



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



April 2022

March Meeting Round-up

Ring 96 held their most recent meeting on Saturday March 19th. The theme for the night was rope magic. Our emcee for the night Cliff Gerstman opened the performances with a long piece of rope that he used to tell a story of a knot tying contest and how he won the contest using magic.

Bill Pearce came up with two pieces of rope, one long and one short. He performed the multi-phase routine called "DX Nightmare." The two ropes were manipulated together then proved to be the same

length and separate. He tied the two ropes together, and slid the knot off leaving one long rope. The rope was coiled up and then opened to show one short rope and one closed loop. These were tied together and ended revealed once again as one long rope.

Brad Ericson performed the Professors Nightmare. A long rope, a medium rope and a short rope all become the same length. While no evening of rope magic is complete without this time-honored effect, Brad brought a bit more to it. First the ropes, they were black ropes with white tips like magic wands. Next, he brought up volunteers to examine the ropes, and finally added patter to make the effect far more interesting.

David Fisher got a huge laugh when he came to the stage with a steamer trunk from which he pulled out a two-inch length of rope. Next, he took off a red shoelace from one of his shoes and launched into the routine "Sandsational." This routine involved a volunteer trying to cut the rope to different lengths. Included were a series of scissors that were gimmicked not to cut for different reasons. The shoelace was stretched, cut knotted and went through other very funny bits until it was finally given up on, thrown back into the trunk, and somehow reappeared tied where it belonged, tied where it had started on David's shoe.

Joyce Basch Performed her version of "Cords of Fantasia" which included a

Next meeting:

April 16th... 7 pm

"Whit Haydn Lecture"

North Community Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive,

Seal Beach CA, 90740

Coming Soon to Ring 96



Whit Haydn

April 16th



May 21st



Jon Armstrong

June 18th

story about native American brothers both trying to become the chief of the tribe. She had three volunteers as she told the story that took place in the 1830's in which pioneers had to be very aware of the territory. She placed several objects along a pair or roped held by volunteers. All the objects somehow fell off the ropes at a key moment. After that she completely changed direction and did a Saint Patrick's Day effect using a squared circle and a leprechaun doll.

George Reis came to the stage for a Ring on the Rope routine. He told a story that featured invisible knots in the air, and invisible holes in the rope. The Ring came on and off the rope with great success and he got his well-deserved applause.

John Engman did a jumping knot effect. He brought out two ropes one was white and one was red. He tied a white knot on the white rope, blew on it and it came right off. He threw it back on. He took it off again and threw it onto the red rope where it stayed. Here he untied it and the center section of the red rope was now white.

John Piercy referenced his days as a boy scout as he spoke of the qualities of different kinds of knots.

He tried to tie a rope into a loop only to have the knots slide off and apart each time. Finally, he tied a square knot, teaching the audience how to tie this simple but strong knot. After cutting the rope again, the square knot impossibly slid off the ropes.

Marty Gorman performed Dan Harlan's "Awakening." He applied excellent patter to an effect that presents similarly to the "Professors Nightmare" but uses a completely different methodology. Again, Marty's patter and high-speed moves made this effect a success.

Lastly, Roger Manderscheid came to the stage with his two grandsons and performed a Christmas themed version of "Cords of Fantasia," while wearing a Santa Clause hat. He had Christmas ornaments and holiday themed objects placed on the ropes and they all fell off at the key moment.

Another exciting evening at Ring 96



"A professional magician thinks of magic only twice a day, when he is alone and when he is with someone else."

— Amit Kalantri

A bold move!

For the second time since we began meeting at our current location at the senior center, the city of Seal Beach has rented out the room and asked us to relocate for the month of May. We had scheduled the Close-up Competition for that meeting. The board felt that it might be a risky choice to hold a competition like that in an unknown room that may potentially be too small for all our guests.

We have decided to postpone the Close-up competition and instead move our May meeting to "Me 'n Ed's" Pizza shop in Lakewood. They have a banquet room that will hold 60 people and hopefully we will have a large audience to entertain made up of our family friends and perhaps even a "lay audience" who have come to see magic.

The theme of the night will be "Packs Small Plays Big." That is bring your show in one small case and be ready to perform. If this goes over well, we may sign up on other nights to do more shows there. This could lead to more people finding out about Ring 96 and maybe even new members. Watch this space!



Welcome new member, Peter George!

A Broken Wand Ceremony

At our March meeting, Dan Habel performed a broken wand ceremony for Scott Boger. Scott had passed away on February 28th. The ceremony was video taped by Mel. It may be available, so ask around if you missed it and you are interested.

Dan did an excellent job of performing the ceremony, though it can be very emotional to do it. Scott had been a long time member of the local magic clubs, and held "Order of Merlin" status with the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Several people got up to speak. Several people mentioned his love of one-liners. There was a strong theme of how friendly Scott was and how willing he was to help anyone out with their magic. Ring 96 has lost a true friend.



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Want More Magic?

Ring 313 — Hybrid meeting
check website for details

Orange County Magic Club
April 13th 7:30 pm
Anaheim Community Center
[250 E. Center Street](#)

Joe Derry's Magic Night
1st Tuesday of each month
[Gallagher's in Long Beach](#)

The Magic Castle

Happy Birthday!



April Birthday's

John Engman

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A night of rope magic



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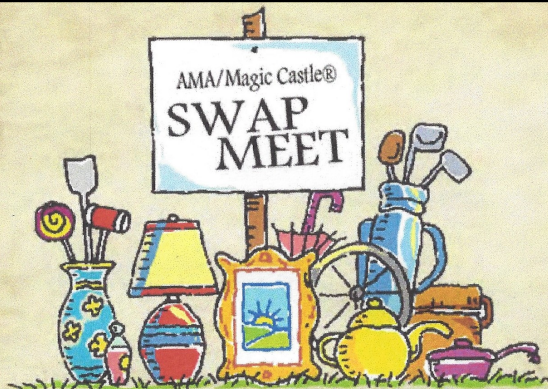
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9am - \$10 for Member Guests, Vendor Guests,
SAM, IBM, and the Elders

Swap Meet ends at 1pm - Bring cash!

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IT'S BACK!

The Magic Castle® will once again be transformed into the greatest one-day, mini-convention you've ever seen! You'll find new/used magic, books, illusions, antiques, collectibles, and scores of surprises throughout at this gathering. Vendor tables are set up from the Terrace Room in the Dining Room to the Inner Circle downstairs. It's a fun-filled day for everyone. Whether you're a novice to magic or an expert, this is the place to be!

We're looking for a big turnout. And this is one of the many perks your AMA Membership includes, and it is also an event you really can't pass up. You see friends you haven't seen in years, meet fellow AMA members, have firsthand contact with a number of local dealers, and possibly find that effect you have been searching for all on the same day. A big thank you to AMA Member Cary Frank, our Swap Meet Coordinator, for planning, organizing, and delivering all the fun!

Boxed Lunches will be available for sale onsite. Vendor applications are now being accepted. Request your form by emailing swapmeetapplication@magiccastle.com. Tables are limited, so don't wait!

Valet Parking:

\$8/vehicle (AMA Members)
\$10/vehicle (Non-Members)

Questions? Email events@magiccastle.com.

Whit Haydn



Creating a Magic Routine
April 16th

A Ring 96 Event
Packs Small, Plays Big!



4115 Paramount Blvd.

Lakewood, CA 90712

(only 17 minutes from our normal meeting space!)

May 21st - 7pm

**Invite your friends
to watch magic
and eat Pizza!**

A family friendly magic show with free admission!

Jon Armstrong



June 18th