

June is bustin' out all over. We had a pretty unique topic for June – Out of the Box. Whatever that means. Those who performed took the topic many different ways as you will see as you continue reading.

Our host for the evening was Zach Mandel and Zach put together a really nice program. First up was Kevin Rhodehouse and Kevin performed U.F. Grant's Victory Carton Illusion producing his son Kyle. I think that was the first illusion performed around here in a long time. Kevin had to go on first because his son had to be in bed by 9:30 for school the next day. Harry Mandel, host Zach's dad, was next and he gave us his take on the Dagger Head Chest. Well it was a box. Next up was Don Engstrand and he came up with a big cardboard box filled with numbered paper bags and he performed an item from Max Maven's Nothing DVD. Bob Weinowitz followed this madness. He took two big cardboard boxes and asked that a spectator choose one. The chosen box contained a deck of cards and Bob asked the spectator to deal the cards and stop wherever she wanted which she did beautifully. The other big box also contained another deck of cards. Bob uncased the deck and placed it into his hand and a card began to rise. When the spectator turned her card face up, it matched the rising card! While in his basement, Magic Al Garber found an item called the Egyptian Water Box and used it to vanish a glass of water. Someone asked Al if he actually paid retail for this item and he did admit to doing so but he could not remember when but he believed to be an extremely long time ago. Earlier in the day, Ziggy took delivery of a recently purchased product, Astor Epic, which is a no force version of Mental Epic. He took it out of the box for the first time and performed it for the club, and since it was a no force version which I believe is kind of new, he "got" a bunch of the guys. Our final performer of the evening was Dan Sterling. Dan just used a big box to carry his props for his version of the 1,089 force.

It was a fun night! When give a somewhat off beat topic for the evening's show, it's always fun to see how the members handle it and stay on point. The show finished early and since we did not have to vacate the room for about 45 minutes, everyone just hung around shootin' the breeze and having fun. Next month's topic is Icebreakers, so anything is possible.

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