

Our normal meeting night was shifted by one day, so attendance at our August meeting was lower than our usual gathering. While we may have been short on attendees, there was no shortage of fun and entertainment. This month's meeting was hosted by Harry Mandel with the theme of "show and tell". Members were expected to perform an effect and then explain to all how the effect was performed.

Zack Mandel led off the festivities with his usual amazing card work. Zack treated us to several card revelations, including one using a Zarrow shuffle. Steve Goldstein followed up with Max Maven's "Auto me" book test. Steve added a couple of his own twists to the effect, including an "out to lunch" method in the process. Mel, a prospective new member, followed with a hilarious version of vanishing Mrs. Houdini's pearl necklace, only to reproduce them on the same stand they were stored on. He then performed a six card repeat routine and vanished all the cards using a Jap Box. Ed Hass was up next with an original routine he's calling "golden prediction". He created a nice control that everyone admired known as the "golden retriever". Gary Levenson was up next with a clippo routine followed by Bob Lusthaus demonstrating the "old clock routine" with a deck of cards. Mike Goldman gave us the inside work on his ambitious card routine, which included multiple card to wallet loads. Wayne Haarhaus was the last act of the evening where he showed us how he could control our minds.

Before we adjourned for the evening, Bruce Schneider passed out random decks of cards donated by the widow of Herb Kowal, one of our deceased members. On a sad note, we were informed of the passing of Don Engstrand, one of our Ring members. A broken wand ceremony for Don will be held at our next meeting.

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