



# THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



August 2021

## July Meeting Round-up

On Saturday July 17th Ring 96 made its triumphant return to the Senior Community Center where we have been meeting for years. With the pandemic hopefully winding down, hopefully we will be able to continue to meet in person.

To celebrate our return, we had a live lecture from the world-renowned magician Gregory Wilson.

Gregory opened with a routine called "Chip on the shoulder." This was a sucker routine where a volunteer repeated found a poker chip appearing on his shoulder. The chip in question

eventually ended up in a coin purse, but made several more appearances on the victim's shoulder before the routine was done.

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The second effect was a ball point pen that had a lid on it, but the lid and the point kept switching sides. While this was going on the "chip" made several more appearances on the volunteer's shoulder.

Next Gregory performed "Holy Smoke." Here he pantomimes smoking a cigarette, and occasionally a joint. Amazingly, though there was no cigarette, he still blew smoke out of his mouth!

"Poker Deck 2.0" is a nice quick effect in which a small fan of cards is shown on both sides. One side is Blue backed and the other is blank faced. Once a spectator describes what they saw, the deck changes to a red backed royal flush.

Gregory demonstrated his "Split Focus" routine. Here we start out with several coins, but they vanish first one then the rest. This routine uses some nice moves and hold outs hidden in play.

After that was "Sticks and Stones." In this routine a thin stick is used as a wand, while a stone is moved around, vanished and returned. At one point the wand even penetrates the stone. This one was a jaw dropper.

**Next meeting:**

**Aug 21st... 7 pm**

**"Ken Sands Lecture"**

**North Community Center**

**3333 Saint Cloud Drive,**

**Seal Beach CA, 90740**

## Coming Soon to Ring 96



**Aug 21st**



Close-up Competition  
May 20, 2017

**Sept 18th**



Weird Magic & Mentalism

**Oct 16th**

"If you can't hide it... highlight it!" Gregory Wilson.

Next up was "Fast Change." A volunteer guesses how much change he had in his pocket. Turned out to be spot on correct.

Gregory did "Foreign Affair" for us. A dollar bill is folded up. At each fold it appears to be a bill for a different country. When the bill is unfolded it is not a 100-dollar bill. After producing the 100-dollar bill, it is rolled up into a tube, and a thumb tip is produced. We were informed that the company that makes a common high quality thumb time is called Ver-Net. It is not French and should not be pronounced with a French accent.

Next a wooden stirring stick was placed into a paper Starbuck's pastry bag. The stick was heard to be snapped repeatedly, but was produced whole by a spectator who tore the bag open and saw only the unbroken stick.

The next routine was called "Magic Ace Card." Six cards are shown. The backs are black and have a large white letter on each one. Taken together they spell "Casino." Oddly they can be rearranged to spell "is a con." The other side of the cards had numbers on them, lots of them and it was a "find your number" effect.

Gregory showed us how to spin a card box with a deck inside on the tip of your finger. This is called "Revolution." He did a series of control moves and showed us how to do them ourselves.

He performed several parts of his classic routine "Ring Leader." This is an on and off again ring on rope routine that got a huge reaction.



The lecture ended with a Rubik's cube routine. Gregory made a point of saying he cannot solve a Rubik's cube and does not want to know how to do it. Instead, he wound up matching the volunteer's cube with his own after the volunteer scrambled it up. After that he solved the cube by "Shaking it in his hand."

The lecture ran long, but I think that many of our members were hungry for live lectures after almost two years of zoom.

Another exciting night at Ring 96



**Welcome new  
members:  
Donna & Marc  
Furon!**

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**▪ Michael Weber**

# Need you to get ready!

On September 18th we will have the long-awaited close-up competition. Now would be a good time to get back to the table and start practicing your act. Remember we have two different vote categories. One is for members and the other is the "People's Choice" for non members.

Get that act set up and come surprise everyone with your amazing magical skill.

While you are at it don't forget the stage competition is coming up in March of 2022. That one may also be a place for you to shine!

Please don't forget the Ring is only as strong as our membership and we took a good hit over the enforced pandemic break. Now is the time to come back stronger than ever!

Welcome back Ring 96... Now lets get to the magic!



