Member	25 plus years	35 plus years	
<b>SUDS</b>	Order of Merlin	<b>Excalibur</b>	Since 1964 (51 yrs)
<b>Bill Pearce</b>	Order of Merlin	<i>Shield</i>	Since 1972 (43 yrs)
<b>Bob Moss</b>	Order of Merlin	<i>Shield</i>	can't recall
<b>Dick Shafer</b>	Order of Merlin	<i>Shield</i>	Since 1976 (39 yrs)
<b>Forrest Miller</b>	Order of Merlin	<i>Shield</i>	Since 1980 (35 yrs)
<b>Catherine Fedko</b>	Order of Merlin		Since 1983 (32 yrs)
<b>Chris Wynkoop</b>	Order of Merlin		Since 1984 (31 yrs)
<b>Ron Porter</b>	Order of Merlin		Since 1987 (28 yrs)
<b>Todd Reis</b>	Order of Merlin		Since 1987 (28yrs)
<b>Jay Leslie</b>	Order of Merlin		Since ?? (30+ yrs)
<b>YOUR NAME here?</b>			Since 1990 ?

If you joined the International IBM in 1990 or earlier, and have maintained continuous membership, then you may become a member of the IBM Order of Merlin. In some cases, where the membership has been discontinuous, you can purchase back the missing years. In order to do that you must contact the IBM Headquarters. I can help you if you desire assistance.





**Tuesday, August 25, 2015**

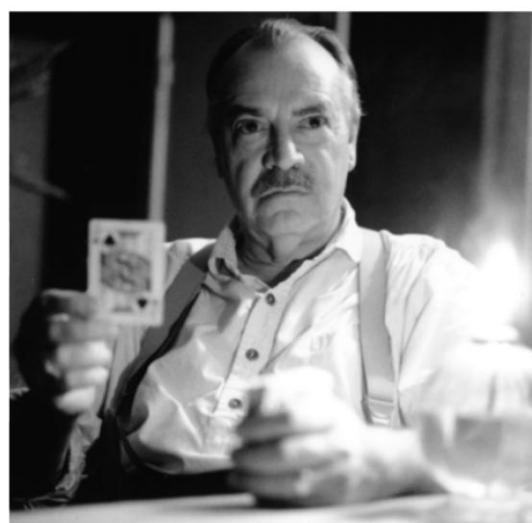
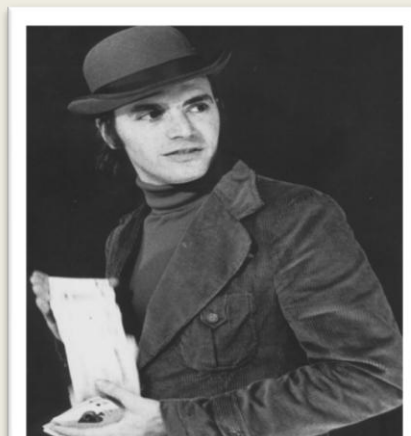
**IBM Ring 313**

**The John Fedko Ring Presents**



# POP HAYDN

**LIVE, from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**



**Yep, folks, it is Pop. A picture is worth a thousand words . . . this man needs no introduction. You have three pictures here, worth at these 10,000 words.**

**Join us and be amazed. If you don't know who Pop Haydn is, then come you are in for a special treat on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm . . . come early and practice magic!**



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# ORANGE COUNTY MAGICIANS PICNIC

We enjoyed a terrific picnic Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Taft Elementary School. About seventy magicians, friends, and family came out to entertain students from Taft, and their parents. Philip Henderson cooked burgers, dogs, and chicken for the main course while guests brought salads and desserts to complete the meal. Three juicy and sweet watermelons helped to make the event festive and mouth watering. Speaking of water, the club provided drinking water only this year instead of trying to figure out which soft drinks people preferred. That was an improvement because we didn't have to haul cartons of various soft drinks to the picnic and bring more than half back because they were not consumed.

