

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics

Meets 4th Thursday at 6:45 PM each month

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Fourteen members were joined by one guest, Doug Floyd, who had been a member of the Ring back in the 80's, and he is looking forward to coming back after all this time. The group is planning to go to Jason Hudy's matinee show on August 19, and the Ring-sponsored "Magic Trunk Sale" is planned for September 9. Our theme for tonight was "Floating" and our President and Program Chairman, Victor Agreda, was the first of twelve performers as he opened with Angelo Carbone's Floating Card put out by Tenyo with a selected card rising from the face-down pack.

Ed Ripley dropped by as he drove back to Knoxville from New Orleans where he had emceed the contests at the SAM Convention; he wasn't allowed to do magic, so he told a couple stories that he used during his emcee position. Bill Osburn did a fast and flavorful appearance of a box of chocolates that he purchased from Daytona Magic while at the I.B.M. Convention in Pittsburgh earlier in the month. Michael Priestap did a classic with a match that floated up from a playing card.

Since he had purged a lot of his magic collection for his recent move, Mike Stratman floated a wine glass rather than a Zombie ball then passed out a couple of the I.B.M. Convention giveaways to members. Roy Schubert did a bit of mental sight from across the room as he announced the three chosen cards that were placed in Ed's various pockets. John Gyllenhaal performed Luber Fielder's Master of Control with two clear lucite triangles and two correct predictions. He also shared the Jerry Andrus' floating illusion that is part of his STEM show. Bill Sturgis also did a piece of mental magic with five ESP symbol cards that a spectator correctly matched all five times on a large upright board.

Sharing a piece he learned from the I.B.M. Convention, Jack Wilson showed two different tongue-in-cheek ways to count fingers as eleven; Tom Vorjohan who was on Zoom shared his method that would work well for a series of three. Michael Messing, who was the official photographer at the I.B.M. Convention, showed the three coins that he is photographing that are being given away by President Arkin, and he gave away his poster of guest of honor, Jim Steinmeyer. Tom Vorjohan showed the huge thumb tip used to float a glass (similar to what Mike Stratman had done), then he taught a card effect that he had learned from Bob Klase a few months ago that is very deceptive. To wrap up the performances, Tom Raidy did a beautiful performance piece of the Three Shell game set to a poem "to beware the scoundrel!"

Tom Vorjohan