



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



Nov 2024

October Meeting Round-up

The meeting was opened by President John Piercy. He called for nominations for next year's leadership slate. Secretary Cliff Gerstman made a pitch for membership, and also for our need to go out and do magic in the world, letting people know we exist.

Past-President Paul case was the emcee for a night of Halloween magic.

The first up was Alan Hanson. Alan had set up a projector and put a slide on the screen from an old horror movie. First, he showed us an empty paper bag. He was looking for Halloween candy when he poured fruit and vegetables out of it. Disappointed by the lack of candy, Alan went on to do an arm chopper routine using a small guillotine. Alan closed his routine with the song

"Monster Mash" which he used with his projector to show old movie clips.

John Piercy returned to the stage with six envelopes. He had a volunteer choose a classic Halloween "monster." Next, he called up six volunteers. Each was given an envelope at random, and John and the first volunteer took turns eliminating envelopes. When just one was left, it was the only one to have the matching monster.

Jheff pulled out four wallets; they were four different colors. A volunteer picked up the yellow wallet. A paper inside called for a floating ball of cheese routine, but that was eliminated. A second volunteer called for the blue wallet. That one had a paper that called for a disgusting effect that was thankfully eliminated. The next volunteer picked the green wallet and the paper inside called for another disgusting Halloween-based effect.

Next meeting:

Nov 16th... 7 pm

"Michael Mirth's Lecture"

Look for an e-mail

with the address soon

Coming Soon to Ring 96



Michael Mirth

Nov 16th



Dec 21st



Jan 18th

Again, we were grateful to have that one eliminated. The last wallet was the red one. The volunteer opened it and read out loud. The note read that Yellow will be chosen last and this is the color choice experiment. Jheff pulled out a lemon, he cut it open, and started sucking on it. But the lemon turned out to be a wad of paper that only looked like a lemon, and the knife turned out to be a fork.

Paul Case began pulling Halloween candy out of an empty bucket in the style of the Miser's Dream. Then he pulled what may have been the world's longest mouth coil out of his mouth.

George Reis took the stage and showed us the book *The 3 Steps to "Mentalism."* This got a nice laugh. George drew an X on his arm with a Sharpie. When he called up a volunteer, the x on his arm had vanished and reappeared on her arm much to everyone's shock.

Kevin Papke had a packet of blank blue-backed cards. With a wave of a volunteer's hand, the cards now had markings on them. That was not the trick though. The volunteer was asked to wave again and there was a spider on the back of his hand.

Joyce Basch, AKA Ms. Gician brought the night home with nine large envelopes that were thoroughly mixed and then handed out to nine volunteers. Although the envelopes had been shuffled and randomized, when they were opened by the nine volunteers, they correctly spelled "Halloween."

Another exciting night at Ring 96



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.

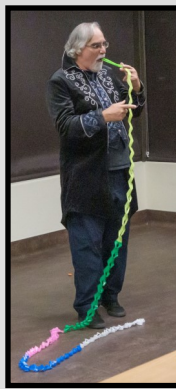
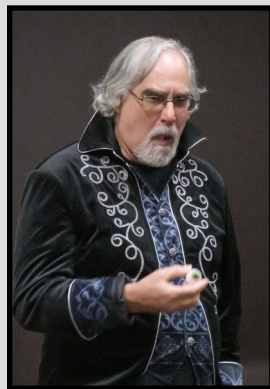
So look through your magic collection and see what you might be willing to part with.

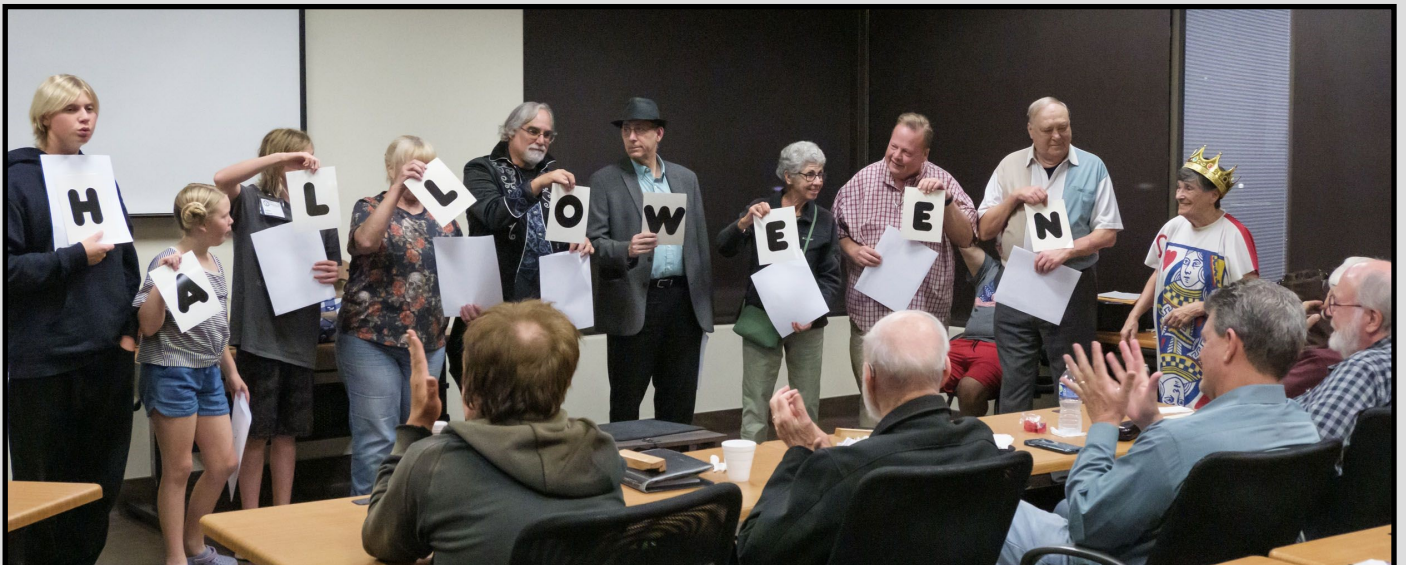


Sign up to attend the next Ring meeting, even if you can't make it this month!



