



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



April 2025

March Meeting Round-up

On March 15th Ring 96 held its most recent meeting. This month we went in a slightly unusual direction. We held a strolling magic night. Last month we had a lecture about strolling magic, and this month was time to put it into practice. We ran a major media campaign to get our audience. Word of mouth was the best way to bring them in. An e-mail blast to previous attendees, and even PSAs on local radio stations. We skipped the usual Pre-meeting workshop so as not to give free magic lessons to the lay audience.

We set up our community center room in an unusual manner as well. We put nice table clothes over small round tables and put chairs on all but one side. We laid playing cards in a pattern on the tables to make small and unobtrusive center pieces

and added some Ring brochures as well. It made for a nice presentation.

Now the magic began. We decided not to make any announcements before the end, and our eleven well-dressed magicians went to work moving from one table to the next performing for more than 30 guests in our lay audience, and our regular members.

Wayne Mitcheltree had a deck of cards that he riffled though with his hands behind his back. He asked a volunteer to call stop and look at a card. When asked what the card was, it could not be, Wayne had that card in his teeth. He put the card back in the deck and the volunteer was told to look for her card, but she couldn't find it. Wayne had it in his teeth again. Wayne pulled out four jokers, three were face up and one face down. Each joker took a turn being face up. Next came five blank red backed cards. The bottom blank card turned into an ace, and the backs all turned blue. The blank faces became a royal flush.

Next meeting:

April 19th... 7 pm

"Rich Cowley Lecture!"

3333 Saint Cloud Drive

Seal Beach CA 90740

Coming Soon to Ring 96

Rich Cowley Lecture



April 19th



Close-up Competition

May 17th

John Guastaferrro



June 21st

Jon Strum came to our table next. He brought a die and a dice cup. He shook the die inside the cup, and we played a game of, is the die in the cup or in his pocket. The routine ended with a jumbo size die appearing under the cup. Jon brought out four cards. Three jokers and a queen. The Queen had a red back, while the jokers had blue backs. Jon kept putting the Queen in his pocket, but she kept reappearing in the pack. Suddenly all the jokers are gone and the packet is four aces. Jon had a volunteer shake and look into the die cup and remember the number on the die inside. Now Jon brought out six different colored poker chips. Chips were chosen and the volunteer's chip says "5" on the back. The number matched the die in the cup.

Dan Habel was next, and he opened by placing a small pirate's chest on the table full of chocolate coins. He placed a coin on the table; it was a Marine copper medallion. Dan took out a small pack of cards and shuffled until a volunteer said "stop." Six cards were counted out and the volunteer put the coin on one card. Five of the six cards had treasure chests on them, but the chosen card only had a skull and crossbones. Dan put four queens on the table face down. He had a volunteer name one queen. The only queen there was the named one, the other cards were all blank.

Liam Ferris was the next performer, and he brought a small burlap bag, and a sharpie to the table. He pulled a small oddly shaped figurine out of the bag. A volunteer was asked to write the figurine's name on a business card for a stack of blank cards. The volunteer showed us the name Amos. He was asked to put it back in the pile of cards and it was shuffled. Liam holds a lighter under the figurine to heat it up and says he knows the name is Amos. The volunteer had a smudge of soot on his hand.

Marty Gorman was the next performer at our table. Marty set three different colored envelopes on the table. One had a \$5 bill sticking

out, one had a \$10 bill, and one had a \$20 bill. Each bill also had a poker chip on top with the appropriate value of the bill written on it. A volunteer was asked to name one bill and the \$20 was chosen. Marty pulled all three bills out of the envelopes and all three had a sticker on the bottom that read "You will pick the \$20." Marty had a silver dollar in his fingers. It turned into two, then three then four. After that they regressed back down to three, then two, and then one again. Marty had a deck of cards. He asked a volunteer to pick a "suit." Diamonds was chosen. Marty told him he looked like a Jack of Diamonds kind of guy. Marty asked him to think of a number between one and twenty. The volunteer was told to double it and then double it again. Asked for the new total, the volunteer said 44. We counted down 44 cards and the Jack of Diamonds was there waiting for us.

Alan Hanson arrived to do the next set. Alan had stacks of blue colored laminated cards that each one had six different classic cartoon characters on them. He had them split into two piles face down and asked which one we should work with. A pile was chosen and everyone at the table was given one card and asked to choose one cartoon character. He took the other stack and asked whose character was on this card. Someone raised their hand, and Alan named the correct character. He went around the table until everyone's character had been named. Alan borrowed a cell phone and asked a number of "this or that" questions. This effect ended with a prediction matching the time on a smart watch.

