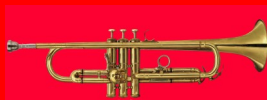




THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



Sept 2024

August Meeting Round-up

On Saturday, August 17th Ring 96 met to hold its annual Stage Magic Competition. Anticipation was high as the 50-person largely lay audience arrived to watch our show. Alan Hanson won first place in last year's competition. So, he was our emcee this year.

The first magician to take the stage was Marty Gorman. He opened with a red silk which he rolled into a rope-like state and tied a knot. The knot easily slid off the bottom. He repeated that process and this time the knot slid along the rope in stages before finally coming off. Marty unrolled the silk to reveal two holes where the knots had been. Next, Marty pulled out a salt shaker full of salt. He placed it into a silk

bag and when he pulled it out, the salt was gone... leaving the empty shaker. He dumped out the bag to prove it was empty and then put the shaker back in. The salt reappeared. Finally, Marty brought a young volunteer to the stage and performed a card prediction trick.

Our emcee Alan filled the gaps between the performances by showing large cards with optical illusions that demonstrated different things depending on how you looked at them.

Cliff Gerstman our resident escape artist was next. Cliff opened his act by showing a mini-sized two-piece brick wall. He spoke of how problems can get in your way and block you. Then he flipped the pieces over and showed a blue-sky scene with a large hole in the middle to get through your problems. Next, Next, he showed how he tied 11 knots in a

Next meeting:

Sept 21st... 7 pm

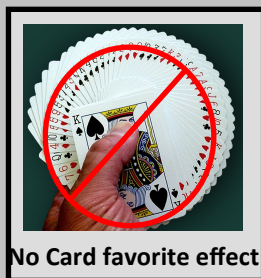
"No Card Favorites"

Fire Station

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Coming Soon to Ring 96



No Card favorite effect

Sept 21st



Oct 19th



Michael Mirth

Nov 16th

long piece of rope in only 5 seconds. Cliff brought a volunteer on the stage and had her pick a card. The card went back in the box, and the box went back into Cliff's table case. He tried to guess the card mentally and failed. Instead, he finished with a straitjacket escape. Once out of the jacket, the correct card was in his hand.

David Fisher brought five volunteers up to the stage with him. He gave each one a choice between two different conditions. He brought out a deck of cards and took out the jokers. He riffled through the deck and had each one stick a finger in to choose their card. He had each volunteer look him in the eyes while David recited the numbers and names of cards and suits. He named everyone's chosen card correctly.

Our current President John Piercy was next up. He opened with a sight gag when a volunteer was asked to read from an eye chart. Then given a sign to read the audience couldn't see. The card said, "I can't see a thing." John had the volunteer pick a card and then use an egg beater to transmit the card to the audience. When asked the entire audience correctly named the card. John finished with a rack of cards that spelled "reclaim." He turned the rack backward to the audience and removed the cards. He had members of the audience call out where to put each card. When he turned the rack back around, it spelled "miracle."

Past President Paul Case came to the stage and brought a young girl as a volunteer. He

performed the linking rings. The volunteer got two linked rings and yet she was able to keep up with Paul's instructions fairly well. Paul used two rings to do a "Baywatch" impression. Paul did a cut and restored rope routine which ended with some of the rope changing color.

The final performance of the night was from Ms. Gician, Joyce Basch. Joyce opened up with a housewife joke, and then cut some rope into pieces for the professor's nightmare. She then performed her own invention, a form of the six-card repeat with a baseball theme. Joyce ended with a blendo trick; several different colored silks were put into a change bag. Out came a beautiful multicolored jumbo silk.

As the votes were counted, Alan entertained the audience with a clever word game where players had to figure out what certain words had in common.

When the evening was done, the final scores were announced. In third place was John Piercy. Second place was Cliff Gerstman and in first place was Paul Case. Joyce Basch received the most votes from non-members to win the People's Choice Award.

Another exciting evening at Ring 96



Want to help out your Ring?

Sign up to attend the next Ring meeting, even if you can't make it this month!

[registration page!](#)

Thanks for helping us out!



Big changes coming in September!

The bad news is that the Center that we usually meet at is going to be closed for the next three months. The good news is that it is closed for renovation. The place badly needs some upgrades, and while we don't know exactly what they will be doing, we can hope.

Uh oh, what can we do while our meeting place is locked up tight and getting a face lift?

It looks like we are headed to the Seal Beach Fire Station meeting room. This room is not ideal for guests, moving around, or anything on a large scale, it should be fine for a smaller scale Ring meeting Event.

We were supposed to repeat some of our performances at Westminster Community Playhouse this month, but that fell through and had been postponed to a later time and date. The Westminster folks still want us, but they are apparently in rehearsal and not available right now.

