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What an honor to have Boris Wild "in the house" for a special lecture to our Ring in November. This was his "Sensations" lecture tour, and he had to rush it a little bit to get done in 2 ½ hours! Our normal meeting night falls on Thanksgiving, so it was great that we could have fifteen members and a couple guests attend this first Tuesday of the month.

His first effect was an incredible "No Touch" was one that had all of us dumbfounded as he never touched the cards, then repeated it with a spectator playing the part of the magician. It was an incredible display of what is possible with Boris' signature gimmick. The other five tricks he did over the remainder of the lecture were also amazing reputation-making effects. He started with his Ten Max which was a great ten-card poker deal...without a mention of the game of poker! He also mentioned many other routines that could be used with the same premise. One was done blindfolded, one was Boris' version of Any Card at Any Number using two decks followed by another clean version of the same with just one deck. His final effect, Pure Telepathy, was an ideal parlor effect with a black-mesh bag and an impossible premise.

Yes, it was only six effects in the two and a half hours, and they were all card effects; but the power of using marked cards was an eye-opener for many of us who had no idea that was how he accomplished so much during the night. Thanks, Boris, for including Knoxville as a stop on your tour.

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