

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics
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It was “The Least” we could do for the nineteen of us at the meeting! That was our theme for November, and it was a lot of fun. Before the performances started, Jack Wilson gave his initiation performance doing an effect with a rope, Ammar’s Crazy Man’s Handcuffs, and Mir-a-Skill. We welcomed him to the Ring!

Our president, Kyle Copeland, took the “least” idea to the max as he gave a brief book review of Ken Weber’s “Maximum Entertainment.” Mike Stratman then used the “least money” to do a math calculation with some money in a spectator’s hand...which ended up being two-and-a-half cents! Ed Ripley used the “least props” and made a straightened paperclip bend between his fingertips.

Ken Muller did the “least expected” as he used links from a chain to do a series of vanishes, links, and penetrations. Stephen Knowles even surprised himself with a trick that uses the “least contact with a magician” that could be done on the radio. Two cards thought of by each of us in the group was found side-by-side in our own shuffled deck of cards. Zac Johnson said it was the “least impressive ever” but he masterfully did some manipulation of a cheap Bic pen and its cap. Maybe we are just easily impressed!

Bill Osburn used the “least amount of practice” to show a set of four cards that had been riveted together yet he was able to get them to change places. Tom Vorjohan strayed from the theme and showed the largest magic book we have ever seen, then he did the “least coins for a coin trick” as he used invisible coins to match a prediction under his hand. Larry Findley also used the “least props” as he did a series of finger manipulations including a very awesome removal of his thumb.

John Bloor teased that this was the trick he was “least able to do” but pulled off Dan Harlan’s Transparent Cards with a prediction. Jason Rieger had some amusing patter to present the “least that he could do” where his volunteer did all the work to match a predicted card...very cute! Roger Reeves did another “least expected” when he reached up and pulled off an ear rather than finding a coin behind it. And finally, Akal Krau did Brother John Hamman’s Final Twist which was the “least” or shall we say “last” trick of the night.

Tom Vorjohan