

We had a really nice turnout in May and Bill White lined up a really nice show. But before the show started, we had to take care of a few things. Mel Boskin was unanimously voted in as our newest member and sadly, we held a Broken Wand ceremony for long time member Dan Miller. A few of Dan's family members were in attendance and were able to take possession of the wand.

Now, on with the magic. The theme for the evening was magic with gimmicks. Regular decks of cards were not allowed unless it contained a double-backer or a double facer. LOL. First up was Bill Krupskas and he produced a sheet of twelve one dollar bills and asked if anyone had change for a twelve. He continued on with Hornswoggled, a short change routine. Do you remember that puzzle where three people chip in \$10.00 each to split a hotel room but later on the desk clerk realizes he overcharged the people by \$5.00 so he directs the bell hop to return the \$5.00 to the guests? Well, he couldn't split that three ways, so he kept \$2.00 for a tip and gave each guest a buck so therefore each guest now paid \$9.00 each for their share or \$27.00 total for the room. You then add back the \$2.00 tip to the \$27.00 for a total of \$29.00. So what happened to the other buck? Well Norman Beck made this into a trick using currency and Bill performed it and then he closed with A Visit from Rocco which is the Mike Close presentation of the Larry West Bill Counting Trick. Zach Mandel was next with a card effect he created called Think Stop. He closed with his own handling of Mike Skinner's Three Card Monte. Gary Levenson then demonstrated an item called Credit Card Fiasco where the spectator hides three credit cards on various parts of his person and he can figure out where each card is hidden.

Then MC Bill White performed that old favorite Name That Card or A Card Named Bill. Michael Goldman then performed a nice effect with a cube put out by ProMystic called Inside Out. Dave Levitan followed with Miser's Dream but using a clear bucket. He ended with a nice Silver-Copper-Brass routine by Pipo Villanueva. Warren Bausert was next and opened with a different Silver-Copper-Brass routine followed by Gypsy Curse and he closed with what appeared to be Michael Ammar's pencil through quarter routine. Ed Hass was next and he started with his own five card revelation using a Mene-Tekel Deck. He continued on with Rough and Smoother which is an Ed Marlo solution of Paul Curry's Open Prediction. He wrapped things up with an effect called Impulse by Peter Duffie. Kevin Rhodehouse was next and he performed Come Fly With Me. No, not the Sinatra classic but the three fly routine by Mark Mason. He then demonstrated a time prediction using a pocket watch that he credits to Richard Osterlind. Steve Goldstein was our final performer and demonstrated a nice routine where he has a card "freely" selected and then has a spectator

hold up a black piece of plastic while Steve uses the spectator's smart phone to take a picture and then the selected card appears on the blank piece of plastic in the photo. Cool! And that wraps up another fun night of magic!

Bill Krupskas