

Every month members of the IBM receive a treasure trove of effects published in the Linking Ring. Every one of us has a collection of them stashed away somewhere. In June, Ring 244 decided to put to use all of those great effects using the theme of "Tricks from the Linking Ring".

The evening was hosted by Warren Bausert.

Warren noted in his introduction that in October 2013, Ring 244 had our own Ring Parade published. Members of our Ring proudly shared some of their favorite effects. We highly recommend that you go back into your collection and check it out!

Warren led off the performances with Hornswoggled, a fun bill effect. Steve Goldstein followed up with a Martin Gardner effect called Mixed Emoji's. Steve altered the original effect slightly and used trash recycling symbols affixed to poker chips. Zack Mandel followed with a quick effect, but powerful. Zack showed a hot shot cut type revelation of a selected card called Card Shot. Steve Goldstein, better known as the Jazz Man, performed GPS 2.0, a trick that predicted travel destinations using luggage tags. Bob Lusthaus followed with MisMatch, a sympathetic cards type routine in which cards mates were found. Warren was back between performers and showed off his love of Paul Gordon effects with a non-gimmicked version of NFW called Twister. Magic-Al Garber had us groaning over some old jokes he came up with. Let's just say none of them would ever be published in the Linking Ring. That's not because they were off color, it's that they were not worth printing anywhere! Magic-Al then performed a trick in which a selected card is revealed when it floats down via parachute from the sky. I should note that Magic-Al went out of his way to use an Aviator deck for this effect. Warren performed the Eight of Diamonds trick, yet another Paul Gordon effect. Everyone's best friend, Bill White performed Hot Press Business Card. That's a self-printing business card using the ink from one of his tattoos! Bill closed the show with a fun matchbook off a rope routine called Poor Man's Spirit Nut.

This was a fun theme for a meeting that we never tried before. If you are looking for meeting ideas for your Ring, we highly recommend it!

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