



I.B.M. MAGRUM-KIEFER RING NO. 11
QUAD-CITIES MAGIC CLUB
JUNE 2008 NEWSLETTER



**NEXT MEETING:
THE PICNIC**

July 3, 2008
6:00 p.m.

Large Shelter near the
Riverside Garden Room
34th Street and 5th Avenue
Moline, IL

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (not Bush)

Hey

Perform!

Glad to see so many people performing at our monthly meetings. In April, 11 members took part in the performance segment of our meeting. In May, there were 7 entrants in our Close-Up Contest. This month 8 members performed, some doing several effects (in addition, there was a 9th person who tried to perform, but I didn't count him).

ASSIGNMENTS:

AUGUST MEETING (8/14)

MC: Eric Dany

Theme: Comedy Magic

Drinks: Joe Dobson

Snacks: Chuck Hanson

Teachers: Rickie Szewczyk
(easy)
Joe Urbain
(advanced)

Book/DVD Report: PJ Wiese

SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Auction Night

OCTOBER MEETING:

Stage Magic Contest

Meeting

This month's business meeting went pretty long, but we did cover a lot of ground, including updates on Club shows, lectures, our picnic and Christmas party. As dates for our events show up in the newsletter, please mark them in your calendar and come hang with your magic buds.

Lectures

We've had some excellent lectures here recently...Rick Maue, Bob Sheets and Will Houstoun. Unfortunately, the turn-out among our members has been pretty light. We are losing money on the lectures. Of course, our Club funds are supposed to be used for such things as funding lectures—they are the continuing education of our profession. However, losing money on the lectures because of poor attendance is just one issue. The other is our Club's reputation. Lecturers on the circuit talk to one another about Club visits. "Oh, don't go see them, they just turn out about 8-10 people for a lecture". Man, that's a reputation I don't want our Club to have. Do you? Come on out to our lectures. If you do, everyone wins: The Club wins, the lecturers win, you'll win, and your audiences win.

Wizard's Den

The head Wizard, Kim Meacham, has now opened the former Mr. Wong's House of Magic as the Wizard's Den. Same location, same phone number. Support your local magic supply house by ordering through Kim whenever you can. I just gave him my want list of 4 or 5 DVDs. Yes, I could have ordered them myself through the internet, but letting Kim order them for me gives me the convenience of one-stop shopping, and supports our local magic store. Please try to do the same.

Presidential Address cont'd.

Magician of the Year

With half the year gone (is it June already?), here are the leaders in the 2008 Magician of the Year contest:

Jerry Phillips	22 points
Chuck Hanson	19 points
Jeremy Haak	18 points
Eric Dany	14 points
Rick Brammer	12 points
Kim Meacham	12 points

Keep on performing and volunteering for our Club shows if you want to build some more points!

Well, that's all for now. Keep practicing and performing!

Best,
Joe Dobson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUMMERTIME...means it's PICNIC TIME for Ring #11.
It's right around the corner and here's what you need to know.**

Date...July 3rd, the regular meeting night.

Time...6 PM start...6:30 Dinner...7:30 Show.

Place...Large shelter near the Garden Room. Parking is adjacent to the shelter. Enter from 34th Street.

Food...Catered by Drew Herbst and his 10' grill. Drew does professional catering for tailgate festivities in Iowa City and will have two entrees and three side dishes plus plates, napkins, tools and table coverings.

BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.

Cost...\$5 a person, including guests. Bring the family and have fun.

Reservations...These are necessary to determine the amount of food to order. If you haven't already signed up please contact Todd Herbst [309 764 6886, toddherbst@mchsi.com] or Chuck Hanson 309 797-5996 [hanson3108@aol.com]. As usual, people making reservations are expected to pay whether or not they attend since the club will have ordered meals for them. **The deadline for reservation and cancellations is July 1.**

Games...Yard games will be available.

Program...This is your big night. Please come prepared to dazzle the folks with a mystery or two. The more the merrier.

Weather...We're all responsible for talking to the weather Gods, but even if it rains the shelter will provide us with good protection. Maybe the monsoon season will be over by then.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd):

Please make a note. **The August meeting is delayed one week to August 14...**same place. The members decided to do that at the last meeting because so many would be attending either Abbott's GetTogether or the Midwest Magic Jubilee in St. Louis during the regular meeting night. We recognize that any change of date helps some but might cause hardships for others.

