



# THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



Oct 2024

## September Meeting Round-up

On Saturday, September 21st, Ring 96 had our most recent meeting.

The meeting was held in the nearby Firehouse community room, as our regular center is undergoing renovations and upgrades for the next three months.

The pre-meeting workshop had the Godfather of magic, Vinny Marini teaching some of his magic moves. He taught us an amazing, yet simple force, and showed off his version of "cards across." He showed us his version of "Oil and Water," which featured his own brilliant version of a false count to show cards that are not where you think they are. The workshop was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

President John Piercy opened the meeting with presentations of trophies from last month's stage competition. Trophies went to Paul Case, Cliff Gerstman, and John Piercy himself.

Sadly, we have three ailing members to report. Jim Greene was in the hospital for leg-related issues. Paul Miles has suffered a heart attack, and Larry "Zeezo" Campbell fell down a flight of stairs and suffered a head injury. Please keep our members in your prayers and call them, e-mail them, or visit them as appropriate.

The theme for the night was members' favorite effect but no cards.

Cliff Gerstman, our resident escape artist was first to the stage. He performed his signature effect which he believes he is the only person in the world to do. He had a volunteer wrap a big heavy chain around his wrists and lock it in place with a large padlock. After making a few observational jokes, Cliff picked the lock open using nothing but a dime held in his teeth.

John Engman was next up. He took a short piece of white rope and tied a bow. He slid each end through one loop and pulled it very tight. Then, he slid the knot off the rope. He added a second rope, this one red. John twisted the ropes together, and the white knot passed on to the red rope. He pulled the red rope and the knot dissolved, leaving a white section

**Next meeting:**

**Oct 19th... 7 pm**

**"Halloween Magic"**

**Fire Station**

**3131 North Gate Road,**

**Seal Beach 90740**

## Coming Soon to Ring 96



**Oct 19th**



**Nov 16th**



**Dec 21st**

on the red rope.

Marque Dunkle performed his version of the paper clips and rubber band on the dollar bill. By placing the rubber band around the dollar bill and clipping the paper clips, then pulling the fold out of the dollar, the rubber band snaps off and the paper clips go with it now on the rubber band.

Alan Hanson took the stage and did a coin trick. He showed two coins one silver and one gold. Three times he put one coin in his pocket, only to find both had returned to his hand. While he performed the trick flawlessly, what made it great was the fairy tale story he told about a knight in shining armor and his quest to win the princess.

Wayne Mitcheltree brought out two bills, a five and a one. He folded both bills up and placed one on top of the other. Amazingly, the two bills switched places. To prove how effective this was, he repeated the effect, but this time in the hand of a volunteer. The bills still swapped places with each other.

Kevin Papke showed us a silver dollar. He proceeded to do a series of vanishes and productions making the coin move from one hand to the other and all over his body. Eventually, the silver dollar vanished for good, only to be replaced by a finger ring. The ring was no less magical than the coin had been. Kevin repeatedly threaded a string through the ring, and it would pop right off. Finally, the ring appeared on his finger, only to vanish and reappear on his thumb.

Bill Pearce showed us two effects he learned at Magic Live from the Magic Circle librarian. First, he folded a dollar bill in half. He took a small piece of paper from a notepad and folded that over the dollar. He stabbed a pen between the halves of the dollar and poked it right through. Oddly he made a hole in the paper, but the dollar was still intact.

Bill continued by threading a shoelace through the handle of an old key, and demonstrating that it was not really threaded, but still free. He did this in two different ways. Then he covered the key and shoelace with a silk and showed that not the shoelace really was threaded through the handle of the key.

Brad Erickson came to the stage with a coloring book of countries of the world. He showed us all the pages, each of which showed a country and some aspect of that country to be colored. He had us all pretend to color, and the uncolored pages were now colored with colored scribbles. That was no good so he had us pretend to erase them. That worked too well and now the pages were all blank. He had us use make-believe Sharpies to restore the original artwork and that worked fine. Finally, we took another try at coloring, and the pictures were all colored again.

Then he brought up a very professional-looking, yet homemade frame that would hold six cards. He also explained that this was not a card trick as it used flashcards rather than playing cards. Each card had a picture of a different animal and its habitat listed on the front of the card. He had six cards at random put in the frame facing so we could not see what animal it was. Three cards were chosen, but no matter how we tried, the chosen card was always a cockroach.

David Fisher arrived with two scraps of paper and a pencil. He had a volunteer write a name on one, and he wrote a name on the other. Both papers were torn into little pieces. First the volunteer correctly guessed what David had written, then David correctly called out the name the volunteer had written.

