

Our September meeting was a workshop. Our evening's producer was Dave Levitan and rounded up three additional guys and we had really good evening. In fact, all the members were notified in advance of the meeting and were told to bring various props so they could follow along and practice with the various instructors. David started the night off with a demonstration of the Hunter's Bow knot. He discussed how the knot was tied along with applications such as vanishing the knot, sliding the knot and various other ideas.

Don Engstrand was next and he demonstrated an item from his new book where he predicts the total of three randomly selected three digit numbers. When he discussed the method with the group, he explained that the principle he uses is his own creation which really impressed the crowd.

Next up was Ed Hass who taught Card to Pocket as explained in the Amateur's Magician Handbook. The hook for this trick was the teaching of the Top Palm but, as Ed explained, this presentation provides a huge amount of misdirection to do the palm. He said it was a great way to practice the palm and gain confidence under fire and once the confidence was gained, well then anything is possible.

Ziggy was our final performer for the evening and he demonstrated Jay Sankey's Paper Clipped. This item is directly out of his current performing repertoire and he said that it never fails to amaze the audience. The major move for this trick was the Mercury Card Fold and Ziggy took his time and went over all the nuances necessary to perform the sleight correctly.

It was a really good meeting and I think that everyone there learned something. I know Dave Levitan did because after the meeting, at the diner, I noticed that Dave had Mercury Card Folded an entire deck of cards. He started practicing early.

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