



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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING:

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

ASSIGNMENTS:

MAY MEETING

- MC:** Del Kiefer
- Theme:** Close Up Contest
- Drinks:** Del Kiefer
- Snacks:** Eric Dany

JUNE MEETING

June 4, 2009

- Theme:** Funny Prop Magic or possible lecture

The CLOSE UP CONTEST is the feature of our May meeting. Rules are the same as last year. You must be a paid up member to enter. Judging will be based on: APPEARANCE, PERFORMING POISE AND PERSONALITY, ABILITY, ORIGINALITY, and AUDIENCE RESPONSE. Please limit your act to 7 minutes to avoid an overtime penalty. And remember...this is a Close Up contest. The stage magic contest will be in October. Prizes will be awarded so get your best stuff sharpened up and participate. DO IT.

Bring a trick or two to perform in case the contest runs short. Also, a special request from the Pres. You are welcome to bring non-member friends to give the performers a variety of non-magician assistants to entertain.

May 8/9 is Magic May-nia, The Des Moines magicians' annual convention. See previous newsletters for specifics.

Here's another great lecture we know you'll enjoy. The Cedar Rapids IBM Ring 327 is bringing in Martin Lewis, Sunday, May 17. Location: First Presbyterian Church, 1285 Third Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, IA. Time: 3 PM. Cost: \$25 for non-Ring 327 members. Martin is a clever originator and an interesting presenter of his magical creations. He'll be doing both close-up and stand up tricks. Two of the items in his lecture have already found their way into the programs of Bob Beardsley, Tim Stolba and Chuck Hanson...namely Cardiographic and Technicolor Prediction. Both are top drawer tricks as are all his offerings. If you can get to his lecture you won't be disappointed. More information is available from Tim Stolba at Tim@iowamagic.com.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

- June 7.....Club Show and Walk Around, Iowa City, Noon to 4 PM, Outdoors [inside if raining], Library
- Sept 19...Club Show, Abingdon, IL for library
- Oct 24....Walk Around, Fulton, IL, 10 to noon, for library
- Oct 24....SPOOKTACULAR, Prospect Park, Moline. 3 PM Walk Around, 4 PM Show for Park Dept.

Please make yourself available to perform or help out. Call Rick Brammer.



OTHER BUSINESS--REGULAR AND MONKEY

Abbott's GetTogether, Colon, MI is August 5-8.
Midwest Magic Jubilee, St. Louis is August 13-15.

Jerry Phillips reported a bank balance of \$4263.57 not including the \$1000 yet to be received for the club's participation at the Polo Clubfestivities last August.

Magician of The Year leaders as of April 2 were Jerry Phillips-14, Jeremy Haak-12, Eric Dany and Chuck Hanson-10, Michael Dyer-9, Brandon Lipkowitz-8, Bob Beardsley, Del Kiefer. Jesus Rios and Sir Richard-7. Keep at it, folks.

Recent club events in Davenport, Eldridge, Dixon, IL and Mt. Pleasant, IA featured many club members and were well received. We've been invited to return next year...a good measure of the sponsor's pleasure with what was done. Thanks go to all who participated. The club treasury was enhanced measurably.

Awards! Awards! Awards! Toto Johnson won another national clowning First Place...the Harry Dan Award for excellence. Not to be outdone, Jason Hamilton used his "magic" vocalese to win First Prize and some bucks at a local Karaoke contest. And he did it without a deck of cards or piece of rope. Geez! Good going, guys.

RING REPORT

It's always fun writing these reports when there are lots of interesting things going on. For starters we did two club shows in March, one benefitting a local school, the other being a fund raiser for a nearby public library. Plus there are five more already booked for the rest of the year. Not only are these shows fun to do but the Ring receives part of the funds generated. The nice thing about it is that a lot of the members participate, not just a few. Some do stage acts, some do close up before the show and during the intermission, and some help out as stage hands.

When young members step up and do well you just have to smile and applaud. Such was the case at our last meeting. First, Brandon Lipkowitz performed and taught a nice card trick and did it very smoothly and articulately...all without using the word "like" in his spiel. Hard to believe, isn't it? Brandon just turned ten years old, a little young for membership in the IBM but under the circumstances a nice addition to our club. He's the "Little Brother" to member Rick Brammer, his "Big Brother" in the BB program.

Then fifteen year old Levi Samuelson gave a very informative, favorable review of the Buck Twins' DVD set called Trilogy containing card magic, sleights and flourishes. Kim Meacham, no longer a teenager [by many years] showed how to Bill Malone's "Kings Produce" trick in which the aces appear one at a time between two kings...a very entertaining effect. He also brought a few new goodies from his magic shop in Davenport, the Wizard's Den.

Mike Dyer, as MC for the evening program, kept things interesting with his clever introductory comments between performers. He kicked things off by changing a piece of blank paper into a facsimile bill he called Kinko Kash. Then it magically transformed into the real stuff. Very appropriate in keeping with the theme of the evening...Money Magic/Tax Time!. Young Brandon followed with a coin tick in which an English penny vanished from his hand and appeared in his pocket.

Veteran Del Kiefer borrowed a twenty, checked it to see if it was counterfeit by tearing it up and had some fun with the lender before finding another twenty in his bagless coin purse. Sir Richard also persuaded someone to lend him a twenty which he folded and proceeded to produce a mouth coil from it.

Seems like it was "let me borrow a twenty" night because that's what Jeremy Haak also did for his funny Bill In Lemon routine. He incorporates "Let's Make A Deal" opportunities throughout, making it a very entertaining piece of magic. Well done, Jeremy.

Joe Dobson, our Prez, always gives his magical offerings a professional touch. He cleverly made three silver dollars jump back and forth from hand to hand in his version of Three Fly, using some contemporary patter about the billions and trillions of dollars being tossed around currently.

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Not everybody followed the money theme, but that was OK because next up was Todd Herbst doing a two card revelation as a dyslexic person might do it, an idea he got from Tom Burgoon. Since the fun was mostly in the word mispronunciations he made, it is hard to report and get the real humor across. But it was hilarious. Eric Dany then gave a smooth presentation of the Ickle Pickle Nickel, where a normal nickel shrinks to a miniature coin.

Chuck Hanson did a routine of three theme-related tricks...a comedy torn and restored tax form 1040, a coin production and copper/silver transposition and an appearing rainbow [silk streamer] with a pot of gold at the end...really a dollar bill he gave to his young helper, Brandon. Jerry Phillips came to the stage and did one of his favorite magical effects...the trick during which holes are apparently torn in a borrowed, folded bill. But when the bill was unfolded the holes had disappeared and the bill was whole again.

MC Mike Dyer closed the show by making a quarter penetrate an unopened, full can of pop. Pretty amazing stuff. Following the formal program Tod Waller and others were seen doing some pretty impressive close-up coin work, much to the delight of all.

Every Saturday morning at 11 AM some of the Ring members gather at The Windmill restaurant in East Moline, IL for magic, food and foolishness.

We always enjoy seeing new faces. Yours would be most welcome.



Where Did The Time Go???
Congratulations Brittany!!!
Class of 2009

