

Quad Cities Magic Club Minutes – June, 2014

As we did last month, we again began the evening with the magic contests, leaving the business portion of the meeting for the end.

Close-up Magic Contest

Ken Wilson began by having a card chosen and returned to the deck. Two more cards were chosen and inserted into the deck. When pushed through the deck, it was seen that there was another card between them, which was the initially chosen card. For a second trick, he had two jokers and three wallets, each with a prediction envelope. A card was selected and through a mathematical process, three stacks were created. After two stacks were eliminated, the top card of the final stack was found to be the chosen card, and the predictions in the wallets revealed the number of cards of their respective stacks.

Ken Cooper performed matrix with four cards and four half-dollars, and suddenly each of the four coins were back under their original cards.

Stage Magic Contest

Todd Herbst had a card chosen and placed in an envelope and held by the volunteer. Then a piece of aluminum foil was placed around his head and covered his face. Chairs were placed as obstacles between him and the volunteer. Yet, Todd was able to walk around the obstacles to the volunteer and reveal what the chosen card in the envelope was.

Craig Cox squeezed three effects into the allotted time of ten minutes. 1. Craig displayed a grid in a picture frame. Then a flower pot was drawn on the grid. Next, flowers were seen to grow and rise out of the pot. Finally, a black silk was placed over the picture and then whisked away. The flowers had disappeared, but a bouquet was produced from under the silk. 2. Three nested tubes were displayed. Silks of various colors were placed in the nest. When the tubes were removed, the silks had become a feather boa in blocks of color. Again they were covered by the tubes, and this time the boa that emerged was multi-colored. 3. Finally, Craig produced silks and a flower bouquet from a square circle.

Ken Cooper gave a dollar to each of two volunteers for examination and then tore them in two. Two halves were placed in small pan from which the halves disappeared. Next, Ken engaged the volunteers in a bubble gum chewing and stretching contest, using pieces randomly drawn from a bag. Of course, Ken won with about a 6-10' stretch. Another piece of gum was randomly drawn by the volunteer, which contained in it a folded half of a dollar. This matched one of the halves held by the volunteer. Finally, the halves were placed in a wallet, and when opened were seen to have been restored to being whole bills again.

Secret ballots were then made of the contestants; the winners will be announced at the picnic next month.

Business Meeting

- The meeting was called to order by President Ken Cooper. Craig Beytein reported on his progress in building the Blade Box. The wood has been bought, nineteen blades have been ordered, and aluminum legs are being made. Craig anticipates that the box will be completed by early August, and painted by September, and ready for the September show. The Doll's House illusion needs refurbishing, but further discussion was tabled for now.
- Michael Dyer reported that the possible club show on Aug. 24 for the annual picnic Sunday of the First Congregational Church has temporarily been put on hold due to recent situations at the church. He will keep the club posted as things develop.
- Having tried out the new format for the meeting for two months, it was generally agreed that the club members did not like it. So, it was moved that the club meeting return to its usual format of having the business portion of the meeting first. However, at the end of the first half hour, we will continue with the magical portion (media report, teach-a-tricks, performances), and then finish up with any leftover business at the end of the evening.

The **Annual QCMC Picnic** will be held at the park pavilion on July 3 this year.

Date and place – July 3 in the covered picnic area near the Garden Room at the far east side of Riverside Park, Moline, corner of 5th Ave. and 34th St. Parking is south of the Garden Room next to the pavilion off 34th St.

Times – arrive 5:30-6:00. Buffet begins at 6:15. Performances at 7:00

Cost - \$5.00 per person, members and non-members alike, except babes-in-arms. Magic Bucks accepted.

Reservations, have to be made by June 30. So, call the Fun Co. at 309-721-8810.

Food – Golick's will serve various tasty grilled meat entrees as before, plus picnic vegetable dishes.

Bring a desert or snack to share and your own beverage.

Fun – bring some magic to perform. Remember, this is one of the few times our friends and family get to see us in action. It is always a fun time, so bring some folks for an entertaining evening.

Shows and Lectures:

Sept. 14 – Club show at the **Ames Public Library in Ames, IA** – walk-around magicians are needed

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

Oct. 18 – annual Spooktacular

Oct. 24 – **Shawn Farquhar**

AUGUST ASSIGNMENTS:

Theme – close-up magic

Beverages – Ken Cooper

Snacks – Craig Cox

Media Report – Eric Dany

Difficult teach-a-trick – Chuck Hanson

Easy teach-a-trick – Ken Wilson

MC – Jerry Philips