

Quad Cities Magic Club – January, 2015

Our first meeting of the year was significant in that it was the first one of six meetings featuring a teaching session for the public at 6pm preceding our regular meeting. On a very cold night we had at least nine people, both children and adults as students. Good turnout! Please tell others that the proposed teaching sessions are now occurring, and to reserve a place in the next class with Rick Brammer for Feb. 5.

Rick Brammer reported that there currently are no definite shows on the docket for our club. However, there are some lectures coming up:

Mar. 20-26 – sometime during that week we will have **Francis Menotti**, also known as “Chip” Menotti, from Philadelphia

April 23 – **Gregory Wilson** (not Mark Wilson’s son)

June 7 – **Bill Trotter’s** collection of old magic, one of the top five in the nation

Also, Chuck Hanson reported that the **Central Illinois Magic Convention** will be held in Peoria this year on April 25. It was noted that the contact number for the club as listed in the *Dispatch* has been incorrect for a long time. Darrell Peplow will correct it. And, last but in no way of least importance, the Del Kiefer Award was presented to Ken Wilson for his participation at all meetings, performances, shows, other club efforts, and shows of his own over the past year. Congratulations, Ken – well deserved!

Media report: Kim Meacham gave high marks for the three volumes of *The Definitive Sankey*, 550 tricks of Jay Sankey, compiled and written by Andi Godwin and Joshua Jay. Good writing, photos, and diagrams, but especially helpful is the difficulty rating (1-5) for each trick. Kim began his report with his performance of Hot Rod, but using Chinese chop sticks, a Sankey trick found in the volumes.

Easy teach-a-trick: Kim Meacham taught us another Sankey move, a coin switch involving a plain silver coin and a copper/silver coin. Takes some practice, but worth the resulting effect.

Hard teach-a-trick: Rick Brammer taught us a do-as-I-do trick – how to pick up a rope from a table and immediately tie a knot in it without letting go of the ends.

Performances

Craig Cox began the evening with a bowl of pompom balls and a mesh bag. After having a volunteer place all the balls in the bag, he was then asked the volunteer to reach in and pull out a ball. It was pink, which matched what Craig had written on a prediction card. From then on, every ball that the volunteer chose was pink, while every ball that Craig or another volunteer picked out was another color. Truly a colorful and enjoyable trick.

T. J. Regul introduced us to the magical use of NLP, neuro-linguistic programming, a way of influencing people using language alone. Displaying four numbered envelopes, he stated that each held a “big bill,” but that he would end up with the real one. Each volunteer freely chose an envelope. One contained a paper with the largely printed name Bill, another with a play money \$100 bill, and one with a picture of a duck which has its own kind of “bill.” The final one left for T. J. contained a real \$100 bill, for which I’m sure he breathed a sigh of relief.

Steve Delaney asked for two volunteers. One chose a card from a deck which Steve revealed on a prediction card. Another chose an ESP symbol which was found on the other side of the prediction card.

Kim Meacham returned to perform another Sankey trick, Paper Clipped. A card folded in quarters and held by a paper clip is placed in full view on a table. Then a volunteer drew a card from a deck and wrote his initials across the face. The card was then placed back in the deck where it disappeared. The clipped and folded card was then unfolded and found to be the volunteer’s chosen and signed card. A seemingly impossible switch. Well done.

Ken Cooper displayed his box of tricks – a box of Trix cereal. Suddenly it became two boxes, and then four more little boxes of cereal were produced.

Ken Wilson performed a different version of Will the Cards Match?, called Can the Flags Match? It involved the flags of five countries cut in half. After freely mixing the cards and spelling the words of the question, pairs of cards were put together which became the restored flags. This was followed by another trick in which a volunteer chose the only blue-backed card out of a group with four other red backs.

Chuck Hanson offered a gift to the person who could read his mind. There was a pre-test in which a color and a vegetable were named by his volunteer, which Chuck confirmed were the exact ones he was thinking of. Then he sent out a mental image of his card and asked the volunteer to name the position in the deck where the card can be found. The card that was found at the position was confirmed to be Chuck’s favorite card. Finally, after all his tomfoolery, the gift was presented to the volunteer, which was a bag of candy on the side of which was printed the name of the card.

Mike Dyer did an old Billy McComb/Don Alan card trick. Six jumbo cards were displayed and one, the 4D, was given to one volunteer. Then another set of the supposedly same cards were presented to another volunteer who was given free choice to choose one, or so it seemed. Actually, the six cards were each the 4D, but the second volunteer was never shown the faces, and the audience was in on the ruse. The first volunteer revealed her card to be the JC, not the 4D. Yipes, magician in trouble. But the second volunteer turned over his card which was also turned out to be the JC. The magic happened after all.

Next month:

Media report: Jerry Phillips

Easy teach-a-trick: Ken Wilson

Hard teach-a-trick: Chuck Hanson – he is asking us all to bring a handkerchief to learn his trick

MC: Ken Cooper

Snacks and beverage: Dave Curly