



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



June 2021

June Meeting Round-up

The June meeting of Ring 96 was a momentous event. At face value it was simple a "Members' Performance Night," like one of many we have had in the past. This month was different. With the quarantine lifted for the first time in a year and a half, the Ring meet live and in person at Hennessey's pub, on their outdoor patio area in Seal Beach! At least for now, Ring 96 is live!

President Paul Case opened the meeting with announcements. Cliff Gerstman promised that if the quarantine stays lifted, he will return to promoting Ring

fundraising shows at local theaters.

John Piercy was our emcee for the night and opened the event with sight gags which he kept running throughout the evening.

Our first performer was Dan Habel. Dan did a "Lie Detector" Effect with printed cards that announced whether or not the volunteer had told the truth. The volunteer had picked the Queen of Spades, and after the chosen card was found, Dan revealed that the back of the lie detector cards all were Queens of Spades.

Bill Pearce held up a blank clock face printed on a laminated card. He invited everyone to choose one number on the clock, one through twelve. He suggested we mover around the

clock by counting the number of letters in the number we were on. He then began to move his clock face to the back of a stack of similar cards. Each time he showed us a new card, there were fewer numbers on it. At the end the only one left was the twelve. Oddly, everyone seemed to have landed on that number.

Resident escape artist Cliff Gerstman put aside the cuffs and straitjackets to perform a simple card trick. First, since he is never one to turn down a pun, he used our outdoor environment to point to a pretty girl who was walking down the street eating a banana. "That looks appealing!" he announced. This trick was one where the volunteer is the figurative magician. Cliff did the moves himself in the name of social distancing, but still



Next meeting

July 17th

"Gregory Wilson Lecture"

3333 Saint Cloud Drive

in Seal Beach



Gregory Wilson

July 17th

Coming Soon to Ring 96



Aug 21st



Sept 16th

found the card by little more than looking at the cards and reading the volunteer's face.

Zeezo brought a live restaurant patron volunteer up on the "stage" and proceeded to really shock him. A one-dollar bill changed into a ten-dollar bill. Then a ten-dollar bill changed into a 100-dollar bill in the volunteer's hand. Finally, a one-dollar bill, again in the volunteer's hand turned into four quarters. (Mis made bill) The volunteer was left scratching his head.

Tonight, was the triumphant return of Barney Singleton! Barney did his version of Card's Across using envelopes which became an hysterical sight gag. When Barney went to seal the envelope, he licked the edge, and them peeled off the glue covering. Ten cards were dealt at two separate tables. At one table, two were signed. Some how the two signed cards were in the envelope of cards that were from the other table.

Dave Fisher Had two sealed prediction envelopes. He had business cards and on the back was a human figure that he said was a voodoo doll. He had a volunteer make three dots with a sharpie. Now he had a large tic-tac-toe board on a sheet of paper. He and the volunteer played that game.

Opening the prediction envelopes revealed the tic-tac-toe game as it was played, and exactly where the three dots would appear on the voodoo doll.

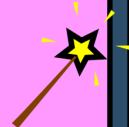
John Piercy, our emcee for the night took the stage. He had three hoops made of rope. One red, one white and one blue. He placed them in a bag, and the three hoops came out linked. He returned them to the bag, and they came out as one large multi-colored hoop.

Brad Erickson had a volunteer pick a card. He laid out a matrix of 16 cards and had groups eliminated. The final card left was turned over to reveal the chosen card.

Paul Case closed out the evening. He presented us with a series of newspaper clippings. He read a few out loud and they were groaner "dad" jokes. Then he restored the pieces to a cut up newspaper.

Next, he held up five random cards for all to see. He asked everyone to think about the highest card of the five which was the Jack of Hearts. He placed all five in a wine glass with the backs facing us. When he called for us to announce which card we had picked, The Jack was gone! Instead, it was the only backwards card in a deck that was sitting on the table the whole time.

It was great to be back live, and this was a truly exciting night at Ring 96.



Friday Lunch Bunch is back at the Fountain Valley Marie Calendars 11:30 Questions? Ask Jim! ocmagic@outlook.com

The Quarantine is over, come to buy from the Victor Cohn Magic Estate Sale

Take another look www.ring96.com/newsletters.

Buying multiple items? Lets talk about discounts.

Come to Long Beach, or let's meet somewhere else.

Please come ready to pay by check.

Misdirection. What the eyes see and the ears hear, the mind believes.

- John Travolta

We're Home!

Dan Habel, our liaison with the City of Seal Beach, has brought us this exciting news. As of our July meeting we are returning to live meetings at the North Community Center.



We will see you all live on July 17th at 7:00 pm for our first exciting magical evening back at our pre-pandemic meeting site.

Our first month back will feature an exciting lecture from the world renowned magician Gregory Wilson!



Let's look forward to our return to normalcy as we come back to our regular events and scheduling as best we can.

Our October and December meetings will be back to "Weird Magic and Mentalism," and "Holiday," grab bag, a show, and maybe a potluck.

But we need your help. We need you to be there. Without our membership what are we? So come on in as you can....

Welcome home!



Volunteer Needed



After many years of service above and beyond, Bill Pearce is retiring from running our Ring 96 raffle.

Next time you see Bill take a moment to thank him for all the work he has done to make our raffle what could be argued to be the best Ring raffle in the IBM. The quality, professionalism, and the research he has put in has set the bar very high.

Now the big question... Who will replace him and run our raffle? Will it be you?

Here are the requirements for the job...

1. Store two or three banker's boxes of material between meetings.
2. Come to every meeting with five or six raffle prizes prepared.
3. Solicit used magic props, videos and magazines to create the prizes.
4. Come to every meeting prepared to sell raffle tickets and distribute prizes
5. Have a back up person prepared if you cannot attend a meeting.
6. Have fun with the job.

This could be your big chance! Talk to a board member today and sign up.



June Photos: Members' Performance Night



Photo Credit Judy Case