



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



Feb 2025

January Meeting Round-up

On Saturday January 18th Ring 96 had its first meeting of 2025. The theme of the meeting was "first time magic." Members were encouraged to perform an effect they had rehearsed but never performed in front of an audience before.

After introducing the event, our new President George Reis began to call up the acts.

The first performer was former president John Piercy. John called for a volunteer to pick a number from 1 to 20; the volunteer picked 17. John counted 17 cards from a red backed deck and landed on the ten of spades. John opened another deck, this one blue backed. The volunteer looked for the ten of spades but could not find it. That was because the first ten of spades

was the only blue backed card in the red deck.

David Fisher was up next, and he had a stand with an object covered by a silk. He removed the silk and showed up two wine goblets and he also had a deck of cards. The deck was sealed and brand new. Opening the deck, he removed the jokers and ad cards. He pulled out all the spades and all the hearts. He gave the hearts to a volunteer to shuffle. He reversed one card in the hearts stack. He put the hearts in one of the goblets, and his spades in the other. Shuffled or not, he pulled out one card at a time from each of the two goblets and they matched the number of the other. Even the same card in the pack was reversed.

Jheff our resident mentalist was third to the stage. He certainly did something for the first time with his effect. Jheff performed a

Next meeting:

Feb 15th... 7 pm

"Brady Glen Lecture"

3333 Saint Cloud Drive

Seal Beach CA 90740

Coming Soon to Ring 96

Brady Glen Lecture



Feb 15th

Walk around magic



March 15th

Rich Cowley Lecture



April 19th

clever escape known as Anthony Linden's suit jacket escape. He invited two volunteers to shackle his hands behind him, and to hold up a large square curtain around him. The curtain was lowed and raised several times as Jheff proceeded to step by step, free himself from both his suit jacket and the shackles.

Liam Ferris was next, and he called for a volunteer and gave him a blank card to write his initials. Liam initialed another blank card. Somehow the two cards changed places with each other.

Brett Bolich performed an effect where he found a randomly named card reversed in a deck of cards that was previously sitting on the table.

Marshal Butt came to the stage and took out a deck of cards. He had a volunteer pick a card at random. The volunteer shuffled the deck. The deck was thrown into a paper back and shaken. Marshall lowered a small chain with an alligator clip on the end. When he pulled it up, the chosen card was in the clip.

The next member on the stage was Wayne Mitcheltree. He showed a small fan of blank faced red backed cards. Soon the top blank card became the Ace of Hearts. The backs of the cards were suddenly blue and the faces were now a royal flush on hearts.

Jon Strum came to the stage and talked about predetermined and random events. He showed us an envelope which he said was his prediction. He asked a volunteer to use their cell phone to go to "Google

stats" and look up celebrities. The volunteer was asked to choose a celebrity and picked Will Smith. How many times was Will Smith searched for today? 909,000 times. Jon said we would work with 909. Jon asked three people for a single digit number. The numbers were 682. Multiplying the numbers through gave the number of 259,974. Jon had a volunteer count out two cards then five cards etc. At the end the card was the Jack of Diamonds. It matched the prediction in the envelope.

Alan Hanson was next. He told a funny story about a King, a Queen and another Queen. The story had to do with the King cheating on his wife, and how the two ladies eventually threw the king out. Alan kept putting the King in his pocket and the King kept coming back. He ended with an hysterical pun.

The last performer was Kevin Papke. Kevin laid out 4 Queens on the table. He then dealt out four indifferent cards which he called helpers. 1 helper was placed on each Queen. They were piled together. The effect ended with all eight cards becoming blank.



**Don't forget to leave
Ring 96 flyers
where ever you go!**

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



First time magic!

Photo Credit: George Reis





If you check out our website, look at our “Magicians for hire” page. ring96.com/magicians-for-hire. Right now Brett and I are very lonely on the page. If you would like to have yourself added, just send me the photo you want to use and some short verbiage. I will make it happen!

Learn one, do one, teach one; the Navy way.

As always, I take my hat off to those who fight to defend our country, and that certainly included the U.S. Navy.

Stephen King made their education style famous in his book “Joyland.” It seems very simple, first you learn something, then you do it, then you are soon ready to teach it. This is a simple cycle that keeps everyone available to do their job with a level of competence. Why don’t we try it?

