

**No. 244 Long Island, New York - Frank Garcia Ring
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The theme for our February meeting was Closers hosted by Magic-Al Garber... That's a pretty broad category, but we saw a lot of great magic!

First up as always was Don Engstrand. Don demonstrated strayed from his favorite mentalism and demonstrated a block through rope penetration. He was back on track with his next effect which was a demonstration of Gilbreath's second principle using ESP cards. Magic Al then performed his version of the bill switch. Dan Miller followed with an item called Matching Picture Cards by Nick Trost. Harry Mandel followed with a Nathan Kranzo prediction effect and a really nice book test. Harry was followed by his son Zack who demonstrated a very nice collector's effect which he called the best collectors trick ever. Josh Kurzban had a blender which doubled as a time machine. He threw a whole bunch of silks into the time machine and turned it on. When he turned it off, he took out one great big silk that had "The End" written on it. Now that's a closer! Mike Maione was next and he gave us his take in the old baby gag bit. Very creative! Bill Krupskas demonstrated one of the closer's he uses when ends a strolling set, a very nice signed card to wallet. Kevin Rhodehouse followed Bill with a very good chop cup routine. Dave Levitan was next and he showed us O'Henry's Slo-Motion Aces from Frank Garcia's green book. Our closer for the evening was Wayne Haarhaus and started with Houdini's Jumping Knot followed by Daryl's Jumping Knot of Pakisatan. Then he demonstrated Docc Hilford's Wizard Manual and then he closed the evening's festivities with (W)Hole Card.

Everyone did a really nice job. Then it was off to the diner.