

No. 244 Long Island, New York - Frank Garcia Ring
Meets 1st Thursday, Syosset Public Library, Syosset, New York
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Our March meeting was a welcome home party of sorts. After nearly two years of major renovation, our regular meeting place at the Syosset Public Library finally re-opened. It's great to be back home again! Our meeting was lead by Bruce Freiden who came up with a variation of teach a trick night. This time it was "teach a trick that you can perform after you have had a few drinks". Most of us seem to perform even better the more our audience drinks, but it doesn't usually work the other way around! Bruce started off the evening with a penetration effect using wine bottle corks. Mike Raccuia followed up with a wonderful routine with a matchbook as well as some cigarette manipulation. Mike finished up with a coins across routine that utilized a glass. Don Burger performed a few card routines, including a comedy routine which included the use of a mirror on a long extending wand. Magic-Al Garber taught an impromptu cigarette vanish that really looked great! Al also performed and revealed an impressive stand-up triumph routine. Mike Goldman performed and revealed a few card miracles, one of which included an effect where Mike never even touches the deck and the spectator does all the work. Next up was Eric Greenberg performing and teaching an Out of this World routine. Ed Haas wrapped up the evening with a nice routine using a stacked deck. Ed noted that to ensure that the routine would work after having a few drinks, he polished off a bottle of wine while rehearsing the night before! There are no bounds to the lengths guys in our ring go through for the advancement of the magical arts!

In early March, members Wayne and MaryAnne Haarhaus were featured on the Discovery Channel on a show entitled It Takes a Thief. The premise of the show is thieves break into a home in order to demonstrate the inadequacy of the homeowner's security system. The fact that in this case, it was magician's home, the show highlighted the pratfalls encountered as the thieves stumbled upon magic props as they robbed the house. In return, Wayne and MaryAnne receive a state of the art home security makeover and all their stuff back.

Bill Krupskas, O.M.