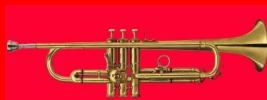




THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



July 2024

June Meeting Round-up

On June 15th Ring 96 had its most recent meeting.

President John Piercy opened the meeting and introduced the night's topic, "Linking Ring Night." In this event, every member who performed had chosen and cited an effect that was found in the Linking Ring magazine. Given the long history of IBM's flagship magazine, there was plenty to choose from.

Jon Strum took the stage first with an effect from the February 1991 issue. Jon brought up a volunteer and told her that this would be a test of intuition. He gave her a shuffled deck of cards and asked her to find his special card. He had her pull one card while holding the deck under the table. The volunteer pulled out the nine of diamonds. The back of the

card said, "You found it!"

Brad Erickson was next up and pulled off a multimedia effect from July 2018. To open the effect Brad played "Name that Tune" with three songs that seemed to have the common theme of fear. Next came a poster that showed different acronyms for the word "fear." Then he took a large deck of cards and gave it to a volunteer. Each card had a different well-known fear written on it. The volunteer was asked to choose a personal fear from the deck given the free opportunity to go through. Once chosen, the card was buried, and Brad had the volunteer spell out the names of two of the fears at random. This led to the chosen fear. Brad ended by threading three wooden blocks on a rope. The middle one, which he said represented fear, fell out of the middle at his command.

Next meeting:

July 20th... 7 pm

"David Gray Mini-Lectures"

North Senior Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive.

Seal Beach, CA

Coming Soon to Ring 96

David Gray
Mini-Lectures



July 20th



Aug 17th

**Special
Event!**

Sept 21st

Past President Paul Case was up next. He started with a rope-cutting routine which quickly turned into the “Professor’s Nightmare” from the November 1984 issue. Note: the title of the article in that issue was The Professor’s Emathgin.

Alan Hanson presented an effect from an issue that came out this year. He brought up a volunteer named “David.” He had David pick a card, show it to the audience, and then bury it in the deck. Alan found the card by counting out, D-A-V-I-D-B-I-R-T-H-D-A-Y. The chosen card was there.

Dan Habel brought out an effect from the July 2013 issue. Dan had six magazines laid out on the table. He had a volunteer choose one. Dan chose another magazine and began flipping pages while asking the volunteer to call “stop” at a random moment. The volunteer stopped Dan on page 45. Dan told him to look at page 45 in his magazine. Dan successfully drew two bottles of olive oil. That matched what was represented in the ad on that page in the volunteer’s magazine.

Joyce Basch from the July 1998 issue. Joyce took the stage and told a story about early American settlers. She explained the significance of the California state flag and then proceeded to put colored silks into a bag. Sadly, one silk fell on the floor, and as such, the flag came out missing a color. No worries, she put the fallen color into the bag with the flag and brought out the flag in complete form.

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!



