

We had a brand new topic for our September meeting. The topic was Things That You Can't Do Anymore - Because the props are obsolete or because the trick has become politically incorrect. Wow!

Our MC was Gary Levenson and he started with a coloring book type item that had a somewhat 'R' rated ending. It would have flown by in the '70s but not in this day and age.

Kevin Rhodehouse was next and demonstrated an item called Phoney Magnet that hijacks a cell phone twice the size of today's phone. He followed that with the vanishing match in a burning matchbook bit and a sponge ball routine where the final production was a Ding-Dong! Bob Austin followed with his version of Terry Seabrooke's Burnt bill in envelope. Again fire. Gary Levenson was back with a 'Flip the Bird' deck of cards.

Chris Ward performed a Nick Trost item called Horsin' Around. The individual cards looked somewhat suggestive but when formed into one card, the result was a picture of a horse. Mel Boskin was next. No magic but a number of off color jokes. Gary Levenson was back with a die box routine using a pack of Camel cigarettes. Allan Rubinstein followed with another trick using matches, the bra trick, the needle through balloon using not a balloon and a lota bowl with a beaver on top that appeared to be relieving himself. But hidden in his tail was the selected card though.

Once again, Gary was back performing a pencil through record penetration and the older people in the group recognized the record as a 78rpm! Steve Goldstein was next and he did a number of effects using a metal thumb tip, IBM computer punch cards, jumbo monte whose cards depicted nude girls and a cap pistol. Lastly, Eric Qui, a recent transplant from IBM Ring 311 in Beijing, China used the ashes from Bob Austin's burnt bill effect to reveal various information from the evening's performances on his forearm. It was a different and fun evening!

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