



# THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



June 2020

## May Meeting Round-up

As the quarantine continues, May brought Ring 96 a most unusual lecture. This one came on YouTube Live and featured two magicians, Justin Miller and Adam Wilber.

Both magicians made impressive use of camera work, using two cameras in a split screen effect to show and demonstrate the magic they were doing.

Justin began the set, and his two cameras showed a full front view like you might see if you were sitting in the front row of a magic show, as well as a side view that he used very effectively in teaching

the moves to his effects.

Justin used a selected card a "6" to find other sixes, in fact the selected card reveal the mark of the beast "666" which he swore was an accident. However the sixes soon magically turned into the four aces. From now on he will call this trick, "The Beast."

His second effect was a coin matrix, using a small black cloth bag and four coins. He showed us how to use his easy to make gimmicks very effectively.

This led into his third effect which was a follow up to the coin matrix... how to vanish three coins silently. His gimmicks were the same and so this was a natural follow up.

Justin showed us how to make a tic tac jump inside the box and use it as a fanfare point during an effect. This led into a mercury folded card that would snap open on its own. He even showed us how to do that under a glass. This is a very powerful effect as no one can touch the card or influence it in any way.

Finally, Justin brought out a leather cylinder that looked like a dice cup, but it wasn't. It had no bottom, though it had a cork base that could act as a bottom. This was used to make coins appear, and vanish at his will. It is a beautiful crafted prop, and it works well for misdirection.

Justin's set was meet with strong appreciation and online applause.



### Next meeting

June 20th

"Shawn Farquhar Lecture"

North Community Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive,

Seal Beach CA, 90740

### Coming Soon to Ring 96



Shawn Farquhar  
Lecture

June 20th



July 18th



Aug 15th

Now Adam Wilber took to the "stage." He used a different method of camera work. The main camera was a close up focused on his hands and close up pad. The second one had his face in the upper corner allowing us to look at him as he narrated his magic effects.

Adam's first effect was Adam's aces - He produced the four aces through different mans, a top change, and riffle selection etc. Then he showed that the four aces had different backs in both color and brand. Not to worry though, they can be changed back into the cards with matching backs to the deck. He used this to lead into "Dr. Daily's last trick" where the four aces have been lost in the deck and he fins them, but the black and red aces have switched places.

Shutterbuggin- Adam has a card box that has been colored in with a black sharpie to look like a camera. The cards inside are blank faced cards. A spectator initials one card, and chooses a random card from another deck. Soon the initialed card in the camera has changed into the selected card, and the blank faced deck is

now restored to a more normal deck. I can see this effect being a highly requested crowd pleaser.

Adam demonstrated a beautiful empty handed coin matrix, but did not teach it as we had just seen Justin perform and teach his version.

Split Bill ATM - Adam held up a dollar bill, he flipped I over in his hand to show it was just one bill. Suddenly he was holding six one dollar bills. Adam went into great detail on how to make this effect happen, and probably sent several of the magician s out looking to do just that. This effect is part of a larger suite of effects called the splits project that can be done with bills, playing cards, business cards, or other common items. The visual effects are absolutely brilliant.

Compatibility Test - This effect uses two volunteers, ideally a married couple. The alternate choosing two cards to see if they are compatible for the long hall of marriage. Things look goes as the first three cards are all read hearts or diamonds, but it goes south when the fourth card is the ace of clubs.

But all is well when the four chosen cards are turned over. They are red backs, from a blue back deck, and each has a letter written on it that spell out "LOVE."

Adam's last effect was taking the four queens and separating them with different piles of cards. This reminded me of MacDonald's aces, but the methodology was quite different. Losing the queens into the four piles, the first three were show to have vanished. The last pile has all four waiting to be found.

Overall this two magician lecture, in which each took one hour was a huge success.

The magic was good enough to perform for any audience, yet the sleights and moves were simple enough for our mixed audience of hobbyists and pros to learn and appreciate.

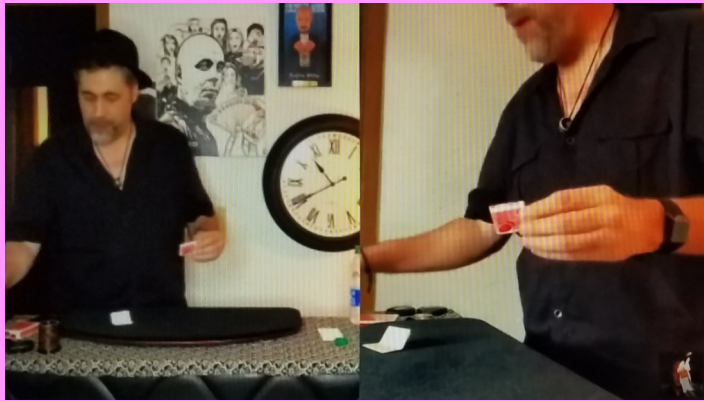
The overall format worked as the two magicians were obviously friends and played off each other well.

