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John Scarne, More Than Magic by Bill Ragsdale.

There is more to legendary John Scarne's career than the first three tricks in *Stars Of Magic* and six references in *Greater Magic*. His efforts spanned platform magic, book and magazine authorship, game design, casino operations in Cuba, Puerto Rico & Panama and television performances as well as creating a newsletter and specialty advertising.

Foremost John Scarne Authority Bill Ragsdale will cover the little known aspects of those activities. Today we will see John Scarne in action in film from 1933, 1950, 1970 and 1979. Bill will answer the questions: "Was Scarne that good?" "Why was his son named Teeko?" "Why did Houdini tell him 'The farther you get ahead, the more your magician friends will turn against you'?" and "What was it like to entertain three US Presidents and Fidel Castro?"

The presentation is supported by extensive video, previously unreleased photographs, a statistical computer analysis and Bill's seventy-two page research report.

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Bill Ragsdale lives in Woodland, California with wife Anne. Son Michael is an aerospace engineer. Daughter Mary is a Castle Magician Member and an orthopedic surgeon. Bill and Ann have been visiting the Magic Castle since they were dating 45 years ago.

Bill is the President of SAM Assembly 80, the original home to Pete Biro and magician Daryl. He developed this presentation for the recent Los Angeles Conference on Magic History and expanded it with material from the Magic Castle library.