Kim Hallinger was the last one of the night. She told a story about meeting a down on his luck veteran who was saluting people as they passed him on the street. Kim spoke of talking to this man and restoring some of his dignity and self-worth. While doing this she took a small American flag and vanished it in a bag. She had a frame on the table with a balloon in it. When she popped the balloon, the flag was restored, now in the frame.

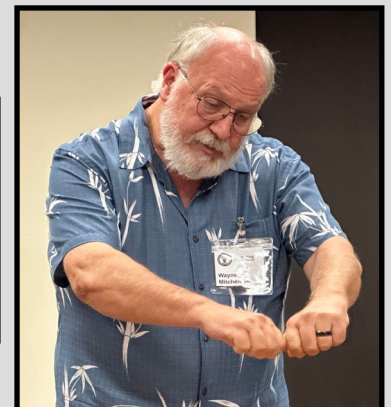
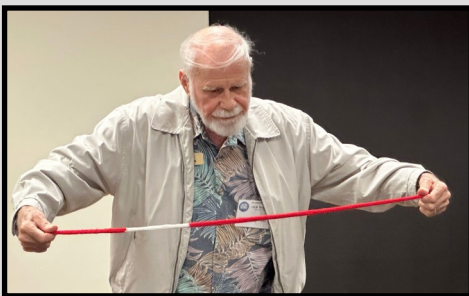
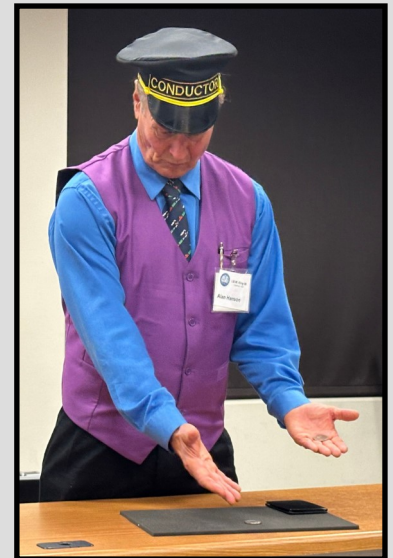
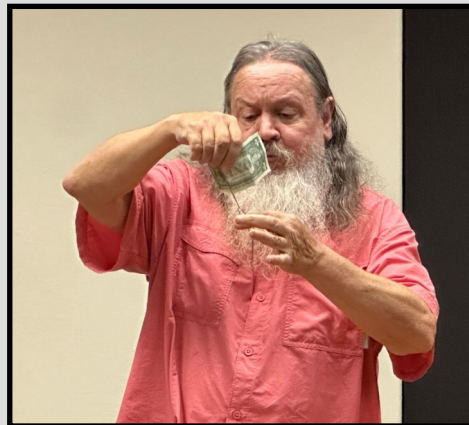
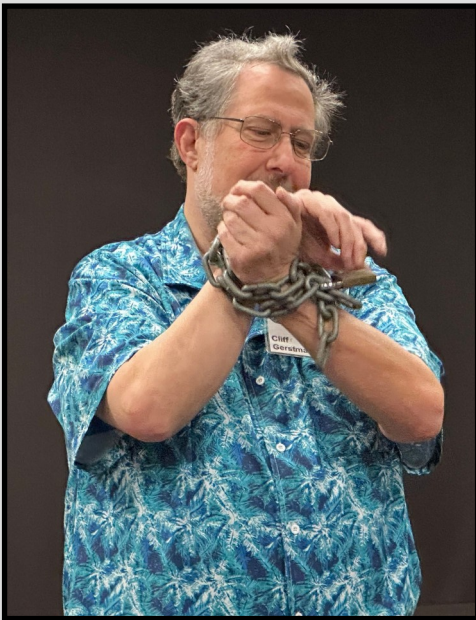
Another exciting evening at Ring 96

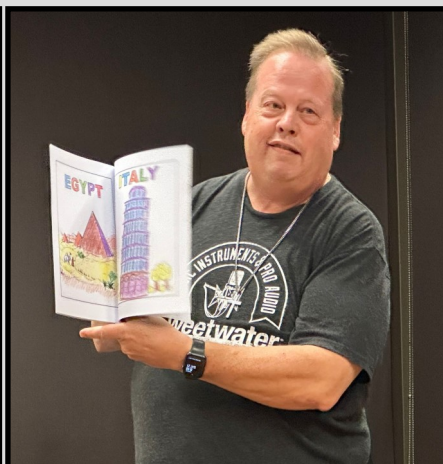


Sign up to attend the next Ring meeting, even if you can't make it this month!



