

As I sit down to write this, the fellow on the radio just said, “freeze warning tonight”. I don’t think I’m ready for that just as yet. But now, on with the magic. The topic for the evening was Rarely Seen. The membership was challenged by host Ed Hass to use a prop or a sleight or a whatever that is, well, rarely seen.

First up, junior Ring members David Glassman and Nicole Homberger jumped former junior and now senior Ring member Josh Kurzban, covered him in bubble wrap and secured it all with a lot of duct tape. They then had a card selected, shown to the audience and shuffled into the deck by a spectator. When the spectator then went looking for his card, it was nowhere to be found. Then Nicole and Dave got the idea to cut Josh out of his plastic prison and guess what was stuck in his mouth? If you said the selected card, you were right! Instead of rarely seen, I would classify that as never seen! Roy Miller got to follow that madness and he performed a mentalism bit based on Kevin Bacon’s six degrees of separation. This trick used a force where a force name is listed next to only the even numbers on a list of ten. When a spectator is asked to think of a number between one and ten and is then given a list of names and asked to look at the name next to his selected number, he will not see that the name is repeated four more times on the card. You do, however, need to retrieve the card as soon as the spectator sees the name next to his selected number. If you give the spectator a lot of time, he will eventually notice the name being repeated. Sal Mannuzza then performed The Lucky Coin by Roberto Giobbi using the under-utilized Top Change. Good job Sal. Steve Heller aka Professor Sparkle demonstrated Duane Laflin’s silk dyeing routine using the rarely seen Palm-o. He prefers the Palm-o as it holds two silks instead of just the one that a dye tube holds.

Zach Mandel performed Alex Elmsley’s Diamond Cut Diamond which is rarely seen since one would need to perform a whole bunch of second deals. Kevin Rhodehouse also did a never seen routine using David Regal’s Sudden Deck 3, Disposable Deck, David Stone’s Tool and Henry Evans’ Modern Times. He had other stuff too, but I don’t remember. But his routine did have an actual retail value of over \$300.00. Somewhere interspersed in the prior paragraphs, Ed Hass did something really good, but I forgot to write it down. Mike Goldman then demonstrated a card routine using the Kelly Bottom Placement or the Ovet Master Move depending on which time zone you live. He then demonstrated another routine using the Shapeshifter card change. His 9 year old son, Max, the closed the festivities doing a ring on sword bit and an item using a Chick Pan.

I hope that you all noticed our Hocus Pocus Parade in the October issue. If you missed it, go back and check it out. There is some really nice material there.

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