



I.B.M. MAGRUM-KIEFER RING NO. 11
QUAD-CITIES MAGIC CLUB
MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING:

March 12, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Riverside Garden Room
34th Street and 5th Avenue
Moline, IL

ASSIGNMENTS:

MARCH MEETING

MC: Jeremy Haak

Theme: Party Magic

Drinks: Joe Dobson

Snacks: Mike Dyer

Teachers: Rickie Szewczyk (easy)
Chuck Hanson (advanced)

Book/Review: Joe Dobson

DVD Review: Jeremy Haak, Jerry
Phillips

APRIL MEETING:

Theme: Money Magic! Tax Time!

MC:

Teach: Rick Brammer (easy)
Kim Meacham (advanced)

Book/DVD Report:

Snacks:

PARTY MAGIC...that's the theme for our March 12th meeting. So bring a trick or two that you enjoy doing for friends at parties and other social gatherings. Don't be bashful. Get up...and just DO IT.

FOR THE TEACHING SESSIONS HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING...a pocket knife or other pointed, steel-bladed knife and a dollar bill for Chuck's presentation. Also bring two 10 foot ropes and a short piece of thread if you want to follow along with Rickie's Ropes Through Body trick.

PAUL GERTNER WILL LECTURE ON MARCH 18 at the Wizard's Den starting at 7 PM. We're very lucky to have him come to our Ring because Paul is certainly in the upper echelon of professional magicians. You don't hear his name very often anymore...he's too busy as a corporate magician to attend conventions and make the magic "press". But he is going to be at Abbott's Close-Up Convention in March where he will be a featured act. His credentials are outstanding. Check him out at www.magicgettogether.com/closeup/paulgertner.html The cost is \$10 for QCMC members [no IBM discount anymore], \$5 for spouses and parents and \$15 for others. This is one lecture you won't want to miss.

RESERVE SATURDAY, MAY 2, FOR THE DAVID GINN KIDBIZ LIVE LECTURE AND WORKSHOP. See the attached flyer for details. Additionally the QCMC will provide a complimentary buffet lunch for all attendees who pay the registration fee. Others may purchase luncheon tickets for \$10 each. Payment for advanced reservations must be received by Eric Dany, 1101 35th St. Ct., Moline, IL 61265 or Jerry Phillips, 5090 Dove Ct., Bettendorf, IA 52722 by Thursday, April 30. Checks should be made payable to the Quad Cities Magic Club.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS Mark your calendars now.

March 14.....Club Show, North Scott High School for Eldridge, IA library.
March 18.....Paul Gertner Lecture, Wizard's Den 7 PM
April 6.....Club Walk-Around Gig, Mt. Pleasant, IA library. This is on a Monday.
April 18.....Club Show, Dixon, IL theatre for charity.
May 2.....David Ginn Lecture/Workshop, Moline, IL.
August 8.....Club Walk-Around Gig, Davenport Polo Club event for charity.
September 19....Club Show, Abingdon, IL for library
October ?.....SPOOKTACULAR, Moline Park Dept.

Please make yourself available to perform or be of assistance. Contact Rick Brammer, 563 823 1471

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Treasurer Jerry Phillips reported a balance of \$4205.67. The \$1000 from last summer's Polo Club event is not yet included. Phillips moved, Hanson seconded a motion to rescind the \$5 reduction in lecture admission charges for IBM members. The motion passed.

A LITTLE BIT OF THIS...A LITTLE BIT OF THAT

Welcome to two new members who joined the Ring in February...Brandon Lipkowitz [see profile in this newsletter] and Brendon Saffron, who is attending Palmer School in Davenport. We're delighted to have you as a part of the organization.

PC Swanson had heart surgery in January. He seemed to be recovering normally but then had some major setbacks and is in very serious condition. Send a card telling him you're pulling for him to his home address. His wife, Mary, will see that he receives and reads it. The address is 811 W Second St., Rock Falls, IL 61071. They both need your prayers.

