

No. 244 Long Island, New York - Frank Garcia Ring

Meets 4th Thursday, Plainview Public Library, Plainview, New York

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It's now the fourth Thursday in July. In August, we will meet on the third Thursday and in September; we will be back to our normal first Thursday meeting time. Scheduling has been very disjointed while our regular meeting location undergoes a massive reconstruction.

Kevin Rhodehouse ably emceed the July festivities the topic of which was: Best Trick; first Trick: Greatest Response. Kevin started out with a bill switch and reproduced the signed bill from inside a live Kiwi. He followed that with the first trick he learned which was the little plastic Royal Cups and Balls. Next up was Jack Diamond who started with an impromptu rising card from the center of the deck that he learned at very young age from The Amateur Magician's Handbook. He followed that with a spectator cuts the aces effect and closed with a Wesley James ace assembly called LSD Aces. I'll bet you that trick was developed in the late sixties or early seventies. What do you think? Our next performer was not on the original bill, but he was able to jump in share a few things. Eric DeCamps performed two absolutely outstanding coin routines. The first was an Okito box routine using three silver dollars. This was followed by Fung Shey Coins where three Chinese coins with holes in the center are laced onto a ribbon and, one by one, they escape from the ribbon. And this is the stuff that he's "working" on. The unfortunate lad who got to follow Eric was Bill Gray who performed a card effect entitled Swiss Deck. Next up was Bill Krupskas who performed the 26 Cent Trick which was shown to him over 25 years ago by Larry Seaman. He followed that with Doc Eason's Anniversary Waltz which is always a crowd pleaser. Bob Lusthaus performed mathematical any card at any number bit that he also got from The Amateur Magician's Handbook when he was a kid. He also

demonstrated an observation test trick called Double Deck. Mike Goldman was next and he did a sleight of hand any card at any number (as long as it was between 10 and 20) shown to him by Simon Lovell and a torn and restored card effect shown to him by Tom Mullica. Name dropper. Bill White found a selected card by listening to the deck and found another using a key card. Karl Molinaro then demonstrated a card trick that you could do while wearing a Speedo and while in the pool. Our President closed the show with the first trick that his father showed him which was the vanish and reappearance of a coin. Then he performed Wild Card, which hooked him on magic forever. His last trick was Joe Riding's version of cut and restored Professor's Nightmare. Until next month.

Bill Krupskas, O.M.