Our theme this month was "First Time Being Performed In Front of an Audience" and was hosted by Kevin Rhodehouse. We had a great turnout even though of our several members were attending the Genii convention in Orlando.

Our host Kevin Rhodehouse opened the evening with Rainbow, an effect where a spectator selects a dream vacation destination. Later, a photo of the spectator standing in front of a landmark at that location appears on the spectator's cell phone. Next up was Chris Ward, who performed a card prediction effect called Free Will. Joe Merced followed with two effects. He started with a magician in trouble effect similar to Tommy Windsor's Insurance Policy. He followed up with a nice stand up chop cup routine. Bill White then presented the card prediction effect "Thirteen", an effect created by a former member of our Ring. Zach Mandel performed a four ace production and an amazing effect by Ed Marlo. Zack's performance was so smooth, it's hard to believe that it was the first time he was performing it in front of an audience. Next up was Gary Levenson. Gary performed an effect also known as Freewill, but with dice. Our host Kevin then performed The Little Door, a fun routine with a card box. For his final performance for the Ring, Wayne Haarhaus sorted through his moving boxes to find an effect that has just never done. Tenyo's Wandering Hole. Wayne followed that up with a balancing routine with a deck of cards by Mark Elsdon. Steve Goldstein performed Jim Steinmeyer's Human Slot Machine, a fun routine in which three spectators became a human one armed bandit. Magic Al Garber closed the show with an effect he created using cards with bow ties made of Mylar.

We had a great night and look forward to next month when we have a lecture with Diamond Jim Tyler. We wish Wayne all the best of luck in his new surroundings and hope he comes back to visit.

Kevin Rhodehouse