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Well, it's September and you know what that means..... it's not August any more! Wayne Haarhaus set up the show this month and the theme was Bar Magic meaning we should try and use props usually found in a bar. Wayne "opened" four bars called the Bucket of Blood, the Drunken Clam, the Rusty Nail and the Oar House. The "bartenders" stayed put and all the patrons barhopped around the room. There was no shortage of performing bartenders. So what does that tell you? You figure it out. As I was one of the bartenders, I did not get to see everyone do all their stuff, but I'll talk about what I did see.

President Jonathan Frede performed a number of card tricks including Paul Harris' Overkill. Don Burger performed Gravity Cap, a ring on string bit and a routine using a combination lock. Ziggy, Dave Levitan and Joe Silkie were all doing a lot of those bar bets. Bill Krupskas produced dollar bills from inside a coaster, performed a penetration using wine bottle corks, Michael Close's straw and shoelace routine and closed with the sucker torn and restored cocktail napkin and a napkin rose. Bob Weinowitz and Bob Lusthaus were also demonstrating various bar bets. I also saw Bob Dorian performing the Endless Chain. At the Bucket of Blood, I saw TVP Bill White performing a paddle routine using a swizzle stick, a karate coin bit using a beer bottle cap, a spirit nut routine using a book of matches and a few bar bet items. I also Nicholas Paul vanish a glass ala the saltshaker method.

It was a lot of fun working behind the bar, but the best part of the evening was the fact that I made a few dollars in tips.

Bill Krupskas, O.M.