

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:45 PM each month  
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The July meeting was shortly after many members attended the Combined Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, and Ring 58 had a good showing: David Fee, Bill Osburn, Jack Wilson, Shank Kothare, official I.B.M. photographer Michael Messing, newly appointed Executive Committee member Tom Vorjohan, convention committee assistant chairman Mike Stratman, and Ed Ripley who competed in the Close-Up Competition and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the SAM contest, the rarely-awarded SAM originality award, and received an invitation to next year's FISM competition! Way to go Ed!!

To kick off our performances, we had a wonderful initiation performance by Samantha Rieger. She turns seven in three days, and became our youngest member ever with her performance with some crayon clairvoyance, a card trick, crayons that turned into a silk and a fun Coloring Book routine. We even were able to welcome Samantha with her framed I.B.M. certificate.

Our theme for the night was "What Goes 'Round, Comes Around." Our illustrious president, John Hopper, kicked things off with a Square Circle filled with sponge balls, a round rope and other magical stuff. Mike Stratman did a ring and shoestring effect and also a larger ring and rope routine that he believes came from Phil Willmarth. Jack Wilson had made up a Max Maven effect that Max taught in Louisville with pictures of fruits and vegetables. Former Ring 58 member Barry Rice was in town for a fund raiser show, and he made it to the meeting to our meeting to perform some half dollar vanishes and appearances along with Ammar's Coins thru Scarf.

Bill Osburn did a couple of different effects; first a bag of water that he could get water out of without puncturing it, and then a three-coin divination that he got at the Combined Convention. Tom Vorjohan told the story of meeting Martin Lewis at the convention and seeing the creator struggle with his own Sidewalk Shuffle...then Tom struggled and improvised his way through it too. As we segued into our Works in Progress segment, Michael Pries tap borrowed Ann Houghton's ring and made it appear in a brass casket of sorts. Bill Sturgis did a candle and flashpaper effect, and Tom Vorjohan did his latest purchase from Haines: Caught Red Handed by Michael Mode.

For Show and Tell, Bill Sturgis brought in some sort of Japanese silk thru mirror. Tom Vorjohan showed his nine-gear fidget spinner that he wished did a trick, and Jason Rieger showed pictures and talked about going to the AbracadaBAR at the Boardwalk Resort in Disney World. To end the performances, Bev Coffey turned a metal square round and then did a mathematical effect on an easel he brought in. A great evening of magic!

Tom Vorjohan