

**No. 244 Long Island, New York - Frank Garcia Ring
Meets 1st Thursday, Syosset Public Library, Syosset, New York
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We convened on our regular meeting night in June and were extremely lucky to be part of Mark Mason's tour. Mark is an inventor, trick producer, demonstrator, comedian, performer and all-around nice guy.

You can really tell what kind of magician Mark is when the "big boys" in the area, headed up by Seth Kramer, come out to take in the lecture.

Mark opened with an item called Stuck up Monte. I think it's the best monte I've ever seen and I can't wait to add it to my repertoire. He then did an ambitious card routine that climaxed with the production of the selected card from inside his shoe! He had an alternate ending where the signed card visibly escaped from inside a card box. He performed an item called Coin Flux, which is a three-coin matrix that you have to see to believe. His Hindu Rope Surprise is a comedy cut and restored rope with an extremely unique ending. He also performed and explained his Attitude Force, which is his take on the Classic Force that is simply outstanding! He also demonstrated his Put and Take Move where a signed card, clearly placed in his shirt pocket re-appears in the deck of cards a few seconds later. Outstanding!

Mark also has many tricks that he has either invented or produced many of which are based on some really devious principles. Sometimes you just wonder how he thinks this stuff up. His most amazing piece was an item called Come Fly With Me that is a sleight-free version of Three Fly Three. It was expensive but you have to see it to believe it.

Switching gears, member Eric DeCamps is wrapping up the two-month run of his one-man show, An Intimate Evening of Magic that is playing in Rockefeller Center in New York City. I saw the show as did other members and we are all in agreement that it was an amazing show and

that Eric was in top form. I really hope that he can reprise the show sometime in the future so more people have the opportunity to see it. We attended the show with two other couples, who are lay people, and they gave it a jaw-dropping four thumbs up!

Bill Krupskas, O.M.