# Members' Favorite Effect Night (but no cards!)

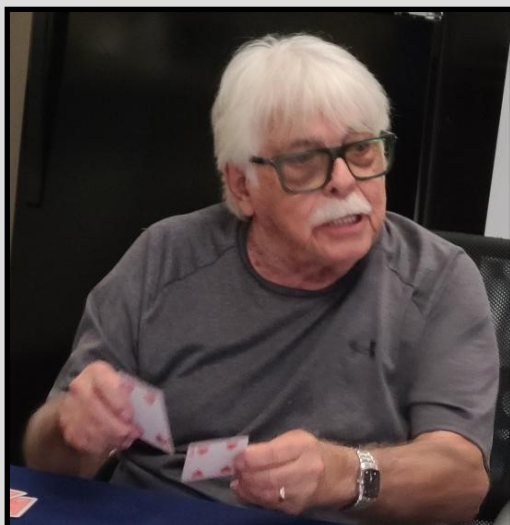
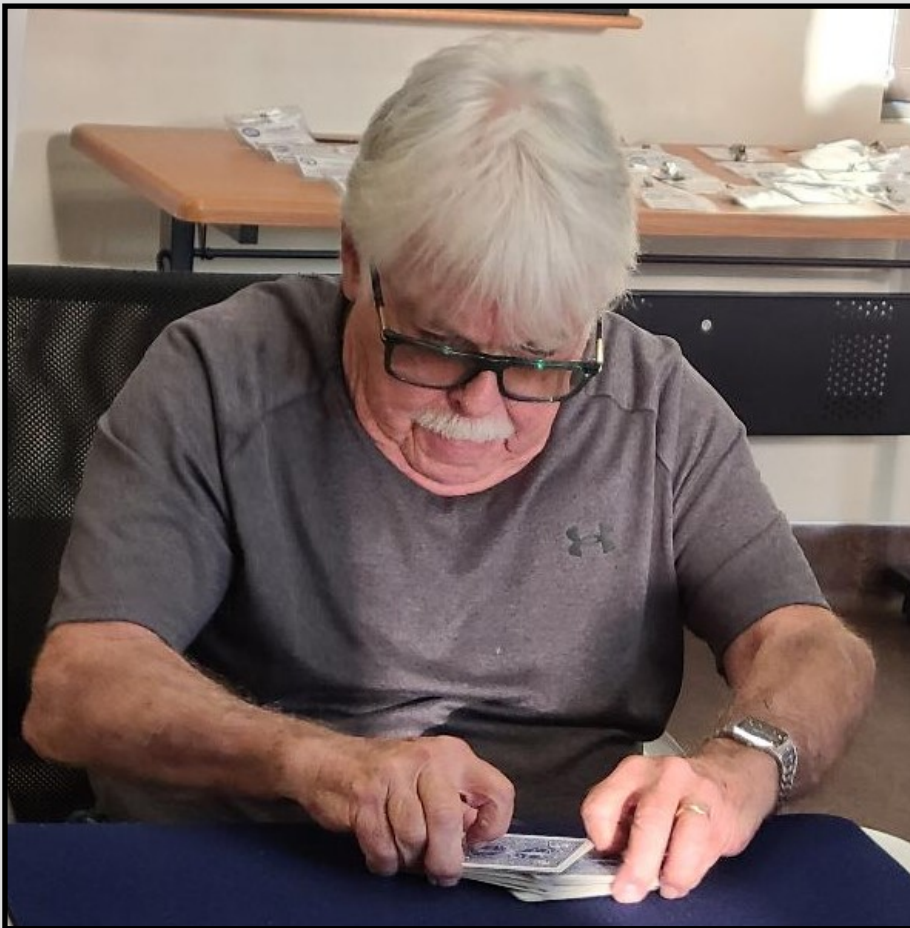




# Pre-Meeting Workshop

The Godfather of Magic Vinny Marini came to entertain and teach us this month for our pre-meeting workshop.

Vinny started by teaching us an unbelievably simple but highly deceptive force of his own design. He proceeded to show and teach us his version of cards across, which went over very well. Then he taught us his version of oil and water. His version includes a false count that is very deceptive and incredibly visual for his audience to watch. It is a good bet that Vinney7 will return to us for another set of effects and card handling.



# From the desk of the President



Hi all.

Let me give you some encouragement to GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL (our theme for the year).

1. Get ready to vote on our new slate of officers for 2025. Nominations are open to all current members (perhaps even you assuming an office). The last day to nominate someone will be during our October meeting. Voting will take place at our November meeting.
2. Our weird night of magic is coming October 16. Perhaps you have never stepped up to be part of one of our in-house magic presentations before, this is a great opportunity for you to GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL and do so! Contact Paul Case and let him know you have something to perform that night.
3. Perhaps you have been sharing with your friends about the club and they have shown

an interest in magic... Bring them to a meeting and introduce them around to the other club members.

