



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



Sept 2023

August Meeting Round-up

On August 19th Ring 96 held its most recent meeting. This meeting was very unusual and we went out on a limb to host this lecture which could not be called either mainstream magic, or a mainstream lecture in any way.

The escape artist duo of Mark and Sheila Cannon came to present their unusual evening combination of Escapes and book report lecture.

Mark and Sheila opened with three escape tricks from their former Magic Castle set.

First was a combination handcuff and lock box escape. A volunteer was invited to examine a pair of handcuffs. The cuffs were placed on Mark's wrists. The handcuffs were covered with a security box that covered the keyholes completely, and then Mark's wrists, handcuffs and all, were placed in a clear plastic lock box, held shut with a metal bar that ran through the security box and the lock

box, and all was padlocked shut... When the box was covered with a cloth, Mark was free in 11 seconds.

Next mark performed a straitjacket escape, but not just any straitjacket escape. Marks jacket was an official Posey brand. These are used for restraint and transport of the mentally disturbed and the criminally insane. This jacket is much harder to escape from as it has a belly loop and side loops. These effectively hold the arms tightly to the sides and make any arm movement very difficult. After that there

Next meeting:

Sept 16th... 7 pm

"Stage Competition"

North Senior Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive.

Seal Beach, CA

Coming Soon to Ring 96



Sept 16th



Oct 15th



Nov 18th

was a second jacket put on. This was similar to a straitjacket, but it is called a transport jacket. This has no arms, but buckles tightly over the first jacket. Thick ropes were clipped on to it, and two volunteers held Mark tightly. Mark managed to struggle out of one jacket and then the other and received a rousing round of applause.

Lastly came the diamond plate box escape. This box was designed by Mark himself. It was well researched, well built and amazingly well performed. This is a strong metal box made from construction grade material with three locks on it. One is a key lock and one is a combination lock the last is a strap around the box. Watching Mark crawl into this box, which did not appear big enough to fit a full-size man, was quite a sight. Mark made MacGyver proud by using his belt to deal with one of the devices holding him in. When he escaped,

he took his well-deserved bow to a very happy audience.

After a short break, Mark returned to the main event. His lecture about the book he has written called "Lincoln's Scout." Having known Mark since 2005 I am aware of the high level of research that he can do and this was nothing short of brilliant. We learned all about a man named Horatio Cooke who used various technique in his work including an uncanny ability to do rope escapes. He also lived a life that made connections to such people as Harry Kellar and Harry Houdini. I won't give specific examples from either the book or the lecture, but if you get the chance to see Mark and his lecture, Ring 96 highly recommends it.

After the lecture Mark sold and autographed his book, and received strong praise. I was told it was the "Best lecture ever."

The conversation spilled over to dinner after the meeting

with Mark, Sheila and our resident escape artist Cliff Gerstman catching up and sharing adventures.

Another more than exciting evening at Ring 96.



Thanks for the help!

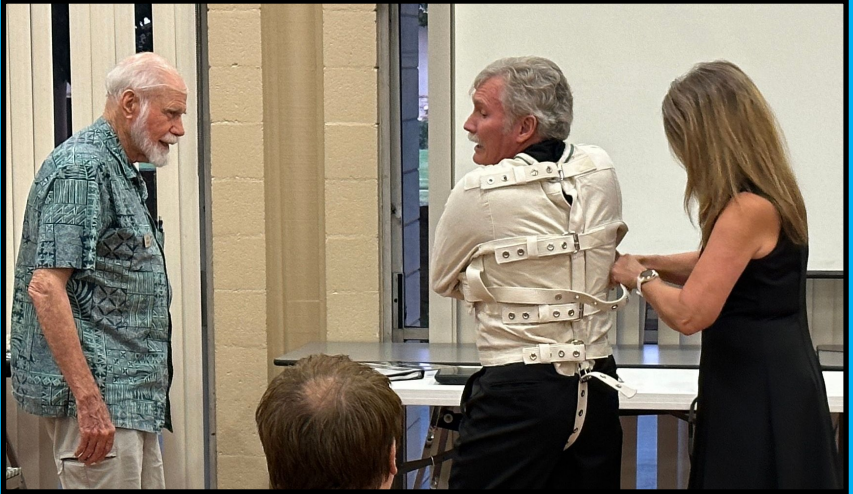
Well, we tried something new at the August meeting. I gave out packets of flyers for the Stage competition, with a specific address of a specific library on each one. I was pleasantly surprised at how quickly they were snapped up by people looking to help distribute them to their local libraries. This saved me literally about 3 hours of driving time and however much gasoline that would be, So, thank you all very much. Now don't forget to bring your friends to the stage competition next month, even if you are not performing yourself!



