

Quad Cities Magic Club Minutes – July, 2014

What a great day for a magic picnic! July 3 was like spring weather, the food was excellent as usual, and we had ten magicians perform with magic that was both good and hilarious.

To begin, Todd Herbst began our evening with a card in the balloon trick. After a card was chosen, a balloon was blown up, and a small dart was moved toward the balloon at Mach 1. When it reached the balloon, and broke both the sound barrier and the balloon and revealed the card.

Craig Cox presented a board with four pockets, and four cards with a different colored spot on each card. One large card was on the back side. After placing the color cards in the pockets, a volunteer chose a number, the card in that pocket revealed, and shown to match the predicted color on the large card.

Jerry Philips pulled a rabbit out a hat - not literally, but with silks. Out of a large silk imprinted with a top hat was produced a small silk with a rabbit on it. The rabbit silk then disappeared from one bare hand, only to reappear again from the hat.

Chuck Hanson presented a magic box and two ropes, one red, one white. With the help of a volunteer, the middle loop of each rope was inserted into one of the sides of the box. Reaching through a door in the top of the box, Chuck pulled out the loops which were now seen to be linked. This was repeated, and then the loops were inserted a third time and pulled through the top of the box to show that they were still unlinked. Then when he and the volunteer each pulled their respective rope ends the ropes linked inside. The surprise on the volunteer's face was priceless – the wonder and goal of magic!

Ken Cooper posed the question of whether a clown, a “hotdog” of a person, and a blonde can do a magic trick. So, with a volunteer each taking on one of these roles to hilarious effect with the help of funny head gear, the clown and the hotdog went into the audience and had cards chosen from a deck. The blonde then chose from her own deck two cards which matched the chosen cards.

Next, Eric Dany did his Chinese restaurant menu trick. Various menus are passed out from different Chinese restaurants and people freely choose a food category from their menu and then an item from that category, each at a different price. When the items are added together, Eric produces a gift certificate from an envelope that has been in full view the whole time which is already made out for that precise sum.

Next, Michael Dyer displayed two tubes, a stack of wooden checkers, and a book. After proving the checkers solid and passing them through both tubes, he covered stack of checkers with a tube, on top of which went the book, and finally an empty tube. A young volunteer used a breakaway wand, a spring wand, a color-changing wand, before finally finding a suitable wand, to wave at the stack. The checkers were seen to have penetrated the book and risen into the top tube. After some heckling about the “empty” bottom tube, he lifted the tube to reveal a real chocolate malt which was given to the heckler.

Ken Wilson presented four close-up effects: a ring on string effect with a love theme, a spelling card trick, another card trick in which a chosen card is sandwiched between two other cards, and another one.

Steve Delaney did a mental trick with a chalkboard and three predictions of volunteers' responses to favorite color, loose change in the pocket, and thought-of playing card. Two predictions matched, but the last one merely said "see deck." On producing a deck from a case, one card was found to have an X on the back which was the thought-of card.

Finally, T.J.Regul had an unusual volunteer, his two-year daughter. Coins were magically produced from ears, elbows, and the audience and placed in the coin pail. Short, cute, and the perfect way to end a great 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

Meeting alert: Because Abbott's Magic Convention is the first week of August, the meeting will be held on Aug. 14, not on the 7th. Also, in order to learn a great card trick, please BRING A DECK OF CARDS with you. And it is a good time to show what is new at Abbott's.