

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics
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Once again we had strong attendance for the July meeting; 23 members along with two family members and four paid guests came out to the Wesley House for our lecture. Member Ken Muller had arranged for Marcelo Insua, better known as Mr. Tango, to come to Knoxville to lecture for us, so we met a week earlier than normal to match up with Mr. Tango's travel schedule.

Mr. Tango specializes in coin magic, and that's what he did. Although his lecture was one of our shortest in history at just over an hour, he was able to present just about every classic coin effect. He did 3 Fly, Matrix, a signed coin to can and to a pepper, a Copper/Silver routine, Coins through Table, and a Shadow Coin routine to coin explosion. He said this was "stress free coin magic" because every effect utilized his special-made gimmick coin – the T.U.C. It is a very well-made gaffed coin, and he offered it in a variety of U.S. coin types from a quarter to a half dollar to a Walking Liberty. The gimmick is somewhat expensive, but he gave the Ring a significant discount at the lecture.

There was one card routine, and it had us all hooked to see how he did it. Even it was a "stress free card magic" and didn't require anything but a standard deck of cards.

Since Mr. Tango was in the States for the I.B.M. convention, he offered us a free lecture as long as we met a certain number of members attending...that was a great offer that other lecturers who do a "dealer demo" like this should consider. Although Mr. Tango was apologetic for his broken English, his lecture clearly came across to many members who eagerly purchased his coins and enjoyed his routines.

Tom Vorjohan