

Minutes of Quad Cities Magic Club – March, 2014

President Ken Cooper got the meeting started right on time and quickly ran through the business portion. Three guests were present...Ian and Scott Jones and Scott Miller, who was visiting the area from Dayton, Ohio. Two future lecturers were announced...Bruce Bernstein in April and Norm Barnhart in October. Eric passed out some literature regarding the abraCORNdabra convention in Des Moines in May. Bruce Bernstein lecture is April 24 at 7 PM, probably in the garden Room. Ken Cooper reported on the possibility of viewing the on-line lectures currently available. No specific plan was decided.

Media report: Chuck Hanson reviewed Pat Page's last book, *Page By Page*, a real fine addition to any library.

Hard teach-a-trick: Ken Wilson taught us how to do a very nice, non-sleight card trick similar in the end result to Triumph. A selected card was placed back in the deck; the cards were mixed face to face and back to back, then dealt into four piles. Each pile was flipped over onto the next pile, apparently thoroughly mixing up everything. But when the deck was spread all the cards were face down except the selection. It was a fine trick.

Eric Dany showed some of the new additions to the inventory at our local magic shop, the Fun Company, that he and Jerry Philips operate

Performances: Five performers rose to the occasion for the evening show which was humorously MC'd by Eric Dany. Eric was well equipped with a plethora of jokes, some of them even quite good.

First up was Craig Cox who was able to produce not one, not two, but over a dozen large dice from a tube he kept showing to be empty. Then he did a version of What's Next. But this one was different in that at the end there was a hole in the card where one of the spots had been.

Visitor Scott Miller took the stage and gave us two startling card effects. The first, a Billy McDonald trick called Tuned Fortune, was another face-up, face down stunt in which the signed selection ended up face up in the deck of all face-down cards. His second offering was by Asi Wind, a very clever idea in which the selected card was placed back in the deck. The deck was fanned to show all cards facing the same way. A photo was taken of this array but in the resulting picture the selection was reversed...at least that's the way I remember it. Both were clever tricks very nicely done.

Luke Van Cleve, a high school junior who travels over 75 miles to attend our meetings, gave us a smooth mental trick. He had a card selected, then asked Ken Miller to join him on stage and proceeded to have Ken read the selector's mind and name the card. Luke is a very polished young entertainer.

Ken Cooper followed with some cute Harry Potter themed schtick, then with Luke's help caused a side table to float up into the atmosphere [or at least a few feet off the ground]. Amazing!

Chuck Hanson closed the show with a version of the old Afghan Bands using a zipper instead of the cloth strips. He called it the Ceremonial Sash from the Serengeti. Right! His second trick was a series of penetrations using several juggling rings and a silk scarf, ending with a version of Oho.

-APRIL ASSIGNMENTS

Theme....Silk magic

Easy TAT...Ken Miller

Tough TAT...Eric Dany

Media...Eric Dany

MC...Chuck Hanson

Drinks and Snacks...Michael Dyer