

## Quad Cities Magic Club – Ring 11 – Aug. 2014

Eight of our members just returned from Abbott's GetTogether in time for the August meeting and gave a full report on the fun they had. Also, member and master illusion builder, Craig Beytien on Dubuque, IA, brought a Blade Box that the Ring had commissioned him to build. It was beautifully done, typical of his high level of workmanship. We plan to use it carney-style during some of our upcoming shows. Along with that, the subject came up as to what to do with the two illusions recently donated to the club. After much discussion it was decided to sell the Doll House to Craig Beytein for \$200. He plans to rebuild it and make it available to the club on occasion. The Crystal Casket was deemed to be too costly and to fix and too unwieldy to use so the decision was made to scrap it.

### Media Report

Eric Dany's media report was about Jim Steinmeyer's *Further Impuzzabilities*. He demonstrated a very cute card trick, one of its many interesting effects.

### Teach-a-Trick

Then Ken Miller taught us the ins and outs of the great trick, Gemini Twins, in which two prediction cards are randomly placed in the deck, surprisingly enough right next to their mates. Very easy and so effective.

Chuck Hanson followed by teaching a basic swing cut and how to use it to force a card, make a false cut and do other bits of business.

### Performances

Jerry Phillips, MC of the evening show, regaled us with witty interludes while introducing the performers. Where all this stuff comes from I don't know.

First up was Craig Beytien with some clever card material including a selected card being penetrated by a different card [or was it an indifferent card?] Very clever and skillfully done.

Another Dubuquer, Luke Van Cleve, gave us his version of the Gemini Twins trick with a nice twist to it. After showing the matching pairs of cards he revealed the rest of the deck to be cards with blank faces. How 'bout that?

Craig Cox did an amazing trick in which blue stickers were stuck to the backs of two red backed cards. These were magically changed to blue backed cards with red stickers attached. There was a deck vanish in there too...if I remember correctly.

Next Todd Herbst fooled us with a trick he brought back from Abbott's. Four pairs of 2 inch colored cubes were placed in a bag. Ken Cooper removed one cube from the bag and dropped it into a square tube while Todd looked away. Todd did the same, putting his unseen block into a different tube. This was repeated three more times. When the tubes were raised the two stacks of blocks were in the same color sequence. Amazing.

The clairvoyant Eric Dany got his mindreading psyche cranked up and correctly read the mind of a helper who looked at a word from a randomly selected page in a book Eric said he bought at a library book sale. Nicely done, Swami.

The last act was Chuck Hanson who did a monte effect called appropriately enough COLA MONTE. He explained he was able to keep his eyes on a large card showing a picture of a Pepsi Cola can as it was mixed up with a card picturing a Coca Cola can. He actually failed the test but was given a reprieve when the Coca Cola was magically changed to a picture of orange pop. That made it easy to follow. He won a case of Pepsi...he says.

### **Next Month**

September is our annual auction. Here are the rules:

1. There will be no books, DVDs, video tapes, or magazines in the auction. They may be priced and sold on the side.
2. The limit for the number of auctionable units sold per person is 10. They may be either single tricks or bagged in groups in which the group is considered as a single item.
3. Put a brief description on EACH ITEM so the auctioneer can adequately describe it.
4. You may put a minimum sales price on any of your items.

The doors will be open at 6 – the sales items should be on display by 6:30 – the auction starts at 7. See you there.