



I.B.M. MAGRUM-KIEFER RING No. 11

QUAD CITIES MAGIC CLUB

JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER

JUNE MEETING

June 3, 2010

7:00 PM

Riverside Garden Room
34th Street and 5th Avenue
Moline, IL

ASSIGNMENTS

MC: TBD

Theme: Contests Stage &
Close-up

Drinks: Dave Curley

Snacks: Kim Meacham

Teachers: N/A

Media Rpt: N/A

JULY MEETING

Theme: Picnic—Come and
Entertain the Crowd

MAY MEETING

President Todd Herbst opened the May meeting. Sergeant-At-Arms Jason Hamilton introduced our guest: Luke Van Cleve's grandmother Ruth.

Treasurer Jerry Phillips reported our balance at \$7,831.71. The Club purchased our P.A. system, for use with our Club shows.

President Todd reported that the Dixon, Illinois show was one of, if not the, largest audiences we have had for a Club show.

The Club picnic is on July 1, and we will have the barbeque meal set up just as we had last year. Cost is \$5 per person.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Club Shows: Rick Brammer handed out Magic Bucks to Jason Hamilton, David Casas, Jeremy Haak, Bradley Wheeler, Jerry Phillips, Todd Herbst, Larry Tooker, and Craig Bitene.

Rick updated us on upcoming Club shows: Saturday May 22nd in Dubuque, Sunday June 6th Iowa City. Saturday July 10th will be a Grand Opening for the Davenport Public Library. There will also be a show October 14 is a show in Durant.

Upcoming Lectures: Kozmo will lecture on Tuesday, May 18. Rafael Benetar will be lecturing on Tuesday, May 25. Both lectures will be here at our regular meeting room. Shawn Farquar will be lecturing here Thursday, September 16th.

OLD, NEW & MONKEY BUSINESS

President Todd is working on the Club's promotional materials, including the magic book to be sold at Club shows.

The Club voted to book Aldo Columbini and Rachel Wild for a lecture in August. This will be a completely different lecture from the one they presented the last time they were here. All of their products are priced at \$10.

Both Close Up and Stage Contests will be held next month. The contests will be held at our meeting room. (Please see page four for more contest information.)

Joe Dobson reported that the Annual Meeting of the Three Stooges Fan Club in Philadelphia last weekend was up to its usual high standards.

NEW STUFF, INSTRUCTION & MORE MAGIC

Chuck Hanson reported on Darwin Ortiz's Designing Miracles: Creating the Illusion of Impossibility. This book describes 27 techniques for making your magic appear to be *impossible* to your audiences. A very thorough, insightful book. Chuck highly recommends this book for analyzing and reconstructing your magic to truly fool people, not just presenting them a puzzle. Doing so will take effort on your part, but will result in your audiences experiencing true miracles.

Larry Tooker taught the trick tonight...using a sugar cube to cause a freely selected number to go from the sugar cube to the palm of a spectator's hand. A very simple effect, but baffling to the audience.

President Todd taught the second trick tonight, a card trick, which also used a pair of invisible dice. Using the randomly tossed number, and using that number for a spectator to choose a card, Todd was able to correctly discern the chosen card.

Kim Meacham thanked Club members who pitched in and helped revitalize the Wizard's Den last week. He then gave us a preview of new wares that are for sale at the Wizard's Den, including the Ponta the Smith DVD, Jay Sankey's The Fine Print, and Jay Sankey's DVD on The Invisible Deck.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Tonight our show was emceed by Micheal Finney. The theme was Stage Magic. Jerry Phillips used Jason Hamilton for a demonstration of mind control. Using a Mr. Spockian methodology of a mind meld, Jerry was able to cause Jason to pick the card Jerry had predicted via a giant stage sized card, which required the use of Goldfinger's

industrial strength laser.

Bradley Wheeler then showed us a special memento of his, a cube, which has proven to be very lucky for him. He used the storage box for the cube to show us a parlor sized illusion. He then fooled us not once, not twice, but three times with an impossible penetration of the cube through a magic wand. Then he made the cube vanish. Nice going, Bradley!

Del Kiefer teased us with a block and cord, and then put it aside to perform a trick with a borrowed and signed bill, a canister, and a handkerchief. He was able to make the bill vanish from the handkerchief while held by a spectator, and caused it to appear inside the canister which had been in the possession of another spectator.

Michael Dyer used a three-legged table to showcase his talents as a magician and storyteller. He highlighted the difference between Muggles and Wizards, while performing a card trick. Levi signed a selected card, which was lost in the deck, then ended up in a sealed envelope which Tammy had been holding the entire time. Teleportation!

Sir Richard, all the way from Macomb, Illinois used an extra large penny and a blue cloth to perform a routine in which the penny would continually vanish from sight on top of the cloth, and reappear in various places, most notably behind people's ear (Really!). At the end, the extra large penny transformed into a *giant* penny.

Luke Van Cleve, from Dubuque Iowa, performed a pretty slick cups and balls routine. He had some *very* good moves. Well done, Luke!

Chuck Hanson attempted an experiment tonight, with the assistance of Toto. Calling upon Toto's intuition, Chuck was able to succeed in his experiment. The proof was in the pudding, which was cleverly disguised as an envelope hidden beneath Toto's chair, which revealed a number chosen in a random fashion by Bradley, Ryan and Ralph.

Jeremy Haak, The Amazer, showed how he tolerates the annoying people in his life. He magically caused the bottle of tolerance juice to multiply eight times over, although his can of Diet Coke remained alone.

The Joker, Todd Herbst, closed our performance tonight. He used Bradley to help him demonstrate his ability to use a magical Polaroid camera (a drawing of the camera, no less) to reveal Bradley's chosen card.

CONTEST INFORMATION

The contests—Stage and Close-up Magic will be judged by the club members. The winners will receive "*The Peoples' Choice Award*". Trophies for first, second and third place will be given in each category.

Only club members can perform and vote. The vote will be based on one criteria, the most entertaining to the audience.

If you are performing close up the time limit for your performance should be seven minutes. If you are performing for stage magic the time limit is ten minutes. The time-keeper will audit the time for the performer.

Practice your best act and we all look forward to a great evening.

FUTURE MEETING THEMES

July—Picnic Magic

August—Classics of Magic

September - Auction

October - Halloween

November - Round Robin Teach In

December - Birthday & Kids Magic