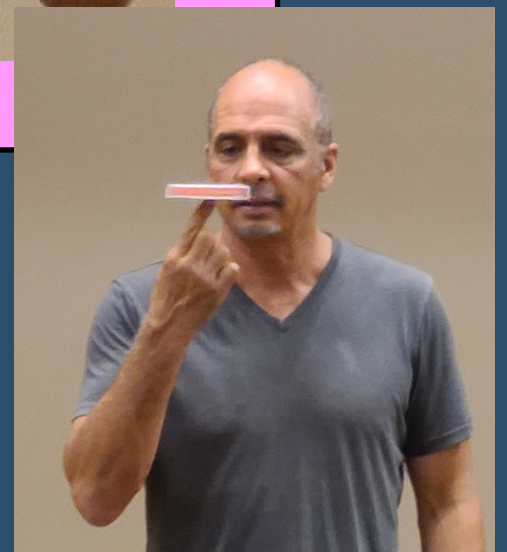
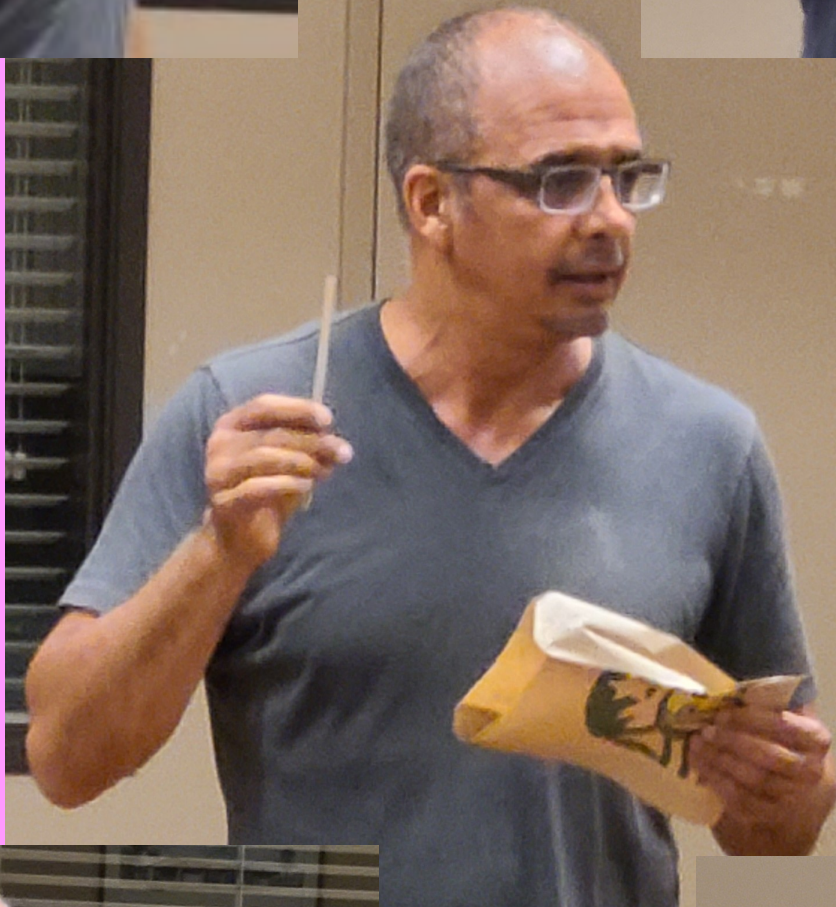
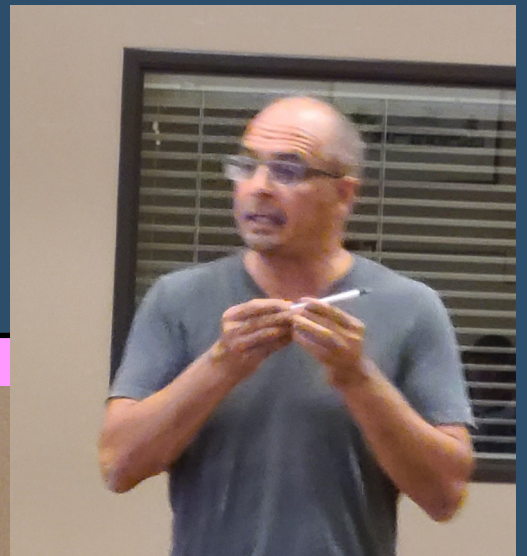
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<b>a</b>	Amar Card Miracles V5	Egbok/Gorman	Joseph Ken
<b>f</b>	3 part Juggling prize	Cliff, Gray, & Suds	Bill Kornhauser
<b>i</b>	Set of 4 lecture notes	Bill, Gray, & Suds Pearce	Cliff Gerstman
<b>e</b>	Bag 'o Tricks	Bill, Victor & Cliff	Marty Gorman
<b>W</b>	Klutz booklets	Suds	Barney Singleton
<b>i</b>	12 Linking rings from 1950's	Suds	Paul Case
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**Ring 96  
Swap Meet  
Coming in  
November  
Get your  
magic ready!**

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