

Well the September meeting means that summer is over and it's time to get down to some serious magic. Our theme for September was – What one trick would you do if you had to audition for a gig or get the opportunity to perform on television. In other words you had to perform “A” material or at least B+ material and not try out something that you are working on.

Master of Ceremonies, Josh Kurzban started things off by using his I-phone to correctly predict a spectator's randomly named color. Bruce Schneider followed with Max Maven's application for Jay Sankey's Revelations Shirt. Ed Hass then passed a silk handkerchief through a microphone stand. Zach Mandel had a card signed and lost in the deck only to produce it from a box that was sitting on the stage since before the trick began. Kevin Rhodehouse followed with a very nice Chop Cup routine. You know the one. It's the one that Don Alan performed many times on television. Bill Krupskas followed with a card item called Jeopardy which is Paul Green's version of Simon Aronson's Shuffleboard. Sal Mannuzza was next with Aria, which is an Aldo Colombini four ace assembly. Nick Paul then performed Psycho-Kinetic Touching by Derren Brown. Harry Mandel then had his wrists shackled together and placed into a sack and escaped just like Harry Houdini. Chris Ward performed Marked which is packet trick by Bob Jardine. Dave Levitan then demonstrated Imagination where, after selecting a card, a folded up blank card, that is squeezed between a spectators's palms, changes into the selected card. Ziggy was next and, after Nick Paul changed the combination on a lock, he went and locked Nick's wedding ring on to the lock without checking the combination. He then had random number generated and, guess what, that turned out to be the combination and Nick got his ring back. Wayne Haarhaus was next and he performed a very nice Russian Roulette routine using a sharpened pencil, three straws and some envelopes. One of our guests, Ben Cohen, performed a wonderful quick change chapeaugraphy routine. And, last but certainly not least, Terry Oberman held up a small plastic bag containing a penny and a quarter. He then pulled the selected coin right through the bag! And that, as they say, is a wrap. Just one thing though, who is “they?”