



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



Aug 2022

July Meeting Round-up

Ring 96 held our last meeting on July 16th. Our guest lecturer was Eric "Sharpo" Sharp.

Sharpo is best known as a Card man, but he did not start his career that way. He was originally an actor and birthday party magician. His big life changing event was being cast as a 3-card monte hustler. After that he began to study card work.

Sharpo showed us his version of "standing" money monte. He used the Ace of Clubs, the Ace of Spades, and the

Queen of Hearts as the "money card." Here in typical 3-card monte style, Sharpo kept the queen moving all around, and impossible to choose. This ended with all three cards being shown as aces.

Sharpo discussed some interesting ways to shuffle the deck, as well as some very good and convincing ways to cut the deck. He followed that up with a discussion and demonstration of "Counts" and "Stack" systems.

A volunteer was asked to pick a number. Cards were counted from a shuffled deck to that number and a card was chosen. Sharpo showed us four double blank cards. First

the backs turned blue, which was the wrong color. So, he turned them red. Then one of them changed into the chosen card.

He talked about the idea that if you handle a deck of cards long enough with enough practice, you will learn how to apply the skills you have to finding the right move to address the need in designing an effect. Sharpo started with a Queen, and Ace, and two indifferent cards and created an in-your-hand 3-card monte routine.



Next meeting:

Aug 20th... 7 pm

"Close-up Competition!"

North Senior Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive.

Seal Beach, CA

Coming Soon to Ring 96



Aug 20th



Sept 17th



Oct 22nd

We saw a full-deck monte routine. This included dropping the entire deck onto the three cards being used. After finding the queen, it led to a “laughing queen” effect.

a volunteer was given a blue back deck. Sharpo had a red back deck. The volunteer was instructed to cut to a card. It was the Jack of Clubs. In the red deck, Sharpo spelled the name of the card and ended at the correct card. Another volunteer was asked to shuffle the blue deck and cut to a card it was the Seven of Diamonds. Sharpo counted seven cards and there was the chosen card. This was repeated twice more.

He did a demo on how to deal with a “grabby” heckler who wants to hold the deck. It was beautiful. This was followed with a discussion on how to use the off-beat to defeat a hand-burning spectator.



We were informed that the key to a good self-working trick is the script, patter and story.

Sharpo ended by saying that you have to practice, and practice and practice. The only value of magic is to share it.

Another exciting night at Ring 96.



Wanted: Member, or friend of a member, with a good camera and photographic skill to take pictures during the close-up competition. We need to upgrade our Ring brochure.

Read the last three pages

Please be sure to read the article copied from IBM national that I have copied on the last three pages of this newsletter. It is vitally important to the club. We are the local chapter of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. To maintain that status, we need to belong. Please read it. Thanks!



Close-up Competition!

Please contact Paul Case at madmonsterparty@yahoo.com to sign up For the August Close-up Competition. We have room for eight performers and each will perform twice so we can keep the crowd truly “close-up.” Each performer will get 10 minutes with the request that you not start anything new after 8 minutes. How to time yourself? Perform your set for a couple of friends, and time it. Be sure to include in your count the time needed to choose volunteers, and for crowd reactions. (Clapping and laughter) You never know, you may be this years first place winner! Don’t forget to sign-up., last minute walk-ins will only be added if there is room in the schedule. Good luck, have fun and we will see you there!



Do you session?

Do you want to session? Currently the Board of Ring 96 is working on finding a restaurant close to our ring meeting place that will allow us, in exchange for purchasing dinner, to sit for a while and session with other magicians.

If you are not familiar with the term sessioning, it means to sit and do close up work with others. Not for money, not for critique, but for practice. Teaching each other is a common goal at a sessioning meeting.

If you are interested let us know. What will we need? Aside from the restaurant's permission, we will need someone to lead the event. Leading just means being there and greeting others who come to join. It does not mean being the lead magician or doing all the work.

The board is wondering if this is an aspect of magic that the Ring has yet to provide and may reach more magicians and members by doing so.

This could be good and this might work out so keep your eyes and your decks at the ready!