Another exciting night at Ring 96.

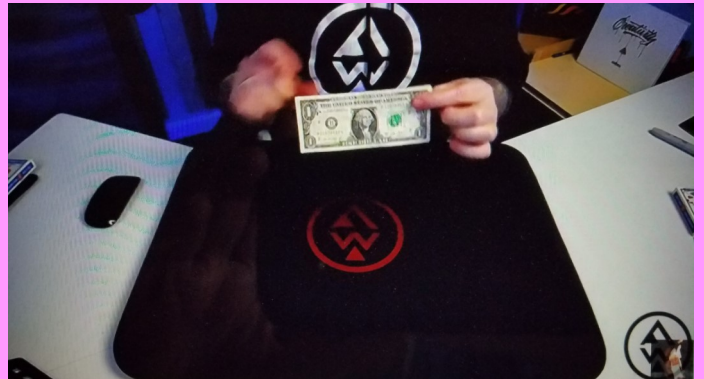
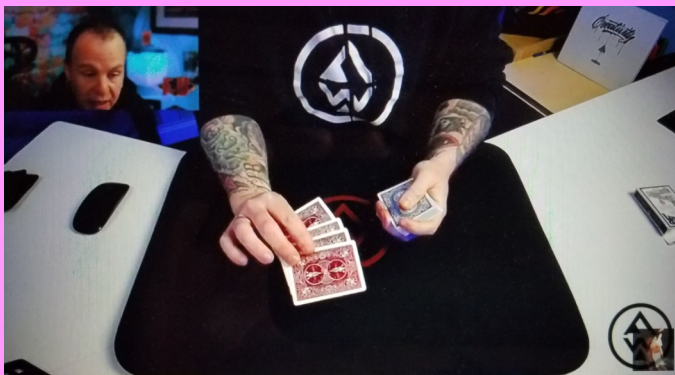
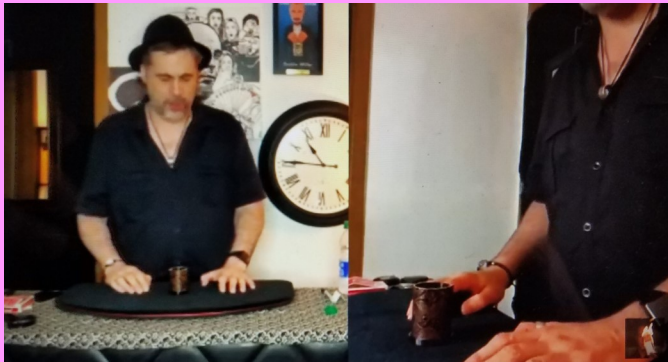
A good magician's performance tells a story. Each act should build on the next, becoming ever more engaging to fill the audience with wonder. It's a bud that unfurls into a flower, meant to woo the audience.

-Laura Lam

**Justin Miller**



**Adam Wilber**






## Ring 96 Takes a Quantum Leap!

In order to stay both competitive and relevant, Ring 96 has purchased our own "Zoom" account.. Starting this month, (See below) and possibly continuing as long as needed, (See the column to the right) we will be hosting our meetings on our own zoom account. Paul LaGreek will be sending out e-mails with the link in the near future! Stay Tuned Ring members!

## An Exciting Online June Lecture

On June 20th, at 7 pm, Ring 96 will present an amazing lecture by the unprecedented Shawn Farquhar. Shawn is a native Canadian, award winning magician who is



 comfortable both on stage and at the table. He has fooled Penn and Teller, and performed all over the world.

Shawn has apparently set up a home studio, such that he feels he can give a high quality lecture, even online, and I am sure he can. (There is also an online store available to help you get the magic you will love.

Be sure to tell all your magical friends about this exciting lecture, other Rings, other clubs, magicians from everywhere can have the link Paul will send you and enjoy the show. Se you there!

## We need you, to make July and August work.

Dear Ring Members,

You can make this work brilliantly, and you can make this fail miserably. The choice is up to you.

Due to the quarantine, the board of Ring 96 has decided to try something new. In July we are going to try a "Show and Tell" online meeting. How do you do this? Set up your tablet, laptop, cell phone, to look at your table, close up pad etc. and practice. If you have someone else in the house to check and see if you have the view you want, so much the better. It will take some practice, and it may seem weird to show cards while you narrate without your face onscreen, but it can work.

If we can make it work, we can try the Close-up Competition the same way in August. We can even follow it up with online voting to see who the winner is. We can also open the competition to be watched by anyone who wants to, other magicians, family friends, strangers, etc.

If we can male this work, it a good thing. You can help. Just participate!

## Joan Engman: Rest-In-Peace

Long time Ring member John Engman has lost his wife Joan. She battled and lost to an illness that was probably not Covid-19 related. John can use some support, but does not want phone calls right now. If you wish, you can send him a card though.

John Engman

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