



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



Dec 2024

November Meeting Round-up

Outgoing President John Piercy opened the meeting with announcements and held the elections for the next year's officers. This was an easy process with little controversy.

Our lecture for the night was Michael Mirth speaking on the topic of leveling up your magic.

Michael talked about what it means to "level up." You have to be willing to fail. You have to be willing to be bad in order to grow. But be bad in a safe place and reflect on what made you bad and how to improve your performance.

Michael brought out a deck of ESP cards. He had a volunteer cut the deck at a random spot. He proceeded as a time saver to simply hand a card from the new top of the deck to six people in the front

row. This saves time of having six people pick a card. Michael commented on each person's personality before naming the card they were holding.

Michael produced two cards that looked like a cross between jumbo cards and Tarot cards. One was a black King, and one was a black Jack.

He declared the Jack to be Hamlet and the King was Othello. He told an interesting story about Hamlet trying to run from death. The story and the trick ended with the Jack being somehow replaced by the card of Death that was coming for Hamlet.

Michael showed us "The Haunted Key," and pointed out that story telling can breathe new life into an old prop.

We were shown an illusion using coffee cup sleeves that were opened up into the shape of a boomerang,

Next meeting:

Dec 21st... 7 pm

"Holiday Party and Grab Bag"

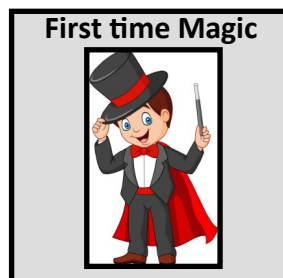
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Coming Soon to Ring 96



Dec 21st



Jan 18th



Feb 15th

Michael had a homemade pack of cards. Each card listed an obscure country and an unusual occupation. A card was chosen. It was a Filipino contortionist. Michael had a folder with a prediction. It turned out the was no prediction, just a groaner of a pun.

Demonstrated how to roll a paper napkin into a rose and took it to the next level by adding a rose essence scent to complete the experience.

A pack of 4x6 index cards was used for the next effect. Each card had possible locations on it. Michael predicted which card would be chosen.

Michael brought up two volunteers. He had three 8 ½ x 11 signs that read “The good,” “The bad,” and “The ugly.” One was the Sherriff, one was the deputy, and the other was the outlaw. The three were going to have a shooting, and some might live, and some might die. A previously written paper declared who had real bullets in their gun, and who had blanks. This lead up to the final prediction which quoted the famous Bob Marley song. “I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy.”

Michael showed us a poker hand of Aces over eights, was show along with an indifferent card. This is called the “Deadman's” hand. The deck was shuffled in different ways, and after a long session of performing various acrobatics with the deck, the chosen cards were the only face down cards.

Michael’s final effect involved four queens in four wine glasses. One queen was placed in each glass and covered with three indifferent cards. As Michael pulled the cards from each glass, the queen had vanished. All four queens ended in the last glass.

Another exciting evening at Ring 96



What to do for our December meeting?

We will include all of our traditional December activities,, but kick it up to the next level.

We will install our new 2025 officers This will be fun as we will have some fresh points of view joining the board. This will be very exciting!

As usual, bring a nice magic based gift worth about \$20. We will have our usual pick and steal gift exchange. Please don’t empty your junk drawer, but rather put in a gift that you yourself would be pleased to get.

Next, let Jon Piercy know what effect you would like to perform for the audience. thinkonthis@msn.com We can invite other magicians who are not from our ring, our friends and anyone else you can think of. Just be sure to perform your best so we will all look good.

We are upgrading from dessert to a full on potluck. Let Judy know joods288@gmail.com what you will bring for the potluck dinner.

Main dishes, or side dishes be sure to label everything you bring. Remember to bring any needed plates and utensils too. Bring enough for about eight people or so.

Be ready for other surprise gifts as well!



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



Michael Mirth Lecture

Photo credit: George Reis



Willmore Elementary: Year 2

Photo Credit: Judy Case



Here is one more opportunity to be proud of Ring 96; our magic club. For the second year in a row we participated in the Willmore Elementary School Summer Camp fundraiser.

While the audience was a little smaller than last year that hardly mattered. The energy was high, and the kids and adults all had a great time.

Andrew Wheeler, who usually plays "Harry: The Gorillacian," took this year off and handed the reins over to our secretary Cliff Gerstman. Cliff has been producing fundraising magic shows since 2006, and did his usual well organized job.

The show featured Paul Case, Brad Erickson, Cliff Gerstman, Kim Hallinger, and John Piercy. Each of the performers brought their own unique style of magic to the stage and there were no duplications of efforts to confuse the audience.