Mark & Sheila Cannon's lecture!



**Photo credit
George Reis**



Pre-meeting: HUBB returns

HUBB made his triumphant return to us this meeting. He was here to lecture last month and responded to the pleas of our members who wanted him to go over the moves in more detail.

HUBB was glad to oblige. He presented his version of the slip force.

He spoke of the importance of using the same force both times in the Chicago Opener.

HUBB explained a self working trick that ends with four of a kind, even though you allow spectators to make some choices in the effect.

He showed how he used to stop cards to mark a spot in the deck where cards were waiting that matched he previous prediction.

HUBB did not have to do this. He chose to come back and go over in depth moves with us even though his wife may be ready to give birth at any moment.

HUBB is a true gentleman with a strong commitment to his craft.

Thank you HUBB!



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 the show.

Breaking down and folding the stage drapes after the show.

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!



September Birthday's

Brad Erickson

Dan Habel

Raj Tovar

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

Quote of the month!

**If I don't fool you, I'm not doing my job as a magician.
If I make you feel foolish, I'm not doing my job as a human being.**

- Jerry Andrus

Ring 96 Officers' Contact Info

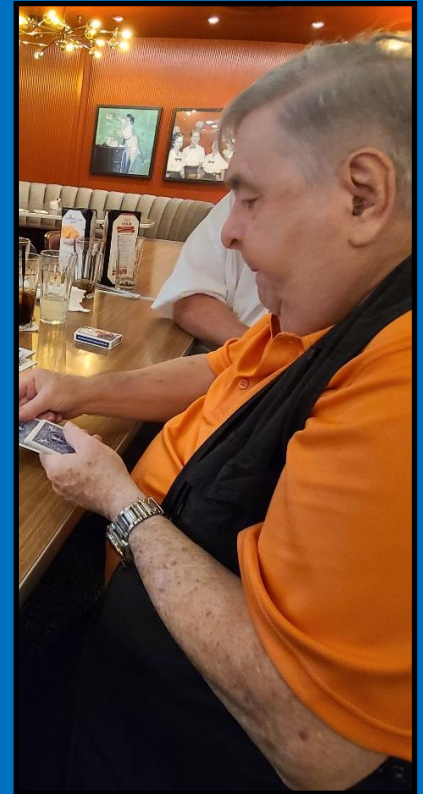
President:	John Piercy	thinkonthis@msn.com
Vice President:	George Reis	Reis@imagingforensics.com
Treasurer:	Jon Strum	Jonstrum@gmail.com
Secretary:	Cliff Gerstman	cliffg37@proton.me
Sgt. At Arms:	Judy Case	madmonsterparty@yahoo.com
Past President:	Paul Case	madmonsterparty@yahoo.com
Member At Large	John Engman	jeng8man@gmail.com
Member At Large	Dan Habel	magicdano@aol.com
Member at Large	Paul LaGreek	plml2k@verizon.net

August Session of Sessioning

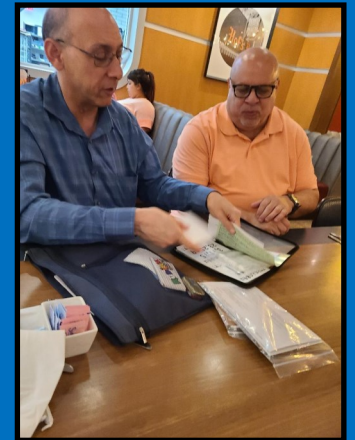
Wow, what a great session of sessioning we had last night! During the meal the conversation went from how to become a member of the magic castle, to what are proprietary rights and how your original material can be stolen. It was a very informative discussion.

