

As I sit at my computer and write this Ring Report, we are getting hammered by a blizzard here on Long Island. We should have a little over a foot of snow when it's done. Well the theme of the February meeting was Packet Tricks and I not only get to write the report, I was also the emcee of the evening!

First up was, well, me and I opened with an item that was developed by our Ring's namesake, Frank Garcia. I gave a wonderful performance of Five Card Stunner. LOL. Bill White followed me with a nice routine combining Color Monte and Find the Red Card where a red card in a three card fan actually disappears. Zach Mandel then followed with Ascanio Twist and Nick Trost's Oil and Water Aces. I was next and demonstrated Nothing But the Truth which is a lie detector type trick by Cameron Francis. Chris Ward then performed Bob King's Thought of Rising Card and Bob Jardine's Technicolor Marked Cards. I was back with a nice item by Geoff Williams called This One. Bob Lusthaus followed with a nice set that included Maxi Twist, Your Card-My Card, Max Maven's B'Wave and Jon Allen's Double Back. Gary Levenson performed Destination Unknown where a spectator thinks of one of a hundred cities printed on cards and the magician somehow is able to determine the correct city. Simply amazing!

Wayne Haarhaus was next, and he performed R. Paul Wilson's Tarot Monte, Stand-Up Monte by Garrett Thomas and that old classic that never fails to amaze, Martin Lewis' Sidewalk Shuffle. I think that I was next and I performed what I consider to be the world's best card trick, MacDonald's Aces except that I did it with Jacks and that makes it harder! Warren Bausert prepared a nice set that included Diminishing-Not Likely, The Amazing 4 Card Trick, Twisting the Aces and Dr. Daley's Last Trick. Our next performer was Kevin Rhodehouse and he demonstrated a nice cards across routine and followed that up with NFW, The Poker Test 2.0 and Twisted Sisters by John Bannon.

Whenever I perform in strolling situations and get asked to take a seat at the table and am able to perform sitting down, I like to perform Stan, Kate and Edith, but with regular size playing cards and not the jumbo cards and that is exactly what I did to close the show.

This evening was a nice reminder that there is lot of great magic out there that uses just a few playing cards and is extremely entertaining!

Happy Easter and Passover.

Bill Krupskas