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**Just off Seal Beach Blvd. South of the 405.
North of Leisure World.**

So we will see you at the fire station. Come at 6:00 pm for the pre-meeting workshop of pearl dogs and paper napkin flowers.

What will the event be at the Fire Station September 21st?

Members favorite No-Cards Effect Night!

What effects should you do?



1. Coin magic
2. Rope magic
3. Rubik's cube magic
4. Small apparatus magic
5. Small animal magic
6. Illusions
7. Escapes
8. Vanish/productions
9. Quick Change magic
10. Etc.

The board of Ring 96 is working hard to avoid falling into a rut, especially given the less than ideal situation of being out of our normal room.

How can you support you Ring during these difficult times? Come to the meetings, and come prepared to perform a no-card favorite effect.

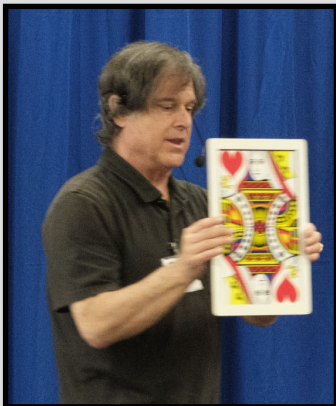
Lets be really honest though, the room needs it, and in the long run, we will be all the happier for it.

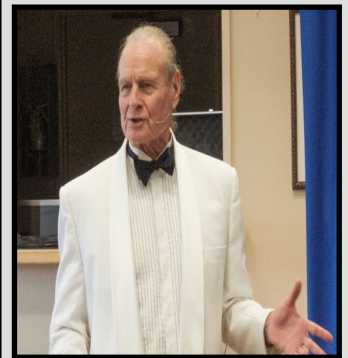
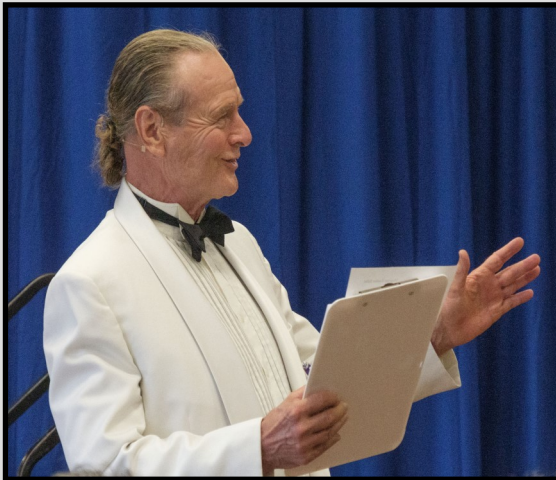
We will see you there!



2024 Stage Competition

Photo credit George Reis





Paul Case

Cliff Gerstman

John Piercy

Joyce Basch



Ring 96 visits the Magic Castle

On August 13th, 18 members of Ring 96 descended on the Magic Castle. Three Castle members, Bill Pearce, Jon Strum, and Cliff Gerstman, hosted the event, made the reservation and enabled the other Ring 96 magicians to get in to the exclusive club.

Everyone I spoke to had a wonderful time. Most people who are not Magic Castle members find it an amazing treat to be allowed in to see the building and the magic within. There are no photos of this event as photography is forbidden inside the Magic Castle, but pretty much everyone and certainly every magician has a great time while there.

Should Ring 96 be looking for more field trips like this one? Did you want to go the Castle with us and could not make the date work? We can repeat this adventure, or plan for other ones. Let a board member know what you want. We will make it happen!



Let's pick a Tuesday, and promote the Ring!



Did you ever wonder how many of the local residents in Seal Beach , population 25,240, do not know that Ring 96 exists? How many would care? We have been passing up a golden opportunity to reach a few. We can bring magic to Bogart's on any Tuesday. Once a month? It is up to you. It is big enough to make close-up magic unlikely to work, but close platform magic is what is needed here.

905 Ocean Avenue, just off Main Street in Seal Beach..

Bogart's Open Mic Night Every Tuesday 6:30- 9:00pm

Stop by and join us for a fun event. There is plenty of seating inside and out on the benches and chairs. Our weekly "Open Mic" features local artists looking for a friendly audience. We welcome any and all who are interested! Hope to see you here.