**Ring 96**, the **Orange County Magic Club**, and **Ring 313** were well represented at the annual Orange County Magician's Picnic. We had a great time. We missed several regulars who were unable to attend due to schedule conflicts. Scott Boeger kept referring to Philip Henderson as **Todd Reis**, since Todd has been the man on the grill for the last several years. On this Saturday, Todd Reis was in San Diego enjoying the Comic-Con event. We missed you Todd!

When it came time to perform, **Bill Pearce** was a terrific Master of Ceremonies. Pearce appeared to change his wardrobe every time he appeared to introduce the next performer. While Pearce was performing, our Raffle Meister **Josh Serrano** hustled 50/50 tickets with split between the winner and Ring 313 to offset our expenses.

As the curtain rose, we enjoyed performances from **Richard Ribuffo** in his persona as "**California Joe**"; **Danny Archer**; **Rabby Yang**; **SUDS**; **Kenny G**, aka Ken Gerenraich; and one half of the comedy act **DEAFinitely Magic**, Taft Elementary school Principal **Steve Longacre**. Each performer found ways to involve our student guests in the on stage action. One student won the 50/50 Raffle, taking home \$45.00 cash.

The weather was terrific. We enjoyed a nice breeze keeping everyone cool. Everyone helped to set up the event and everyone (plus one) helped to put everything back in place. Thirty minutes after the last performer left the stage, you would not know that 70-magicians had occupied the space. Thanks go to **Victor Cohn** for taxiing the grills from **Chris Wynkoop**'s home and back home again. Thanks go to Bill Pearce for arranging the day's entertainment and serving as MC for the day. Thanks to Philip "the Ethical Magician" for grilling the barbeque. Thanks again to Chris Wynkoop for use of his grills and purchasing the water, ice, paper goods, and cutlery. Thanks to everyone for pitching in to help put everything back in place and leaving the picnic area spotless.

A special congratulations and thanks to principal/magician/dad, Steve Longacre, for offering Orange County Magicians use of the space for another year. I don't think we have worn out our welcome. The statement "everyone plus one" needs explaining. Longacre arranged for a school custodial staff member to help us lock everything away because Steve had to leave early to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Steve's son held later Saturday afternoon.

A good time was had by all.



## Secretary Philip Henderson invites you to **ONE BIG PARTY**, the **125th edition** of the annual **Orange County Fair**.

I started learning magic from maestro David Thorsen in 1993, when I was 46 years young. Ten years later, I started learning how to drive a team of oxen from Orange County Fair teamster Bill Richards. I fell in love with magic at 46 and fell in love with oxen at age 56. Magic and oxen will be in my life as long as I am able to continue these passions. You know me as a reluctant performer of magic, however if you visit my exhibit at the Orange County Fair you will see in full costume wrangling two 3,000 pound bulls that were trained to work. Do you use animals in your magic act? I do too! My guys would not be able to hide in a top hat.

The oxen at the Orange County Fair, Mister Patches and Freckles, are owned by the Fair. All year long they are part of the Centennial Farm exhibit on the fairgrounds. Every year more than 80,000 kindergarten and first grade children visit the farm and take a 90-minute tour as part of their education about farming. Patches and Freckles are 11 years young; I expect them to live into their twenties. They were trained to be oxen by teenager Brianna Bodwell as a 4H project in New Hampshire. In 2007, I visited New Hampshire and test drove nine oxen teams, choosing this then 3-year old oxen pair to bring back to Costa Mesa. When I met them, each animal weighed 1,500 pounds and stood just below my shoulder. Today, each ox weighs 3,000 pounds and is 6 feet tall at the withers.



Oxen are cattle. Their mothers were cows; their father was a bull. When you train a cow or a bull to work, then you have an ox. The term ox is a job description for cattle. Typically in the United States cows are used for dairy purposes and to produce calves. In the United States, bulls are mostly converted into beef before their second birthday. Patches and Freckles are steers (a castrated bull) that have attained their full size around their sixth birthday. Bulls

and steers at full size are much larger than the cow that gave birth to them. Often the bull is twice the size of his mother. I make a point of this because when you see them in person I guarantee you will think it is an optical illusion. They are bigger than any cow you have seen or imagined. It is because they are bulls not cows. So don't try to milk them.

