

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics
Meets 4th Thursday at 6:45 PM each month
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Tis the middle of summer break, and our June meeting found many members off travelling...but for the seven that made it to the meeting, we had 100% participation and a lot of magic to see. Our theme for the night was “Now You See It – Appearances” and Bev Coffey started us off with a Miser’s Dream using a clear plastic cup inside of a cloth bag. Mike Stratman did an Appearing Cane from a silk and also made three silks appear from an empty box. Michael Priestap performed a medley of appearances silently to Led Zeplin’s “Stairway to Heaven.”

During our Open Mic segment, Luke McCloskey did the 5X5 card trick having five spectators each think of a different card from a different pack, and he divined them all. He also did a series of ambitious card moves with a Five of Diamonds that in the end was scorched in the deck. Michael Messing borrowed a deck of cards and did a couple of his favorites including dealing a royal flush from a shuffled deck. And we were happy to have Bob Carter with us and he had a Rising Tie (that apparently was medically induced!). To end the performances, Jack Wilson showed a Work-in-Progress using a “Reader Rest” that he saw on Shark Tank that he used to perform a “sinking deck” as an alternative to a Rising Card; other ideas were discussed.

Several Ring 58 members will be in San Antonio for the annual convention. Mike Stratman is the co-chairman for the event, and Michael Messing is the official photographer for The Linking Ring. Also attending will be Jack Wilson and Tom Vorjohan will be stopping by as well. In our own area, Dollywood is featuring Brad Ross through July 10, and members will be going as a group on the 9th. On the near horizon, we will be hosting a lecture by Dan Fleshman on October 27.

Tom Vorjohan & Jack Wilson