

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics
Meets 4th Thursday at 6:45 PM each month
Messiah Lutheran Church
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Early in the month of June, eleven members and two family members enjoyed a great lecture by Trevor Duffy. Trevor covered a dozen different routines including coins, cards, some smoke and even a can of pears! “Good attitude makes all the difference,” Trevor stated as he was talking after the break about how he uses affirmations during the day. Trevor’s commercial effect with his Phil Deck was great to see in the creator’s hands, and Birthday Trick was a favorite that he performed to end the nearly two-hour lecture.

Only eight members were available for the regular meeting later in the month. Our new treasurer, Jack Wilson, had done some excellent transitional work with our accounts and putting together balance sheets. After some updates we started performing “Money Magic” for the evening. Mike Stratman did a trio of effects including a payday story, Money through Funnel, and Coins through Table. John Hopper performed one of his favorites from a Daryl effect where he removed the center from a dollar and restored it.

Michael Priestap changed a dollar bill into a dollar coin. Bill Sturgis did a variation of “Splitting the Atom” with the transposition of a penny and dime using a silver coin box. Michael Messing showed his Flaming Wallet without a flame, and then turned five blank pieces of paper into five one-dollar bills with the last bill growing into a jumbo \$100 bill. Harold Whipps changed a \$5 bill into a \$10 bill and then into a \$20 bill. Jack Wilson got advice from Siri whether a covered coin was heads or tails up. Kyle Copeland did a three-coin divination (Rich Lax’s “Grab Bag”) and then explained how to make and perform his walking through a dollar bill while a spectator holds an open flap.

As we moved into Show & Tell and Open Mic, Michael Priestap showed off a new fold-flat table that he got from the Larry McMechan auction last month in Eaton, Ohio. Mike Stratman show an Ultimate Coin Wand that was made by Bill Spooner. Michael Messing presented one of the routines he’s doing at the summer libraries “Beatles Frolic” based on a Sammy Smith creation. And to wrap things up, Harold Whipps showed the Jelly Monster – a monkey puppet from a cake box. Fun times were had by all, and once again – for the second consecutive month – we had 100% participation from all the members!

Tom Vorjohan