



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



Aug 2023

July Meeting Round-up

On Saturday July 15th Ring 96 held its most recent meeting. We started with a pre-meeting workshop focusing on Oil & Water for the second month.

Workshop participants were asked to practice what they learned from part one, and then show off at part two.

The meeting proper began with HUBB taking the podium. HUBB is known as an outstanding close-up performer who specializes

in bar magic.

He opened with by putting a scrambled Rubik's Cube into a paper bag. A moment later he reached into the bag and pulled out the cube completely solved and intact. The way he was holding the bag made it clear there was something else in there, and we all figured it was the unsolved cube. No, it was a clear plastic drinking glass full of water which he openly drank.

Next, he held up a plastic card holder that contained

index cards labeled 1 through 6. A volunteer chose one, the other side read "Free beer." But the rest of the cards all read "new car." On stage, he would have genuinely given a beer to the volunteer.

A volunteer picked a card from a deck that featured Rubik's cubes in various states of scramble. A cube sitting on the table proved to match the card, then the cube was held into the volunteer's hand and disintegrated into a handful of skittles candy.

HUBB showed us a cute was

Next meeting:

Aug 19th... 7 pm

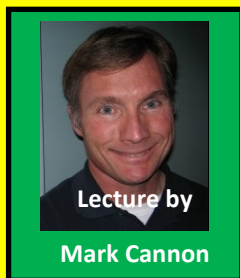
"Lecture by Mark Cannon"

North Senior Center

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Coming Soon to Ring 96



Aug 19th



Sept 16th



Oct 18th

to solve a Rubik's Cube in four moves without looking gimmicked.

A volunteer was presented with a deck of cards and randomly chose the six of diamonds. HUBB said he would find the card in ten seconds. We all counted down as he looked through the deck. The card was actually under HUBB's drinking glass. HUBB worked this gag in several times, continuously finding the six under the glass.

He introduced a custom designed "Drink Card." Every time that card comes up, everyone must drink. This card then seemed to get chosen every time as HUBB performed his version of the ambitious card.

HUBB taught us his favorite card force and how to use it. It is very clever, but will take some practice to get right.

He showed us his technique for using the memorized deck. Using this allowed him to pull a randomly named card out of the middle of the deck.

We continued to find the "drink card" instead of the chosen card as HUBB kept the routine moving. A volunteer wrote their name on a chosen card, when it was lost in the deck, the "drink card" came up.

HUBB ended his lecture by teaching us some card misdirection. He taught us how to palm a pen, and a few other sleight of hand moves.

This made for another exciting night at Ring 96!



HUBB's lecture links:

Cube Cards: <<https://www.vanishinginmagic.com/rubiks-cube-magic/cube-cards-by-kev-g/>> or <<https://www.vanishinginmagic.com/rubiks-cube-magic/cube-cards-remixed-upgrade-edition/>>

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Brent Braun's Decks and Deceptions DVD: <<https://brickandmortarmagic.com/products/decks-deceptions>>

Flap Cards: <<http://www.blakevogt.com/shop>> - BTW, Jim Greene made me some in the past and he does a good job with these.

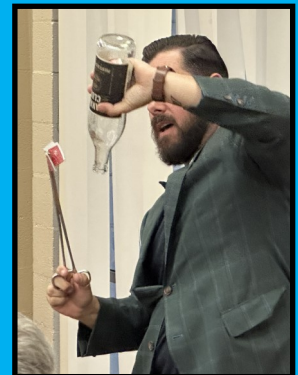
Index Card Holder: <<https://a.co/d/7ltExYB>>

Corner Cutter: <https://www.amazon.com/Corner-Rounder-Chrir-W-Cutter-Scrapbooking/dp/B07DHCJBX8/ref=sr_1_60?crid=22L12LJN1QYC0&keywords=corner+cutter+rounder&qid=1689537179&srefix=corner+cutter%2Caps%2C216&sr=8-60>.

Remember, Saturday August 19th is the last day to sign up to compete in the September Stage Competition! No walk-ins allowed this year.

HUBB's Lecture

Photo Credit:
George Reis



Pre-meeting: Oil & Water II

Tonight was part two of the "Oil and Water" pre-meeting workshop. We had limited success as far as people practicing and preparing for the workshop, but still it was fun to do and fun to watch.



HUBB returns!

