



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



Oct 2023

September Meeting Round-up

On Saturday September 16th, Ring 96 met for our annual Stage Competition. This is our big event of the year, open to the public and well publicized in the hopes of getting a large audience to vote for our winning magicians and to hopefully spread the word that our club exists.

It was standing room only as our emcee, last year's first place winner, Michael Van Horn took to the stage and introduced this year's

magical performers.

First up was Brett Bolich. Brett opened his set with a knot tied onto a bandana. The knot was vanished several times only to have it back on another spot. Finally, Brett got rid of the knot, only to find that when he opened the bandanna there was a hole where it had been. A Rubik's cube was shaken in a jar and turned into a jar of M&Ms, then back to a Rubik's cube. Brett finished his set with a sponge ball routine. He reached into a magician's hat and pulled out a large

pretzel which he did not want. Then out came the sponge balls. His kicker was a large sponge ball with a happy face on it.

David Fisher was our second act. He had cards with ESP card shapes on them. A volunteer picked one and David correctly named it. Next David handed out business cards. He had a volunteer pick a page from a book and write in on his card. David had the volunteer read the top line of the page to herself. David correctly predicted the page number, and then wrote, "Please read the words" on a sheet of paper. The paper

Next meeting:

Oct 15th... 7 pm

"Weird Magic & Mentalism"

North Senior Center

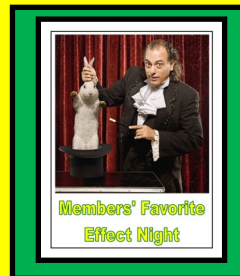
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Seal Beach, CA

Coming Soon to Ring 96



Oct 21st



Nov 18th



Dec 16th

changed into the correct words from the top of the page.

Next came Brad Erickson. Brad had a low, wide rolling table with a large box on it. It turned out to be a box in a box. Brad pulled out the center section allowing the audience to see through the windows of outer box and notice it was empty. Brad showed the inner box as empty as well. He called five volunteers up to the stage, and one at a time had each one chose from sets of cards that had different themes on them. He predicted which card would be chosen, and was wrong each time. Finally, he removed the box altogether to reveal the correct answers in the form of a doll who was dressed to match.

Chris Fleming arrived on stage and brought up two volunteers. He gave each one a bandana, and used a "bag." The volunteers took turns putting their bandanas into the bag and they came out in different colors. The set ended as both went into the bag and a large colorful butterfly blendo silk came out.

Roy Ball was our next performer and he brought up three volunteers. He had each one take a card from a shuffled deck. Roy attempted to guess each one. Although he failed to guess the cards, he brought out a magician's insurance policy which he used to correct the problem and soon revealed all three cards correctly.

Marty Gorman opened the second half of the show, beginning with a colorful empty box and a wooden ring. He put the ring in the box, closed the box, and stabbed a wand through it. The wand now had threaded the ring on it. Marty correctly mind read a symbol from a card chosen by a volunteer, and then the volunteer read Marty's mind to guess another symbol. A second volunteer picked a card from a shuffled deck. Marty threw a silk into a "bag" and brought it back out. The silk now had the selected card screened onto it.

Ring 96 President John Piercy

brought out five envelopes. Each envelope had a different word on it. John said that they had a worthless million-dollar bill in each one, but one of them had \$40 of real money. One at a time he had audience members choose an envelope. Each time the envelope was opened to reveal the million-dollar bill which was a souvenir for the participant. Of course, John kept the last envelope which indeed had \$40 in cash inside.

Phil Ureno came to the stage as some type of mad professor with an exaggerated wig. He started with a sight gag in which he drew a picture of a volunteer. He asked if it looked like her, and she said yes. Then we saw it was a mirror. Then Phil started playing a recording and did the time-honored banana-bandana trick in which a banana is mistaken for, and treated like a bandana. Phil got lots of laughs and strong audience response for his routine which he ended by finding the yellow bandana in the

previously empty shipping box.

Jon Strum, our club treasurer, opened with doing a “tossed out deck.” He taught the audience how to do a riffle glance, and then had the deck passed around. Three volunteers glanced at a card, and the deck was returned to Jon. Jon had the three volunteers stand up and told them to sit if he named their card. He named three cards and all three sat down. Next Jon brought two volunteers on stage and did “though of... cards across.” He had twenty cards counted out. Each volunteer got ten cards which they counted. He had one volunteer think of a card in her hand. That card soon traveled to the other volunteer’s packet. Indeed, he now had eleven cards and she had nine.