Our globe-trotting magi-clown, Toto Johnson, is in England right now, having been invited as the only American to once again be a part of a world clowning festival. He keeps switching from Egg Foo Young to Fish and Chips with an occasional American cheeseburger between trips. Some people just can't stay put.

Dave Curley celebrated his XXth birthday at the last meeting without telling anybody about it. Not so with Jason Hamilton, whose birthday was on Saturday, February 14. He got serenaded and a big piece of cake while attending the Magicians Roundtable at The Windmill Restaurant. Two birthdays at two club activities. Is it coincidence or is it....MAGIC?

Also attending the same lunch was professional comedian-magician, Ben Ulin from Des Moines. He was playing Penguin's Comedy Club in Davenport that weekend. He's a very pleasant and interesting fellow and fun to have around.

This just in at printing, another of our dear friends has passed on. Ali Bongo this past week. He will be missed.

NEW MEMBER PROFILES

It's a pleasure to include a little bit about two of our newer members.

Levi Samuelson joined the Ring last summer at the picnic and has attended meetings ever since. He lives with his parents and siblings north of Geneseo. A magic kit when he was in Elementary School sparked his interest and now as a mid-teen he has developed some serious sleight-of-hand skills, the type of magic he prefers. His performance at the February close-up sessions attests to that. Maybe his dexterity is enhanced by his love for playing the violin. doing wood carving and kicking a soccer ball...a great combination of hobbies and activities.

Brandon Lipkowitz joined the Ring last moth. His "Big Brother" Rick Brammer brought him to the meeting and introduced him to the group. Brandon just turned 10. He started by getting a few small magic kits and his interest mushroomed. He likes close-up magic best and enjoys performing when asked. Other interests are golf, flag football, reading and as he says, just playing. Good for you, Brandon. With Rick as his Big Brother and mentor he should develop into a fine magician.

Don't forget the Magicians Roundtable each Satiurday starting at 11 AM at The Windmill Restaurant in East Moline, IL. A lot of magical fun can be had. Join the group.



RING #11 REPORT - February 2009

Everybody gets into the act. That was the theme at our February meeting. And everybody did. And it was fun. Here's what happened. The twenty five members in attendance were divided into groups of three or four. Each person did a close-up trick for his group. When everyone was finished the group make-up changed. One person in each group stayed in place while the others rotated, some clockwise, some counter clockwise, forming new groups. Then everybody performed again. This continued until we had all seen each other's offerings. The general feeling afterwards was that a lot of really interesting magic had been witnessed. It just goes to prove there's much good magic in the members. All we have to do is come up with techniques that coax them to perform.

Prior to the program there were other regular features of our meetings. Rick Brammer brought us up to date on the six Ring shows already booked for 2009. During the Heritage Corner Ty Bernier, the Ring Historian, passed around advertising brochures used by C. Thomas Magrum, one of the two members for whom the Ring is named. Magrum spent his life as a school assembly performer.

Kim Meacham, proprietor of the Wizard's Den in Davenport, IA, showed a number of new items from his store. Rick Brammer reviewed a World's Greatest Magic series DVD on card fanning and Mike Dyer gave an in-depth review of Robert Giobbi's "Card College Lighter". Both reviewers were very impressed with the products they discussed. Two other members were scheduled to conduct the Teach A Trick session but willingly deferred to the next meeting because the evening was getting very full. What an unselfish pair of gentlemen!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello All:

Greetings! Here are some things you might want to know about:

Paul Gertner Lecture -

Paul Gertner
Original Instructions Not Included Tour

In this one of a kind lecture, Paul Gertner will have you taking a second look at magic that you purchased, played around with and then placed back in the box. Paul believes that too often great magic is being "dumbed down" in order to appeal to a broader magic audience and when this happens magicians are missing out on the true impact and the true potential of a magic effect.

As Paul explains: "There are many ingenious props and devices that have been invented over the years by some of the most brilliant minds in magic but all too often when it comes to the actual routine or presentation, something is lacking.

