

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:45 PM each month  
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The Covid-19 continues to impact performers and even our Ring...as we were still not able to meet at our normal church because they remain closed during the pandemic. But Tom Vorjohan was coming up to the area for the meeting, and he opened his spacious back deck to the eleven members who could make it. Tom provided and grilled burgers and brats, and everyone else brought something to go with it; this was a wonderful time of fellowship, and the 800 square-foot deck provided plenty of room for us to spread out enjoying Becky Ripley's brownies and Molly Wilson's peanut butter cookies as the finale. Mmmm!

Time for some magic! Jack Wilson did the coin trick from David Ginn's One-Man Parade in the June issue, and several people also tried the balancing act found on page 117. Harold Whipps did a Three Card Monte where all three cards changed at the end. Bill Sturgis had a big production with three wooden chests and three matching predictions. Tom Vorjohan showed a new card force using a double-back card and then did a topical Covid Match trick with emoticons relevant to the time. Ed Ripley did a double prediction card effect.

Bill Osburn did a dealing demonstration for the bridge players to think about, and he also showed his latest project using servo motors and a poster that will soon have moving eyes and a card revelation! John Hopper showed two of the decks that are now available at CVS/Walgreens, and pointed out that they also come with a double backer. Evan Bishop did a very clean version of Canibal Queens that he got from a new book called "Nine of Diamonds" by Mark Beecham and Neil Stirton.

Michael Messing brought his copy of Tim Hennig's book "Perform" which is all about working for kids and family audiences; Michael highly recommended it. Victor Agreeda showed the latest deck switch from Vanishing Inc. called "The Cooler" by Christian Engbloom. Then Tim Pressley brought some awesome pieces of three truck loads that he was given by Claude Ferguson, a pastor and Christain magician in Knoxville who recently passed away. Claude was the first person Tim saw perform, and he was instrumental in helping Tim get into magic. This was fun to watch Tim go through just the tip of the iceberg of this lifetime collection.

Tom Vorjohan