Kevin Papke came to the table and brought out a copper coin and a silver coin. Once was a 50-cent piece, and the other was a Chinese coin. The Chinese coin went into a silk and a volunteer put a clothespin on to hold it folded in place. The 50-cent piece vanished after a vertical muscle pass shot it from one hand to the other. It reappeared with the Chinese coin in the silk a moment later. Kevin gave a volunteer three good sized threaded metal nuts. Kevin takes them back and puts one in the pocket, but it returns. He does that again and this time there are only two nuts and one bolt. A third time reveals three nuts threaded and screwed on the bolt. Kevin did an ambitious card routine in which he fired the card out of the deck, caught it, and then later found the chosen signed card in his shoe.

Trevor, our newest member, was next. He had a red deck and a blue deck. He asked a volunteer which one to work with and the red deck was chosen. Trevor spread out the red deck across the table. to show that there was no specific order to the cards. Trevor collected the cards, looked though the deck and put a card face down. This he said was the volunteer's card. He had the volunteer take the rest of the deck and count it into two piles with their choice of which went where. The last card dealt out was the 10 of clubs. The volunteer card was shown to be the 10 of spades. A volunteer chose a card, and Trevor read his mind to guess the card correctly. He did that again, but this time he had a second volunteer read the mind of the first. The cards matched.

George was next, he had three matching bottle caps. He put one in the pocket and there were still three in his hand. He repeated this three times until he put all three in his pocket and then they were all gone. Jhe [placed a coffee stirring stick into a Starbucks envelope and invited a volunteer to fold the envelope up very small. We all heard the wooden stick snap more than once,

but it came out intact. George tore the envelope open to prove there were no more pieces of stick inside. He finished with a ring on a rope routine.

Joji was the magician next to the table. He came out with four coins, two silver coins in his left hand and two gold coins in his right. The switched places magically. Joji brought out an invisible coin purse, really just the clasp from the top of a purse. A sponge ball came from the purse and soon became two and three. Joji had volunteers pick cards. They were put back into the deck and then shot out of the deck. The chosen cards turned into four aces.

Marshall finished the night. He came to the table with an English penny and a half dollar. He kept putting one in his pocket and still had both in his hand. Marshall pulled a packet out that had four fours. They soon turned into four aces. The invisible deck came out next and sure enough the volunteer's choice of the nine of diamonds was reversed in a real deck. He ended with a three-card trick in which two tens surrounded a three, but the three of hearts soon turned into the "tree of diamonds." The card had a tree on it covered in diamonds.

Another exciting night at Ring 96.

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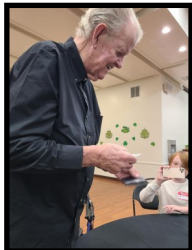
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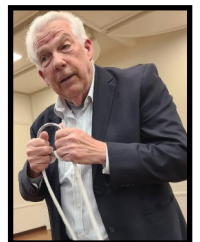
Strolling Magic Night

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**Lets all thank
George for taking
great pictures!**



Ready for your close-up?

The Close-Up competition is coming up at our May meeting. The March meeting gave us all some wonderful insight into in your face performing, and hopefully we will parlay that into our close-up acts.

A few things to remember...

First, everyone should submit a set list. It is not only unpleasant, but unprofessional when two magicians do the same effect in a show or in this case a competition. If you decide to change your set at the last minute and do not clear it, you run the risk of looking bad when the previous magician does the same trick you were going to do, or making someone else look bad if you go first. Lets make the Ring look good and Professional. How do you get to perform the set list you want? First come first serve. Simple as that. Email George.

Second, we need a voting audience. In March we had nearly 50 guests which was wonderful. Let's do that again and get a good spread of votes. Be sure to invite all your friends again.

Time your sets. You will get the hook and be cut off after 10 minutes. If you need a volunteer in your set, and you bring them to the stage before you start, it will not be part of your time. If you call a volunteer up during your set, it will be part of your time. Be aware of the time, allow time for laughs, gasps and reactions. If your audience reacts, it means you are doing

The set up will be as it was last time we did the Close-up competition. There will be a backdrop at the side of the room with a table and chair, The audience will be in a long half circle with a jumbo screen above and behind the performer.

We will also need an emcee, who announces the name of the performer and their position on the scoring sheet. **The emcee will also do a set of magic while the votes are being counted.**

Are you ready to perform? Contact :

George at reis@imagingforensics.com

See you there along with your friends enemies and those who do not care!



Close-up Competition Bottom Line!

1. The close up Competition is May 17th—time to start planning and sign up
2. If you are a dues paying member as of March 17th you are eligible to compete. Sign up with George: reis@imagingforensics.com
3. If you are interested in being the emcee of the event, let George know that too.
4. Send George your set list and commit to it.
5. Remember you only have 10 minutes to perform your set.

March Sessioning

Marshall started us off with a discussion on products for use in helping dry skin on your fingers. Several products were available

Cliff opened the magic of the night with Gemini triplets, a version of Gemini twins.