August Sessioning

We had seven excellent magicians at the August 25th Session of Sessioning at Hof's Hut.. Cliff started out by telling a story about a king and his four sons. By the end of the story all four sons were in their correct castles. Liam came out with a stack of blank business cards and had signed cards somehow swapping places. Joji started with a borrowed ring which he vanished and produced repeatedly from different places. The ring ended up inside his key case in his pocket. Jheff performed a book test in which he revealed the chosen word though a game of hangman. David Had a card folded up as a frog, and told a story of a witches spell that lead to two cards changing places. Jheff brought out a deck of cards that were scrabble tiles. He had Laim sort, shuffle and cut. When it was done the four piles spelled Liam's name. Kevin taught us "The ladder" using rubber bands. George took it home by shuffling a deck half face up and half face down. When he was done, only the chosen card remained down!

Will we see you next month? It will be exciting and fun!



Free Card Magic Workshop Online!

I am hosting a free online workshop I think Ring members might be interested in called, "Learn Card Magic Now!"

The goal of this workshop is to not only give people training on some of the fundamentals of card magic, but also an amazing education in card magic as a whole.

I believe that there is a big difference between training and education. Training teaches you "how" to do something. Education teaches you "why" you do something which is often more important than just the "how."

By the end of this workshop, I want you to be able to have full confidence in yourself so you can WOW your family and friends with impressive card magic AND be clear on what your next best steps to learning card magic are.

As IBM Rings usually have members of all different skill levels and experiences, I am sure you can see how something like this might interest you.

Whether you are a new magician and would like a jumpstart on learning amazing card magic or have been performing for decades and would like to freshen up on important sleight of hand moves for themselves or to share with one of their students, this workshop has something for everybody.

The workshop will be divided into three videos and each video can be accessed after they are released On-Demand, at your convenience.

The first video is scheduled for **Thursday, September 12th.**

Hope to see you there!

Matthew Sawchuk



Click me to sign up

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September's Birthdays

Brad Erickson

Dan Habel

Raj Tovar

Do we have your birth
month on file? Why not?

Quote of the month!

"Don't make unimportant things important."

- Dai "The Professor" Vernon

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join us for a Ring 96
Session of Sessioning

Monday, September 30th 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.**

In August we had 7 of us at the session.

Will you be there next month?

**Note: This is not meant to be a social
gathering, it is meant to be a magical
gathering. Showing a magic effect is required.**

See you there!



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2025 Officer Elections

.The election of our next year's officers are coming up and will be here before you know it. Have you considered running?

Any member of Ring 96 in good standing is eligible to run for office. I know it is easy to just come to meetings and let others do the work. But have you considered how much behind the scenes work it takes to keep our club running? It may not be as hard as you think, but still, there is work to be done; both planning and doing.

When will it be your turn to join the board? That is of course, up to you to decide.

We got some excellent advice from our visit to the San Diego Ring 76. If you are not sure what kind of position to take in order help out your Ring, consider "Member-at-large" This non-specific board member helps out where ever possible without any specific job description. Talk to a board member today (e-mails are on page 10) and see what positions are available and where your personal abilities and skills can best be used.



Coming up in our Exciting Future!

Willmore Elementary School. Last year we put on a show for Willmore Elementary School to help them raise money to send kids to summer camp. The good news is they have asked us back for a November show this year!

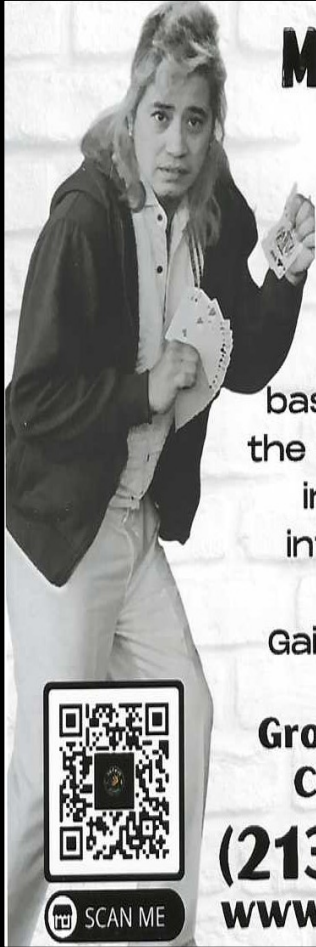
Ring Banquet! Ring 96 can take over a restaurant , we can have a fine meal, acknowledge some of our awards and workers, and watch an exciting magic show while we are at it.

Getting out of our comfort zone! This is the Ring theme for 2025. It is time to grow in our magic and put that growth to work. Come and join us on the road!

Effective Busking! We will present a lecture from a magician with real busking (Street performing) experience and learn to do it right. There is more to successful busking then you might think.

Let's go Busking! Join your magical Ring 96 friends as we put our money where our mouth is and we all go out and Busk. (Give out flyers and brochures too!)

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