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CARYL FLEMING IBM RING 21 NORTH HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA

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RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

First Thursday of the month

NEXT MEETING:

FEB 6TH
7:30 PM

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YOUR FAVORITE EFFECT FROM LAST YEAR

The January meeting of Ring 21—since it fell on January 2, and many members were either still celebrating or still sleeping, attracted a rather small number of members.

Don Kenney thanked those members who had performed for the residents of the building where he and his wife live. These included Wendy, Serinda, Bob, and Gerry.

Bob Thomas started off the magic with a clever (and simple) force using a double backed card. And Elroy Coddling also showed how a double backer can be used for a “one ahead” effect where chosen cards find their mate cards—similar to David Regal’s effect called “Symmetry.”

The theme for the evening was “My favorite trick this Year.” Since specifics of the theme were a bit vague, those performing interpreted it their own way. Gerry Schiller did two mental effects: Bruce Kalver’s popular Eye Chart effect in which the magician can determine which letter on the chart the spectator has in mind. This trick is unusual since it can be repeated with several different spectators and is baffling even though you do it again. He also did the well known magazine test called Glance—always a real mind stunner.

Bob Carroll showed (and explained) the use off a “Jonah card” that can insure that the performer will always win in a five card poker game as long as the spectator gets the Jonah Card.

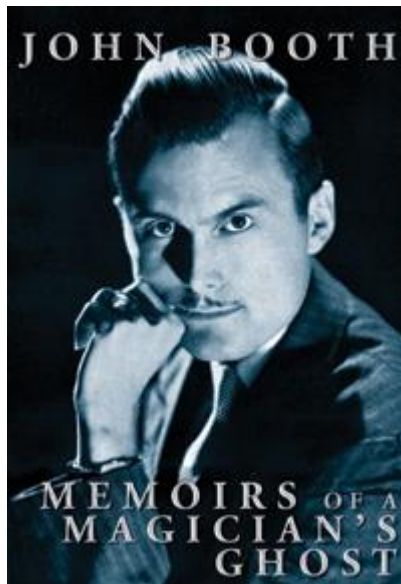
Brad Ericsson made a square become a circle then did the always funny McCombial Deck in which the magi seems to have goofed in finding the card that was chosen—until the very end.

And Wendy Sobel ended the evening with Aldo Columbini’s “ROPE-IN—a slightly different approach to The Professors’s Nightmare.

Though the group was small, there was a lot of magic shared throughout the meeting.

Gerry Schiller

The Greats of Magic
A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians
by Gerald Schiller



John Booth

On August 7, 1912, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, John Nicholls Booth first saw the light of day. He got his first magic set at the age of ten and by the time he was fifteen, was performing semi-professionally. In 1928, at the age of sixteen he joined the International Brotherhood of Magicians and would remain a member until his death in 2009—his eighty-one years as an IBM member setting a record (at the time) as quite possibly the longest running membership of anyone.

Early in his IBM tenure he started a column in *The Linking Ring* about magic history called “Memoirs of a Magician’s Ghost” and it would become a popular monthly article for many years.

Booth’s performance career moved from high school shows to nightclubs and hotels. At the same time he wrote the first two of his books, *Forging Ahead in Magic* (1939) and *Marvels of Mystery* (1941).

In the early 1940’s Booth decided to transition from a magical career to that of a Minister and after he finished a performing engagement, he enrolled in the Meadville Theological School—the seminary his father had attended thirty years before.

Yet John Booth did not totally give up magic. He continued to use his performing skills as part of his lectures and wrote articles and books on magic, as well as debunking psychic phenomena in his 1986 book, *Psychic Paradoxes*.

Booth was a frequent world traveler and met and befriended many of the luminaries of conjuring like Thurston and Cardini, as well as Lance Burton, Siegfried and Roy, and Harry Blackstone, Jr.

He met Japanese Emperor Akihito (at the time he was Crown Prince) and had him put his hands on Booth's Vanishing Birdcage just before the cage disappeared.

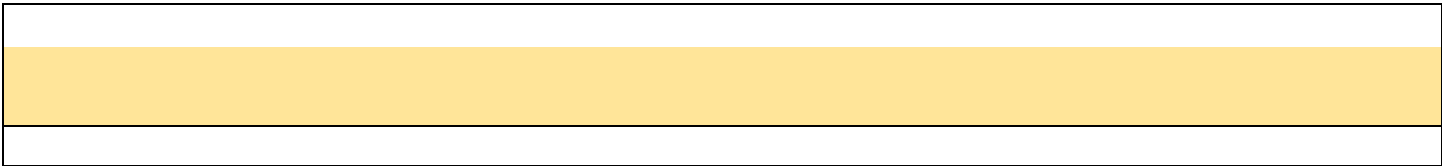
Booth's magic entertained nomads in Timbuktu and Tribesmen in New Guinea. In India he advertised and sought (in vain) to find a magician who could perform the legendary Indian Rope Trick.

Booth's continuing writing about magic and the careers of both the famous and the lesser known magicians earned him numerous awards including the John Nevil Maskelyne prize for literature from the Magic Circle in London, a Literary Fellowship from the Academy of Magical Arts (the Magic Castle), as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award in 1990. In 1983 the Society of American Magicians honored him by electing him to their Hall of Fame.

His most recent memoirs and works about magic include Wonders of Magic, Dramatic Magic, and Conjurers' Discoveries.

In his introduction to Booth's Conjurers' Discoveries, Norm Nielsen wrote, "I hope this book will instill in each of us the desire to make Magic an Art. . . by being inspired by others and developing our own individuality. We can make this profession even greater than it is already, by contributing the uniqueness that makes each of us special. This book can show us the way, Thank you, John Booth."

The popular and most prolific John Booth died on November 11, 2009, having reached his ninety-seventh year.



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