R a f f l e W i n n e r s	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
	Wilson book and wallet	Michael Van Horn	Raj Tovar
	Assorted Pamphlets	Scott Boeger estate	George Reis
	Balloon twisting (Associated Arts)	Bill Pearce	Cliff Gerstman
	Linking Cigarette Effect	Bill Pearce	Dan Sherer
	Do you want to learn magic (DVD)	Marty Gorman	David Fisher
	1994 Linking Ring Magazines	Bill Pearce	David Fisher

Want More Magic?

Ring 313 — Hybrid meeting

<https://www.ring313.org>

Aug 30th—Buster Balloon!

Orange County Magic Club

250 E. Center Street

<https://theocmc.com>

August 10th—Show & Tell

Joe Derry's Magic Night

1st Tuesday of each month

Gallagher's in Long Beach

The Hollywood Magic Castle

Happy Birthday!



August Birthday's

None, that I know of.

(If I don't know your birth month, let me know!)

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On the table!

The Board of Ring 96 has received more than one request for a new feature. To have specific people sign up and bring unused, or no longer used magical items to set up on a table and sell. We will do this. Before we get all excited about it, let's remember the lesson we learned last November at the swap meet. Swap meets only work if you have both seller and buyer in the same location. However this is still worth a try and we will be looking into it. Let Dan Habel (magicdano@aol.com) know if you have some material to sell, and would like to sign up.

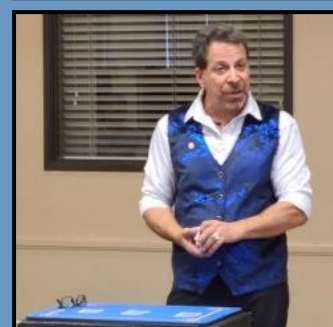


Rehearse & Response

Next month, before the Close-up competition starts, please feel free to come early at 6:00 if you would like to show off an effect in front of magicians for some constructive feedback. Often it is very hard to know how well your performance is going while you are at home practicing. This can be the solution. Show off to an audience that is 100% on your side, in a safe environment. This could be the beginning of a really great process.



Eric "Sharpo" Sharp's Lecture





Close-up Competition
August 20th



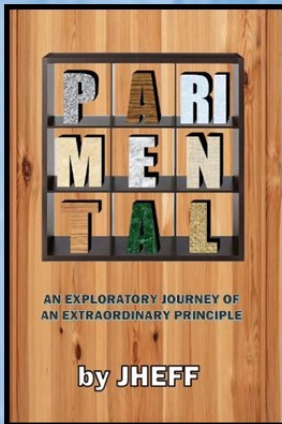
Lecture by Jheff

An exciting mentalism lecture!



Members attend free
Non members \$10

September 17th, 7 pm
3333 Saint Cloud Drive
Seal Beach CA



Jheff will share material from his latest work, Parimental, which is an explanation of a classic sixty-year-old principle from Martin Gardner. It is an easy and deceptive principle which can be applied to all venues and to a variety of props and topics, such as cards, coins, colors, celebrities, cities, and landmarks. In addition, Jheff will share a few other routines which include favorites and ones that he has rarely included in previous lectures.

www.ring96.com



A free all-ages magic show



**Our Annual Night
of Weird Magic
and Mentalism!**

Hosted by, Magic Castle Performer: Jheff

October 22nd 7 pm

3333 Saint Cloud Drive

Free admission

Seal Beach California

All are welcome!

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International I.B.M. Membership Benefits

Why join the International Brotherhood of Magicians (I.B.M.)? What are the specific benefits of being an I.B.M. member? What does it give me that I couldn't get in just joining a local magic club? What do I get for the dues I pay?

These are great questions that deserve solid answers. In the list below, we identify and classify the concrete benefits available exclusively to all I.B.M. members, which cluster into three main categories.

1. Magic Education: news magic, including its history and performance
2. Peer Affiliation: linkages with people and products who share the I.B.M. values
3. Travel and Insurance: group benefits that save you money

Take a close look at these 14 I.B.M. membership benefits and see for yourself the value of your dues. To simplify your search of the I.B.M. website, we've included the direct links to these 14 benefits.