In this lecture we take a look beyond the "original instructions" and prove that any good effect has more potential than most of us see at first glance." By taking a number of his favorite marketed items, including some you probably already own, Paul demonstrates that with a little creativity you can breathe new life into an existing effect, bringing it and your magic to a higher performance level. The selected effects include some of the routines that Paul has used to deliver business-marketing messages at both trade shows and sales meetings around the world.

At this lecture Paul also performs an Opening Close-Up Show which includes a performance only of his classic routines including, among others, The Cups & Steel Balls, Unshuffled and That's Ridiculous which have been featured on television shows like The Tonight Show, NBC's World's Greatest Magic and HBO. Paul also takes questions on any subject and will share his 30+ years of experience in the area corporate magic and trade shows, which is where he has made his living since he was 19 years old.

Paul Gertner is recognized by his peers as one of the finest sleight-of-hand magicians in the world today, his first place awards in international competitions in Las Vegas, Madrid and Miami confirms this status. Even David Copperfield has called upon Paul to consult on his TV specials. His original routines, the Cups and Balls with Steel Ball Bearings and the Ring on the Hourglass, have become classics of magic - leaving experts totally amazed. He is also an author of one of the fastest selling books in magic history, Paul Gertner: Steel & Silver, which has also been released on DVD in a four-volume set. Paul has performed for more than 500 corporations in more than 20 different countries, has lectured at MIT and has been featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal...twice. A frequent guest on The Tonight Show Paul has also appeared on NBC's World's Greatest Magic,

HBO, That's Incredible! And yes...even Mister Rogers Neighborhood.

In 1998 he wrote and starred in the critically acclaimed one-man theatrical production "Paul Gertner-Ten Fingers." This one-man show became the fastest selling play in City Theater's history. Paul was also invited as a featured performer at the Presidential Inauguration of President George W. Bush. Paul is a FISM 1st Prize winner, Grand Prix of World Magic, Las Vegas Sleight of Hand Challenge, both SAM & IBM 1st Prize winner and has been awarded Magic Castle Close-Up Magician of the Year and Lecturer of the Year. If that's not enough, his network television appearances include The Tonight Show (3 appearances), World's Greatest Magic II, and That's Incredible!, plus appearances on HBO, PBS, and the BBC.

(above provided by Midwest Magic)

Paul will be lecturing at the Wizard's Den on Wednesday, March 18. Here is your chance to learn from a FISM winner. Don't miss it!!!!

MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR

We are tracking attendance and other points for the Magician of the Year contest. As we did last year, the running total of points will be posted every quarter here in the newsletter. That means next month's edition will have the first point listings for this year.

Schedule for the year -

Here is the tentative schedule for our meetings for the rest of the year:

April	Money Magic - Tax Time!
May	Close Up Contest
June	Funny Prop Magic
July	Picnic
August	Theme to be announced
September	Auction
October	Stage Contest
November	Theme to be announced
December	Theme to be announced; Election of officers

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routines, warm-ups, and musical magic—but he will explain how they work, why they work, and *how YOU can get more FUN and LAUGHS into your show by adding 33 Things Children Enjoy!*

FREE! Every registrant will receive David's *Crash Course on Kidshows* book, plus **THREE TRICKS** shown and explained, and *an Official David Ginn MAGIC KIT*—ALL ABSOLUTELY FREE!

Furthermore, only one person per family registers because spouses (girlfriends or boyfriends) and children, or parents of Junior Magicians, attend **FREE!**

During his two lectures, David will present both commercial and do-it-yourself tricks he has used in thousands of live shows...and he always ends with a good dose of INSPIRATION! Props, books & DVDs will be on sale at special prices, and yes, credit cards are accepted.

Kidbiz Live—a fun learning experience—could be the most important lecture you attend this year!

DATE: May 2

**LOCATION: Johnny's Italian Steak House
1300 River Drive (Annex Room)
Moline IL**

TIME: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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