

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:45 PM each month  
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Our May meeting had thirteen spirited members going online for our second consecutive “Zoom Call Meeting.” We discussed the financial results of the Winter Carnival from March, and our deepest appreciation goes to our treasurer and registration chairman, Jack Wilson. We welcomed our new officer slate with a unanimous vote for the coming year without an official ceremony, and we discussed some of the news for our area like the closing of Smoky Mountain Opry for the season and how Terry Evanswood has revamped his show so that he can have proper social distance. The Ring agreed to go as a group to one of his upcoming shows once he gets up and running.

Our performances and sharing started with Jack Wilson showing his new book: Karl Fulves Epilogue. He also did a group effect from the book with all of us participating at home. Tim Pressley did a very cool twist with the Vanishing Salt Shaker and a final jumbo coin. Bill Sturgis shared a fun trick to carry in your pocket with three different colored die. Tom Vorjohan showed a few of his recent Amazon purchased decks of cards and a leather card holder. Then he did a wood Finger Chopper with the assistance of his sister, Vickie, who has been with him in Florida.

John Hopper showed Albert Goshman’s book and that spawned some great talk about the master close-up act that he did, and his appearance at the Winter Carnival back in the ‘80s. Mike Stratman took us on a quick tour of his home and some of the great magical wall art that he has as well. Bill Osburn did a new effect that he learned from Steve Beam’s Semi Automatic XI. Michael Priestap is packing up his house, but he did manage to give us a quick performance. We wholeheartedly thank Michael for his year of service as our president, and we know that this coming year with his retirement and moving will be a crazy one.

Steve Jerden made a glass of white milk turn green for the leprechauns, and his grandson, Cayden Goodman, did a super effect with a coin, ping-pong ball and silk in a cup with one penetrating the cup (an effect he got from Daytona called “Rare Coin Penetration”). Michael Messing was looking for some input on how Dushek’s Diminishing Cards looked...and we all thought it came off great. Evan Bishop told us about Impromptu from the “Magic of Jonathan Freedman the Musical” which he thought would be great for a Chinese restaurant. This effect has a fortune cookie crumbled up and dropped on an outstretched Chinese stick, and it impales the fortune paper. Finally, Victor Agreeda Jr. talked about his Tenyo collection and that he has been doing a live feed on Fridays at 8 PM. He also talked about the fantastic book, “Scripting Magic” by Pete McCabe. We had a great three hours of sharing and talking once again, but hope to be back in person in June.

Tom Vorjohan