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### Message from the <mark>"fire eating</mark>" 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

We had a great workshop on June 30 with more than 40 members and guests. See Philip Henderson's report below, thanking the

instructors. Our club is lucky to have many talented individuals who are good instructors. Workshops like these are the heart of our club and we thank all who were involved, both as instructors and as students of magic.

We were trying to get Milt Larsen to lecture in July. I think we can get him in the future but this meeting was too close to FISM, which he is attending.

Hey, July 11 is our picnic at Taft Elementary School. This is a great fraternal time with fellow magicians! Looking forward to seeing everyone there. See below for that food items you can bring. Final day to RSVP is Thursday, July 9, 2015. We need the count to ensure we purchase ample food.

Remember no meeting Tuesday, July 28.

Pop Hayden will lecture on August 25

Richard Ribuffo, a great teacher of magic, will lecture on September 29

We have been fortunate to have such an impressive list of lecturers, that when I list them in my attempt to get the next speaker, they are usually so blown away from the list that they immediately say, yes. Nothing helps success more than success!

Please remember the OC Fair (dates). Sign up to join us on July 25 for the kid's magic contest that we sponsor and to visit Philip Henderson and his Oxen team of Patches and Freckles.

Have a great summer.

### Chris Wynkoop, Ring President Thanks for making Ring 313 a great magic club.

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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.



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



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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.

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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.

A Rose by any other name is still a				
Conjuror	Prestidigitator	Wizard	Artist of Legerdemain	
Magus	Illusionist	Sleight of hand	Juggler	
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Sorcerer	Fakir	Magician	Escapologist	
Necromancer	Shaman	Alchemist	Mentalist	

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. . improving your magic on the **Internet** by Barry Matas

### Magician Exchange Network - MXN / Surplus Magic Exchange - SME

Have you ever searched for an out of print book or effect and you simply COULDN'T find a supplier anywhere? Have you been on EBay looking for something good but cannot find the magic mixed in with all the other items? What if there was a sales site just for magicians, a place to sell your old stuff and buy that perfect item? Wouldn't that be great??

Well, my friends, there IS a site for you. Surplus Magic Exchange is one of the best-organized and biggest sites on FaceBook designed for magicians to buy and sell their old equipment. Founded by Dennis Vander Houwen (Dennis Michael Magic) and Kyle Peron (with the Red Jacket of Mystery) in 2011 the SME has built themselves to a family of over 6500 members.

The Magician Exchange network is the parent group of several sites. The Surplus Magic Exchange is the site to buy and sell your 'gently used' books, DVDs or equipment and The SME Talk Magic is the Forum site where you can ask questions or give answers. There is also a Lecture site under construction.

The sites are now run by Christopher Faris and Dennis Vander Houwen and a staff of dedicated Community Leaders who make sure that the members treat each other with respect and keep certain items like live animals and things that go BANG off the site.

The sellers and buyers take care of all transactions, the policy is Buyer Beware and the SME staff will not be held responsible for any transactions, but they do watch out for anyone who abuses the trust involved and will remove anyone who does not live up to those standards. It is a place where people want to hang out and find great deals or find an answer to a problem that they cannot fix.

All members are screened to make sure that ONLY magicians and associated performers like balloon twisters, clowns and jugglers come through the hallowed gates. Even Santa is welcome!

Commercial sales are strongly controlled, they do not want the walls to be overloaded with commercials. They are a very limited number of companies that are allowed to give special deals to the SME members, from money saving deals to early access to upcoming releases. The member's sales ALWAYS take priority, that is one way that SME is number one. Come join us for a good deal, to make some extra cash or to enjoy their company. They are soon to celebrate their 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary and special deals and prizes are being planned. I cannot wait to see the festivities.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/surplusmagicexchange/ https://www.facebook.com/groups/MV.SME.TalkPark/

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Join us for the **Day of Magic** Orange **County Fair** Saturday July 25, 2015 **Orange County** magician's **Future** Magicians **Contest for children** 18 years and younger

The Fair opens at 10:00 am on this day. We need six volunteers to run the contest and to teach easy magic tricks to children of all ages. Ring 313, in concert with OCMC, and Ring 96 have hosted this four-hour program for more than a decade.

