



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



August 2018

July Meeting Round-up

The July meeting of Ring 96 featured an exciting lecture from comedy magician Michael Mirth.

Michael opened with an incredible coins across effect in which gold coins and a jade coin flew visibly from one hand to the other.

Michael spoke about momentum in a comedy or magic show and how you can build the audience response, and then do a call back to an earlier line and get a fresh reaction.

A deck of cards labeled with unusual places and occupations was turned in to an awful pun in the reveal.

A card with numbers 1-100 had several numbers selected at random. Michael went for an "SOS" envelope, but turned upside down the envelope read 505, which was the total of the selected numbers.

Michael demonstrated a napkin to a rose effect in which he dabbed a bit of rose oil onto the paper to add a surprise of authenticity.

We saw a demonstration of fishing techniques when Michael used a deck of "Guess Who?" kids game cards to ferret out the selected card.

Continued "fishing" with five piles of cards and random and showed how he eliminated the wrong cards from the selected one.

Michael ended with three versions of his effect "Prognostication." This effect involved borrowing a shuffled deck from someone else. The cards are flip-flopped into each other and then flipped again at random. After all this, the upside down cards from a previously predicted full house. This is an amazing effect that is sure to wow any crowd.

The second version of this effect ended with the cards spelling the word "love." in another random jaw dropper.

The third version of what is really the same effect uses cards to answer questions of a yes or no nature.

Every one had a great time and a big thank you to lecturer Michael Mirth.



Next meeting: August 18th

"Lecture"

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

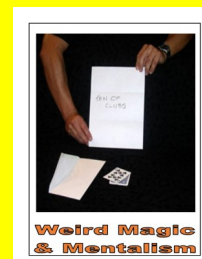
Coming Soon to Ring 96

An
Exciting
Magic
Lecture

Aug 18th



Sept 15th



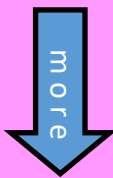
Oct 20th



Stage Competition

Our annual stage competition is coming up at our September meeting. Now is the time to practice your 10-12 minute set, get your family and friends ready to load the audience., and sign up with Past-President Cliff Gerstman. cliffg37@verizon.net.

We are looking for six to eight performers to make the night great!



We need you!

For the stage competition we need...

Backdrop setter uppers

Chair Setter uppers

Greeters/welcomers

Chair putter awayers

Backdrop breaker downers.

(Truth is we need chairs dealt with at every meeting! Can you help?)

R	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Donner</u>	<u>Winner</u>
a	Hang 'em High DVD	Chris Flemming	Dan Sherer
f	Magic Magazines 1999	Otis Martin	Paul LaGreek
i	Quad Rod (4 sided hot rod)	Otis Martin	Richard deCastro
e	Genii Mag July 18 + Reel Magic 35	Bill Pearce + Dick Shafer	Kent McLaughlin
W	Bag of Tricks	Otis Martin	Victor Cohn
i	Bag of Tricks II	Otis MARTin	Dan Sherer
n	Grandpa's Deck (Dan Archer)	Bill Pearce	Paul LaGreek
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Leadership

Ring 96 needs you. The Ring does not run itself and we are having a new board election coming up at the end of the year. President Dan Sherer is leaving to take an exciting job in Japan, and that means it is time for you to



Step up. The work is not that hard, but without people power to make it work what do we have ? Positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt at arms, and member at large. Who better than you, to see to



keeping our club on course?



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Special Event

DISTINCTIVE VOICES

Tickets are free but limited—
online reservations are required.

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

The Science of Magic and the Art of Deception

“Magic takes place not in the hands of the magician but in the mind of the spectator.” —*magician’s adage*

Magic is dramatized deception, lying as performance art, cons as theatre. Magicians trick our brains into seeing what isn’t real, and for whatever reason our brains let them get away with it. Turns out, you can learn a lot about how the mind works—and why it sometimes doesn’t—by looking at how magicians distort our perception. Through a mix of psychology, storytelling, and sleight-of-hand, Stone explores the cognitive underpinnings of misdirection, illusion, scams, and secrecy, pulling back the curtain on the many curious and powerful ways our brains deceive us—not just when we’re watching a magician stage his swindles, but throughout our daily lives.



» **Alex Stone**, writer and entertainer, New York City

Sign up to Attend Events

Please [join our e-mail list](#). Subscribers will receive invitations to reserve seats 7 days prior to each event. If you are having difficulty with the online registration process, please view the [step-by-step instruction video](#).

In order to provide this public programming in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, we are unable to accept email or phone registrations.

Cancellation Policy: We ask that if patrons are unable to attend, that they cancel by e-mail at voicesatbeckman@nas.edu no later than 48 hours prior to the event. _

Location

All events are held at the Arnold and [Mabel Beckman Center 100 Academy in Irvine](#).

Parking

Parking is available at no charge in The Beckman Center's parking lot. Supplemental street parking is available on Academy Way. Handicapped and van-accessible spaces are available.