

Quad Cities Magic Club – September, 2013 Newsletter

The meeting was opened at 7:00 by our President, Eric Dany. The show on Sept. 8 at the library in Independence, Iowa was a success with many from the club participating, and there was even coverage and pictures in their local newspaper.

Upcoming events:

Fall – Steve Beam, lecture – date yet to be determined

Oct. 19 – Spooktacular at Prospect Park in Moline, Il

Nov. 14 – **Bruce Bernstein**, lecture on mental magic at the Garden Room, 7:00, \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members

Dec. 2 – QCMC Christmas party – arrive around 6:30, dinner at 7:00, entertainment with “**Skildini**,” all for \$15/person, both members and non-members

Next month: November 7 meeting – teach-in with Joe Dobson, Rick Brammer, Chuck Hanson, and Sir Richard. Please bring a deck of cards and some coins.

Beverage – Ken Cooper

Snacks – Joe Dobson

Media report – Todd Herbst

New or newly featured at **The Fun Co.**

Bamboozlers, Vol. 1 & 2 – Diamond Jim Tyler

Peg Leg Pete – children’s trick involving pirates

Card Toon – great card trick by Dan Harlan

and, of course, a standard supply of great decks – Svengali, Invisible, Mene Tekel, Brainwave, Mental Photography, lefty, Zombie, Boris Wild, and so on.

Media report: Sir Richard recommended one of the many books cheaply produced by Dover Books, *Mulholland’s Book of Magic*, which, though old, contains a number of interesting effects not seen in a while.

Teach-a-trick: Joe Dobson taught Frank Garcia’s *Quadruple Coincidence*. The magician chooses a card for a prediction, and the volunteer freely chooses a card that is kept in the pocket unseen. The deck is cut into two stacks. A third card is chosen from one stack and revealed, and its number is used to count down in the other stack to a fourth card. All four cards are found to be the same. It’s a wow!

Performances:

Chuck Hanson displayed a rod from which hung five Burmese bells, each on a separate rope. After telling us an ancient legend concerning the Burmese bells, he asked for someone to select a bell. Then while holding the rod steady, that bell mysteriously began to sway. Without moving his hands or stopping the bell, another bell was selected, and the first bell stopped on its own while the second began to swing. A third bell also was chosen and followed suit. The very senior generation among us used to swing and sway with Sammy Kaye; who ever knew that it all began with the Burmese. Thanks, Chuck.

Sir Richard had a card chosen which he eventually divined to be second from the top, yet the volunteer had performed all the moves.

Craig Cox displayed two jumbo card holders, decorated as castles with a large hole in the middle to see whatever card is placed inside. In one was placed a large card of a pumpkin and in the other a card of a witch. Following an entertaining fairy tale, the card holders were repeatedly covered and uncovered, and the cards inside seen to constantly switch places. Finally, the pumpkin turned into a prince and the witch into a frog. Then, having set the mood with that Halloween effect, Craig produced his wallet which mysteriously opened and closed unaided in his hand, including credit cards which jumped out of various compartments. Creepy.

Joe Dobson showed his six-sided Chinese coin. One side was red and the other side was yellow. Giving the coin another two turns, he showed that the 'third' and 'fourth' sides were also red and yellow. Continuing to turn the coin two more times, the 'fifth' and 'sixth' sides were seen to be green and blue. The solid coin was dropped to the table and the hands shown empty. Quick, clean and fun.

Michael Dyer did two related mental card tricks. The first trick involved two volunteers, each with parts of a single deck. Each chose a card from their portion and buried it back in the deck. One volunteer telepathically sent the name of his card to the magician, and the second unconsciously divined the number of cards sitting on top of his chosen card and sent that figure telepathically. After rearranging the first volunteer's deck, they counted off together the specific

number sent by the second volunteer, and each arrived at their chosen cards, the magician revealing the name of the first volunteer's card.

For the second trick, both volunteers were given a deck that is seen to be in random order. One volunteer cut his own deck and looked at a card. Both volunteers immediately turned over cards from the top of their decks and stated each card's name which were always different, until finally they stated simultaneously the same name which also happened to be the name of the chosen card.

Luke Van Cleve had a card chosen and signed. Three cards were guessed, including one held between his teeth as a strong and hilarious hint of which card to choose, but none were correct. Finally, Luke literally coughed up a folded card from his mouth which proved to be the chosen card. A little spooky and definitely slimy.

Todd Herbst placed four cards in a stand – a monkey, a ballerina, a clown, and a circus strong man. One was chosen and removed from the stand by a spectator and then the others removed, all while Todd's back was turned away. He then produced a large silk which had on it the image of the chosen figure that was on the card. Colorful, fun and baffling.

T. J. Regul, one of our new guest magicians, had a card chosen and replaced in the deck. A card was guessed at, found to be wrong, and placed on the table. A second card was also guessed at and found to be wrong, at which point the first card was turned over and now proved to be the right card after all. Great job.

Thanks everyone for a great evening, especially our newer performers. See you next month at the teach-in. Don't forget to bring a deck of cards and some coins, maybe some rope, some silks, a woman to saw in half, whatever it takes.