After the show Kim drew a large crowd of kids all wanting to meet, greet and pet the bunnies. We gave out lots of flyers that advertised Ring 96, and brochures for future magic shows as well. Cliff Gave out rolled up paper magic wands to the kids which also boldly displayed the Ring 96 website.

This show was a wonderful success, and we ought to be doing more of this. Let us know if there is a school or other non-profit group that might make use of a show like this. Everybody wins here. We have fun performing, the audience loves the show and money is raised for a worthy cause.





The
**Willmore
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Featuring Magicians
from Ring 96
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Pre-Meeting Workshop

The November Premeeting workshop theme was Jazz Aces. This is an exciting yet fairly simple trick that relies on a gimmick and a little bit of a sleight. In this effect the four aces switch places with indifferent cards to all gather together. Maestro Kevin Papke brought in Gimmicks for people to use, and they brought in their own deck. Kevin's teaching went exceptionally well and everyone soon learned the move and were ready to practice and master it.



Best Magic: Alive and well!



Best Magic Costume & Gags is the last free standing Brick and Mortar Magic Shop in the Ring 96 area. Yes there is the magic shop in Disneyland now run by Vanishing Inc, and there is one in Knotts Berry Farm, but those are both behind pay walls. Best magic is the last free parking, walk in shop we have.



Ring 96 invaded the shop in the form of Paul Case, Judy Case and Cliff Gerstman. All were pleasantly surprised. The shop was better lit, with some of the boards

on the windows having been cut away, and the remaining boards painted to look much more inviting. Gene, behind the counter was doing magic for a customer. He must have made the effort to learn to do that. We were all happy to see what we saw from the once ailing Magic shop.

Michelle was also cheerful and energetic as she showed us items we might care to purchase. Each of us made a purchase in an effort to support the last of its kind in the



area, and were pleased to do so. I hope you will join in by supporting Best Magic. The address is 625 Magnolia Avenue, Anaheim CA 92804. Their hours are limited to Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons, but give them a call and head on over. 714-827-6442.

They have a used sword basket for sale with wooden swords to use to seemingly penetrate your assistant.

They have cards and lots of packet tricks that might just be what you are looking for.

They are trying to get rid of the costume section of the store, so they are willing to deal and have some items on clearance.

Do what Paul, Judy and I did. Head on



down to Best Magic, make your appropriate purchases and then have a nice lunch or dinner together while you talk about magic!



November Sessioning

We had a small but strong session on Monday the 25th at Hof's Hut.

Jheff opened up with a penny trick in which pennies arranged in a square are moved or removed, and yet there area always 10 pennies on a side.

Cliff showed us a simple prediction trick using a deck of shuffled cards.. This is a trick suitable for a family or a young audience.

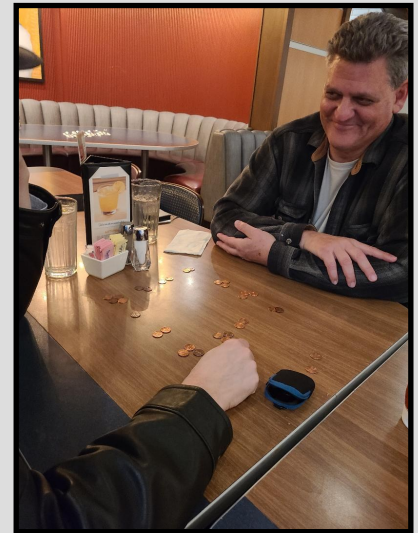
Jeff showed us a three phase who done it trick using cards that were reminiscent of the game Clue.

Joe performed a prediction trick in which cards were dealt down, ending at the predicted card.

Jon did a wonderful version of Gemini Twins with a twist ending.

We had some good conversations about the Magic Castle Junior program, Stemming form the fact that Cliff and Kevin had a very successful meeting with a 15 year old soon to be magician.

There was a general discuss as to who might make a good Ring 96 lecturer and how to inspire members to "get out of their comfort zone."



The new year is coming, pay your dues early.



Great News!

**No raise in dues this year!
\$35 for an individual member
\$45 for a family membership!**

How to pay your dues...

Hand Jon Strum cash or a check at a Ring meeting

Mailing a check to Jon at 4951 Castana Ave Apt 40, Lakewood, CA 90712

Paying Jon via Venmo -- jonstrum@gmail.com

Paying Jon via Zelle -- jonstrum@gmail.com

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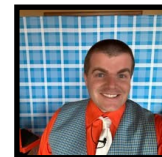
**Remember: you are not a Ring 96
member in good standing
until you have paid your
dues and joined I.B.M.**

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Magic Castle Conjurers Cruise on the Sun Princess:

The best themed cruise at sea.



By Brett Bolich



I had the privilege of going on the Conjurers cruise round trip from Fort Lauderdale on November 9th 2024. It was a 7 day cruise on the Sun

Princess. It was one of Princess Cruises newest ships in its newest class called the "Sphere Class".

