

About half of the membership showed up for the August meeting. I think that's pretty good! The topic for the August meeting was "Things That I Learned at a Ring Meeting".

Terry Oberman was our host and first performer. Terry performed an item called I-Curve Ball where he borrowed my I-phone and held it face down while I scrolled up and down my list of contacts. He then turned it off to preclude seeing anything on the screen, turned it face up and asked me to turn it on and look at the first contact and concentrate on that name. He then told me the name on which I was concentrating. Ziggy followed with an Ambitious Card routine using a blank deck and input from Seth Kramer and David Williamson's pull off signature. In fact, Ziggy uses this routine to obtain the autograph of famous or nearly famous people when performing. He then demonstrated a four card do as I do trick that he learned from the late Bob Elliott. Bob Lusthaus followed with a Name Any Card Again by John Neely which he learned from *The Linking Ring's* Card Corner. Harry Mandel then performed Professor's Nightmare with his "noodle factory" patter that he learned from Bob Elliott. Dan Miller was next and he started off with Super Speller by Tom Craven closed with a coin penetration into a card box that he learned from Bob Elliott. Our next performer was Ed Hass who demonstrated an item called Card in Hand from Ted Annemann's *Jinx*. Bill Krupskas followed Ed with two items that he learned from lectures that were held at Ring meetings. First was Getting to Know You, a nice card item by David Corsaro and Double Back, which is a Jon Allen trick that was performed by Peter Samelson at his lecture. Bill White then borrowed a deck of cards and asked for a volunteer with a deck of cards to leave the room and reverse a card in the deck. While this was happening, Bill did the same thing. When Bill was done, the volunteer returned to the room and both he and Bill spread their deck and, you're not going to believe this and then again, maybe you will, but the reversed cards matched! Bill learned this trick from Bob Elliott. Chris Ward showed us a trick called Lips that he learned from the late Herb Kowal where, after blowing a kiss at a deck, the selected card now has a big pair of ruby red lips on it. Our final performer was Zach Mandel and he performed an item that he learned from *The Linking Ring* called Boomerang Card. As I'm sure that you were able see from reading this that Bob Elliott had quite an influence on Ring 244's membership over the years and is greatly missed by all who knew him. And on a happy note, it was also announced at the meeting that Bob's daughter Jennifer recently gave birth to Happy and Bob's first grandchild, a little girl named Devon. Congratulations!