



**IBM Ring 96' Newsletter** 



October 2021

### September Meeting Round-up

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, Ring 96 met for our latest gathering. It feels so good to be back to "live" meetings, and this was evidenced by the level of friendly discussion that happened both before and after the meeting. All the magicians and our guests were hungry for the human interaction.

The tension built in the room as we got ready for the "Close-up" competition. This would be our first magical competition in almost two years, and there was some fine polished magic to see.

The first Performer was Larry (Zeezo) Campbell. Larry had a card selected, and found the card by reading the spectators mind in a most hysterical manner. He used a stethoscope that had a plumber's plunger on the end. When placed on the volunteers head

it enabled Larry to read the fellow's mind. Next Larry got down to business and put two coins in a spectator's hand. Larry took one out and asked the spectator what coin he wanted. The correct coin was left behind. A rolled up signed dollar bill was used for a zig zag illusion; the signed bill was restored intact. Larry did his signature effect in which a one-dollar bill becomes a ten, then a ten becomes a hundred, and a one-dollar bill becomes four quarters in a mis made bill. He ended his set with an invisible deck effect.

Mark Kiyabu took the stage. A matchbox was left on the table while Mark had several audience members call out attributes of a playing card. It came down to the Queen of Hearts. Her majesty proved to be folded up inside the matchbox. A volunteer chose a card for Mark to do an ESP trick. Several piles of cards were made and mixed, and Mark named and found the correct card.

Phil Ureno began his set by explaining

how he became a time traveler. He wore appropriate steam punk accourrements to match that theme too. Phil showed us two coins, one red one black. Three times he put the red coin in his pocket, only to find it had returned to his hand by traveling back in time. Finally, he vanished both coins. Phil did a card trick that featured a deck of cards with all different backs. A volunteer chose two cards. They were the only two cards that matched on the face and the only ones to match on the back.

Marty Gorman was next and he did the one-coin trick. Problem was his one coin kept somehow multiplying. It became two coins, then three and finally four. He managed to vanish them one at a time and was left with one coin. Marty poured six poker chips on to the table from a bag. A volunteer pulled five of them forward. All five had the word "Lose" on the back. The remaining chip said "win." Marty used a jumbo

Next meeting:
Oct 16th... 7 pm

"Weird Magic & Mentalism"
North Community Center
3333 Saint Cloud Drive,
Seal Beach CA, 90740

### **Coming Soon to Ring 96**



Oct 16th

Magic Swap Meet

Nov 20th



Dec 18th

David Malek is looking for a "JOE LEFLER PRO SUITCASE TABLE." If you have one to sell, please contact David Malek at DavidMalek@yahoo.com. Even if yours is not for sale, he is interested in seeing it up close and personal.

deck of cards and a pre written prediction for his next effect. He had two volunteers shuffle parts of the deck, and had the deck shuffled back together flip-flop style. His predictions matched the state of the cards in terms of how many face-up and face-down, what colors they were, and finally where the two of clubs was in the deck.

Bill Pearce started his set with an explanation of why half dollars were so rare. He covered a glass with a cloth and set a quarter on it. The quarter passed through the cloth and fell into the glass. He caused a few other coins to pass through the cloth as well. He put the cloth away, and brought out a see-through silk. He repeated the trick using the see-through silk to prove that nothing was hidden. He had a volunteer pick a card. It was the 10 of hearts. All the other cards in the deck turned blurry and out of focus. Only the ten remained clear. Replacing the ten restored the deck to normal.

John Piercy started with the four jacks. He had all face up, but one at a time they turned upside down. How was the trick done? With mirrors, the backs of the cards were mirrors. John had a volunteer pick a card through a series of cuts. The card was lost in the deck. He spelled out the card's name, and there it was. He had stopped spelling at the correct spot to find the card. Volunteer chose tow random cards. They were inserted into the deck and somehow were the mates to the card

right next to them. Later he had a volunteer guess if a series of cards were red or black. The volunteer was 100% right in calling the colors of all the cards.

David Fisher came to the stage wearing a ribbon with a bottle cap on it. He vanished the bottle cap, but found it in his hand. He vanished it again, but the bottle cap soon reappeared back on the ribbon. David opened a small box and in it was another bottle cap and a spindle. He put the spindle through the bottle cap to make a spinning toy top. The top soon began to fly. Up, down and even behind his back like the UFO card trick.

Daniel Hurtt was next, and he vanished four of ten one-dollar bills only to have them reappear in his wallet. He had four volunteers call out numbers. He counted to those numbers in a deck of cards. Each spot was book marked with a dollar bill. The volunteers had somehow picked the four kings. Another volunteer cut the cards into four piles. The top card of each were the four queens. The four queens and kings soon danced. In one pile of alternating colors, they sorted themselves at the snap of a finger. Lastly, a randomly chosen card was round paper clipped in a plastic sleeve.

Ram Rivas claimed he would turn a volunteer into the world's greatest card hustler. He had a volunteer cut the cards to four piles, and there were the four aces on the top. He said he would find the king of spades in a borrowed

deck and he did just that after taking some random cards face down out of the pack.

As the ballots were being counted, some of the magicians did a few more effects to entertain the audience. When all was said and done, John had taken third place, Larry was in second and Daniel was not only in first place, but also won the "People's Choice" award.

This was another exciting night at Ring 96!



# Welcome new memberi Roger Manderschied & Welcome back returning member Ram Rivas

"Magic is the art of thinking, not strength or language."

- Christopher Paolini

### We need you

### to get ready!

Next month (October 16th) is the annual Night of Weird Magic & Mentalism. We will have special guest host Jheff come to emcee the evening. The only thing missing is... You.

What will you perform that is weird magic or mentalism. Jheff has often commented that all magic is inherently weird, so all of it counts.

Today is the perfect time to sign up so you will have plenty of time to practice and get ready. If you are interested and willing, notify Paul Case and sign up.

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Lets make this a great event!





## Halloween is coming. Bring your friends next month & come perform!

The Ring 96
Swap Meet will
be coming at our
November meeting
Get your
magic organized
& ready to sell!
sign up with Cliff
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Daniel Hurtt

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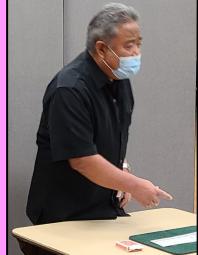


Ram RIvas



Philip Ureno









Bill Pearce Marty Gorman





### A Magical Swap Meet!

Saturday, November 20th at 7 PM
North Community Center 3333 Saint Cloud Drive Seal Beach

Table for members...
6 foot table \$10
12 foot table \$15

Table for non-members...
6 foot table \$20
12 foot table \$25

Want to show off or spotlight an effect? Let us know.

Contact Cliff to sign-up! cliffg37@verizon.net