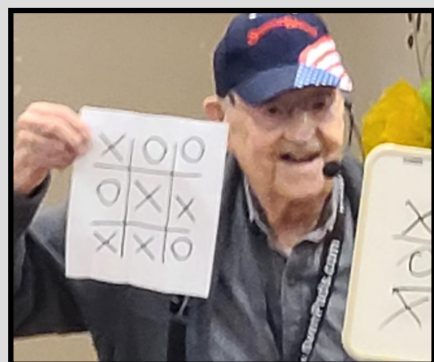
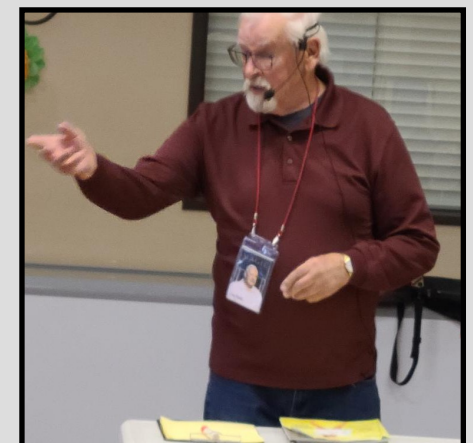
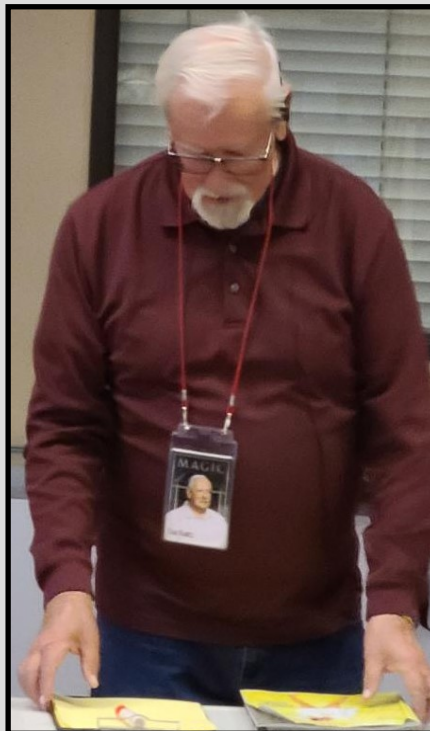
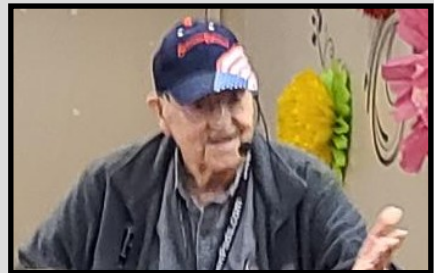
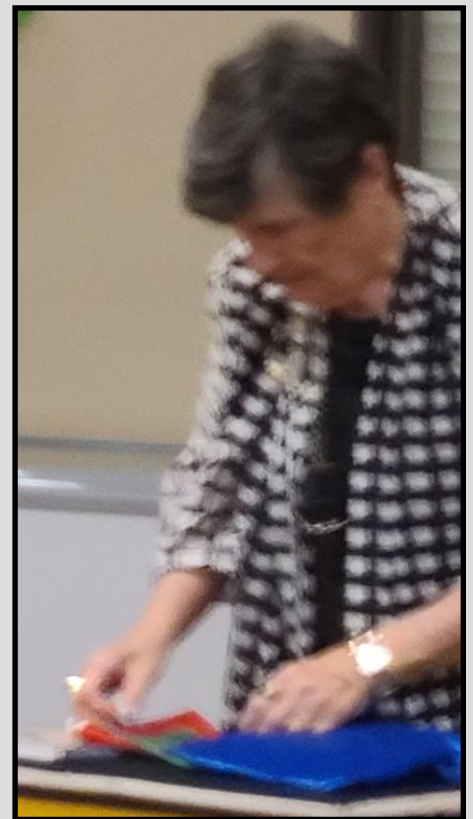
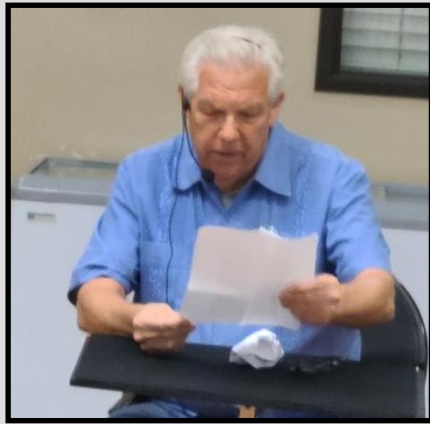
Bill Pearce gave a puzzle presentation from the August 2021 issue of The Linking Ring. Here were two awkward-shaped metal pieces that when held together properly formed a metal ring. Bill did a Tic-tac-toe effect where he played against a volunteer and there was no winner. He showed the game on a presentation board and then showed his prediction that matched.

George Reis presented a very cute origami routine from the November 2022 issue. George couldn’t find his sponge ball, so he made a ball of paper using origami. Once that was done, he found his sponge ball inside the origami ball.

