

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics

Meets 4th Thursday at 6:45 PM each month

Messiah Lutheran Church

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The fifteen members who attended the August meeting helped to make this a great gathering as nearly everyone attending also performed. We started with an initiation performance by former member Nick Roberts who entertainingly shared some rope and knot effects, several phases with a ring on and off a rope, and he closed with the Chicago Opener...and we unanimously welcomed Nick back to the club.

Tonight's theme was "Not Your Uncle's Coin Trick," and our program chairman, Andrew Hyder, shared a "super easy and effective" coin effect sold as Opium Coins where a half dollar dropped into other hand turns into two Chinese coins. Ed Ripley shared a new version of an early 70's Tenyo trick where a signed coin appears in a set of nesting purses. Jack Wilson dug into his unused trick drawer to find Hugs and Kisses by Sterling Magic which was a unique coins across effect.

Bill Osburn produced not one but two Bit Coins, shared a kinetic desktop toy with a floating ball, and ended by changing a coin into bouncing rubber ball. Sherman Wires loves coin magic, and he shared six different tricks, tips, palms, and even did his original initiation trick with a Morgan Dollar and Chinese coins. Michael Messing shared Tom Ladshaw's version of Copper/Silver/Brass using two gold and one silver coins. Past Intl. President, Mike Stratman, shared Bill Spooner's creation of coins at the tip of a wand and passed around a optical coin bank. He finished by sharing an eleven-card trick he read in the last issue of *The Linking Ring*.

Presenting a Lie Detector with colored poker chips, Doug Floyd could read right through the lies of Andrew McGrath. Doug then performed David Regal's Silver Transposition which was a version of Copentro without using a base. Our President, Michael Priestap – freshly returning from his 50th high school reunion where he was the deejay – where he told some great humor and folded a dollar bill in half changing it into a half dollar. Bill Sturgis did a pretty version of coins across TCC calls "Immortal Wine Glasses."

For a self-admitted non-close-up magician, Stacey Roach did a great presentation of a bent borrowed coin – both clean and very fun. John Gyllenhaal presented a visible transposition of two coins in each hand. Once again, Roy Schubert blew our minds as he made a small corner of a business card vanish only to be found in a volunteer's back pocket. Roy also opened a discussion about repetitive magic. It was great to have Jim Stott perform his Snake Basket routine with Andrew McGrath playing two recorder solos.

Tom Vorjohan