

The theme for our August meeting was "Outdoor Magic". Outdoor magic presents a host of challenges. From uncontrollable wind and blowing props, distracting backgrounds, bright and hot sunlight, etc., magicians have to find a way to cope with the situation. Members of the ring tossed out ideas about all these situations. They also noted all of the advantages as well, such as being able to do messy tricks!

Bob Weinowitz lead things off reading a funny manifest on why he thought performing outdoor magic indoors is nuts! He then performed his classic version of eating two balloons. Next up was Zach Mandel, who performed an amazing set of multiple transpositions of a spectators signed card in her hand. Kevin Rhodehouse followed with the prediction of a huge number generated by our spectators using the calculator on a phone. The kicker was when he flipped his numeric prediction upside down, it spelled out a word.

Terry Oberman was next and performed the \$1 miracle using the new executive clip. He then followed that by blowing everyone's mind with a prediction effect. Six random numbers shouted out by the audience matched the numbers on a lottery ticket contained in a box that was in full view the entire time. Ziggy dazzled the members of our audience with a coin bend and a Cardiographic rising card effect using business cards. If that wasn't enough, he finished with a multiple card selection routine. Mike Goldman entertained the crowd with blister, the bullet card trick and a great ambitious card routine. Next up was Roger Reid, a lifetime member and one of the founders of our Ring. Roger was visiting Long Island from his home in Florida and we were thrilled that he stopped by. Roger showed us his version of the packet trick "You Have Been Drinking".

Wayne Haarhaus went full out on the outdoors theme with a Russian roulette type routine with a shaken soda can. Spectators managed to correctly enjoy cans of Pepsi, but Wayne went home wearing his! Steve Goldstein demonstrated a great routine called Everybody Wins! While the four assistants used walked away with a token prize, Steve was left with the grand prize of \$20. Ziggy closed the show with an encore performance. Ziggy heated a drawing of a hand with a lighter and a spot of ashes appeared in a spectators closed fist!

Kevin Rhodehouse