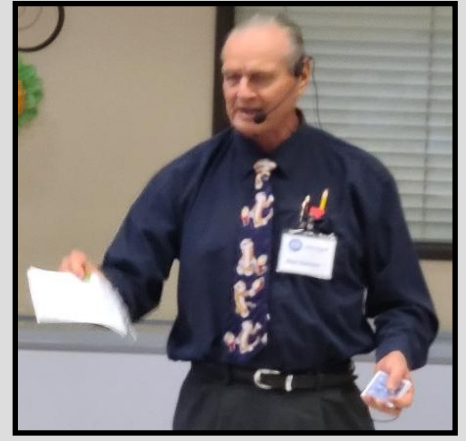
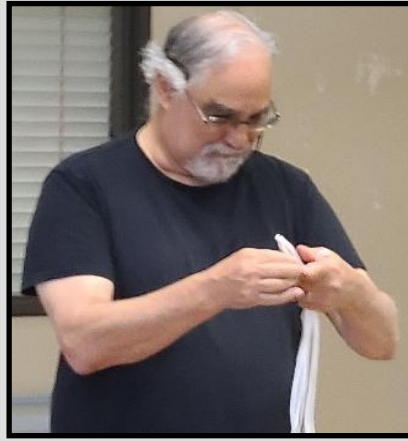
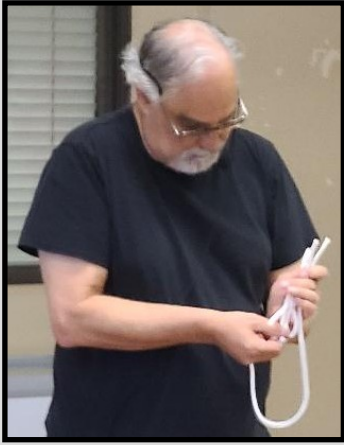
President John Piercy closed the show with an effect from November 2023. He brought out two volunteers and a jar of dice. He had one die rolled and covered over with the container. Then he had the two volunteers play a game with birth year, ages, addition, and division. The result was “5.” That matched the die previously rolled under the container.

Another exciting night at Ring 96





Linking Ring Night!



Close- up Competition winners!



**When you have a
chance, go visit our
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**Former Ring 96 President
Kim Hallinger
will be performing
at the brunch
Parlor show at
The Magic Castle
July 20th & 21st.
Go see her if you can.**

**Don't forget to
go through your
old magic
and donate it
to our raffle.
You will be
helping out our
club big time.**

**Please be sure to
invite your friends,
enemies, and
strangers to the
August 17
Stage Competition**

Pre-Meeting Workshop

Our Maestro Kevin Papke lead a pre-meeting workshop on the topic of the coin matrix.

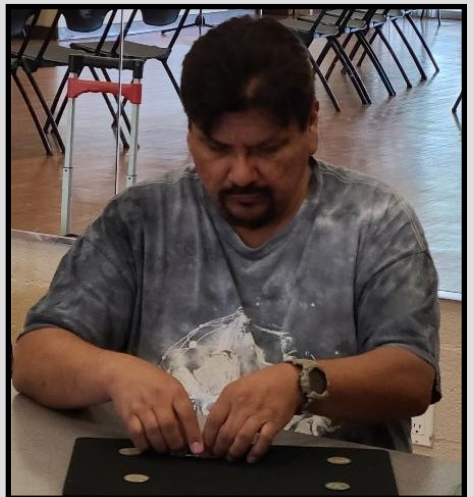
Kevin began by showing four different versions and ways of handling the popular effect that uses coins, a playing card and a close-up pad.

All the attendees got to practice with different sized coins, mostly quarters or half-dollars, and see which fit their hand the best.

Everybody got in some good practice, and we ready to go home and put their favorite into their close-up routine, at least after a few more weeks of rehearsal.

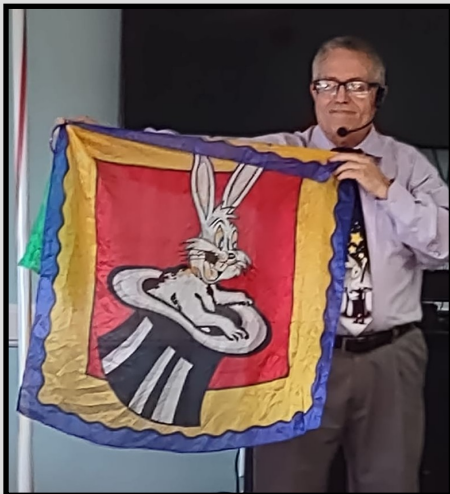
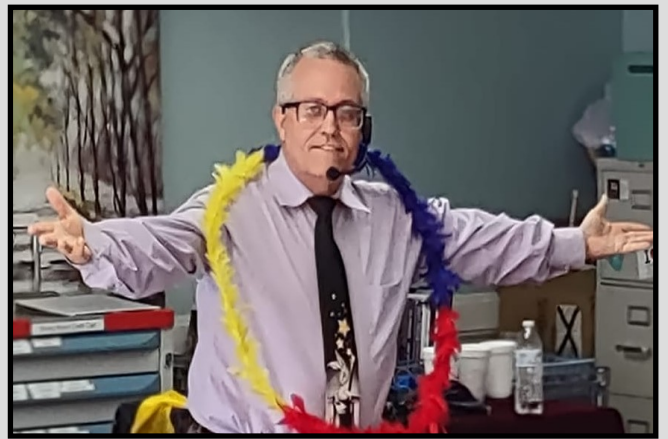
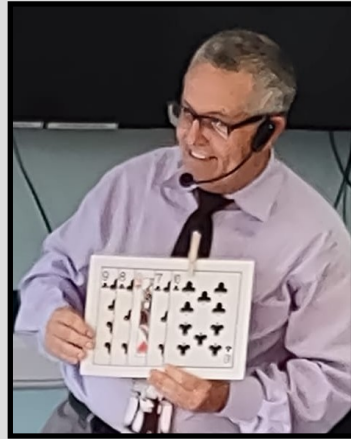
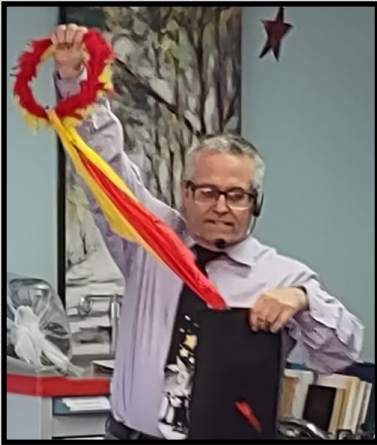
This was definitely one of the best pre-meeting workshops we have had.

