

Our April meeting was a fun meeting. The theme was Electronics and Magnets and Terry Oberman was our host. Terry started things off with an item called The Real Die where he was continuously able to divine the top number of a die under increasingly more difficult conditions. David Levitan followed with an item called Newton's Nightmare where a brass weight is dropped through an aluminum tube first falling at normal speed and then falling slowly thus defying Newton's Law of Gravity. Very nice. And he followed this with another bit based on a Michael Weber routine where he able to determine where each of four different objects was located after their locations had been changed. Steve Goldstein followed this with an effect all about desserts from Henry Evans another item made by Magic Hands that was a dial that looked like an old rotary phone dial that had the numbers 1-12 and an arrow and even with the box closed, he knew to which number the arrow pointed. Ziggy then regaled us with the story of Badlands Bob. You had to be there. Dick Mancini, our sound and lighting guy, the demonstrated an item that designed and constructed called Yancy's Bell where the bell mysteriously rang to correctly answer questions. Wayne Haarhaus the presented Power Drain from the Red Book of Mentalism by Phil Goldstein where a magnet suddenly loses its power. He then demonstrated a routine that he created with his wife MaryAnn where she was able to divine playing cards over the cell phone. Gary Levenson was next and he performed a nice routine using Sixth Sense which is a magnetic detection device. Bill Krupskas then performed X-act which is an any card at any number routine which uses magnets to achieve the desired effect. Kevin Rhodehouse then performed his very commercial Chop Cup routine. Bob Weinowitz was up next and he demonstrated a commercial item called Cinch which is an extremely visual bill change. Joe Merced was next and he demonstrated Newsflash by Axel Heclau which is a flash restoration of a torn newspaper. Mike

Goldman (with the assistance of TJ Tana) then performed a series of predictions using his cell phone. Ed Hass then ended things with an item called the Long John Silver Coin Box. This is a Boston Box that comes with a magnetized half dollar. Only thing is the coin is only magnetized on one side. If you place the coin into the box say heads up, it will stay when you turn the box over. If you put it in tails side up, it will fall out when you turn the box over. Ed was looking for help and ideas to use this principle. A great night of magic!

Bill Krupskas