



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



April 2019

March Meeting Round-up

Pete McCabe came to lecture at the Ring 96 March meeting. He is known not only for his magic, but more importantly for his scripting.

The first thing Pete did was ask for tables. Our community center is usually set up as an auditorium, but he explained that this was a workshop and everybody would be writing. So we set up tables.

Pete took us through a wonderful process of self-discovery, pointing out that you might be a successful magician doing tricks by rote and using the patter that came with the trick, but you

can be so much more than that by taking a good look inside.

Pete pointed out that if you really examine what you are trying to do with the trick, not the mechanics or sleight, but the story that goes with it, you can expand on it with you patter and come up with a script that really takes your audience on a journey.

Something as simple as your opening line can set the stage for the effect you are about to do, and Pete took us through a process to reevaluate and realign that opening statement. The goal was to make sure it was sending the message that we wanted the audience to get.

There were several other aspects to this process

including the difference between a script and an outline, and when it is OK to deviate from the script.

Pete did demonstrate and teach a few card tricks, one included use of a deck that he himself designed. Plans for making that deck were on sale after the meeting.

Pete had copies of his two volume book to sell. He happily autographed the books for those who bought.

This lecture/workshop was a major success, which is nice to think about. It mean that even hobbyists and enthusiasts want to improve their magic as much as the professional do.

Another great meeting at Ring 96



Next meeting

April 20th

"David Grey Mini Lectures"

North Community Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive,

Seal Beach CA, 90740

Coming Soon to Ring 96

David Grey



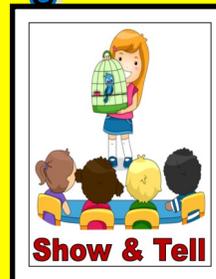
Mini-Lectures

April 20th



Close-up Competition

May 18th



Show & Tell

June 15th

The Close-up Competition

Our May meeting will feature our close-up competition.

This annual event allows our members to show off their skills at magic under the nose of the audience.

Each performer has up to ten minutes to perform an exciting and well rehearsed set of close up magic.

Trophies will include 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and there will be a certificate for the "People Choice award" selected by non-ring member guests that you invite to come and watch.

What is the real goal of the competition? It is to get our members to learn, polish and practice a routine so well, that other members want to be able to do that too, and guests will be both shocked and amazed. Of course winning a prize doesn't hurt either.

So let Paul La Greek know as soon as you can that you would like to perform. We are hoping to get between six and eight performers this year. More than eight makes the so drag on too long, Less than six is not really a competition.

Bring a few friends to watch, heck even bring enemies if you want to, and lets have some fun.



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a	E-book Card System	Pete McCabe	Cliff Gerstman
f	Design in Mind (Trick)	David Grey Est.	Cliff Gerstman
f	DVD Minuette Aces	Bill Pearce	Bill Pearce
i	MUM 2012 10-issues	Frank Yee	Michael Van Horn
e	VHS Ring & Rope + In Motion	Tom Constable Ram Rivas	Alija
W	Six Booklets	Bill Pearce	Chris Fleming
i	Bag o tricks	Flad, Grey, & G	Chris Fleming
n	At The Table –Rene Benetar	Bill Pearce	Bill Pearce
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What are you Talking About?

You know what the best way to build up membership in the Ring is? Talk about it.

The name Ring 96 is not easy to publicize; "What is a ring 96?" So most people living in our area have no clue we exist. If you tell your friends how much fun you had, what a great lecture you attended,

or what an amazing trick you saw, some people may take an interest.

Obviously you can't make people like magic, and you can't make people want to perform magic, but you can let them know we are here and what the possibilities are.

