



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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING:

September 3, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Riverside Garden Room
34th Street and 5th Avenue
Moline, IL

ASSIGNMENTS:

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Theme: AUCTION
Drinks: Eric Dany
Snacks: Dave Curley

OCTOBER MEETING

October 1, 2009

Wizard's Den
1228 Brady Street
Davenport IA

STAGE MAGIC CONTEST

Snacks: Eric Dany
Drinks: Todd Herbst

IT'S AUCTION TIME at the September meeting. Here's an opportunity to clean out a few items you no longer want...and pick up a few items somebody else doesn't want. This year it will have a new twist. Only tricks will be auctioned. Books, magazines and videos may be sold flea market style by individuals before and after the auction. Tables will be available for display. Sellers are responsible for setting their prices and making the sales. The club is not involved and will receive no commission.

For the trick auction you may bring bring ten items, or less. Please attach a note to EACH ITEM explaining what you want the auctioneer to say about it and what your minimum acceptable bid is. Don't put all your items on a single list unless they are in a complete lot to be sold, such as a grab bag. It's too difficult to handle. The club receives 10% of the selling price. Have your wares available to display by 6:30 PM so people have an opportunity to look at them. "Magic Bucks" may not be used for purchases.

THE MICHAEL AMMAR WORKSHOP AND LECTURE is September 15 at the Wizard's Den. Workshop at 5:30...Lecture at 7:30. Most of us know that Michael is a world-class magician and superb teacher. His credentials would fill this newsletter to overflowing. If you don't know about him ask one of the other members. Just be there. PLEASE NOTE. Because of the large number of members interested in attending the Workshop...and the limit of 15 participants...we are asking people to pay the \$35 registration fee at the September 3rd meeting. If less than fifteen people do this then the remaining openings will be filled on a first come, first served basis. So if you want to attend the Workshop but won't be at the meeting you might want to have someone else take care of your registration fee to be assured of a spot. This is not our customary way of handling these things but in this special case it seems necessary. Even if you signed the list at the last meeting, you must still reaffirm your interest by paying the fee as indicated above. Magic Bucks will not be accepted for the Workshop.

Cost for the lecture...\$10 for QCMC members...Free for spouses and parents...\$15 for others.

THE STAGE MAGIC CONTEST at the October 1 meeting will be at the Wizard's Den, not the Garden Room. Rules are the same as last year. You must be a paid-up member to participate. Judging will be based on APPEARANCE, PERFORMING POISE AND PERSONALITY, ABILITY, ORIGINALITY, AND AUDIENCE RESPONSE. Please limit your act to ten minutes or less to avoid a penalty. Prizes will be awarded...so get your act in gear and participate. Let's have a good showing.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS are the same as listed last month. The Christmas Party will be December 7 at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse again. Mark your calendars now.

OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF

Treasurer Jerry Phillips said the bank balance is \$6142.65 not including \$1250 yet to be received from our gigs for the Polo Club last year and in Iowa City in June.

Congrats to David Casas and Jesus Rios for their excellent showing at the MidWest Magic Jubilee in St. Louis a few weeks ago. Holy Cow! In the stage competition David took first and Jesus second. And Jesus, a last minute entrant in the close-up contest, came away with third place. Holy Cow again. Great job, guys.

Bob and Karen Smith announced they will renew their marriage vows on Saturday, September 5 and we are all invited to attend. It will take place at 1 PM in the Community Christian Church, 4330 12th Avenue, Moline, IL. No gifts, please, but cards are welcome. As most of us know, Karen had a mastectomy a few months ago. She is now completing chemotherapy and will soon go into a series of radiation treatments. Best wishes to you, Karen.

MEET NEW MEMBER, QUINN CONNOR. Quinn came to the David Ginn lecture in May, joined the club right there and has attended all the meetings since. If you were at the picnic you'll remember the nice young man who opened the show with some very good magic and a lot of poise...quite an accomplishment for an eight year old. Boy, what will he be like if he keeps it up for the next twenty years? He lives north of Davenport and is a student. When not doing magic and schoolwork he likes video games and computers. We're glad you enjoy magic, Quinn. Keep it up, young man.

ANOTHER NEW MEMBER IS DELMAR DADE. He joined the club at Geoff Williams' great lecture and attended his first meeting in August. He's a senior at Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL. More about him later. We're pleased to welcome you, Delmar.

THE AUGUST MEETING'S program was fun because the performers used funny props. After learning the ins and outs of milk pitcher magic from Dave Curley, how to dribble force a card using a Svengali deck from Eric Dany, and hearing Jeremy Haak review the Malone /Marlo DVDs the show got under way. Levi Samuelson had his first shot at being an MC and he handled it very well. We saw Sir Richard find a card using a large set of chattering teeth, Eric Dany with his jazzy "formal" apron and his new garbage can table [?] lassoing a selected card with a rope [what else?], Jeremy Haak explaining how various levels of funeral trappings finally came down to picture of a garbage can [Geez, two garbage cans in one show!], Chuck Hanson as the Great Zucchini trapping [sort of] a card between two CDs, and Terrible Todd Herbst showing how much air he has by blowing through his helper's head and inflating a balloon in the process. The balloon became the final resting place for a selected card. 'Twas a good show.

Have fun with your magic. It's a great hobby.

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