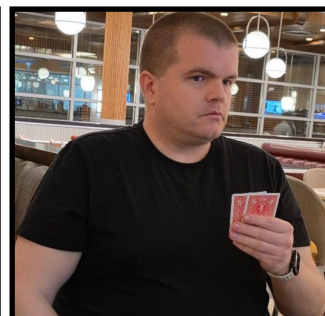
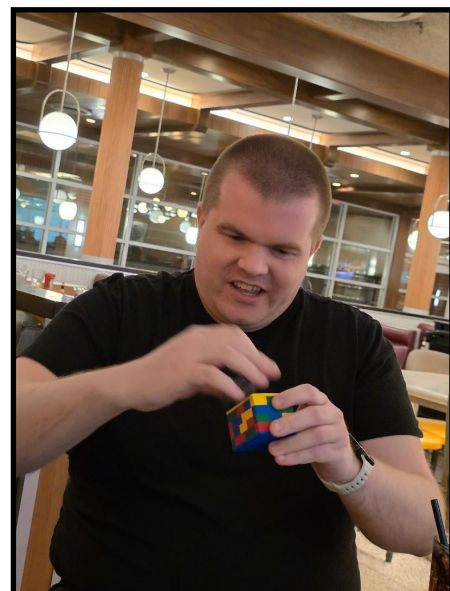
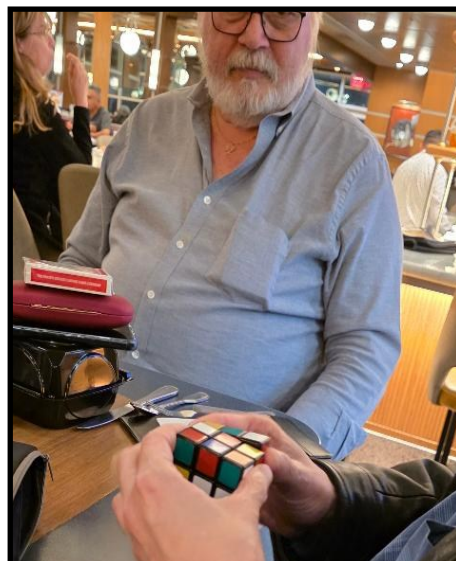
Jheff performed a Rubik's cube effect where two cubes were used and one was solved at random under a silk. Later Jheff would show us a Blackjack based effect which was very clever.

Brett built a house of lego blocks, and we found the signed, selected card inside. Quite the impossible location.

Wayne put four quarters in a bottle cap, and the number of quarters seemed to change at his command..

George did a version of stand up monte which started an interesting conversation about the effect.

We had a great time. You should join us next month.



I.B.M. RING 21 HOLLYWOOD PRESENTS

**THE
RAFAEL BENATAR
LECTURE**

Recipient of The Linking Ring Parade of the Year Award, the Ascanio Award for Close-Up Magician of the Year, multiple other awards in magic plus two nominations from the Academy of the Magical Arts for Lecture of the Year.

Born in Venezuela and now living in Spain, see why Rafael is one of our foremost writers and lecturers. A columnist for GenII Magazine ([his cover story link](#)) and one of the few magicians that performs regularly in all the showrooms of the Magic Castle.

He performs at theaters, corporate and private events and has lectured in more than 300 cities around the world.

Tonight's lecture will include commercial and practical items from his working repertoire, including his close-up and stand-up material and his latest update on his well-known cups and balls routine, with new insight on this classic.

His explanations will be full of practical advice that can help raise the level of all the magic you do, such as scripting, management, and handling of volunteers. He will also have some items for sale.