The process we are looking for right now is to have an “expert” lecture on a topic. For example, our February meeting will feature Brady Glen talking about, demonstrating and teaching walk-around magic. (Learn one) Our March meeting will offer up the opportunity for Ring

members to perform walk around magic as we turn our meeting room into a coffee-house type of situation. Bring your own coffee but guests will sit at tables and enjoy our member strolling magic. (Do one)

For the last step that is “teach one” and that is up to you the individual member, possibly to do at a show and tell night or another appropriate time.

A few months later, in April, Rich Cowley will lecture for us on close-up magic, and that will happen the month before our close-up competition.

Can we keep the Navy method going? Maybe not 100% of the time, but we can certainly make it work at least some of the time and let our members practice and show off what they have learned.



Remember, for those of you who want to perform in the Ring 96, May close-up competition, you must be a member in good standing (Paid up) by our February meeting. How to pay your dues? see page 8.

Pre-Meeting Workshop

This month Maestro Kevin Papke taught us his version of Gemini Twins. This is a great effect in which two cards are used to find two more hidden in the deck.

This effect has several possible endings and can also be used as a lead in to other tricks using the two cards that have just been found.

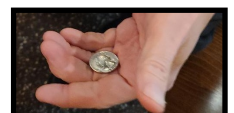
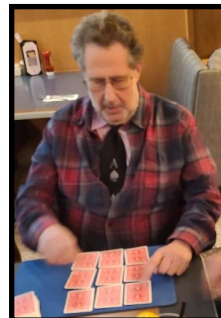
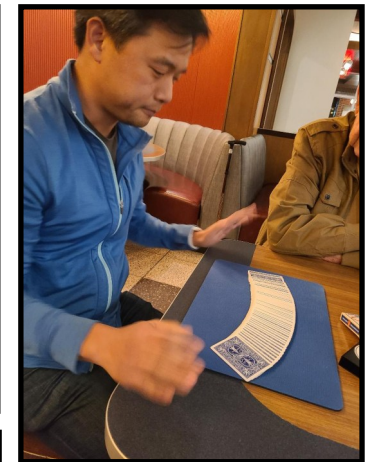
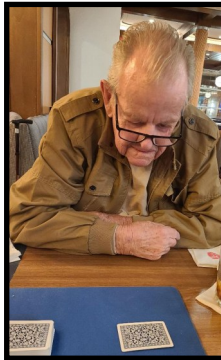
The pre-meeting workshop has been a big success since Kevin started it almost two years ago. Probably the best thing about it is that it gets magicians excited to learn new magic.



January Sessioning

On Monday January 27th we met at Hof's Hut for our monthly session of sessioning. Trevor Yang joined us. He is not a member as of now but expressed an interest in becoming one.

Cliff showed us an elimination trick, while Marshall did a "cold read" find a card trick. Jheff showed us a rather unusual deck that allowing him to find an usual card that matched a prediction. Trevor showed us a reversed cut messed up deck that righted itself very neatly. George had poker chips chosen or discarded and the total of his pile and the volunteers pile matched the prediction nicely. Liam brought out an old tired page of a book and predicted what word would be chosen. It was a great night, you should join us.



The new year has begun, pay your Ring 96 dues today.



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

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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.
<https://www.magician.org/>**



join us for a Ring 96
Session of Sessioning

Monday, February 24th 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!



<http://hofshut.com/locations/seal-beach>

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Seal Beach, CA 90740

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Spot 5 differences



February's Birthdays

Cliff Gerstman

Marty Gorman



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

Quote of the month!

"The magician and the politician have much in common: they both have to draw our attention away from what they are really doing."

- Ben Okri

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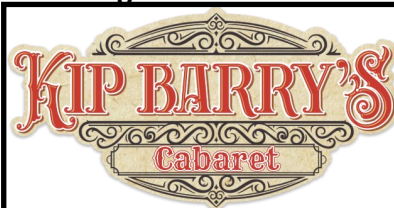
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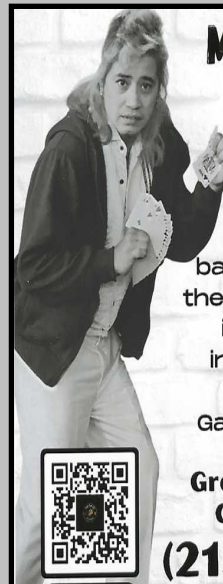
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