



# THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



November 2021

## October Meeting Round-up

This was a truly special evening at Ring 96. Our October meeting featured our annual "Night of Weird Magic and Mentalism." This year was extra special as it featured the triumphant return of Jheff, the magic castle performer and long published mentalist as our emcee. While many people wore protective masks, there were still over 50 people in attendance including both members and guests. Many of the guests who came to see the performances left very happy. As magicians, we did our job that night.

Jheff opened the evening by giving everyone a set of four cards. On each card were

written Halloween slogans, different on the front and back. We were told to shuffle the cards and then spell whatever was written on top by moving one card to the back for each letter in the word. This was repeated three times, and one card was eliminated after each spelling. Finally, we were all left with the same card that said "Boo." Jheff had us all call out what our cards said.

John Piercy took the stage as our first performer. First, he took plastic doll parts and put them into an empty bag. He reached in and pulled out the restored Frankenstein monster. John told a trick or treating story as he pulled a series of baby pumpkins out of the once again empty bag. At the end he pulled a much larger pumpkin out as well. John called for "Jasper the friendly ghost" to come out of

the bag. When he did not, John asked a little girl to check. She said the bag was empty, but a moment later there was Jasper. To end his trick, John pulled a rubber skeleton out from the once again empty bag.

Jheff took out two ropes, he wrapped them around his neck and pulled them right through without harming himself. He repeated the effect, this time pulling the ropes through his waist.

Bill Pearce brought a deck of ESP cards to the stage. He dedicated his performance to the memory of David Gray, a long-time member who passed away a few years ago, and loved mentalism. Bill brought up a volunteer and did a series of predictions and mind control tricks using the ESP cards.

**Next meeting:**

**Nov 20th... 7 pm**

**"Magical Swap Meet!"**

**North Community Center**

**3333 Saint Cloud Drive,**

**Seal Beach CA, 90740**

**Coming Soon to Ring 96**

**Magic  
Swap  
Meet**

**Nov 20th**



**Dec 18th**



**Jan 15th**

Russell Parks took the stage and started with a story about being robbed by a mugger that ended with a very funny watch steal sight gag.

When Russell brought out a sheet of newspaper, everyone thought he was going to do a torn and restored, but it was not so. He tore the newspaper in half, and had a volunteer eliminate one half. This repeated over and over again until Russell had only a tiny piece of newspaper in his hand. The words on it, matched his prediction.

Ring President Paul Case was next. He brought a small plastic skeleton to the stage and told the story of how a witch had cursed him and made him fall apart one piece at a time. Paul put the pieces into a trick-or-treat bucket, and the skeleton was restored! Next came a bit of "geek magic" as Paul took out some tic-tac candies and proceeded to put them into his eyes. Then he brought them back out of his mouth.

When our resident escape artist Cliff Gerstman tries his hand at mentalism, things often go to grief, but this time worked out pretty well. Cliff brought up a volunteer and handed him a large envelope that was sealed and labeled "Prediction." Then a scroll was produced and unrolled revealing the number 43 quintillion. This is the number

of possible positions for a Rubik's cube and Cliff soon produced the cube itself. Another volunteer was told to scramble the cube up, which she did. She was instructed to place it on a glass bowl with the white center square pointing up. The we got to see the prediction. It was not a picture of a Rubik's cube but a QR code. The audience was invited to use their smart phones to read the code. It took them to the Ring 96 links page where the correct photo of the scrambled cube was found.

Brad Erickson pulled mini candy bars out of a Halloween bucket. After describing the different candies, he called up a volunteer. Brad ate one of the candies and put a second one into his pocket. He asked the volunteer which one was left and it turned out both were still there. He repeated this a couple of times until finally neither candy was there, they had both vanished.

Jheff came back to the stage with the book Dracula by Bram Stoker. He asked a volunteer to pick a page and the number 13 was chosen. Jheff identified the first work on the facing page.

Joyce Basch took her turn with nine large envelopes. She shuffled the envelopes, and called up nine people. Each volunteer held one envelope. The envelopes were opened

and each had a letter. The nine volunteers had correctly spelled "Halloween."

Jheff had volunteers call out and narrow down the cards in the deck until we arrived at one card. From the deck, he showed that was not only the only reversed card in the deck, but the only red back in a blue back deck.

Jheff continued with the "Magic Switchboard." Four colored lights and four switches were shown. Jheff lit up each one to demonstrate the colors. He scrambled the bulbs around, but the bulbs still lit in the appropriate color. He scrambled the switches, but all was well and the colors remained as they should be.