4. Be sure to be part of our Michael Mirth lecture in November (16). Lectures help stretch us to think and grow as magicians. We will also be voting for our next year slate of officers at this meeting.

5. Our last meeting of the year will be December 21 for our annual holiday show featuring our members performing holiday themed magic tricks for a family audience. Desserts, gift exchange, laughter and fun for all. Let me, John Piercy, know if you would like to be part of the evening's



entertainment that night. This is also the night our 2025 slate of officers will be introduced.

Our club works because our members make it happen, thank you all for your involvement in the club.

President John Piercy



# Our Ideas

## Bigger internet and Social media presence.

Do you know anyone proficient in using social media? We need someone to maintain our Instagram and other social media outlets. If you can't think of anyone, that is OK, but ask around anyway. Help out your Ring as best you can. We can be a more modern magic club. Lets work on it!

## Is the Ring 96 Banquet Coming?

A while back we polled the membership. The vote for a banquet was strong. So we are working on a banquet that can include a guest speaker, a special magical performance from an A-list magician, a mini auction and a fine meal to go with it. Are you interested? We can always use a little extra help. You can help spread the word and help us make the event a big success.

# September Sessioning

We had a small group this month with Wayne, Jheff, Joe and Cliff.

Jheff lead off the magic session with a deck of cards that he said would do all the work for him. He had a card selected and allowed it to be shuffled and lost into the deck twice. He still found the card right where he wanted it.

Joe brought out a deck of cards which was split into two piles. One went to Wayne for shuffling and the other went to Cliff. They were shuffled more than once, and shuffled upside down into right side up. Joe had a pamphlet that predicted how the cards would land.

Wayne brought out three cards, two red one blue. He placed the blue on the bottom and watched it move up and down each time he gave the three cards a shake.



# Want More Magic?



The Hollywood Magic Castle

## Magic Club in Irvine

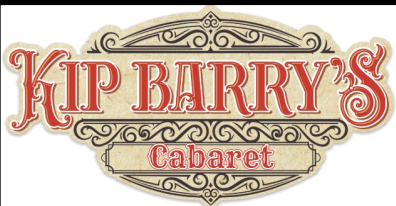


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## October's Birthdays

Roy Ball

Kim Hallinger

Michael & Ben Stave

Russell Parks

Philip Henderson

What month is your birthday?

## Quote of the month!

**"Never tell the audience  
how good you are,  
they will soon find out  
for themselves"**

**- Harry Houdini**

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join us for a Ring 96  
**Session of Sessioning**

**Monday, October 28th 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 September we had four 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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# Clean out those unused tricks!

Now is the time

Our raffle prize supply is once again growing small and the boxes are nearly empty.

Perhaps you have one of those great tricks you bought thinking you would be performing them. Perhaps that never happened. Maybe it did not suit your style. Maybe the skill level was too high. Maybe you practiced it and decided you did not like it. Maybe you got frustrated with it.

These are the kind of items we need.

There is nothing wrong with unloading your junk magic, but full complete and operational magic is what brings people to purchase tickets.

You may not realize this, but the Board of Ring 96 has managed to hold the cost of the dues steady for several years. That is all well and good, but the prices of lectures and other items has only gone up. The raffle provides a nice bolster to our dues income. Good and enticing prizes are essential.

So look through your magic collection and see what you might be willing to part with.



# 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! Maybe Friday, Nov 15th.

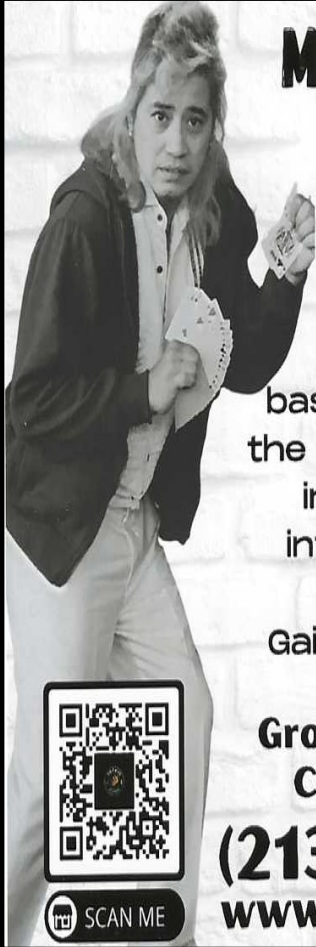
**Ring Banquet!** Ring 96 can take over a restaurant, we can have a yummy meal, acknowledge some of our awards and workers, and watch an exciting magic show while we are at it.

**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 than 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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