

It's now June and we had a lecture on the schedule. Peter Pitchford made the drive up the Jersey turnpike from Philadelphia and out onto Long Island to deliver the goods. And deliver he did!

Peter started things off with about five minutes of his manipulation act. He started with a balloon and blew up a golf ball size bubble and proceeded to pluck it off and on the balloon a few times ending up with a real white ball. He then produced three additional different colored balls and they all eventually transformed into various different objects that completed the outfit that Peter was wearing. Following his performance, Peter discussed his use of the Topit which he used many times during his performance. He then enthusiastically spoke about the different Topits used by other magicians that have a reputation for using the Topit and then he explained how his was different along with why it was different. In magic, Peter fashions himself as a manipulator first and much of what he presented was geared to that facet of magic. After the Topit discussion, Peter demonstrated a routine using three different colored Sharpies and an item called the Bling Thing that uses a beautiful ring that was made from a genuine silver coin.

After halftime, Peter demonstrated a wonderful ball point pen manipulation routine, and a coin item he calls Pick Pocketing, where he is actually picking his own pocket. He than showed us a very nice routine using the bounce / no bounce balls and not the grape-size balls but golf ball size balls. Next, he showed us his unique take on the Egg Bag. He made some modifications to the existing Egg Bag to produce a nice routine that would work very well in kid shows. His final routine was a coin to pen Spellbound routine.

This was the first time I have seen Peter perform/lecture and I must say I enjoyed it very much. Judging by the amount of applause he received and the time many members spent speaking with Peter at the end of the evening, it seemed that that the entire membership enjoyed

it very much also. If you enjoy watching and performing magic that is long on manipulation, then Peter is your guy.