Daniel Hurtt took his turn. He brought up two volunteers and had cards chosen and signed. Shuffling the cards into the deck, the two cards lined up right next to each other. Daniel had two more cards chosen, this time from a special deck. This deck featured cards with world flags as well as countries. Once again, the two chosen cards matched up perfectly when held next to a large poster that featured all the flags of the world.

This was a wonderful night at Ring 96.



**"Love is the magician that pulls man out of his own hat."**

**— Ben Hecht**

# Time to get it in gear!

I have a personal favor to ask of you. The last time I went out on a limb and set up a “new” style of event for a Ring 96 meeting it was two-years ago. That was the “awards night,” and it was a big success.

This year I am out on a limb with the new style of event the “Swap Meet!” I hope you will help make it a success as well.

As of this writing we have seven “vendors” on deck with room for at least a few more. One of those few might be you!

Even if you are not selling, we need you to do two things. First, come to the event, even if you do not come to buy, come for the company and the to support your Ring! Second, tell all your magical friends to come too. Even better will be if they are from some distance away, and are willing to drive an hour or two to get here. We can make this a big success.



<b>R</b>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Donner</u>	<u>Winner</u>
<b>a</b>			
<b>f</b>	Easy Money - John Lovick	Marty Gorman	Brad Erickson
<b>f</b>			
<b>l</b>	Modern Magic Manual— Jena Huggard	Suds Estate	Max
<b>e</b>	Bag of Tricks	Cohn Estate, Suds Estate & Bill	Dan Habel
<b>W</b>			
<b>i</b>	Darwin’s Thumb tip Miracles & 3 thumb tips	Suds Estate & Gray Estate	Milo
<b>n</b>	Allied Arts booklets	Suds Estate	Jeff
<b>n</b>			
<b>e</b>	Linking Rings from 1967	Suds Estate	Lynette
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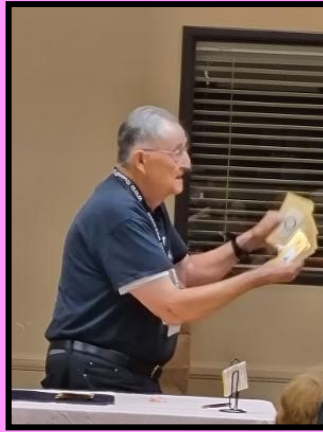
**Be sure to get ready for the Ring 96 holiday grab bag at the December meeting. Please prepare a gift wrapped magical item worth between \$15 and \$25. Don't forget to prepare your magical effect to perform as well. Happy Holidays!**

**Shh! Attention Ring Members, and only Ring members. If you are interested in selling a small amount of your magic at the November meeting swap meet, but don't need a big table, here is an offer for you. Bring your own card table. Not a large table, but a card table. Sell your wares from this small table and you can do that for free! No charge. Just e-mail Cliff to let him know you are coming. cliffg37@verizon.net.**

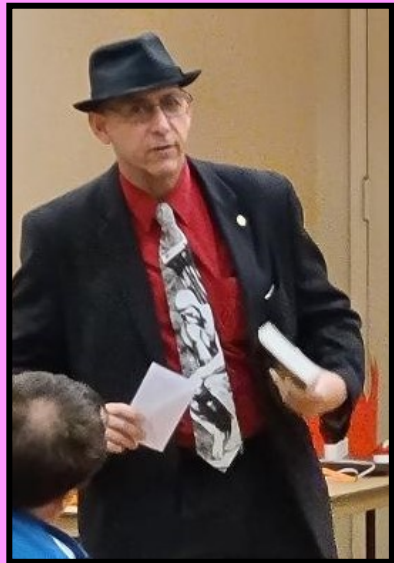
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# Weird Magic & Mentalism







**Ring 96**  
**The Seal Beach Magic Club**  
**Presents...**

# **A Magical Swap Meet!**

**Saturday, November 20th at 7 PM**  
**North Community Center 3333 Saint Cloud Drive Seal Beach**

**Table for members...**

**6 foot table \$10**

**12 foot table \$15**

**Table for non-members...**

**6 foot table \$20**

**12 foot table \$25**

**Want to show off or spotlight an effect? Let us know.**

**Contact Cliff to sign-up! [cliffg37@verizon.net](mailto:cliffg37@verizon.net)**





Ring 96 - The Seal Beach Magic Club  
presents...



# A Magical Christmas

A free all-ages magic show



**Member Performances**



**Gift Exchange**



North Senior Center  
3333 Saint Cloud Drive  
Seal Beach CA



Saturday, December 18th - 7 pm

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# **A Whit Haydn Lecture - Jan 15th**



**"Creating the magic Routine!"**