

April equals Animation. That's right; threads, loops, reels and whatever. Surprisingly, we had a lot of brave souls willing to risk a broken thread.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Kevin Rhodehouse, he of performing on five continents fame. Kevin started things off with Michael Ammar's Floating Life Saver and then introduced Don Engstrand and his friend Rodney Geller. Don does ventriloquism and his friend Rodney bends spoons. Don also performed Animated Finger Bingo from the book Hidden Numerical Forces. Kevin was back with a haunted matchbox routine. Our next performer, Terry Oberman, demonstrated a haunted deck routine. Kevin was back with a floating beer can bit. Next up was Mike Raccuia who intended to float a dollar bill but he broke a thread - first one of the evening. Kevin was back with a floating glass. Bill White, who apparently also dabbles in ventriloquism, brought along his dummy in the person of Scott Interrante. Together they performed a Zombie and a dancing handkerchief routine. But the most amazing thing was Scott was able to talk while Bill was drinking water. Simply amazing! Kevin was back with a floating napkin rose that changed into a real rose. Billy Gray did the voice over while Magic-Al Garber floated a bottle and then himself. Bill Krupskas did a color changing deck Chicago Opener card routine and immediately made a selected card rise out of the same deck. Then, all of a sudden, his sunglasses that had been on the table began to roll over and move around. With the help of a Spider Pen, Nicholas Paul made my wedding ring float, I think. Since it was my ring, as part of the presentation, I did not get to see it. I know Bob Weinowitz closed the show with some nice effects but actually, I cannot read my notes and I don't remember it having anything to do with threads or loops or strings or whatever, but it was still good.

So, on animation night, I think we had only one broken thread and except for two floating bottles, no duplications. Considering nine people performed, I think that was pretty good. Don't you?

Bill Krupskas, O.M.