Magic was to be had on this 7 day west coast Caribbean cruise. With Roatan, Belize, and Cozumel as the main ports of call on this trip. While the ports were amazing and seeing the various sites, the magic was the main reason I went. Erika Larson did a lecture on the History of the Magic Castle. Even though I heard about the history of the club many times before, new information was added that I didn't know. It was fun learning and listening to the story of the club I belong to and getting new information as well.

Many Magicians Performed on this cruise. The Main headliner was Michael Carbinarro. Others include Alex Boyce, Chris Capehart, David Gabbay, Pop Haydn, Alyx Hilshey, Derek Hughes, Lindsey Noel, Francis Menotti, Mike Pisciotta, Elizabeth Messick-Fernandez and Eric Siegel.

Some of the experience came with extra packages you can purchase. While I didn't purchase any of those packages, I did purchase a separate ticket to the Spellbound By Magic Castle. Going into this space was like a mix of Warren & Annabell's mixed in with the Magic Castle. They had a main show room like the Parlour and a space for Bar Magic (like the Library Bar in The Milt Larson Inner Circle). Fun gags were to be had including a ghostly piano player. Not Irma but Isabella, Irma's Cousin and Charlie Frye looking at you through a port hole.

The cruise also featured many Magic Shows throughout the week. It was like having the Castle with you on the high seas. Besides the magic shows, you also got everything you would in a normal cruise like the production shows, gambling, and other activities. While a standard Princess Cruise includes one magic show, this one had over 10 in a week.

I would highly recommend anyone from Ring 96 or anyone who happens to read this article to go on the next cruise. Not only was it a lot of fun but a lot of people you would know locally were on this cruise. I traveled solo on this cruise but I had many friends and new friends to interact with.

The Next Magic Castle Conjurers Cruise is September 27th 2026 Leaving From Vancouver Canada to Los Angeles (San Pedro World Cruise Center).

You can book the next Conjurers Cruise Here:
<https://www.princess.com/cruise-search/details/?voyageCode=4640>

PS. I also did research on flights and you can get a one way ticket through Alaska Airlines to Vancouver Canada from John Wayne Airport. You will have to stop in Seattle before Vancouver but it is nice to be able to fly out of John Wayne instead of LAX.



Get ready...

February: walk around lecture

March: walk around performance!

Outside events: Everyone loves magic

Wow, what a great night we had at Willmore Elementary school doing their fundraising show. We made them some nice money too.

Now is the time for us to keep it going by 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!



What is "First Time Magic?"

What is "First Time Magic?" this is our January event, and it is an opportunity to grow magically, and maybe take a step out of your comfort zone. For our January meeting, bring an effect to show off that you have practiced and are ready to debut. Just make sure you have never performed it in front of an audience before. This is where the first time aspect comes in.

Obviously an event like this takes some planning on the part of our Ring members to prepare for the evening. More obviously is the idea that if no one comes armed with a never performed before effect, the evening will fall flat. So don't fail to prepare.

Bring something new and you might just surprise yourself with some new magic abilities and a new found exciting effect that you can now perform on a regular basis. Let's get ready!



New Board Elected!

It is that wonderful time of the year when Ring 96 holds its elections. Our November meeting set the stage. We elected our new leaders. They will be officially installed at our next meeting, and we will all wait with tense anticipation to see what direction our new leaders take us. This should be an exciting year!

President: George Reis

Vice President: Kevin Papke

Treasurer: Jon Strum

Secretary: Cliff Gerstman

Sergeant-At-Arms: Judy Case

Past President: John Piercy

Member-At-Large: Liam Ferris

Member-At Large: Wayne Mitcheltree

join us for a Ring 96
Session of Sessioning

Monday, December 30th 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 November we had five 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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Happy Birthday



December's Birthdays

Bill Kornhauser

Paul LaGreek

George Reis



What month is your birthday? Do we have it on file? Why not?

Quote of the month!

**"Hey, I fool the camera.
I'm a liar, a magician."**

- Janice Dickinson

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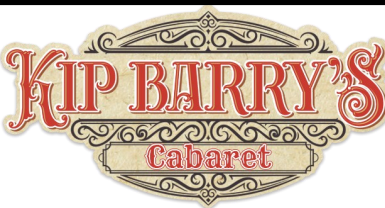
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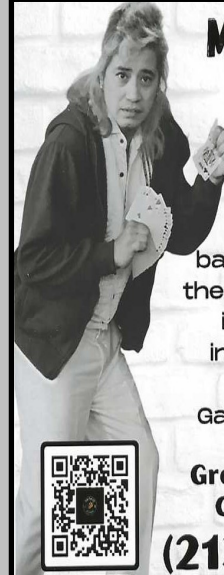
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