Because they were trained to work, these huge oxen are gentle with humans. I am the head oxen teamster at the OC Fair. I have enjoyed more than 10,000 hours working with oxen since 2004; about 1,000 hours annually. I am at the Centennial Farm oxen exhibit every day the OC Fair is open. When you visit the Fair give call me (949) 322-4329 and I will tell you where to find the oxen and me. I will give you a personal introduction. The Fair opens on July 17 and concludes on August 16. It is closed on Monday's and Tuesday's.

**For details about the OC Fair visit [www.ocfair.com](http://www.ocfair.com).**



# NEW RING 313 Members

New Members to the Ring have a **red arrow** on their name badges. When you see that red arrow, please introduce yourself; that applies if you have a red arrow too! The name badges help to break the ice, please get to know the Ring members by name. New Members include, **Seth Brindis** uses magic tricks to entertain his young patients while he tends to them as a pediatric physician. Welcome **Kim Hallinger**, a long time member of Ring 96, has recently become active in the John Fedko Ring. She brings her special brand of magic to Ring 313. Kim was the instructor for the Youth Jam session at our May meeting.

## OC FAIR FUTURE MAGICIAN'S CONTEST July 25, 2015 at the OC Fair

Ahhh. The Orange County Fair Future Magician's Contest and Workshop (try saying that 10 times fast) is over. We began our morning with a delightful young contestant, 12-year old **Andre Brown** of La Mirada. He amazed us with a mentalism effect he made his own. Young Mr. Brown has dreams of becoming a professional magician. This is our future folks! And it's looking bright. In addition to this wondrous event, our former Junior member, now a regular member, **Josh Serrano**, made his debut on the Explorium stage to congratulate the winner.



Immediately following the contest, the International Magic Workshop. The participants were bewildered while seasoned magicians demonstrated a mastery of illusions. It was purely amazing as the crowds gathered in droves. A special thank you to our volunteers: **Kevin Brown, Todd Reis, Chris Wynkoop, Roy Ball, Kent Kwan, Josh Serrano**, and **Chris Tarr**. A special kudos goes to our

winner, Andre, as he enthusiastically helped us with the magic workshop (and stayed through the whole event).

We cannot forget to appreciate our hosts, Betty Hart and the very awesome Frank Thurston. You have made our experience at the fair, well, magical. *Au revoir, mes amis!* Until we meet again. . . unless someone else totally wants to take over. I'm fine with that too!

*Reported by: Annie Young*



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**Pop seys, mine are  
bigger than yours**



## Wizard's Calendar

Regular meetings are held at the **Irvine Ranch Water District Building, 15500 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine**. Coastal Fertility building in the Community Room.  
Directions and map at [www.Ring313.org](http://www.Ring313.org).

<b>Tuesday, August 25, 2015</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>POP HADYN</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 29, 2015</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>RICHARD RIBUFFO</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 27, 2015</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Kevin Brown special bizarre Magic</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 24, 2015</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>CHRIS RANDALL</b>

## Are you Hungry for Some Magic?

**Join us at The Lunch Bunch.** We meet every Friday whether rain, snow, sleet, or sunshine. We are at Sunny's Restaurant. A new location at 7148 Edinger Avenue in Huntington Beach. Come have some fun with your favorite Orange County Magicians. You can practice a new effect or teach something to an eager audience. You love magic. Make this a regular Friday activity. Use this opportunity to get to know some of the top magical performers residing in Orange County. The fun begins at 11:45 am and continues until at least 2:00 pm. Stay as long as you like.

**Sunny's Restaurant 7148 Edinger Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647 (714) 841-9934**

**NEW LOCATION ... NEW LOCATION ... NEW LOCATION**



Cartoon of location of new meeting room for **IBM Ring 313**. We meet in the Community Room of the Coastal Fertility building at **15500 Sand Canyon Avenue**. Entrance is from the northbound side of Sand Canyon Avenue. If you arrive from highway 5 and are headed south on Sand Canyon make a U-turn at Waterworks Way and turn into the parking lot serving both locations. New meeting room is about 50 yards from former meeting room. Cartoon is not to scale.