Next moth will be a great one too! Come join us then!



Ring 96: On The Job

Brad Erickson and John Piercy performed at the Seal Beach Health and Rehabilitation Center for about 50 residents and friends on June 19th. A one-hour long show for a very appropriate audience. The highlight was talking with the audience after the show.



Ring 96: On The Road

Cliff Gerstman and John Piercy went on a road trip to visit Ring 291 which meets way out in Palm Desert. This is a much smaller Ring than our club, but they do have a few dedicated members who are giving it their all.

Oddly this Ring meets twice a month. They alternate Tuesdays and meet in a community center which is smaller than ours, but still hold their group easily well.

Each time they meet they present a different theme. We were there for "What are you working on." This meeting was meant for members to show what effects they are working on, but have not perfected. Constructive criticism was present, but not too overly so. Much more was the idea of, "Well I did something like that and it went like this." The meeting ran for two hours as scheduled and everyone seemed to have a good time.

John performed a couple of card tricks for the small group of magicians. Cliff presented a simple zip tie escape that he learned when Michael Mezmer came to lecture for us last February.

The highlight of the evening was a long discussion inspired by Cliff when one member brought the idea of teaching an Over-50 magic class at the local community college. Cliff pointed out that he is a

teacher and wondered what the curriculum was that the 291 member planned to teach. Some understand that many people who have a skill believe that they can teach it; it is a common mistake.

Feeling that the curriculum was not quite right, Cliff performed an incredibly simple card trick that can be taught and learned to proficiency in just a few minutes. He suggested that this level of trick might be better suited to the class at hand.

John and Cliff had a wonderful time.

Should we be teaching?

Did you know the reason we get to use the community center for our Ring meetings is that we are magic teachers for the city of Seal Beach?

That is fine and works well for us. But there is a series of classes offered at CSULB for retirees and older people. Should we be offering a magic class? We have about five teachers in the Ring. Most of the cities in the area, Long Beach, Cerritos, Westminster etc. have a "parks and recreation" program that offers adult education on lots of different topics. We could put together a program with one main teacher/facilitator and bring in one or two other teacher specialist per week to focus on their area of expertise. Lets think about this. I believe it could work. Would you be part of it? What is your area of expertise?

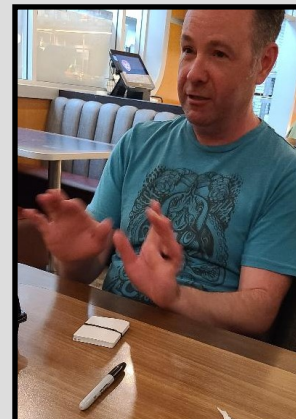
June Sessioning

There were eight of us at the table for the June Sessioning.

The highlights of the night were John Strum doing John Bannon's "Bannihilation," and Jheff showing off his latest creation "Deceptive Decision." We saw magic from Liam Ferris, Wayne Mitcheltree, Cliff Gerstman, Joe Ken, George Reis and Phil Ureno all in the house.

Cliff showed us a simple card trick that could be considered mentalism. George made a queen sandwich to find the chosen card. Wayne gave us an exciting three card trick with color transposition. Joe predicted the found the six of clubs. Liam predicted a chosen name by producing a matching card.

Eight of us was very good. We performed and saw some great magic. Maybe ten would be better? Will we see you next month? It will be fun!