This is your opportunity to encourage young people to begin their lifelong career as a magician. Ring 313 provides a gift bag of magical items for all contestants as well as one year free membership in our Ring for every contestant. This is a fun event for the entire family. After the contest, magician volunteers teach easy magic tricks to children of all ages and continue to hand out free materials for interested parties.

The future of magic in Orange County is in the hands of young people. This is our annual opportunity to invite children to show us what they can do and to accept mentoring and coaching from the talented members of our club. We need six volunteers to join us. Every volunteer will get a free admission ticket for the OC Fair.

### **Pasteboard Workshop fun for everyone!**

Special thanks to magician's Scott Boeger, Rabby Yang, Todd Reis, Bill Pearce, Ron Porter, Richard Ribuffo, and Jay Leslie for leading members and guests in some of their favorite pasteboard effects. We were delighted by the wonders you performed and taught to eager learners.

**Boeger** proved that it is a bad idea to play poker with him. A very bad idea. **Reis** showed that what some people think of as a deck of playing cards is really a specialized computer. *Ribuffo* displayed eye-popping sleight of hand with an instantaneous color change effect.

**Pearce** opened by inviting the four aces to spring out of a shuffled deck then had signed cards jump through space and time ending up in improbable locations. Jay Leslie taught the original version of "Out of this World" and *Pearce* followed with an impromptu version of the effect invented by Harry Lorayne. Yang forced a spectator's freely chosen card to obey his wishes, appearing when and where he chose. **Porter** showed some of the secrets of second dealing.

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### Secretary Philip Henderson invites you to ONE BIG PARTY, the 125 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.

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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.



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# **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 of the Youth Jam session at our May meeting.

## IBM CONVENTION is set for July 15-18, 2015 in Jacksonville, Florida Sign up early for the best deal.

Register now for the Annual 2015 I.B.M. Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. The four-day magic spectacular will be held at the beautiful <u>Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel</u>, July 15-18, 2015.

Talent coordinator Ken Scott has already booked outstanding acts from around the world. Watch for news releases and stories on *www.magician.org* and in *The Linking Ring*, the official publication of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

To register online, go <u>here</u> or **download the PDF registration form** <u>here</u> and submit it to the Headquarters Office. International Brotherhood of Magicians

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#### Piddington's Secrets We know how they did it

Martin T Hart



Pop Haydn posted links to the Piddington family of magicians on his Facebook page. The Piddington's were a wife and husband team that produced exciting radio programs that frightened and amazed their audiences. When you do your magic properly, you can become one of a kind, creating a legacy that continues long after your passing.

What are you doing in magic that will be your legacy? Are you teaching children and young people the secrets of the art? The purpose of our work is not merely to entertain ourselves. We learn magic in order to pass it to the next generation. We teach the effects, but more important we teach the ethics of being a great magician. Skill at performing without ethical guidance leads to corruption. Ethics requires us to honor and respect those who taught us the art. The most important action you can do to honor your love of magic is to choose a young performer and take him/her under your wing. Use your time to help that person become a better magician. Encourage the youngster and insist that he/she aim for the best. Establish your legacy. (I

admit the name Piddington is irresistible.) Come join us at the OC Fair on July 25th.

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### Orange County Magicians Picnic Saturday, July 11, 2015

# Mizard'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.

Saturday, July 11, 2015	11 am	Picnic at Taft Elementary
Saturday, July 25, 2015	10 am	Day of Magic at the OC Fair Junior Magicians Contest
Tuesday, August 25, 2015	7 pm	POP HADYN
Tuesday, September 29, 2015	7pm	<b>Richard Ribuffo</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 magicial 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

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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.

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