The June meeting was our first in our new location. We needed to relocate because we were required to vacate our prior location by 9 pm, which is way too early. Now, on with the magic!

Our topic for June was Show and Tell. Each of our performers demonstrated a routine and then explained it and led a discussion. It worked real well and I believe that everyone in attendance walked away learning something.

First up was our MC, Ziggy. He demonstrated his coin bending routine using Coinvexed 3. Ziggy has a very commercial routine that is a staple of his strolling set. He also discussed what he felt are the benefits of Coinvexed 3 over similar products on the market.

Next was one of our card gurus, Ed Hass. Ed demonstrated and then taught the Diagonal Palm Shift. It's a tricky sleight, but he taught the tricky part using only one card and then brought in the deck at the end. He did a great job. Ziggy was back and he led a discussion on sound systems. First, he spoke about the mini-Vox which is a small voice amplifier that he puts on the edge of a table when doing strolling magic so he can be heard by the entire table. He then spoke about the Happy Amp and similar sound systems that are used for stand-up shows.

Wayne Haarhaus followed this with a very nice five-phase routine where a ribbon continues to penetrate his fingers, a spectator's pinky and finally, his neck. A very nice routine that packs small and plays big! And to wrap things up, Mike Maione demonstrated his very commercial Egg Bag routine that he uses in his kids show. He then spoke about the various types of egg bags and the reasons that he prefers to use the Malini Egg Bag. He then closed with a discussion on the types of eggs including wooden eggs, blown eggs and blown eggs that can be purchased.

It was a very enjoyable and educational night if I do say so myself and I just did.

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