Alan Hanson was the last performer. He came out dressed in a medieval outfit and told a “King Arthur” like story of Excalibur and slaying dragons. During the story he pulled the sword

from its stone, made a silk appear in his hand, stabbed it with his sword, though it went through it did not rip the silk. He passed the sword through a sheet of glass. It went through without breaking or scratching the glass. A toy dragon appeared on his arm, cut the dragon in half, but it vanished instead, and slew two dragons. In the end, he put Excalibur back into its mooring point and produced a large fruit tree from its base.

While the votes were being counted, our secretary Cliff invited the audience to return next month for a less formal but still exciting Halloween magic show. Michael entertained the audience with jokes and banjo playing.

When all was said and done, Jon Strum came in third place. Phil Ureno came in second, and Alan Hanson took first place. Jon Strum also earned the “people’s choice” award.

Another exciting night at Ring 96



What do you want?

There are nine board members running things for Ring 96. Given how many members we have currently that may be too large a board, but the job gets done. When we nearly never hear is what you want. You are a member of Ring 96 and you must have an opinion. What types of lectures do you want? What specific lectures would you like? What member performances do you like? What theme do you like. What events do you think will make you, and others want to come to the Ring more often. What events will help us spread the word that this magic club exists?

These are all questions that should be both asked and answered. Sadly, we of the board do not have the answers. Only the membership does, and that is you! Take one of us aside, or send me an e-mail with your opinions, thoughts, and views. We will listen, that is what we are here for.

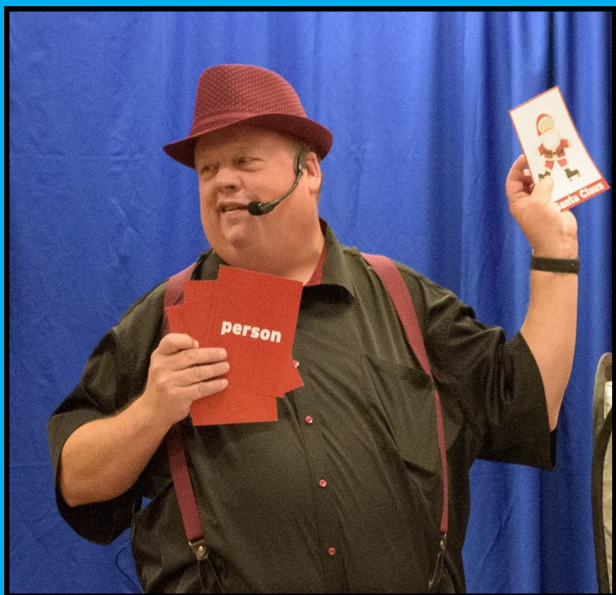


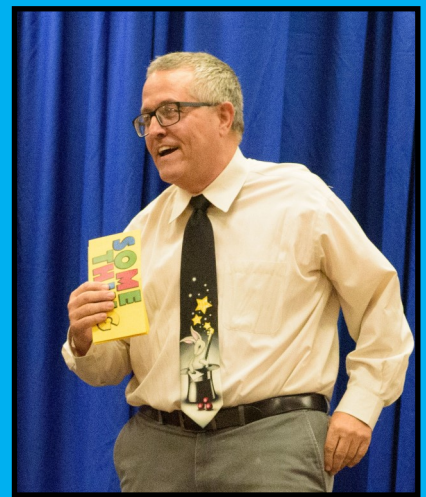
Stage Competition Photos!

Photo credit: George Reis



Emcee—Michael Van Horn





Alan Hanson—First Place

Phil Ureno—Second Place

Jon Strum—Third Place

We are in the zone!

This is that time of the year that we are pushing for membership the hardest. We start with the Stage Competition, next we have the Night of Weird Magic and Mentalism. After that comes Members favorite effect night (with a possible teacher's membership drive before it) and finally the Christmas show. How to we make these efforts work? Simple bring your magical friends, and you magically interested friends. The more people we get in the door, the more might come back. You never know. Once you invite them, bring your best magic effect. What better way to attract the hobbyists than to show them the best we've got? What is your best? Bring it and let's find out. Better still, bring your three best and do one on each of the three nights!

We will see you there. Take me seriously and lets make it work. That especially means you!



Want More Magic?

Ring 313 — Hybrid meeting

<https://www.ring313.org>

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The Hollywood Magic Castle



Happy Birthday!



October Birthday's

Roy Ball

Russell Parks

Kim Hallinger

Joseph Ken

Quote of the month!

I was told once by some country people that a magician should never tell his dreams because the telling will make them come true. But I say that is great nonsense.