The stage competition is coming

Big change this year as a much needed upgrade to our meeting room leaves our September meeting location in question. The Stage Competition is going to be in August in our usual meeting room.

Would you like to perform a 10-minute stage magic set? You can. Just Let John Piercy know you want to be in and he will sign you up.

To compete:

1. You must be a member in good standing as of July 1st. That is be a paid member of Ring 96 and IBM.
2. You must submit your set list by August 1st, and be willing to make changes if someone signed up for the same effect before you.
3. Practice Practice Practice! This is our biggest drawing event of the year. Lets make a good showing.
4. Practice getting on and off stage with your equipment. Practice your patter. Practice getting volunteers.
5. Time yourself. Don't go over 10 minutes (You will get the hook) Allow time for audience reaction.

6. Be sure to invite all your family, friends, enemies and strangers to come enjoy the show. They will vote on the highly sought after and regarded "People's Choice" award. Some of them may even be interested in joining our modest little club.

7. Be sure to come at least half an hour early to get last minute instructions, set your props, and make sure you keep your slot in the line-up.

8. Do help set up, the curtains, the chairs, the tables and whatever else is needed.

9. Do help break down, the curtains, the chairs, the tables and whatever else is needed.

10. Spread the word big time! Print out a few posters (page 13) and give them out. Where? Libraries, doctors offices, coffee shops, schools, mailboxes, community bulletin boards, and anywhere else you can think of.

We can make this the best stage competition we've ever had, and all we need is your help and participation.



Stage Competition

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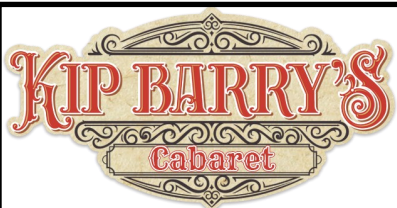


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July's Birthdays

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Paul Case

Ram Rivas

John Stave

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

Quote of the month!

**"An old trick well
done is better than
a new trick
with no effect.**

- Harry Houdini

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join us for a Ring 96
Session of Sessioning

Monday, July, 29th 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 June we had eight 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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Ring 96

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August 17th 7:00 PM

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What to do with Ring 96 Brochures?

Right now, Ring 96 has two brochures that are on display nearly every month at our entrance table. One is an invitation to join Ring 96 for all those who may have an interest in magic. The other is an offer for a fundraising magic show put on by our magicians. The value of these brochures can be “zero” as long as they sit on our display rack. How to raise the value? Put them into the hands of people who can use them. Take the membership brochure and leave them everywhere. Libraries, Doctor’s waiting rooms, community bulletin boards etc. Give them to friends who have expressed an interest in magic.

The fundraising brochure needs to go to people who might need to raise money. Non-profit groups, churches, schools, boy scout troops. Did I mention schools? If you know a school librarian, or know some young people who go to school and can visit the school librarian, that is one of the hardest places to get flyers into, and can be one of the most rewarding.

Letting people know that Ring 96 exists and that we are available for them, is always to our benefit. Word of mouth is a good membership strategy as well.

Spread the word my friends, spread the word.

Coming up in our Exciting Future!

Magic Castle Night! Ring 96 has at least five members who also belong to the Magic Castle. Each can bring a few Ringers and we can have a wonderful evening of magic, fine-dining, and comradery.

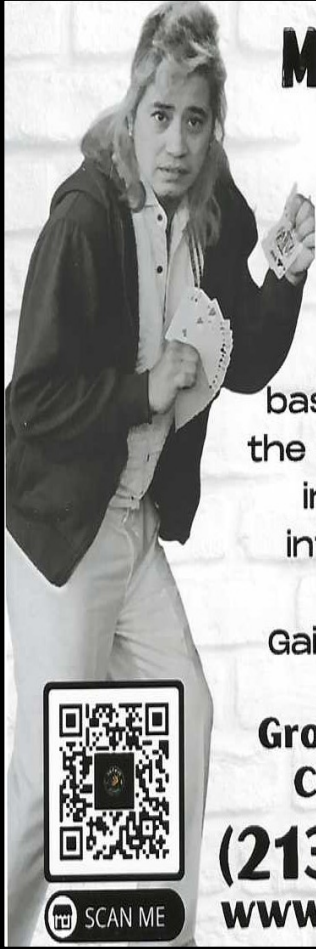
Ring Banquet! Ring 96 can take over a restaurant , we can have a fine meal, acknowledge some of our awards and workers, and watch an exciting magic show while we are at it.

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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