APRIL 4TH 7:30PM AT

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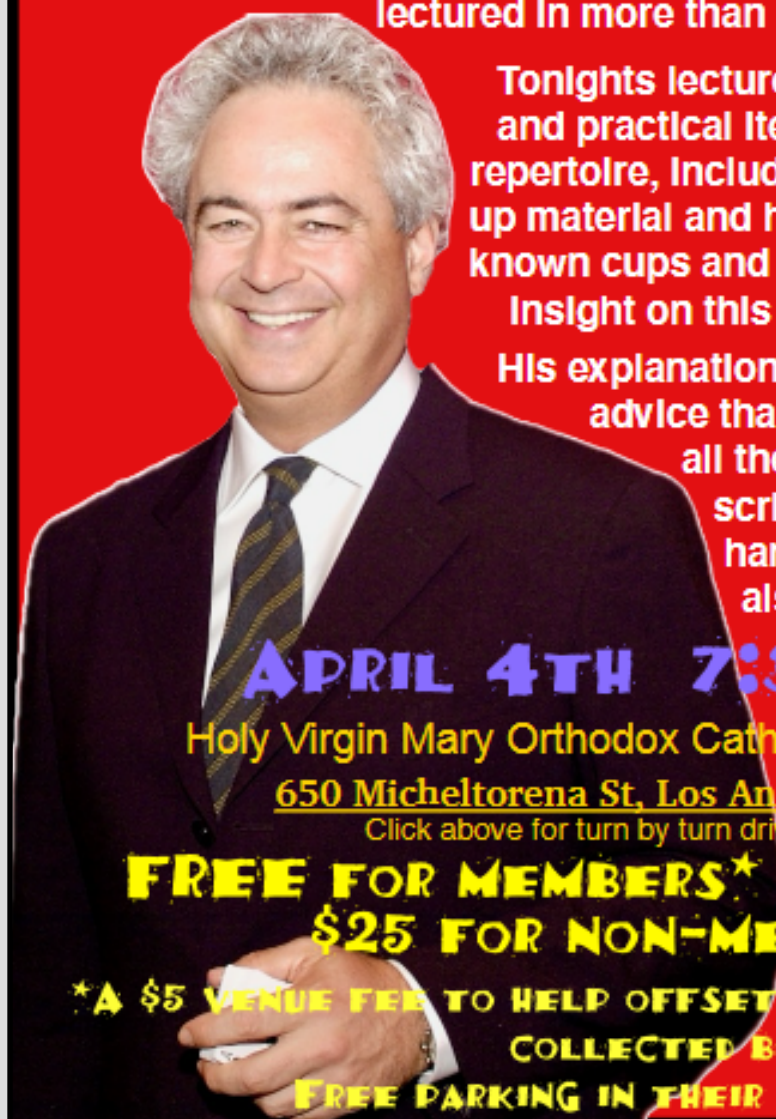
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April 19th 12:00—5:00

Contact George for more

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join us for a Ring 96
Session of Sessioning

Monday, April 28th 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 March we had seven 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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April 21st

Steve Tyler: Family magician and ventriloquist.



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June 16th

Joshua Ng: Magic Castle strolling magician champ.



This is a man who set his magical goals, and then went out to make his dream come true!



Joshua Ng, also known as the "Hong Kong Sensation," is the current two-time consecutive champion of the Academy of Magical Arts' Strolling Magic Showdown. He brings his background and expertise in music, psychology, and theology to the art of magic. You can reach him at: joshnmagic@gmail.com.

Meetings held at OC Grace Church 12702 9th St · Garden Grove.

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The Ring 96 Annual



Close Up Competition!

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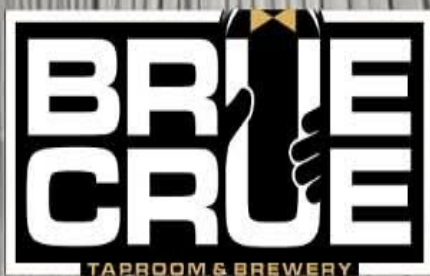
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Competition at the IBM Convention!

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One of the highlights of the convention is the magic contests. We are running 2 contests with some fantastic cash prizes (total prize pool is over \$9,000), with separate contests for close-up and stage magic.

How can you help?

Most folk enter the competition because someone (like you ☐) suggested it to them. Our ask is that you contact ring presidents, and/or anyone that you think would be interested, and be that person.

The competition is designed for everybody, professional, semi-pro or hobbyist. We want all our competitors to shine, and we do everything we can to help.

Benefits of entering the competition

1. You will grow from the experience of building a competition style act.
2. You will end up with a tight 8-minute show.
3. You will make new friends.
4. You will get expert help to tune your act for the competition.
5. Previous competitors have progressed to perform at The Magic Castle, The Chicago Magic Lounge, received local press and TV with help from our PR team, raised their profile in the Magic World, performed on P&T Fool Us and Masters of Illusion.

It's time to kick start some careers! Please help us spread the word.

Details about the competition can be found here <https://ibmconvention.com/contest/>

Please email IBMmagiccontest@gmail.com with any questions

Please help us make the 2025 contest the best it can be.

Lady Sarah and Keith Fields
Contest Chairs





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April Birthdays

John Engman Philip Henderson

Kevin Papke Marque Dunkle

Donna Furon

What month is your birthday?

Do we have it on file? Why not?

Quote of the month!

"I'd go to Coney Island to hang out,
and I saw a magician doing a rope trick
on the boardwalk. I was fascinated.
I guess that's how it started."

- David Blaine

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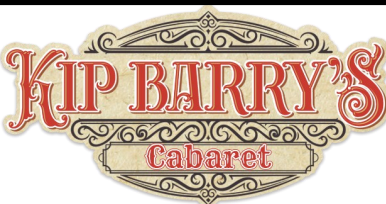


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