Susanna Clarke

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September Session of Sessioning

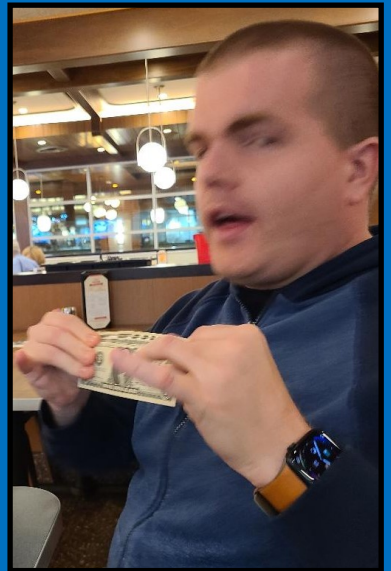
There were four of us at this months session of sessioning. Dan McKerren, the secretary of Ring 313 started off the action with an impressive display of Okito boxes. There were Boston Boxes and other similar props that he handled extremely well, doing some wonderful magic.

Cliff followed up with a self-working, think of a card trick that started with four kings and four jacks, and relied on separating piles of cards.

Brett did a wonderful bill change in which a \$1 bill slid through his fingers only to emerge as a \$20 on the other side.

Dan closed the evening by taking us outside to show us his home build close up table and some very clever accoutrements built in. This table is absolutely suitable for a parlor sized performance, and under the right conditions maybe for busking too!

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



join us for a Ring 96

Session of Sessioning

Monday, Oct, 30th at 7 pm.

Hof's Hut in Seal Beach

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and we had a great time!**

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Come and watch our magic for free!



Member's Favorite Effect Night!

Teacher's Night - 6 PM

Magic Show - 7 PM

Saturday, November 21st!



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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?

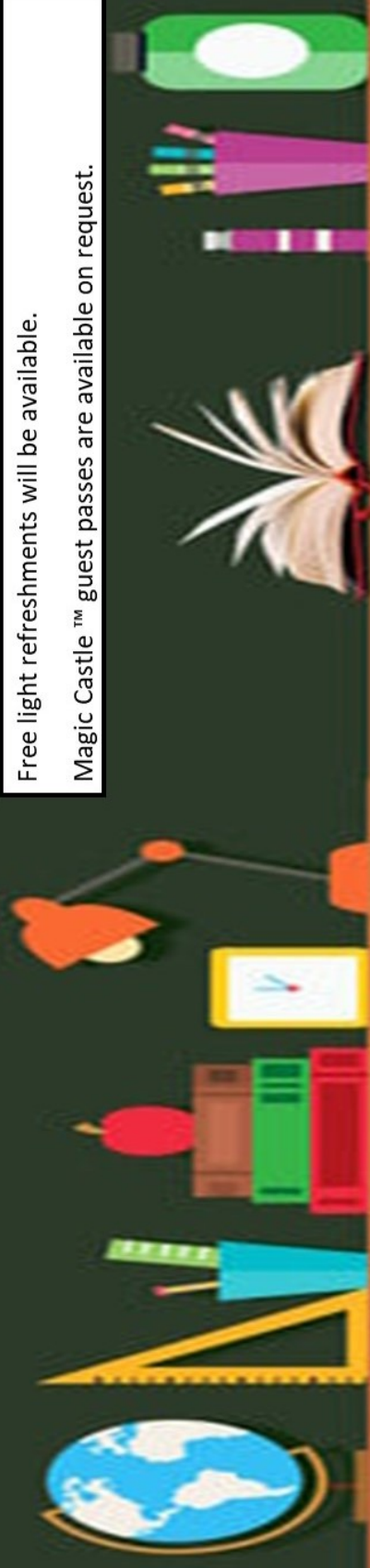
Your teachers will be Kevin Papke and Cliff Gerstman. Two credentialed teachers that have over 50 years of magic experience between them. They are both happy to pass this magical message along.

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!

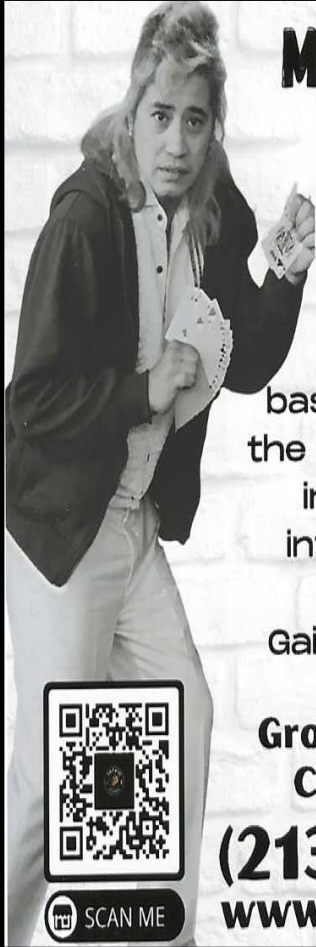
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Magic Thursdays

6 - 8 pm



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