

## Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – Aug., 2016

At the August meeting we welcomed back several members who had just attended Abbott's GetTogether. Also we had a nice visit from the Illinois Territorial Representative, Jim Cox, from Lincoln, IL. Two other guests were present...Andrew Cato and Jacob Fetes.

President Joe Dobson announced the Ring would have a combination Flea Market and Auction on Saturday, September 24. After the business meeting Joe Dobson reviewed the DVD "The Controlled Project" and Chuck Hanson reviewed Ken Weber's book, "Maximum Entertainment". Both are excellent and have now been added to the club library. Chuck also led a group discussion on "How to give clear, concise instructions to people invited to help with our magic tricks". The members offered many valuable suggestions including why instructions aren't followed the way we intended and how to gently handle situations that go awry. Eric Dany gave a report on the Abbott Convention and showed a lot of the new items from his Fun Company in Moline, the very well stocked actual real live brick and mortar magic store right here in Moline IL.

Jim Cox nicely MC'd the show that followed. First up was Grace Abel with a new Cup and Ball routine well done. Craig Cox impressed us with two new effects from his vast collection. He showed a crystal chimney, tapped it with his wand and quickly a single flower appeared inside. When he lifted the chimney the single flower changed into a full bouquet. His second trick was the vanish of a model automobile in a net-like drape, similar to the large stage illusion of the vanish of an animal or person. Ken Cooper had a new and unusual wrist chopper and a humorous routine that was quite baffling and scary, so much so that his first "volunteer" opted to leave the stage instead of risking her hand. His second helper was willing to take the chance and fortunately came through unscathed. Ken's presentations are always fun to watch. Guest Jacob Fetes did a shortened version of a card story trick ala Sam, the Bellhop followed by a card stunt similar to Twisting The Aces.

Kim Meacham made Eric Dany's selected and signed card vanish from the deck and appear in a small, padlocked box he retrieved from a bag. He also did a neat coin routine in which several coins made their way in and out of an Okito type box. Kim loves sleight-of-hand magic and he's good at it. Stu Yager had a very nice version of the Cards Across stunt in which two helpers were each given fifteen cards. Three cards were noted by one of the helpers. After a bit of byplay that helper counted her cards and had only twelve. The three noted cards were missing. But they magically appeared in the other helper's group, now totaling eighteen. Good stuff. Mike Zens would have been amazed. Chuck Hanson did the Flexahexagon color changing color wheel trick.

Joe Dobson came on next with a beautiful card sandwich trick, then had his own version of a signed, selected card appearing in a small box, totally different from the one done by Kim. T.J. Regul had us fooled before he even got into his trick, He brought out a pretty large box from which he started removing thick yellow rope...100 feet of it. He invited two strong men to wrap and tie all of this mass of rope around him. We timed that portion of the act at slightly over three minutes. His goal was to extricate himself from the rope in less time than it took to wrap him up. And he did just that...in just over two minutes.

It was a good night.

Upcoming Events

September Meeting  
September 1, 7 PM Garden Center

No special theme  
Teaching Easy...Todd Herbst  
Difficult....Ken Wilson

Snacks Craig Cox  
Drinks Grace Abel

Media Report T.J. Regul

October Meeting  
October 6, 7 PM Garden Center

Snacks Chuck Hanson  
Drinks Ken Cooper

Nothing else assigned

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 13. Time to be announced. Garrett Thomas Lecture at Garden Center.

Saturday, September 24. Flea Market and Magic Auction. First Congregational Church, Moline. Time to be announced

Thursday, October 13. 7 PM Dan Fleshman Lecture, Garden Center

Saturday, October 22. SPOOKTACULAR at Prospect Park Pavilion in Moline

Several issues were discussed at the meeting. The Flea market and Auction on September 24 will be from 1 to 4 PM. Details will be forthcoming. The Spooktacular show on October 22 will be at the usual location...the Prospect Park Pavilion in Moline. Close-up magicians are needed at 3 PM to entertain the children as they await the start of the Trick or Treat parade. At 4 PM we will have a 45 minute show. Also needed is some help setting up the stage area with curtains, etc. Rick Brammer will be contacting members for their assistance. Please be available. It pays for our use of the Park Department facilities for the year.

One of the members asked to be hired as a lecturer at the usual lecturer fee for one of the meetings. After discussion the members voted to not pay any club member for doing a lecture, considering this one of the special responsibilities of being a member.

Toto Johnson announced he will again be in China for a month, starting September 11, 2016. Nice to have a celebrity among us. Good going, Toto.