

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics
Meets 4th Thursday at 6:45 PM each month
Messiah Lutheran Church
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In September, we had ten members along with three family members and one first-time visitor (Tommy Bell) attending. It was good to have Tom Vorjohan attending with a yard pass from the rehab center. Business was brief including a couple updates on the Winter Carnival – Mike Woodward will again be our stage shows director and Stephen Bargatze has been added to the list of performers.

Our theme “Up in the Air” had Bill Osburn kicking things off with a pirate themed Chop Cup routine (because September 19 was “Pirate Day”...who knew?). Michael Priestap started with an Invisible Card routine that came straight out of thin air and then a Rising Card effect. Tom Vorjohan showed a funny stool sample (that he had been getting great mileage from at the hospital and rehab center!), showed an economy Marked Deck, performed a new version of Any Card at Any Number, then used a steampunk “Thought Sender” to have the group divine a selected card.

Bev Coffey mentioned that he has Shrine Circus tickets then did a floating gift bag that caught us off guard and then he did a routine with “Fly Cards” and a fly swatter. For Show & Tell time, Jack Wilson passed around Harry Lorayne’s Jaw Droppers 2. Jack also let the group know that this was his 40th consecutive month of attendance that started back during his presidency...rather impressive! As we started the Open Mic portion, Bill Sturgis had a card selected and lost; it was found stuck to the bottom of a top hat that had been there the entire time. John Hopper showed his “Little Blue Box” and a red sponge ball appeared from thin air. Then he made salt vanish from a shaker and reappear in the covered shaker. To end the evening, we were glad to have Samantha Rieger make it to the meeting to perform a very fun Rising Card effect.

Tom Vorjohan