

Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – February, 2016

Our February meeting was preceded by our first session of this year's Magic 101, conducted by Craig Beytien, for which we had 13 people in a wide range from old to young as students. Great start!

Upcoming shows:

Fri., March 4 – club show in Waukee, IA at 7:00 – always a need for walk-around

Sun., June 26 – club show in Columbus Junction, IA

Lectures: Thurs., March 10 – David Stone, close-up magician, 7-9pm, at First Congregation Church, 2201 7th Ave. in Moline, IL.

Responding to last month's request for DVD cases for the newly purchased series At the Table, Kim Meacham donated some 20 cases for the DVDs. Thanks, Kim.

Grace Abel presented a painting she made to the club featuring a stage, a top hat, a rabbit, etc. A woman of many talents! Thanks, Grace.

Tonight was also the first of monthly silent auctions of items from the surplus of magic items at the Fun Co. There were actually some gems amongst them. Thanks, Eric. Looking forward to next month's.

Craig Beytien presented some more new magic pieces of equipment that he has made: a Gibson box and a turnover box. Beautiful with deceptively large loads.

Chuck Hanson has been asked to present what will be known as Chuck's Classic Challenge. It will involve Chuck presenting/teaching a classic of magic with ordinary items, some classics not seen in awhile. The challenge will come the following month when the members will have to present the same effect using their own patter, their own take on the trick. It sounds like a good exercise in stimulating and using our magical creativity and ingenuity.

Media report: Jerry Phillips did a book report on The Show Doctor by Jeff McBride. It consists of the full set of 48 columns he wrote for *Magic* magazine, plus 11 of his own tricks with a video link.

Easy teach-a-trick: Brian Lees presented a liter bottle of water into which he inserted a ketchup packet. Then with a magical gesture he showed how he could command the packet to rise and fall inside the bottle at will. Very easy.

Hard teach-a-trick: Mark Yeager taught his flash production of four aces.

Performances:

Jerry Phillips presented a fine effect using a billet box. Slips of paper with 6 numbers from 1 to 50 were placed in the box by volunteers. When one was chosen, Jerry was able to divine the numbers on the slip.

Mark Yeager presented his comedy 'Imagination Machine,' – a multi-colored, pleated, and folded paper which took on several funny shapes from bow ties to mushrooms to fans and everything in between.

Kim Meacham did three tricks. 1. First, a card trick using German playing cards. Four kings are shown, three on the table and KH placed in the pocket which turns into the 9H. In the meantime, the other kings had also turned into nines. Ach du lieber! 2. Using half dollars from a coin box, Kim performed a fine version of Matrix. Coins placed back in the box. 3. Finally, a deck of cards was spread, a card chosen, signed, and replaced in the deck. When spread again, no card was seen, but was found folded in quarters beneath the coins in the coin box. Wow!

Frankie had a card chosen, placed back in the deck, and the deck rubber-banded. The deck was dropped and the chosen card popped out. Great!

Next was Craig Cox with two tricks. 1. A picture of a top hat was presented. By turning the picture around several times, the hat was seen with a rabbit which disappeared, also a dove, flowers, and a panda. 2. Cards with the names of planets were laid out in a 3x3 matrix, and a spaceship placed on top. While his back was turned, a die was rolled and the ship moved from card to card by whatever number appeared on the die. Then, Craig called for a planet to be removed until one card/planet was left which Craig also named.

Richard Abel presented a classic – 'Airhead Andy.' A model of Andy is shown with a piece of Airhead candy in his pocket. As more candy is added, his head becomes smaller until his head disappears. Then a balloon with a face has to be placed on it. When the candy is taken away, the balloon pops, and the original size head reappears.

Carter Cooper had a nice card trick involving four cards and card piles.

Grace Abel did a nice cup and ball routine.

Joe Dobson presented 'Triumph.' A card picked and replaced. The deck turned half up/half down and shuffled. When spread, the deck is restored with the chosen card being the only card reversed in the deck.

See you next month, and if you know anyone who would like to learn magic, please tell them about Magic 101 which continues next month, March 3.