Bill Kornhauser opened up with an exciting card trick. Cliff Gerstman did a version of Gemini Twins that included patter that demonstrated his talent for tongue twisters and high speed singing. . Jheff showed off some material that was pirated from his book and produced for sale without him or his blessing. It actually looked pretty good. David . Bill did another trick that Jheff showed us how to do a similar trick with greater efficiency. We all had an amazing time, and even former Ring member Steve Lund dropped by to say hello and drop off some raffle donations.

You should join us next time, you would have fun!



**Oops, Cliff was there
but camera shy!**





ORANGE COUNTY

OCMC

MAGIC CLUB

presents

The OCMC

Magic Show!

August 30th

2023 @ 7:00 PM



The Orange County
Magic Club invites you
and your family to be a
part of our audience!

Join us for our Annual Stage
Competition featuring acts from
various local magicians!



**Downtown Anaheim
Community Center
250 E Center St, Anaheim,
CA 92805**

Doors open at 6:45 PM. For more information, contact
us at Brad@MagicByBrad.com

join us for a Ring 96

Session of Sessioning

Monday, Sept, 25th at 7 pm.

Hof's Hut in Seal Beach

**Just buy dinner at Hof's,
and bring your cards,
coins, or other close up magic.**

**Last month we had 5 attendees,
and we had a great time!**

See you there!



<http://hofshut.com/locations/seal-beach>

12489 Seal Beach Blvd.

Seal Beach, CA 90740

(562) 799-9552



Ring 96: The Seal Beach Magic Club Presents



A Free All-Ages Magic Show!

The Annual Stage Competition

Come for the magic, then vote for your favorite!



When is the show?

Saturday, September

16th at 7 PM

All ages welcome.

Admission is free!

Where is the show?

North Community Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive

Seal Beach, CA 90740.

Admission is free!

Ring 96 is the local

Seal Beach chapter of

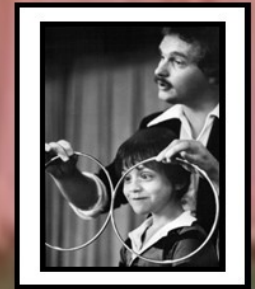
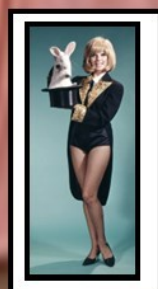
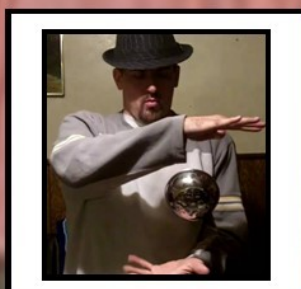
the International

Brotherhood of

Magicians.

Admission is free!

www.ring96.com





It's Magic!

September 27, 2023

Doors open	12:30 pm
Close-up Magic	1:00 pm
Stage Magic	2:00 pm

\$15.00



Clubhouse 2:
13533 Seal Beach Blvd,
Leisure World

To buy tickets, contact Murray 562-331-3949

Professional magicians, including
Magic Castle performers!

Sponsored by Congregation Shalom





a free all ages magic show

it's our night of...

Weird Magic & Mentalism!

Saturday, October 18th at 7 PM

Special guest emcee Magic Castle performer Jheff!

Seal Beach

North Senior Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive

Seal Beach, CA 90740

www.ring96.com

Ring 96 is the Seal Beach Chapter of the
International Brotherhood of Magicians.





Come and watch our magic for free!



Member's Favorite Effect Night!

Teacher's Night - 6 PM

Magic Show - 7 PM

Saturday, November 21st!



Seal Beach North Community Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive

Seal Beach, CA 90740



www.ring96.com

Ring 96 is the local chapter of the
International Brotherhood of Magicians



WOW! It's "teacher's night" at Ring 96, The Seal Beach Magic Club!



Come visit Ring 96 for free
and learn some magic!

Saturday, November
18th, promptly at 6 pm

3333 Saint Cloud Drive
Seal Beach CA 90740

Why learn magic?

