

In February we had the first of three lectures in four months. And what a way to start! Two-time FISM winner and 1988 IBM award winner for creativity, Gregory Wilson entertained and taught a crowd of nearly 40 magicians and company.

He calls his lecture “Things That I Carry and Use”. He started off with Chip on the Shoulder which is similar in concept to the paper balls over the head bust using a casino gambling chip. He followed that with Pointless where the point of his Bic pen keeps showing up where it’s not supposed to be. Next he performed Exact Change. This is the one where the spectator guesses how much loose change (under a dollar) that Greg has in his pocket. The spectator guesses, Greg removes his pocket change, shows his pocket empty and the change matches the spectator’s guess. Pretty darn good! He followed this with Bandwidth. In this effect, Greg borrows a spectators ring and stretched it so it’s about three inches long. He restores it, then squeezes it so it’s almost flat. Finally, he tosses it in the air and pushes his finger into the ring ala Karate Coin. Greg closed the first half with Illegal Tender. This is a real logical bill switch where a blank piece of paper, as it is folded, slowly morphs into a twenty dollar bill. You actually see the printing on the bill get darker and darker as the bill is folded up.

Greg started off the second half with some pick pocketing and watch stealing. Very good and very funny. Then he demonstrated Unleashed where a dog tag that Greg is wearing around his neck is removed from the chain and promptly vanishes. It then reappears on the chain around his neck. He then spent the remainder of the lecture demonstrating and teaching some of the card controls that he uses. He continued on with a mini workshop using props for which is well known, the ring and rope.

Do not pass up the chance to see Greg lecture. He does an outstanding job and you will not be disappointed. Next month, in May, Darryl will be lecturing. He always does a great job!

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