

Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – Jan, 2018

Our year began by noting a number of opportunities coming up for club shows, and we are feeling good about that. 1. Saturday, March 17, will be an event at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island, 5:30 – 7:30pm. Ken Wilson will have more details as we get closer to the date. 2. Thursday, April 26, is the date for the Plus Sixties Club – it will be an hour show plus a half-hour teach-in; Todd Herbst is overseeing that. 3. Sunday, Oct. 7, the library in Independence, IA is celebrating its 10th anniversary from 1-4pm in the afternoon. They have asked our club to bring 10-12 magicians to be spaced around the library and 2-3 balloon guys.

TJ Regul reported that two magicians, Carisa Hendrix and John Reid, were performing and giving lectures together, and would be in the Chicago area at the end of January. He moved that we ask them to come to our club for a lecture. Motion carried, and after a call to them, it was decided to have the lecture on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

There was some discussion about the possibility of a change of venue for the Christmas party due to increased attendance and with that as a result, increasingly cramped quarters. That will have to be looked into further as we get near the end of the year.

Ken Wilson reported that the owner St. Giuseppe's Pizza is unwilling to sponsor our club for a second event.

Eric Dany has updated the club's website.

Finally, there were several issues that came up with regard to our Blade Box: Do we rent it out at all and, if so, for a specific fee or for a percentage of the draw? What liability concerns are there, since there are so many people coming up on stage to look inside? Do we keep it or sell it? The discussion was tabled until we talk further with Tom Montgomery.

Next Month – Feb.: The theme will be our annual four-corner round robin. Four magicians, Ian Munk, Mark Yeager, Kim Meacham, and Steve Delaney, will be placed in one of the four corners of the room where each will teach a trick to each of four small groups rotating around the room.

Snacks and beverage – Omar Gutierrez

Media report: TJ Regul reported on the book *Just for Fun* by Christopher T. Magician (actually Barnes) which concentrates on do-it-yourself magic – creating your own magic out of simple, easy to procure stuff, and presents 40 routines. It also touches on openers and show structure.

Easy teach-a-trick: Kim Meacham taught a card trick entitled Odd Man Out, along with the “pateo” (point at two, eliminate one)” force.

Hard teach-a-trick: Jerry Phillips taught the very familiar mathematical process that leads to 1089, and then applied that to a book test and the prediction of a selected word on a page.

Performances:

Young Freddie Abel, presented two blank disks and transformed them into a red one and green one.

Steve Dulaney performed a trick involving matching ESP cards. A card is chosen, and then the rest are dealt until a volunteer says “stop.” The ‘stopped on’ card matches the ESP card.

Omar Gutierrez attempted a difficult feat in which a card is chosen and returned to the deck, and the deck cut and shuffled. It is then thrown into the air, and he pulls one card out of the airborne group which is the chosen card.

TJ Regul had two volunteers divide a packet of about 15 cards between them, each choose a card from his own half, show it around, return it to their half, and the halves returned to the deck. Then, after wrapping the deck in the ‘napkin of death,’ a knife was stabbed into the side of the deck. After unwrapping the napkin, the knife was seen to have pierced the deck exactly between the two cards. Next, TJ performed Troy Housier’s ‘Charming Chinese Challenge’ in which three Chinese coins are threaded onto a ribbon, which are magically removed one at a time, and magically returned to the ribbon. Nice work.

Finally, Chuck Hanson presented no magic trick this month, but instead presented the glue that helps keep a show together – namely, gags and comedic lines. Such as, “I used to be uncertain about things, but now I’m not so sure,” and “Some people think that all the people of [name a state] live in trailers. That’s not true; some of them are on the waiting list.” And, using a story about meeting a green alien who made a silk disappear using a thumb tip, he opened his hand to show it empty, but his thumb was now wearing a green thumb tip. Many funny moments.

Another good night of fun, and more fun next month.