- It's fun
- Students love it
- Helps you build confidence
- Make new friends
- Keep your students guessing
- Hold student's attention

Nothing to buy, completely free!

Come visit us in November and get a free magic lesson and some free magic equipment you can use. Then at 7:00 pm, stay and watch our members perform for you. There is no catch. There is no fine print. We just hope you will enjoy yourself at our humble magic club.

Who is teaching?

Your teachers will be Kevin Papke and Cliff Gerstman. Two credentialed teachers that have over 50 years of magic experience between them. They are both happy to pass this magical message along.

Who can come?

You can certainly come as we are inviting you. Bring your fellow teachers, school administrators and maybe a friend, spouse or significant other. We can't promise you will all come to love magic, but we can sure promise you will have a good time while you are here! Come visit us, we're waiting for you!



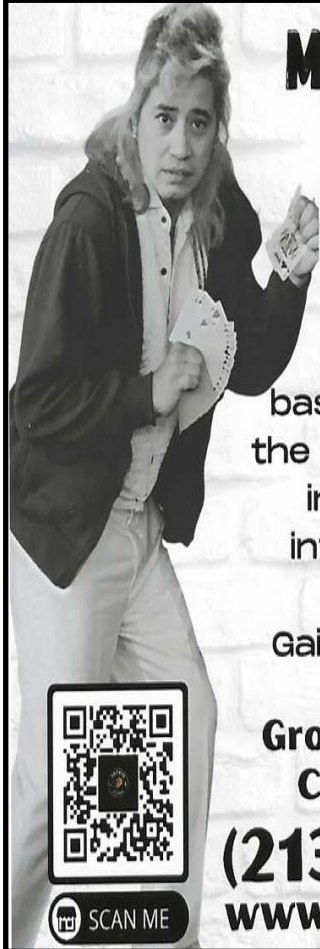
Free light refreshments will be available.

Magic Castle™ guest passes are available on request.



Please RSVP to cliffg37@verizon.net

Magic around town!



MAGIC CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS of all ages

Learn the basics of the act and the secret of the trade in a fun-filled and interesting learning environment.

Gain confidence while having fun.

**Group and Individual
Classes available**

(213)272-6282
www.18tenstudio.net



SCAN ME



Absoluton Brewing Co.
Beer and Magic at
Absoluton Brewing Co.

2878 Columbia Street, Torrance CA 90503
<https://www.absolutonbrewingcompany.com/>

On the first Saturday of the month, multiple magicians from **The Magic Castle** will amaze sud-sippers from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM with their sleight of hand.

Magic Thursdays

6 - 8 pm



560 El Camino Real
Tustin, CA 92780
714-929-7427



Enchanted Escape Tiki Magic
The Lost Inferno
425 N. El Camino Real
San Clemente CA 92672
www.thelostinferno.com

Vanishing Inc Presents... An Alaska Cruise.

<https://www.vanishingincmagic.com/>



The Retreat: Alaska Cruise

Every year we organize a luxurious adventure in an exotic location. This year, we've pulled out all the stops. It's a trip filled with beautiful landscapes, unforgettable experiences, and, of course, world-class magic. We are pleased to announce The Retreat: Alaska ... a seven-night cruise adventure unlike any other.

For drama and beauty, few places in the world match the breathtaking splendor of Alaska. Set out on an unforgettable adventure where you'll get up close and personal with 30-ton whales, zip-line through the rainforest, and experience the sheer majesty of towering glaciers and untouched wilderness.

While most magic conventions aren't enjoyable for spouses, partners, parents, or friends, on The Retreat we encourage you to bring a special someone to share this incredible adventure with you onboard one of the biggest, boldest ships to ever sail the Last Frontier – Quantum of the Seas by Royal Caribbean.

And if spending seven nights in one of the world's most pristine regions isn't enticing enough, imagine doing it in the company of three of magic's greatest minds: They will each share coveted secrets and deliver bespoke programs designed just for The Retreat guests.

PCAM CONVENTION 2023

PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION OF MAGICIANS
90TH ANNIVERSARY

November 9th - 12th 2023

CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA

REGISTER NOW

<https://magicshopsandiego.com/cart>