

Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – May, 2016

Our meeting opened with the announcement of lecturer Michael Dardent coming on May 16 (which about 15 attended enjoyed his FISM routine). There was also a vote taken on Garrett Thomas and Kosmo as upcoming lecturers in September: Thomas – yes (on Sept. 11), Kosmo – no.

Finally, some of our members will perform at the Children’s Therapy Center this month.

Next month, June, will be our annual close-up and stage magic contest. Rules for the contest:

1. You must be a member of the Quad Cities Magic Club–Ring 11 to enter the contest. Last year’s first place winners in each category cannot compete in the same category in which he/she won, but may enter the other category in which they did not win first place.
2. The close-up presentation can be no longer than 7 minutes.
3. The stage presentation can be no longer than 10 minutes.
4. Winners are selected by people’s choice. Everyone in attendance votes, based on entertainment value.

Upcoming Shows: Oct. – Annual Spooktacular

Feb., 2017 – Longfellow School in Rock Island, IL

Annual Picnic: Set the date on your calendar – July 7 – our annual picnic at the pavilion, just 50 feet south of the Garden Center along 34th St. in Moline. Food is provided – grilled meat (hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, pork patties), potato salad, baked beans. Also paper plates and plastic ware. All you need to bring is your own beverage, and possibly a salad or dessert to share. The cost for both members and non-members of the club is the same: \$5 per person. The meal begins at 6pm, with the magic performances at 7pm. Please, bring friends and family for a night of good food and great fun. After all, how can you pass it up – dinner and show at such a great price. Reservations (or cancelation of previous reservations) need to be in by Friday, July 1. (After that date, payment for cancelation of any reservations must be honored.) Please call the Fun Co. at 309-798-0923 with your reservations.

Brian Lees has made his magic training materials available on library.com – three books and more material is coming. Brian’s articles cover everything from facial expression, business marketing, what to charge, how to tell a joke, safety shows for kids, doing the classics of magic, etc.

Kim Meacham presented a clock with a timer to the club to be used for contests and other events.

Easy teach-a-trick: Joe Dobson finally revealed the secret of his psychic feat involving a nine object layout. A volunteer touches one object and Joe, though absent, instantly knows which object is touched.

In response to last month’s CLASSIC CHALLENGE by Chuck Hanson, developing our own routine for “The Cords of Fantasia,” six people met the challenge with great ingenuity and creativity. Brian Lees used two

ropes with differently colored ends to represent bonds between friends through college (the wand being replaced by a diploma) and on through life who are always there for each other. Tyler Cronin presented a straight performance as a magician of an earlier generation using ropes, rings, and silks. Kim Meacham presented a funny story involving moronic people from Moron City who are trying to build a two-lane road (the ropes) with a tree (wand) between the lanes. Michael Dyer also told a story of an ancient Chinese shaman using cords, Chinese coins, and a chopstick. Todd Herbst took us back to the days of outdoor clothes poles and clothes lines with clothes-pinned laundry for the rings. Joe Dobson portrayed a car mechanic using a dip stick for the wand and mini-fan belts for the rings. Truly one of the most interesting and entertaining exercises our club has engaged in! Thanks, Chuck and challengers.

Performances:

Eric Dany offered a \$100 bill to the club if he lost his proposed challenge involving six envelopes, a Sharpie, and the bill. A volunteer placed a number 1-6 on each of the envelopes. Eric secretly placed the bill in one of the envelopes. The volunteer rolled a die, and whatever number came up, that numbered envelope was opened. Only blank paper was ever found. It was the last envelope that held the bill, allowing Eric to keep the bill.

TJ Regul presented an updated version of the color-changing knives in the form of color-changing flash drives. Each held a giga-byte. The kicker came when one of the drives changed into a much longer drive which TJ told us held a “gazooka-byte.”

Stu Yager presented what used to be called the Kaleidoscope deck, now called the Rainbow Deck. A volunteer selects two places to insert two black-faced marker cards in the deck. Both the backs and faces of the markers are seen to match the cards next to them, and all the other cards are shown to be red-faced. For a second trick, Stu had a volunteer count off any number of cards and notice the card there. Eventually, three piles were made, the selected card found, and all the other cards were blank.

Craig Cox tossed a scrambled Rubik’s cube into the air, and when it came down into his hand, it was now in its original unscrambled form. He then placed a CD in a frame from which it visibly disappeared and reappeared back in his pocket. Next, pieces of a wand visually moved in his hand to become one solid wand. Finally, he presented an empty wooden hat out of which he produced seven colored wooden rabbits.

Grace Abel gave a volunteer a deck with instructions for counting, cutting, and making four piles. Magically, an ace was found on top of each pile.

Kim Meacham presented the Dean Box in which a red and a white rope are inserted in various ways and always become mysteriously linked. Finally, a ring was also placed in the box which became linked onto the rope. Then Kim performed Joshua Jay’s ‘Triad Coins’ – three coins are produced one at a time in his bare hands which then disappeared one at a time.

Joe Dobson did a routine with a volunteer using a dice (chop) cup and a rubber ball, ending with the production of larger rubber balls.

Finally, Chuck Hanson did his inimitable signature trick of the four dead flies. These are placed in each of his ears, his nose, and his mouth. All the flies then move through his head to join with the one in his mouth, which Chuck then spits out one at a time. Gruesomely enjoyed.

Next month:

Snacks – Carol Yodts

Beverage – Ken Cooper