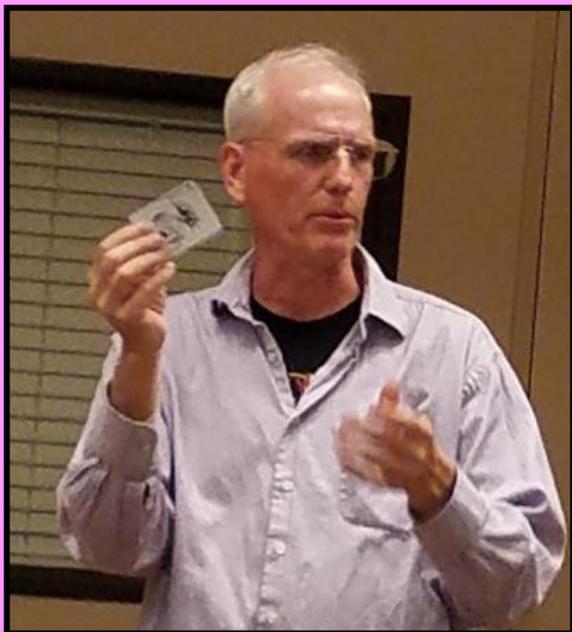
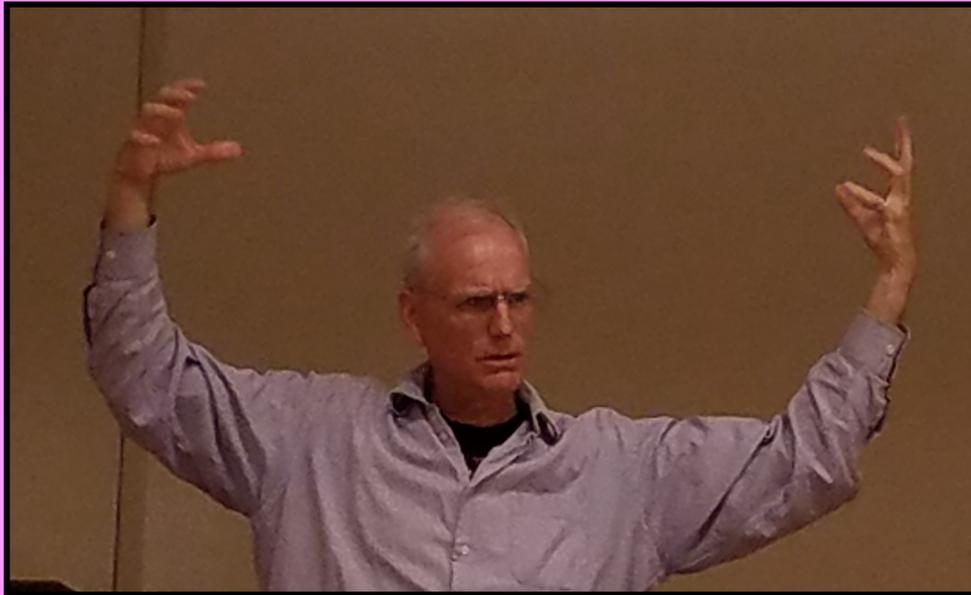


Welcome Our Newest Member Brad Erickson!

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Lecture (Workshop) by Pete McCabe



David Grey Mini Lectures

The David Gray Mini-Lectures Series returns to the Seal Beach Magic Club on Saturday, April 20th. Dan Habel will be hosting it and has invited four of our members to present a lecture. Those lecturers will be:

David Fisher....

"Mentalism and the diabolical use of envelopes"

Chris Flemming.....

"Oh crap, I forgot to load my pockets"

Marty Gorman.....

"How to rework a trick to put your own spin on it and make it your own"

Phil Ureno....

"Storytelling and its effect on your magic"



Focus on Members

With this issue, the newsletter is starting feature stories about some of our spectacular members. This initial issue will focus on long time member Bill Pearce.