Come at 6pm to our August 19th meeting. HUBB (our lecturer last month) has promised to return to spend an hour going over some of the moves he was demonstrating last month. If you wanted more time to learn and practice, now is your chance.

Stage Competition

So far we have 8 out of 10 members signed up to perform in this year's stage competition. There is room for two more to perform. Perhaps one will be you? Remember the special steps to take before you sign up...

- 1) Practice your routine many multiple times.
- 2) Practice your routine for a mirror or on video so you can see what the audience will see.
- 3) Practice your routine in front of someone!

- 4) Get honest feedback and adjust your routine as needed.
- 5) Time your routine. Don't forget to include time for audience reaction, picking volunteers and volunteers approaching the stage.
- 6) Invite all your friends to come watch the competition. Heck, invite your enemies too! Other magicians will be glad for the votes.
- 7) Block your props! That is have your magical equipment set up in proper order to be easily

moved on and off the stage, as well as easy to reach during your set.

- 8) Stick to the set list you signed up with. Changing your set-list at the last minute might not be fair or appropriate to another performer. Having two members perform the same trick does not make for a professional show either.

To sign up, E-mail Cliff at cliffg37@proton.me by August 19th and hand in your set-list, then you will be ready to go.

Good luck!



Help out your Ring

The Annual Stage Competition is coming next month, and we need your help. How can you help if you are not performing in the show itself?

Setting up chairs before.

Putting away chairs after.

Setting up the stage drapes before

Breaking down and folding the stage drapes after

Inviting all your friends to come to the show and vote for their favorite magician.

Greeting guests as they arrive

Making sure that anyone who voices an interest in joining the club hears all about it.

Help keep younger audience members quiet.

Helping to correct audience members who may be well-intentioned but are heckling.

This is our most major event of the year and it is definitely a team effort. Everyone needs to pull together to pull this off and we can't do it without you.



Want More Magic?

Ring 313 — Hybrid meeting

<https://www.ring313.org>

Orange County Magic Club

<https://theocmc.com/>

The Hollywood Magic Castle



Happy Birthday!



August Birthday's

Oops, no August Birthdays

Do I have your Birthday month on file? Why not?

Quote of the month!

**"If in any quest for magic,
in any search for sorcery,
witchery, legerdemain,
first check the human spirit."
- Rod Serling**

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July Session of Sessioning words and photos by Jon Strum

Here's the recap of July 24th's session.

Kevin Papke magically "polished" the edges right off a half-dollar and followed it up with Dean Dill's version of Grandma's Necklace.

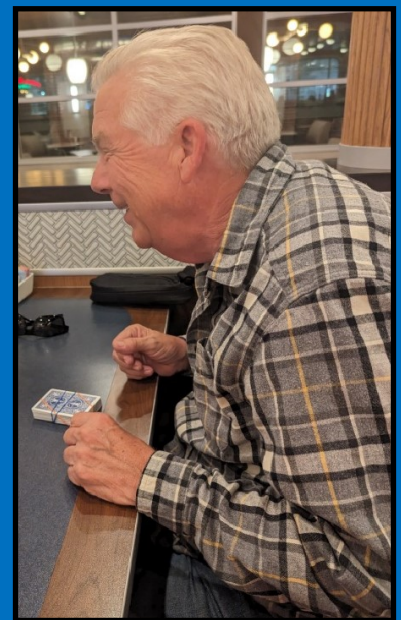
Joe Ken had the jokers find 2 selected cards and then showed us that he had predicted each card's location in the deck.

George Reis showed us a clever "You Do As I Do" routine with 2 decks of cards and a bell.

David Fischer did a trick with imaginary coins -- until one of them wasn't. He also performed one of Jheff's routines based on the parity principle.

Jon Strum performed Locus Abruptus, a card trick of unknown origin that had everyone at the table fooled.

**Make time to be
there next month!**



**Hof's Hut
in Seal Beach
Seven PM.**



What's up with Best Magic?

On Saturday, July 8th, I headed over to Best Magic to see what is going on with them these days.

I was met with a bit more enthusiasm than the last time I was there.

They have several magical boxes on consignment sale. These vary in size, shape and condition so you should take a look to see what you might want. The prices are good.

There has been some rearrangement of the effects allowing for more visibility.