Halloween Magic

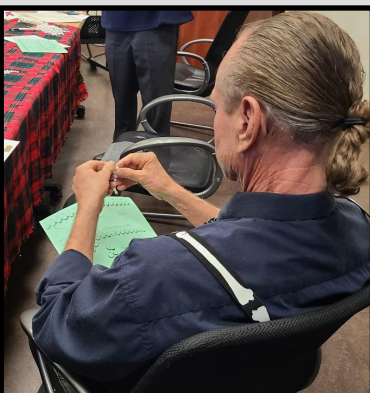




Pre-Meeting Workshop

We started the pre-meeting workshop in which Larry “Zeezo” Campbell showed us all how to make poodles out of a string of costume jewelry pearls. According to Larry, a business card can be casually thrown away. A balloon animal, while pleasant to look out will only last a few days. He told us that people who have watched you make the pearl necklace dog will keep them for years. Larry starts with a string of 17 pearls and twists them into a dog in a process so easy that anyone can do it. Larry also had very simple homemade measuring devices as well as lots of necklaces available.

The workshop concluded with Kevin Papke showing us how to make paper flowers out of a single ply of a cocktail napkin. This is a wonderful “souvenir” to give out to people or to make out of flash paper for an onstage effect.



Local boy makes good

I am happy and pleased to inform you that your local Ring 96 Secretary and Southern California TVP has now been accepted into the Magic Castle Knight training program. The Castle Knights are greeters, tour guides and generally helpful people at the Magic Castle. Cliff Gerstman has been a member of the Academy of Magical Arts at the world famous Magic Castle since May 5th of 2007. He has been an "overflow" performer working in the downstairs rooms for many years. He certainly has some knowledge of the history of the Magic Castle and has been told for years he would make a great Castle Knight. This month must have



seemed like the right time to make it happen, because now it has! If you see Cliff knighting at the Magic Castle, be sure to stop and say hello!



First time Magic

Ring 96 has a new event scheduled for our January meeting. It is called first time magic.

To be clear, this does not mean do a trick for the first time. We hope you will rehearse and practice just as you would if you were taking it into a paid performance.

The goal here is to perform an effect you have never performed in front of an audience before.

Where will you get this effect? Maybe it is sitting in your drawer. Maybe it is a Holiday present you are going to receive or buy for yourself. Maybe you can trade effects with someone so each of you gets a new take on an old trick.

Obviously this evening will be a flop unless you participate. By you, I mean us... All of us!

See you there!



Outside events: Everyone loves magic

Now is the time for us to start scheduling magic shows. We can make a little money, we can introduce people to our club, we might inspire some people to want to join our club, and we can surely entertain an audience. Pick up a Ring 96 Show brochure and drop it off with your local librarian, your local church(es), Your local community

Center, your local boy scout troop. Give one to your children or grandchildren with the instructions that they give it to their school librarian or drama teacher. There is a lot we can do with a public school connection. Let's start by producing shows for our public, and see where it goes from there. All we need is your help!





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Friday, Nov. 15th
2024 @ 7:00 PM



The Orange County
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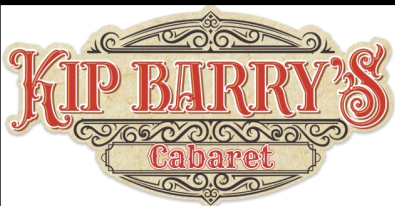


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November's Birthdays

Steve Lund

Howard Paris

John Piercy

What month is your birthday?

Do we have it on file?

Why not?

Quote of the month!

**"The secret of showmanship
consists of not what
you really do, but what
the mystery-loving public
thinks you do."**

- Harry Houdini

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join us for a Ring 96
Session of Sessioning

Monday, November 24th 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 October we had none 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!



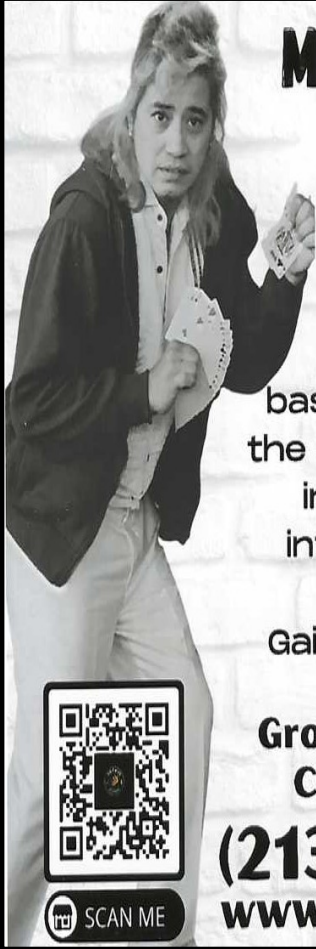
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