

## Quad Cities Magic Club Minutes – April, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Cooper. The show put on by the club at Waukee was a success, and the club is continuing to do well. It was moved and seconded that for the rest of this year any magic bucks can be used for twice their value at lectures. Also, it was moved and seconded that the club purchase the Blade Box from Craig Beytein, once he has constructed it, for use in future shows of the club. It was also decided that for the sake of our younger magicians and whenever we have young guests we will structure our meetings in a way that begins with performances, followed by the magic teaching and media reports, and finishing with the club's business. We will try this at one of our future meetings to see how it goes. Finally, Ken Cooper has recently purchased the video on-line lecture series which he is willing to share. Future dates for us to meet and view these, probably a Saturday afternoon, will be determined and announced.

### **Future shows and other events:**

Sat., April 26, 9am – noon. River Bend Food Bank – Extreme Kids Helping Kids Day. It will be held at 4010 Kimmel Dr. in Davenport, IA. Walk-around magicians and general help are needed. We have supported this program since its inception three years in Moline by Rick Brammer, and we need to continue to do so.

May 2-4, Fri-Sun: *Magic in Savannah* featuring magicians **David Casas, Tom Burgoon,** and **Joel Ward**, plus two singers. Place: Alan and Adrienne St. George Center for the Arts, 800 Chicago Ave., Savannah, Il. Time: 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00) Fri. and Sat., 2:30pm on Sun. Price: Children - \$12, general admission - \$17, special seating - \$22. Free popcorn and beverages. A great opportunity to support one of our own!

May 16-18 – AbraCORNdabra Magic Convention in Des Moines, IA, featuring Stan Allan, Steve Bargatze, and David Parr.

### **Lectures:**

April 24 (Thurs.), 7:00pm – **Bruce Bernstein**, a renowned magician in mental magic. It will be held at the First Congregational Church in Moline where we have been meeting. This is a great opportunity to see Bruce – put it on your calendar.

Sept. 30 – **Norm Barnhardt** – comedy magic and children's shows.

Oct. 24 – **Shawn Farquhar**

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

Adult Magic – Paul Daniels

Thought Transmitter – John Cornelius

Devices and Illusions – Steinmyer

Jarrett – Steinmyer

Abbot's Encyclopedia of Rope Tricks – paperback and a 2-vol. hardback

Vanishing Pen

The Hole Card

Szechuan Sampler

**Easy teach-a-trick:** Ken Wilson taught us a trick called the Unlucky Aussie, and another in which all of us participated. No matter how many cards each of us took off the top of the deck, by following a simple process we all arrived back at a previously chosen card. At the end of the evening he showed us the principle of Slydini's Knotted Silk Trick. Ken used his 'ghetto silks' (cotton bandanas) whereas Slydini used parachute silk, but the principle is still the same.

### **Performances:**

With the theme of silk magic, our MC Chuck Hanson performed his red and white color-changing silk trick. Then he exposed the fact that two silks were used, one red and one white. The red then vanished, and the white vanished.

Craig Cox performed three tricks. First, a red silk wiggled, flew into the air, flew through a ring, and then danced in the air around his hands. Next he placed a silver ribbon and red, black, and white silks in a bag which magically transformed into a car. Finally, a paper with multi-colored dots was rolled into a cylinder. Through it were passed three white silks, each of which absorbed one of the colors of the dots. When the paper was unrolled only white dots were seen on the paper. All very colorful routines.

Next, Michael Dyer veered from the theme and showed a trick of Ricky Jay's, seen previously that week on Jimmy Fallon. Displaying ten face-down cards, he and a volunteer took turns freely drawing five cards each from either end of the row, even exposing some to help out the volunteer. And yet, the volunteer ended up with only a pair, while Michael drew a royal flush.

Craig Beytein placed a yellow silk in his hand and had a volunteer call out the name of a color (blue), which became the color of the silk when it passed through his hand. He exposed the use of two silks and gave a second set to a volunteer in order to teach him the trick. During the process, the blue silk mysteriously disappeared from Craig's hand, but whereas the volunteer learned to change yellow to blue but still retaining two silks, Craig's single yellow silk became a single red one. Another great use of color.

Eric Dany presented Szechuan Sample. Four Chinese menus are passed out, and volunteers pick either an entrée, appetizer, side dish, or dessert and their prices noted. When the prices are added together, a prediction envelope is revealed containing a card with the same final sum on it.

Chuck Hanson finished the evening by performing his red and white color-changing silk trick, until someone pointed out that he had already done that trick earlier. So, Chuck stopped midway through the trick, causing the two silks to merge into one silk, half red and half white. Next, Chuck displayed his flame silk which he calls his handy dandy flame finder in walls. To demonstrate how it works, he placed the silk in a glass which then disappeared. Then he tied together two silks, red and yellow, and placed them into the glass, but the missing flame silk failed to appear between them. So, he tapped the glass with a wand and instantly and quite startlingly the flame silk appeared in the glass. Finally, a pink and a red silk were tied together which changed into two pink and red striped tied silks. Then a third striped silk appeared between the two, then another and another until there were nine tied in a circle. Quite effective. Thanks everyone for a colorful magical evening.

### **MAY ASSIGNMENTS**

Theme....Round Robin – everyone performs one trick several times for small groups at a table

Media report: Craig Beytein

Beverages: Daryl Peplow

Snacks: Todd Herbst

JUNE – close-up and stage contest – start practicing; rules will sent out soon