

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00 PM each month  
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Ah, school has started back for east Tennessee, and that was the theme for this month's meeting: Back to School. We had 21 members and three guests present; only a couple were tardy, and we were sorry to have so many unexcused absences! Our president (should I call him the principal for this month?), Kyle Copeland, started the magic with an encouraging book report about the Card College series. He then taught a trick with a great subtlety where a chosen card ends up inverted in the deck.

Michael Priestap had us all turning blue with his joke and then he did a bass-ackwards version of Oscar that he calls Gretchen. John Bloor did a card effect with four of a kind that changed and morphed in every way...it was Bruce Cervon's Dirty Deal. Tom Vorjohan also had a teacher joke ready to go and then taught a version of a Cut and Restored rope that he first learned from his first magic book, Magic Digest. It was nearly idiot proof...nearly! Ed Denny did a great book report on the Kalush & Sloman Houdini book.

Bill Osburn appealed to the geeky side of many of us as he caused a milar butterfly to float using a hand-held Van der Graaff generator...too cool! He also taught a way to make a toothpick vanish. Ed Ripley, who could barely contain himself after seeing the miniature generator, lectured next on his latest find: a RF remote for an iPod. Don Cox dug through his drawers at home to find a very novel spelling trick with a deck of cards that spelled out M-A-G-I-C. Shane Miller did an effect with a regular deck where it appears he is exposing the Key Card method, but then finds the selected card on top of the deck.

Danny Justice took us back to "Health" class as he showed the Multiplying Rabbits. Michael Messing has begun sharing his performing wisdom with the group and discussed how to set up a performing table. He also gave a book report on the new Doug Henning book by John Harrison which he read in four days. To end the evening before adjourning to Applebees, one of our guests, Jon Finley, did his initiation performance and really impressed the group with some of his card handling and a few tricks. We welcomed Jon to our club!

Tom Vorjohan