

Wow, for the first time ever, the club did not meet in a particular month for a reason other than weather. Well, it's now September and everything is back in full swing.

The topic for September was mini-lectures and we saw some really nice stuff. First up was Ziggy. The first item he taught was an impromptu version of Mental Epic using just three blank business cards. One can use regular business cards but you need enough room to be able to write on both sides. He then used an additional ten blank business cards and drew an ESP symbol on each card and made two sets of cards. Then Ziggy and a spectator, Zach, took turns placing the cards on the table face down and when each pair was turned over, each pair matched. A very nice routine.

Mike Maione followed and he showed us a very nice three trick card routine. He led off with Tantalizer. That's the trick from Royal Road where a card is selected and then lost in the deck and then the entire deck is dealt out with the magician and the spectator, this time Sal, each receiving half of the cards. This process is then repeated but using just the magician's pile until only one card remains in the magician's pile and if you haven't guessed already, it's the selected card. Mike then placed the card into the deck and asked Sal to cut about 2/3s of the deck and he was able to tell Sal what card he cut to. And then, he was able to name all the cards in the remaining third of the deck that Sal was holding! A very nice routine.

Kevin Rhodehouse performed two effects with business cards. A recurring theme this night. In the first trick, a whole bunch of random dots were marked on the back of a business card and then the card was shaken. When Kevin stopped shaking the card, the dots re-arranged themselves into Zach's name. The second time he did it, the dots re-arranged themselves to spell out the name of a selected card. Kevin closed with a version of Gypsy Thread, but using the wrapper from a straw instead of thread. A very nice routine.

Chris Ward was next and demonstrated and taught his one-handed cut of a deck of cards. He followed that with a spelling trick that solved a murder mystery ala the board game Clue. A very nice routine.

Our final lecturer of the evening was Michael Goldman who taught his entire card-to-wallet routine using a Kaps wallet. During the routine, the signed card ends up in the wallet numerous times. A very nice routine.

It was a wonderful night of magic and Ring 244 wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving holiday!

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