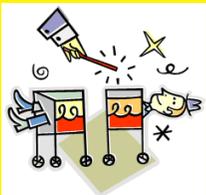
Eric Dany reported that the Christmas party will be December 8th at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse, a very nice restaurant in the John Deere Commons area of Moline. Cost to members will be \$25 a person. Rick Brammer is working on lining up an outstanding performer for the event, possibly with a lecture deal the day before or after the party. Stay tuned.

Two recent club shows added over \$1400 to the club treasury. Performing in Williamsfield, IL were Jeremy Haak, Rick Brammer, Joe Dobson, Rick Brammer, Jerry Phillips and Chuck Hanson. The show in Dixon, IL featured Eric Dany, Ken Thompson, Brittany Schmidt, Todd Herbst, Jerry Phillips and Rick Brammer. Thanks to you, Rick, for getting all these programs and to the folks who took the time to perform this very real service to the club.

Rick has lined up two more events, both of the close-up/walk around style, and is **LOOKING FOR PERFORMERS**. The first is for the Quad City Polo Club on Saturday, August 9 in Davenport/Bettendorf [same as last year]. The second is Sunday, October 12 in Independence, IA. It is the grand opening of the town's library, similar to the recent grand opening of the Moline library. Both are important engagements for the club. We need your participation. Call Rick if you can help.

The **WIZARDS DEN** is up and running and Kim Meacham would like to see your smiling faces coming through the door. He brought a box of new items to the last meeting and demonstrated a nifty card trick with the Cheek To Cheek deck, a very modestly priced miracle. More new magic is on the way, he says. Let him know if you want something. He is placing orders now. Our best wishes to you, Kim. We're delighted you've arranged to keep the local magic shop a going concern. The hours are 10 to 6 on Tuesday through Saturday...closed Sunday and Monday.

Remember...September will be another auction night...October is the Stage Magic Contest ...
[start practicing]



Ring #11 Report June 2008

The Classics of Magic on Parade. That was the program theme for Ring #11's June meeting. MC Laura Anderson kept everything rolling right along with her enthusiasm and clever bits of business between acts. Rickie Szewczyk led off by pulling Chuck Hanson's shirt off without removing his jacket...and old classic if there ever was one. He followed with ropes through the body, selected card found on the chair under the selector, another nice card revelation and Get Thee Behind Me, Satan from the Encyclopedia of Card Magic.

Many years ago in two different towns and twenty years apart Eric Dany and Chuck Hanson, independent of each other, created presentations for the 20th Century Silks that had a fishing theme and used a fishing pole. They decided to present their old routines jointly at the meeting and spiced them up with a number of groaners, puns and sight gags. We have to humbly report that it turned out pretty good.

The Chinese Sticks were featured by Jerry Phillips, who kept the tassels and tissels flying, much to the amusement of the helper and audience. After that he showed us a version of the spot trick, "What's Next", shaped like a large red beetle. All the ones, threes, fours and sixes changed places and finally converged into a large array of spots at the end. This is one of the tricks Jerry is doing in his library shows this year as a part of the the libraries's summer reading program about bugs. [I get itchy just thinking about it!]

Joe Dobson, our prez, did a good-looking color changing card trick and promised to do more at the next meeting. Jim Robinson, one of the fine card men in the club, has now apparently developed the ability to read minds. He showed us a sample by correctly naming three freely chosen cards picked by three different people... no stooges, no marked deck.

The Needle Through Balloon stunt was nicely done by Joe Urbain, one of our teenage members. This was followed by a classic Svengali deck routine and the penetration of a handkerchief through a tumbler.

Closing the show, clever Jeremy Haak used a deck of cards to perform some classic card routines. He also gave a very favorable review of Michael Finney's DVD set. The review of a book or DVD is a regular feature at each meeting and is well received by the members. Todd Herbst taught a cute animated napkin trick and Eric Dany tipped the four ace/selected card trick that was part of his act in last month's Close-Up Contest.

Kim Meacham recently purchased our local magic shop, Mr. Wong's House of Magic, and has reopened it as the Wizard's Den, still in the same location in Davenport, IA. He will appreciate your visit and even be willing to sell you something from his growing inventory of miracles.

Recent shows in Williamsfield and Dixon, IL were both successful...one to help raise funds for breast cancer programs, the other a fund raiser for the Dixon animal shelter. About a dozen club members were involved in one or the other or both programs.

Next month [July] will be the annual Ring picnic, and on December 8 the club will have its Christmas party at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse in Moline. IL.

Come and visit us for a lively and fun evening. And if you're in town on a Saturday you are welcome to participate in the magicians lunch at The Windmill Restaurant in East Moline, IL, starting at 11 AM every week.