Magic Education

The Linking Ring: Print Access

- More copies of The Linking Ring, a monthly magazine for I.B.M. members, have been published than any other periodical in the history of magic.
- In the last decade, over a million copies have been mail all over the world to I.B.M. members.
- In 2016, The Linking Ring published 195 new magic tricks for its members, representing 31¢ per effect for your 2017 membership dues, excluding tips on marketing and multiple feature articles.
- <http://www.magician.org/the-linking-ring/what-is-the-linking-ring>

The Linking Ring: Digital Access

- The Linking Ring mobile app is available for iPads, iPhones, and Android devices.
- Issues dating back to 2010 are instantly accessible.
- Once the app is downloaded and the user logs in, future access is as simple as tapping the app icon on the phone or tablet and selecting which issue to read.
- The Linking Ring mobile app is available for iPads, iPhones, and Android devices from the App Store, Amazon, and Google Play.

The Annual I.B.M. Convention

- A yearly convention feature presents top-flight professionals in spectacular evening shows.

- Lectures present professional development opportunities in all magic subspecialties.
- Incredible close-up and stage competitions occur as well as sessioning opportunities day and night.
- <http://www.magician.org/convention/upcoming-convention>

Ask Alexander

- Ask Alexander is an electronic archive accessible to all I.B.M. members, yielding all copies of The Linking Ring dating back to its first issue published in 1922.
- This valuable resource contains over two-million pages searchable by key words, including names of individuals, magic effects, and dates.
- Beyond accessing The Linking Ring archives, I.B.M. members also may view the I.B.M. convention souvenir programs and a fascinating database of Victorian Popular Culture.
- <http://www.magician.org/my-account> Then click on second bullet point on Dashboard: "Access the Archives at Ask Alexander."

Magic Video Lessons

- Michael Ammar teaches a series of seven sequential lessons on the classic Cups and Balls.
- Michael Ammar teaches eight independent lessons on various card and coin sleights as well as magic communications.
- Danny Phillips presents a live performance and follow-up instructional video on a unique rope routine.
- <http://www.magician.org/video-tutorials>

Card Magic Book

- Roberto Giobbi, one of the world's leading teachers of card magic, has made available to I.B.M. members a free 155 page downloadable manual for learning card magic.
- The Giobbi eBook contains a powerful combination of detailed text, photographs, and video.
- Even advanced card workers will benefit from this impressive and baffling demonstration of card magic.
- <http://www.magician.org/resources/roberto-giobbis-introduction-to-card-magic>

Membership Card Tricks

- Your I.B.M. Membership Card contains "built in" card tricks.
- Existing examples include two mathematical effects and two card effects
- Use your creativity to generate your own magic effects
- <http://www.magician.org/my-account/membership-card-tricks>

Peer Affiliation

- The Education and Development Fund (EDF) is an independent nonprofit organization with a separate Board of Trustees and fiscal management system that collaborate closely with the I.B.M.
- The EDF supports magic education initiatives that go beyond the fiscal boundaries of the I.B.M. and other magic organizations.
- EDF activities strengthen International and Ring membership, bolster financial footings, and increase the profile of magic as a performing art.
- <http://www.magician.org/resources/I.B.M.-endowment-and-development-fund>

Worldwide Ring Linkages

- Over 250 Rings exist adjacent to major cities around the world
- I.B.M. is an international organization, including Rings in Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, and United Kingdom.

- All 50 of the states in the United States have Rings.

- <http://www.magician.org/about/local-I.B.M.-rings>

Global Ring 2100

- Global Ring 2100 is a virtual, moderated, online discussion forum for I.B.M. members worldwide.

- It is an invaluable source for magic news.

- Short posts occur regularly.

- <http://www.magician.org/join-the-I.B.M./ring-2100>

I.B.M. Merchandise and Apparel

- Let other know you are a magician; use I.B.M. regalia as a marketing tool and source of pride

- Clothing items include T-shirts, dress shirts, and polo shirts

- Merchandise items include portfolios, collector's coins, jacket patches, mousepads, glass tumblers, award plaques, and more.

- <http://www.magician.org/about/I.B.M.-regalia>

The previous article has been copied from the webpage of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. I hope you read it. If you did not, no problem, please go back and read it now. The bottom line is that yes, there are members of the ring who will not get the strongest benefits from all that had been listed above. That is a fact, but keep in mind that all groups need support to keep themselves running. If you do not want to get the Linking Ring in print form, you can get online access and lower your IBM national dues by fifteen percent; surely a nice amount. As of today, only 46 percent of the current membership is registered as a paid member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. We should work hard to fix this problem before our local Territorial Vice-President comes down on us at the October Ring census.