

The topic for our September meeting was one that is near and dear to my heart, Bar Magic. Our emcee for the evening, Don Burger had four bars set up in our meeting room and assigned one or two bartenders to each location. With that, all the bartenders did their thing for ten minutes or so and then there was a last call and all the customers then left and went to a different bar.

At the first bar, named the Bucket of Blood, for reasons that I am unaware, bartenders Bill White and Bob Dorian entertained. Bill performed a Monte effect and Back Flip ending with Budweiser cards. Bob predicted two cards using a blank die that once belonged to Big Julie from Guys and Dolls, an ace assembly using a champagne flute and miniature cards, the endless chain and a chop cup routine.

Bob Weinowitz and Nick Paul were tending the next bar. Bob performed one of those bar bets to try to win a drink. Nick demonstrated a chop cup bit using a cocktail shaker, beer bottle caps to glass item, a liquid suspension in a dollar bill and Paul Wilson's Predator.

Bill Krupskas was the next bartender and he demonstrated part of the card act he does when he actually gets behind the bar. He opened with the aptly named Doc's Opener by Doc Eason followed by Paul Green's Jeopardy which his take on Simon Aronson's Shuffleboard. This was followed by John Bannon's Photo Logic using Magic Cubes for that magical moment. Bill says he still has a stash and some audience members had never even seen one before! Bill then closed with Fill in the Blank Transpo by David Regal.

Our final bar was manned by Don Engstrand. Don opened with the Mother of all book tests, Frank Garcia's mental die mystery, a T.A. Water's number prediction effect and an effect using ESP Cards. The second act included Oz Pearlman's Perfection, an apparent impromptu memorized deck effect, another number prediction and a Barrie Richardson item.

A great night of magic! Just wish we could have actually worked behind a real bar so we could have indulged in some adult beverages. In addition to our upcoming meetings, along with

the Long Island Mystics of the SAM, we will be co-hosting a lecture by Gregory Wilson, he of Hundy 500 and Pointless fame.