Bill Pearce has been a Ring 96 member since 1978. That year, John Zachary invited him to perform in the club's annual Close-up contest held at the Iacaboni Library in Lakewood. Bill found himself on same bill as well known magicians Daryl, Michael Webber, and Fred Cattelier. Daryl was so impressed with Bill's rendition of "The Whole Thing" that he later developed a version involving jumbo cards. Bill officially joined Ring 96 a month after his debut. He dates his interest in magic from his grammar school years, when his dad brought home magic tricks. Bill found the tricks and figured out how they worked. As a kid, Bill took the streetcar to hang around the Unique Magic

Shop and numerous other magic stores in downtown L.A. and Hollywood.

Bill was born in the midst of the depression at L.A. County General Hospital, a "free baby" as his father described it. He attended grammar school in East L.A., spending his middle school years at St. Alphonsus School. At St. Alphonsus, Bill pitched fast pitch softball for the school team. That year they won their league and district finals and placed second in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Bill then went to Bishop Cantwell High School in Montebello. After graduation, he attended East Los Angeles College where he earned an A.A. in Math/Physics and was consistently on the Dean's List. He went to work at Occidental Life Insurance Company in Los Angeles and pitched the men's softball team to two LAIL (Los Angeles Insurance Athletic League) championships. He continued taking university



extension courses in mathematics. In 1957, Bill was drafted into the U.S. Army, serving at Ford Ord, Fort Sam Houston, and Fort Lewis, Washington. In 1959, Bill married Georgeann, beginning a 60-year marriage. The Pearce's now have 4 daughters, 7 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Bill continued his education, graduating from CSULB with an engineering degree. He then went to work for North American Aerospace in Downey, designing instrumentation for the 2nd stage of the Saturn booster. Pursuing even more education, Bill obtained a Masters degree in electrical engineering from USC in 1966. His next job was working for Collins Radio in Newport Beach, analyzing circuit designs for cryptology, and working on beginning microchip technology. After Rockwell acquired both North American Aerospace and Collins Radio, Bill was appointed their Director of Engineering. In that role, he continued to work on software tools for developing and manufacturing microchips until his retirement in 1994.

Throughout his long professional career, his interest in magic continued to blossom. He remembers doing “Vanishing Milk Pitcher” and “Zombie Ball” effects in his high school and college talent shows. While working at Collins Radio, Bill met Stan Mittleman, who encouraged him to join local magic clubs, including Ring 96 and the OC Mystics that evolved into OCMC. Bill’s magic interests include close-up and mentalism. He most enjoys the responses and reactions of an audience to his effects and continually challenges himself to modify his presentation. His advice to new magicians is to find a few tricks and to do those well.

Bill has been a stalwart member of Ring 96. He has served as President, Treasurer, and had held “a few other positions.” For many years his has



conducted the raffle and silent auction to raise funds for the club. He is a member of IBM Ring 96, IBM Ring 313, and OC Magic, and has been a member of the Magic Castle since 1995. Bill is currently the only active Honorary Lifetime Member of Ring 96 and is an Order of Merlin Excalibur member of the IBM. In 1981, he decided to become a magic dealer, and obtained a re-sale license to sell items at conventions and swap meets. He will have booths this year at the IBM convention in Scottsdale and Mindvention in Las Vegas. Bill encourages magicians to join clubs as a way of making friends and a great way to learn how to learn and share. He states that he would rather make a mistake in front of his colleagues as opposed to an audience. Although magic has been a huge part of his life, Bill has also been involved in high caliber fast pitch baseball. In 1974, he pitched the championship game that took his City of Carson team to the ASA National Championships in Clearwater, FL. Bill also pitched in the national championships that year; his team came in 6th in the U.S. that year. In his spare time, although it’s hard to image that he has much, he enjoys reading fiction. Ring 96 is most grateful to have had Bill’s generous involvement over the past 41 years.





Free all-ages Magic Show



**It's the Seal Beach
Magic Club "Ring 96,"
annual close-up
magic competition!**

**North Community Center
3333 Saint Cloud Drive
Seal Beach CA 90740**

**May 18th
7:00 pm**

**Admission
is free!**



**Vote for
your favorite!**

More information at www.ring96.com