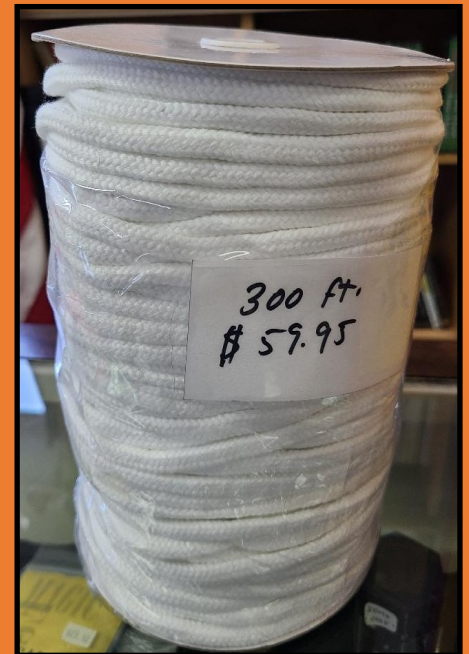
The staff has been learning a little bit of magic and this is to the benefit of everyone.

Their hours are still limited. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 12-5, but at least they are open.

They are still operating on a cash basis. That is, no credit or debit cards. Cash only.

They are in the process of letting go of their costume section. I don't know what their prices are like, but if you are looking for stage costumes, you might check that out too.

Best Magic is the last Brick and Mortar magic shop in our area, Please help them out if you can!



Celebration of Life: Don Hallinger



July 29th was a beautiful day, albeit a hot one. There was a very nice gathering at the home of our

Ring member Kim Hallinger to celebrate the life of her departed father Don. Don had been a member of Ring 96, IBM, and The Magic Castle.

Ring 96 members present at this celebration were Larry Campbell and his wife, John Engman, and Cliff Gerstman. Other magicians present included Elroy Coding from SAM and Randi Burton from the Magic Castle.

Kim gave an impassioned speech about how her father lived his life, including his love of both magic and Paleontology.

Kim's mother also spoke about how she and Don first met, and how they came to be married.

So, let's all raise a glass to Don's memory. He will be missed.



