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The Monthly Newsletter for the Carl Moore Ring  
Ring 60 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians  
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## From The President

*Bertil Fredstrom, Ring 60 President*

Fellow IBM Ring 60 members,

Our Fathers day picnic two weeks ago was a great success (as usual?) thanks to the Griffith Family and JD Stewart. Our beautiful stage was put in place by James Caldwell and his "ninjas" from the Magic Camp, and the One Trick Contestants were introduced on stage by Richard Williams. The first price went to Lou Hornung with a trick involving some very suspicious sun glasses and a deck of cards. All the, around sixty, participants had a great time at the shores of lake Austin.

July is another busy month for magicians in Austin, not only is Kent Cummins Magic Camp in full swing in more locations that ever before this year but we also have the combined IBM/SAM Magic Convention in Louisville Kentucky to look forward to (July 21 - 26). Before this it is however time for our regular meeting at the IHOP at 183 and Duval on Monday July 7, at 7.00 PM, we try to meet at 6.00 PM for food so that we can start the meeting promptly at 7.00 PM.

You can read more about the program later in this Newsletter but I just want to push for the "Open Mic". This is your opportunity to test a new routine, get some feedback from our members and just have a good time doing what we all love to do the most - Magic, see you there!

Bertil Fredstrom

President of IBM Ring 60

## From The Editor

*Emiline Cantore*

As indicated above, this particular issue is a late release. Please forgive any confusion or inconvenience and keep an eye out for the next issue. Late or not, do take a few moments to read this one so you'll be ready for next time. Ring 60's members are always doing tons of cool stuff. (Take a look at Richard's report on his visit to Moscow!) And of course, new stories, performance ideas, and certainly guests are always welcome.

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## Secretary's Report

*Mark Wilson, Secretary*

The May 2nd meeting of the International Brotherhood of Magicians had a full house for our annual Texas Lecture night featuring original magic from Texas Magicians. This was not an evening to be missed. Lou Hornung was the host for the evening and after some brief opening remarks from Vice President J.D. Stewart, the floor was turned over to Lou, who got up and introduced the lecturers for the evening.

Larry Johnson was first up with his version of a floating load production tube, from which he produce yards of brightly colored contractor's tape and finally a coke can. Larry had details on how anyone could build their own inexpensive set. Eddie Boswell had details on how to reveal chosen cards inside index cards and envelopes. Eddie even had videos with explanations available for those who were lucky enough to get one. Rodger Gorss had a great version of cards across using love letters as his patter. Brad Henderson lectured and demonstrated a nice Card Through Bill effect, and gave details of making the gimmick and handling. Hull Youngblood presented an effect of galactic proportion (or at least that's what he told everyone) Hull presented a nice card routine that started off with a disappearing card box and ending with the chosen card back in the box. Bertil Fredstrom gave a mini-class and lecture on the legal aspects of copyrighting magical inventions that was very informative and entertaining. Last up was Paul Cue with a card revelation involving three spectators. Once again, it was another great evening of magic in Austin Texas on Texas Lecture Night.

IBM Ring 60 holds it's monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month at the IHOP on 183 North, just south of Duval, on the 183 southbound access road. For more information contact club Secretary Mark C. Wilson at: [mark@entertainingsolutions.us](mailto:mark@entertainingsolutions.us).

## Article: The Things In The Box

*By Chris Walden*

It's that time of year again. It's the time when Chris brings his mysterious box and everyone gets to discover their destiny. You see, the "Top Gun" title for the Ring 60 meeting was a bit of a ruse. It's not going to be any sort of Tom Cruise revival — though he could use a little reviving. It is the meeting where we see the real creative genius of our members in the box of stuff contest.

I will be bringing a box of odds and ends. There may be some magical props, but it will mostly be weird things that I have laying around. Your jobs will be, in teams, to come up with a five-minute presentation based on the theme. What's the theme? Well... that would be telling... and I'm not going to... at least not right now. You'll find out at July's meeting.

This contest has always been a lot of fun. We've always seen top-notch performances and sides of our performers that they rarely show during normal open-mic. This is also an excellent meeting for guests. You see, the judges of this contest are always muggles — or as close as we can get with who has joined us. It's a panel of non-magicians who will judge on whatever criteria they think is appropriate. (I'll give you a hint: They normally go for what they find entertaining.)

So join us on Monday, July 7, 7:00 PM at the IHOP for the annual "Box O' Stuff" contest. Come early for dinner. Bring a friend or two to enjoy the fun.

## Astronaut Trainee and Ring 60 Member Attends Magic Club Meeting In Moscow. Check It Out!

By Richard Garriott

June 3, 2008

Strasvuichy Druzia!

As many of you know, I am spending most of this year in Moscow training for a space flight in October. While I was here I wanted to see if I might participate in the local magic scene. After a bit of web searching I got in contact with Ivan Necheporenko who is a magician that won FISM a few years back and advised me about the local club. On the fourth Mondays of the month the Moscow Magic Club meets in the "ZDRI" or properly Tsentral'nyi Dom Rabotnikov Iskustva (Central House for Artists).



Richard Garriott  
&  
Ivan Necheporenko



Richard Meets Moscow's  
Club President

My backup Nik Halik joined me on the adventure to see if we could find it, and see how clubs ran their meetings here in Moscow. When we arrived at the Central Artists House, we found it in the center of an arts district overflowing with street activities and play houses. The Central Artists House itself is a maze of performance spaces. It has two main stair cases and theaters from the basement and on each side floor and between the stairs up for 5 levels! When we arrived at 6:00 for the 7:00 meeting, we could find no magic event. We did find harp performances, Opera, paintings, and other things but no magic. We asked around a lot and eventually found someone who knew it was on the 4th floor at a spot we had not searched in this massive space.

When we arrived, we paid a modest entry fee to join the crowd in a small set of entry corridors filled with magic vendors on folding tables. Most of what was for sale, was similar tricks to what you might find at low end joke shops, however most table owners also had a few of their own creations or modifications to familiar effects. I bought a couple of these small items I may be able to demo on my return.



The Magical Goodies

At 8:00 the crowd of 50 or so, mostly moved into a small steeply sloped theater

space with about 10 rows of 15 seats in front of an ample stage. Their MC invited up about 8 magicians to perform. While most of the magicians acts were familiar in quality and preparation to our own clubs, a few of the performers had put together a fairly significant staging setup for a regular club meeting.



The Performers



The Finale

After letting our esteemed president ( shown page 3, right) know I would be visiting, I carried the formal greetings of IBM Ring 60 to them, and invited them to attend our hosting of TAOM in 2010. I had numerous inquiries about this after the show, which I will forward to the proper “authorities.”

I look forward to playing with you all more upon my return, and of course, performing some magic in space!



Richard, and Ring 60, made many new friends and had lots of magical fun in Moscow.

[**Editor's Note:** Mr. Garriott's submission arrived just after the June issue was posted. I held it for this one.]