

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics

Meets 4th Thursday at 6:45 PM each month

Messiah Lutheran Church

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As we headed to the end of August, we had just ten members join in the fun at the fellowship hall of the Messiah Lutheran Church. Plans are forging forward for the Winter Carnival of Magic on March 10-12, 2022, and we just added juggler Howard Mincone and Atlanta's own Fool Us Fooler, Doc Dixon, to the lineup. In the meantime, we have a lecture, trip to Terry Evanswood's home and our annual Holiday Party to look forward to over the next few months.

Our theme for the evening was "Magnetic Magic" (or anything sticky for that matter), and Bill Osburn kicked things off with a self-playing violin that he got at Big Lots last year and modified with a read-switch that made it eerily come on and off with the wave of a wand. Bill also had the latest Shin Lim magic set that he showed. Michael Priestap had several pieces of magnetic magic including a lock with only one key that worked, a magnetic hollow shell, and a gorgeous ring on shoelace that went on and off effortlessly. Bill Sturgis showed a set of black and white chips that turned to various colors right before our eyes.

Jack Wilson had the perfect pen that he used to penetrate through a borrowed ten-dollar bill, and passed both out for examination. Victor Agreda performed a flash change of a card to a watch and then showed the magic that can be done with the magnet in place on the latest iPhones. He also recently purchased the coveted Switch One when it was released, and we should see it in the near future. Tim Pressley showed a give-a-way that he uses with a miniature penny which prompted Bill Osburn to tell us that there is supposed to be a way to shrink actual coins with electromagnetics. Although Tom Vorjohan was the only virtual Ring member online (and in Florida) for the meeting, he shared a couple "works in progress" with the Burmese Bells and Barry Richardson's Rice Jar suspension. He finished with a few magnetic effects including CW's Perfect Time, Chalet Magic's version of What's Next and Steve Hart's magnetic Window of Opportunity.

To end the meeting, our talking point was about our "epic failures" which got funny stories from Tom Vorjohan's 3rd show in 1977, Michael Messing's cruise ship opening night where he had he wrong card for a McCombial Deck, Victor Agreda had a bill stuck, Bill Osburn had invisible markings in a semi-dark room, and Tim Pressley had a rising card story that was completely different. We may have had a small group, but a lot of fun was had by all.

Tom Vorjohan