Garden dedicated to Kim's late brother



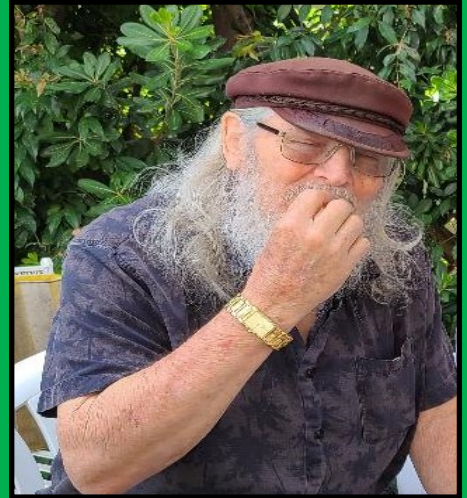
Larry Campbell and Marilyn



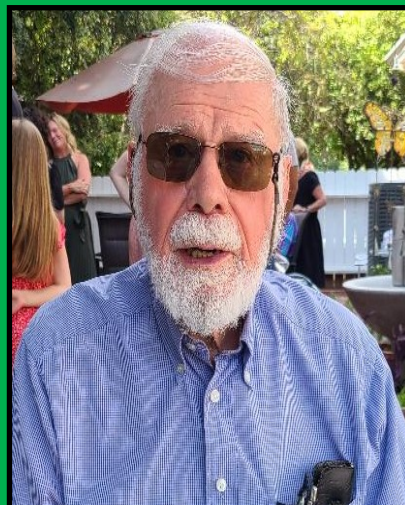
A rare "selfie" of Cliff Gerstman



Kim and her mother



Elroy Coding

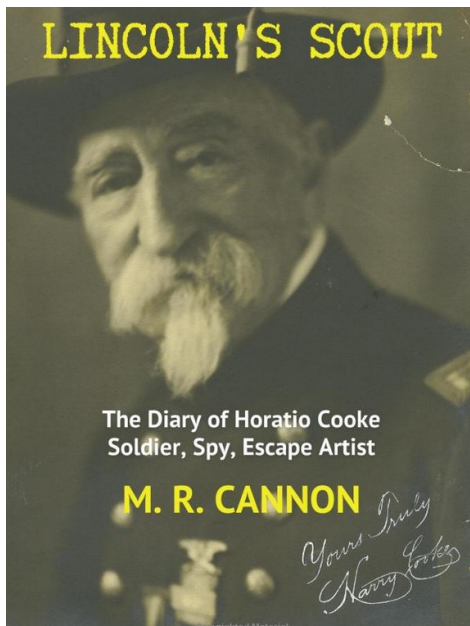


John Engman



Randi Burton

Mark Cannon's Lecture



Mark Cannon will be presenting a lecture for us that is partially a book report, and partially his Magic Castle Escape act. For the book report, he will be speaking on this historical book about this amazing man, Horatio Cooke. For his escape act, Mark will be present some escapes that he has performed at the Magic Castle. This lecture will prove to be a bit different than most, but still should prove to be exciting and highly educational.

This is in fact the INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY of the brave and resourceful young captain of the Civil War's super-secret LINCOLN SPECIAL SCOUTS, Harry Green Cooke.

Based upon the personal diary and scrapbook of Harry Cooke, as well as additional recently discovered information, this is the first time that this amazing story has been printed into a book—finally fulfilling the promise the author made to Cooke's daughter in 1981.

- Herein is the full account of Cooke's exploits as the captain of the Lincoln Special Scouts—the elite secret scout and spy entity formed two years before the US Secret Service and assigned the most dangerous missions of all during the Civil War...
- Cooke's first-hand witness account of the assassination of President Lincoln.
- Cooke's survival of his own assassination attempt at the hands of a mad man.
- Cooke's creation of the "Spiritualism De-Bunking" act as well as the "Escape Artist" act.
- Cooke's subsequent mentorship decades later to a guy named Harry Houdini...

This is a very large book, measuring approximately 8.25 x 11.5 inches. Includes well over a hundred full-color and black and white reproductions of photographs, playbills, newspaper articles, signed Houdini letters and creations from Cooke's personal scrapbook as well as material from contributors.

Mr. Mark R. Cannon

Mark R. Cannon is a husband and father of two. Professionally, he has been a cruise ship magician, and an escape artist consultant for numerous television programs, and for many of the famous magicians of the world. He served as an airborne law enforcement sergeant-pilot for 36 years. An avid adventurer, he has travelled to over 70 countries including all seven continents. His interests include back-country flying, baseball, magic, the Great Outdoors, and American History. He is the recipient of the 2006 Leslie P. Guest M-U-M Award of Excellence, presented by the Society of American Magician's for his literary work on "Harry Cooke, American Wizard"



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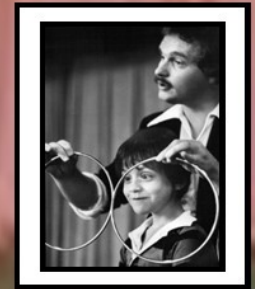
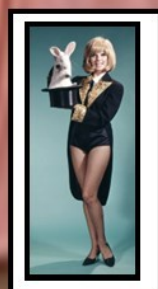
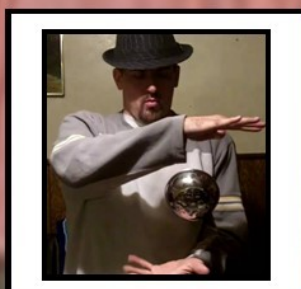
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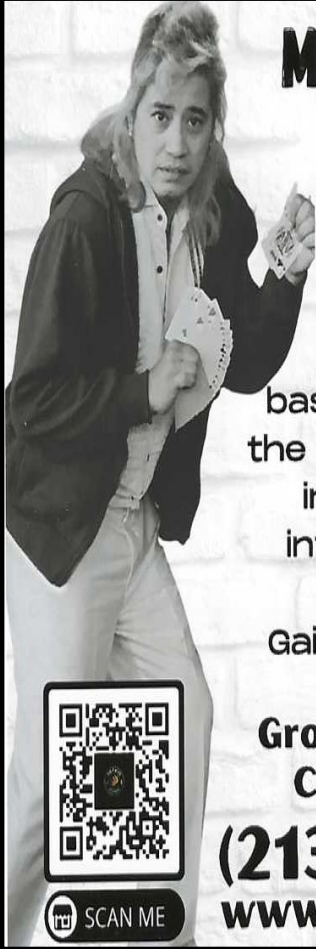
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