

Quad Cities Magic Club – January, 2014 Newsletter

The meeting was opened at 7:00 by our President, Ken Cooper. Jerry Philips reminded everyone that dues are due - \$15 for the year if paid before the end of the meeting in Feb., \$20 thereafter.

Upcoming events: Two new opportunities for club performance:

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

Also, a library show involving walk-around is being planned for Burlington, IA but no date has been determined.

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

New *Magic* magazine

Million Dollar Monte – DVD

Ultimate 3-Card Monte – Michael Skinner

McDonald's Aces - DVD

Bicycle decks – new types – sideshow freaks, Z-ray, Carnival Delirium, dragon, zombie, butterfly, etc.

8' pole

Inferno – card trick by Joshua Jay

Card Fictions by Pat Hartling – 7 performance pieces

Odd Quad – Daryl

Attack of the Copper Silver Coins – 7 routines

David Roth – DVD Vol. 1-3

Card Box – magazine with 25 tricks

Hard teach-a-trick: Eric Dany taught a trick involving a prediction placed in one of three colored envelopes. Two envelopes are chosen and eliminated. Then using a clock diagram and a randomly selected number, a series of three numbers are spelled out around the clock based on the chosen number, and the final number matches the prediction in the envelope. The other envelopes are empty.

Easy teach-a-trick: Todd Herbst taught us another effect by Richard Osterlind, this one involving a Webster pocket dictionary into which a blank card is inserted, a word chosen from the selected pages and written on the card, and the card

inserted back into the book again. When given back to the magician, he simply holds the dictionary and discerns what the chosen word was. Nice effect.

Performances:

Craig Cox passed a white feather duster through a tube four times, each time changing to a new color. Quite visual.

Eric Dany performed the 9-card Mystery, a spelling trick that works only if “magic” is spelled and added to it.

Todd Herbst performed another mental feat, ala Osterlind. On a stand were displayed five cards, each with fourteen Halloween words. A word is mentally selected by a spectator, and then the cards that contain that word are removed from the stand. The magician concentrates and reveals the thought-of word that is missing from the remaining cards. A new twist in mentalism.

Chuck Hanson passed out a deck of cards for examination, had it shuffled, and five cards chosen and handed back to Chuck, while another person shuffled and chose another five cards. These ten different cards were then placed on a stand. A third person was presented a ‘douse,’ (singular of the word *dice* – that is, in Chuck’s world) who practiced rolling it several times. Based on the roller’s technique in rolling, his ‘tell,’ Chuck could ‘tell’ which number would be rolled next and wrote down a prediction as to which card would be chosen based on the number to be rolled next. The ‘douse’ was then rolled, that number was counted off on the stand, and the selected card matched the prediction. Great fun!

Next month:

Media report: Chuck Hansen

Easy teach-a-trick: Ken Wilson

Hard teach-a-trick: Eric Dany

MC: Jerry Philips

snacks: Eric Dany

beverages: Ken Cooper

Remember, the February 6 meeting will be held at the First Congregational Church, 2201 7th Ave., Moline.