

Quad Cities Magic Club – November, 2013 Newsletter

The meeting was opened at 7:00 by our President, Eric Dany. Both new and old magicians performed at the annual Spooktacular in Oct. which was again very successful. On the downside of the club's news, the much anticipated lecture by Bruce Bernstein in Nov. has had to be cancelled.

Rick Brammer reported on two new opportunities for performance by our club:

1. Nevada, IA on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 2:00 for three hours of walk-around, and
2. Waukeee, IA on Friday evening, Mar. 7 for both stage and walk-around.

Plan now and set aside the date for our annual Christmas party on Monday night, Dec. 2. Cocktail hour will be at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, entertainment around 8:00. This year our featured guest will be Tim Wright, aka "Skilldini," a very entertaining and accomplished (dare I say 'skilled') magician. It will be in the banquet room of the Windmill Restaurant, 1190 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline – parking at the rear. Cost: \$15 – members and non-members alike, except for young children. The dinner will feature around 5 entrees from the menu with 2-3 sides. Please make your reservations before the deadline of **Nov. 29**. You can call them in to any officer of the club or to The Fun Co. at 309-721-8810.

Chuck Hansen reported that the Garden Room is undergoing some refurbishing during the months of January, February, and March. There are two possibilities available – First Congregational Church in Moline, and the Moline Township Hall. The second carries with it the stipulation that the club present a show there sometime during the next year. A final decision will be made next meeting.

The slate of officers was chosen for next year and to be voted on at the Dec. meeting. They are:

President – Ken Cooper

Vice President – Darrel Peplow, Eric Dany, and Angel

Treasurer – Rick Brammer

Secretary – Michael Dyer

Sergeants-at-arms – Jerry Phillips and Ken Wilson

Officers-at-large – Chuck Hansen, Dave Curly, Todd Herbst

Next month: December 5

Easy teach-a-trick: Sir Richard

Hard teach-a-trick: Todd Herbst will teach us the Osterlind center tear

Media report – Joe Dobson

Beverage – Darrel Peplow

Snacks – Ken Cooper

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

New *Magic* magazine

Impuzzabilities, Vol. I – Jim Steinmeyer

Clarity Box – update on the Kennedy Mystery Box in which the sides and top are all clear

Media report: Todd Herbst reported on Richard Osterlind's The Perfected Center Tear, a center tear that is unique to Osterlind, and several tricks that incorporate it. Todd has also chosen to teach it to us next meeting.

Performances:

Tonight was our round robin night for member teach-a-trick. There were four.

Sir Richard taught a trick by Nick Kranza. The deck is cut several times, a card is chosen and the deck is immediately placed within the magician's pocket. He tells us that he memorized the deck and therefore knows the placement of every card, which he proves by reaching in his pocket and removing the chosen card's mate. With time remaining, Richard taught a second trick in which a card is chosen and cut to the center. More cuts are made faces up. The deck is turned over and Sir Richard magically announces how many cards down in the deck is the chosen card. Good effects.

Chuck Hanson taught a trick from Mick Ayres' column in *M-U-M Magazine* called S'Lie. It was based on the '9-principle' in magic (ex. 14 is $1+4 = 5$. $14 - 5 = 9$).

What was nice about it was the way attention was diverted away from any exposure of the 9-principle.

Rick Brammer taught a good straightforward 'Coins Across' using 6 half dollars or poker chips – no shells or trick coins. Can be done easily.

Joe Dobson taught us the most *unpopular* poker game around – Spectator Poker. After thoroughly mixing and shuffling the deck, including cards both face up and face down, two hands are dealt. The face up hand is a good pat hand, but the face down hand is a royal flush. A winner of a trick.