

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter

April Meeting Round-up

On Saturday April 15th, Tom Ogden came to Ring 96 to give us his magical lecture.

The pre-meeting was workshop was facilitated by Kevin Papke, who taught us some of the subtleties of the moves most commonly used in "packet tricks." This was Kevin's fifth effort at doing pre-meeting workshops, and so far, all have been very successful.

President John Piercy opened the meeting with announcements and then Tom Began his lecture.

Tom folded a \$1 and a \$5 bill in half, and inserted one inside the other. He passed the \$1 through the \$5 bill and then did the opposite. Finally, he changed the \$1 bill into a \$5. After that he sat down with some bills and scissors and showed us how to make this effect. It is actually very clever. He also gave us some interesting history of where the effect came from.

Tom spent some time talking about the rule of three, and

how it is used both on stage and on TV. Apparently

"Tonight show" host Johnny Carson used to mention it on the air from time to time.

Tom showed us how to take a signed \$20 bill and tear the face out. He showed us how to show it torn, and then how to restore it. He paid special attention to the noise that the bill makes and should make when you tear it. This comes down to the right way to tear it which he also taught us.

Next came a bar bet that came straight from the pages of Bobo and his classic

Next meeting: May 20th... 7 pm "Close-up Competition" North Senior Center 3333 Saint Cloud Drive. Seal Beach, CA



Coming Soon to Ring 96





book on coin magic. Many people don't know this effect as it is mentioned in a short two paragraph section in the book. Tom counted pennies into a volunteer's open hand, and gave the instruction to close their hand just before the last penny was dropped. No one could do it. The last penny always passed through tier closed hand and fell to Tom's waiting other hand. I can see how you could win money in a bar on this one.

We were shown what looked like a simple "cards changing places" routine that was anything but. The routine involved 15 random cards in two envelopes and three chosen cards that would move across the stage to go from one envelope to the other. The routine was complicated, but the result was worth it.

It is vitally important to know your audience. Tom has gotten in trouble for making comments that were not appreciate to one audience while being taken as hysterical to another.

Tom showed us his handling of the mis made bill.

Done right, with the right pater, this is a very powerful piece of magic.

Tom spoke of the type of venues he has worked out. He shared some tips and tricks for kid's birthday parties. "Always use the birthday kid for an effect early in the show." We heard all about how to get booked on cruise ships, and what the life of a cruise ship magician is like.

We were shown a business card effect to use at a trade show in which the sneaky magician who works for what ever the company is, ends up with a passerby business card, and the passerby gets a card from the magician. Connections is the goal of a trade show.

Tom ended his set with a standard sponge ball routine. However, the final load for the kicker was a small stuffed Barney the Dinosaur. We were shown how to use Roman numerals to equate the cute purple dinosaur with the mark of the beast, 666.

Another exciting night at Ring 96.

Early Bird Workshop

Kevin Papke welcomed his 10 participants to his prelecture workshop. April's topic was "moves used in packet tricks." This was heavy on push offs and Elmsley Counts.













Tom Ogden's Lecture















The Close-Up Competition is coming! Saturday May 20th







Get yourself ready for the close-up competition

- Get your act ready it should run no longer than
 8-10 minutes including audience reaction time.
- Let Jon Strum know you will perform. Email him to sign up. jonstrum@gmail.com. There is a limit of 10 performers.
- Make sure you have all the equipment you need. Replace or repair anything that might need it.
- 4) Think about what makes you different from everyone else... Capitalize on those differences.
- Practice a lot, include timing pater, and every other aspect of a good performance. Afterall you do want to win.
- 6) Remember to keep your set family friendly.
- 7) This year will be different in that each magician will perform only once. We will make use of the big screen in the room so everyone can see your work.
- 8) Remember a larger size you, might show more than you planned. Be prepared.
- 9) Invite your friends and your enemies to come and watch the show. The bigger the audience, the better the applause. Invite magicians from other clubs too. They might enjoy it as well!

See you there!



We have just mailed out 40 brochures to 40 local schools in the Seal Beach area. We have offered them a free magic show. How many shows will we book from this? Who knows, but there may be some coming up. Keep your eyes peeled for the results. Then we just have to figure out who our performers are!



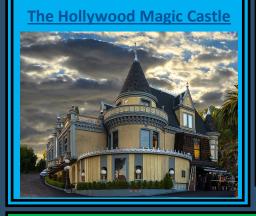
Why did we do this? Because schools are a great place to reach future magicians. If one or two young ones talk their parents into taking them to the Ring, well, that is great. If high school students join, well. That is even better. You never know when you expose a young one to good magic, what the long term effects will be. How can you help support and grow the Ring?



Want More Magic?

Ring 313 — Hybrid meeting https://www.ring313.org

Orange County Magic Club https://theocmc.com/





May Birthday's

Don't feel left out, I don't have any May birthdays on the list.

What month is your birthday?

Quote of the month! Make no mistake about it, magic is an art form, and every true magician is an artist. - Lon Milo Duquette

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Sessioning 96 April 2023

Given that there were only three of us present at this sessioning, we had a really great time. Joseph Ken, Bill Kornhauser and Cliff Gerstman spent a couple of hours having dinner and doing card and coin demos. We discussed such topics as "Scotch and Soda," General card magic and basic attendance. Cliff showed us a self-working prediction routine. Bill made a jack appear from a mirrored card in Cliff's hand and then performed a card counting routine and Joseph proved to be proficient with both cards and coins. The highlight of the night was Cliff performing a mis arranged face card routine for our waitress. Sarah! Aren't you sorry you weren't there?

Come, join us next month!

















Sarah our waitress , enjoys magic!



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join us for a Ring 96 Session of Sessioning Monday, May, 29th 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 3 attendees, and we had a great time!

See you there!

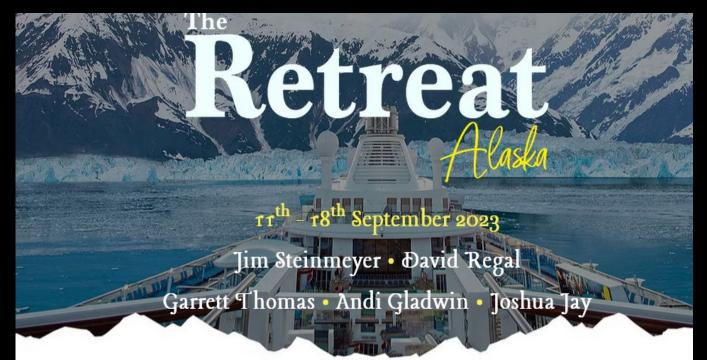


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