

Our meeting was held on May Day. No parades or anything, just an outstanding lecture by the Magician's Magician, Daryl. If we met three days later, it would have been Star Wars Day. You know, May the fourth.

Daryl seems to swing by our area every five years or so and he never ceases to educate and entertain. He started with a torn and restored paper napkin routine that actually uses a cup which is actually from *The Art of Close-up Magic, Volume 2*. In that book, it's called Bennet's Boner. Next he demonstrated a color changing back packet trick he calls Odd Quad. Next Daryl discussed and demonstrated some rope through neck and rope through body ideas and concepts after which he cut up a card and it looked like it was from another dimension. But when he was done, it was a stand to which he could attach his business card which makes for a nice giveaway.

He followed that up with an impromptu chink-a-chink routine using dice and closed with Dai Vernon's climax to a dice routine. Then he performed one of his standards, Three to One Ropes and ended the first half with an impromptu card rise where the card rises from a deck sealed inside an envelope.

He started off the second half with an impromptu one cup and ball trick which was well received and followed with a discussion and demonstration of the first magic trick he performed while he was still in his playpen when he made the sound from his rattle move into his ball and made the sound from his ball move into his rattle. An obscure effect but very entertaining none the less. Then he performed Double Cross which is two thought of cards across. He closed the lecture with his favorite trick, The Amazing Acrobatic Knot.

You know, there was something for everyone in the lecture and if you did not get anything from this lecture, well then, it's your own fault.

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