



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

QUAD CITIES MAGIC CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 2, 2010

7:00 PM

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

ASSIGNMENTS

MC: N/A

Theme: Annual Auction

Drinks: Joe Dobson

Snacks: Eric Dany

Teachers: N/A

Media Rpt: N/A

OCTOBER MEETING

Theme: Halloween

It's that spooky time of year
Bring a trick to show

SEPTEMBER MEETING

This month we are back to our regular schedule and this month we're holding the annual club auction.

The rules for the auction are on page x. Rummage through your magic stash and bring some items to auction!

LECTURES

We have two great lectures lined up.

Shawn Farquhar will be here September 15th. You won't want to miss Shawn—He's TERRIFIC. The location will be announced at the meeting (and follow-up emails).

Alan Sands will be here October 19th

AUGUST MEETING

We welcomed two newcomers tonight—Kevin and Carol Griffiths. The fact that they stayed the entire meeting despite President Todd's opening story about the Lone Ranger surely indicates their love for magic!

President Todd gave a brief report on Abbott's Convention, then introduced several Committee Chairs who briefly ran through required business, including:

Rick Eugene handing out Magic Bucks for participation in Club shows; Treasurer Jerry Phillips informing us we have \$9,494.36; Eric Dany reporting our Holiday Show will be in early December (first Tuesday) and that we are looking for a headlining performer; and that the Club is close to purchasing a profes-

sional backdrop to be used during Club shows. Kim Meacham gave a report on new miracles available at the Wizard's Den.

There were no reviews this month, but we did have our regular Teach-A-Trick sessions. President Todd taught us two excellent methods to vanish a coin: One if by hand and Two if by glass. Wait...no, that was Paul Revere. What Todd did was show us a clever method of vanishing a coin with a glass if the performer has a table to work with, and an even more clever way of vanishing a coin that requires only the performer's two hands.

Then Chuuuuuccck Hanson! showed us a *sweet* trick in which he read a card's mind. No, really. It was very impressive, repeatable, and impromptu. And so easy to do. Thank you Todd and Chuck!

Tonight our show, under the theme of Classics of Magic, was emceed by Joe Dobson. An odd combination of theme and persona for sure...

First up was Jerry Phillips, who prefaced his act with an advertisement, then brought out the Linking Rings, and finished with his Mind-Reading Duck.

Next was a rare, and treasured, appearance by Bob Dahlquist. Bob's humor and excellent timing were showcased in a piece in which he wore Chuck Hanson down to a bloody stump. Poor Chuck...he lost cash to Bob's "Money Making Machine", the same little plastic item you could buy from the back page of a 12-cent comic book back in the day. At one point Bob told Chuck they had to wait about two minutes for the machine to cool off before resuming. Chuck: "What do we do for those two minutes?" Bob: "Wait." That one perfectly timed and delivered deadpan line brought down the house.

Then Joe Dobson momentarily transitioned from MC to performer in order to teach the Club how to count to three in Mandarin. Capeche?

Jason Hamilton returned us to classics with 'The Trick that Fooled Einstein'. Jason showed how Al Koran's counting trick could be performed in an entertaining and engaging fashion.

Michael Dyer decided to channel the physicist in him and gave us a meta-physical, vortex-whirling, Feng-Shui rendition of the Chinese Water Suspension. It was a display of frenetic energy by Michael and magic by 'forces unknown'.

Then Larry Tooker decided to dry clean Luke VanCleve's hair with some water that...well...just seemed to vanish into thin air. Luke had a towel ready in case Larry goofed, but we all knew he wouldn't.

Sir Richard performed a bare-handed coin routine, then showed Carol Griffiths a little something by the name of Scotch and Soda. Truly a classic that still amazes.

MC Joe returned with a tale of Doug Henning illustrated with Larry Jennings's Close-Up Illusion. For those who had never seen it, it bended the plane between reality and illusion.

Kevin Griffiths then came up and performed at his very first Club meeting. What a trouper! And his debut piece? A three card prediction...from a *shuffled* deck! Way to go Kevin!

Next was Rick Eugene, who messed with us twice. First he brought out Three Bell Monte, completely fooling his helper; then with the assistance of Diane the Psychic Showgirl (who performs twice nightly in Vegas), showed us how to take a prop, change the idea behind its use just a bit, and deliver a very entertaining and mystifying routine. Nice job, Rick.

Chuuuuccck Hanson! then took the floor, and went through the Severed and Restored Donkey Tether (c. 1874), the 19th Century Silks, David Hoy's original Tossed Out Deck (THE actual deck!?!), and then the Linking Clanking Rings. Finally he brought Bob Dahlquist back up to assist in performing the classic Ball and Vase with a beautiful wooden vase and a beautiful routine.

Luke VanCleve, on his way to performing at the Iowa State Fair, showed us a little Linking Ring routine.

Joe Dobson performed one last time, this time a variation of Don Alan's classic Chop Cup routine. Cinderbella assisted.

Then Bradley Wheeler got up and performed a prediction rope trick. Yes, you read that correctly. You should also note that he absolutely fried many of the magicians present with this one.

Finally, Jeremy 'The Amazer' Haak took the floor to close out our show. The Hawk started to perform a Cut and Restored Rope, then switched over to perform his signature Linking Rings routine.

All in all we saw a lot of magic, and were fortunate to have so many wanting to entertain their compeers. A very good evening in all!

SEPTEMBER IS OUR ANNUAL AUCTION! Be there or be kicking yourself all year. There should be a lot of magic for sale...this writer alone has about three boxes of things to submit. Get there early as magazines, soft-cover books, and perhaps some vid-

eos might be sold outright before the auction begins at 7:00. If you have items to put into the auction, make sure to group them neatly—maybe in large ziplock bags—and label them. Number each “lot” you are selling, and provide the bookkeepers with a list of those numbered items so they can tally things more efficiently. And if you have minimum bid requirements, put that information on the lot’s label.

FUTURE MEETING THEMES

November - Round Robin Teach In

December - Birthday & Kids Magic

CLUB AUCTION RULES

1. Anyone can participate, they need not be a member to join in the action.
2. All transactions are either cash or checks. Magic bucks, credit or debit cards are not accepted.
3. Ten items or less are allowed for each individual to auction. (Please attach a note on each item explaining each trick, indicating what you want the auctioneer to say. Try to include all instructions. Please don't list all items on one sheet).
4. Sellers may set a reserve price noted on the item, so buyers must meet, or exceed that price.
5. You may sell several items in a lot for one price. This will constitute only one item per lot.
6. Sellers should have their items on display at 6:30 for all members to view.
7. Auction will start at 7:00 after a SHORT BUSINESS meeting.
8. Private sales will commence at 6:30 for items such as magazines and soft covered books. No commission will be taken by the club on these sales.
9. Hard covered books and videos are permitted in the auction.
10. A record keeper shall keep track of all transactions and will retain 10% of all sales proceeds to go to the club treasury.