

Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – Feb, 2018

The meeting began with a reminder of upcoming club shows: 1. 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; 2. On May 15, there will be two half hours, 11:30-12:00am and 5:30-6:00pm for walk-around magicians at the Duffy Law Office. The magicians performing so far will be: Ken Wilson, Kim Meacham, Todd Herbst, and Ken Cooper; 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.

There will be a Nicola Festival at the Warren Historical Museum in Monmouth, IL, on April 21, 11am – 9pm. Joe Dobson will give us further details as we get closer to the date.

The subject of the blade box was tabled once again since we have not yet had the opportunity to speak with Eric Dany.

Media report: Omar Gutierrez reported on Kim Yung-Min, winner of FISM in 2015.

Tonight featured a one-hour lecture by Dr. Joe Dobson who is retiring and moving to Florida in June. He presented 5 easy-to-do tricks which have become staples in his own routine: 'Uncle Jack' from John Carpenter's 'Poor Uncle Joe,' 'Spectator Cuts to the Aces,' 'Sherlock Holmes,' 'Bravo Prediction' (adapted from Joe Barry), and his own version of 'Three-Fly.'

Performances: Craig Cox presented a picture of a clock set at 12:00 and covered in plastic. He then called for a number from the audience, which was 5, and when turned back around the clock was now set at 5 o'clock. This was repeated again for a different called-out number. Nice visual effect.

Omar Gutierrez presented the Tenkai palm, a technique for palming a card, and how he used it to produce or vanish a card. He then did a card transposition trick.

TJ Regal announced he was going to do some 'serious magic.' He presented two sacks – one with a sign "Not a Snake" with a rope inside, and the other with the sign "Not a Rope" with a toy snake inside. The fun continued with audience participation, signs on the back of the sacks reading "Yes, a rope" and "Yes, a snake" in response to audience guesses, and the rope and snake trading places. Eventually cans were also introduced into the routine and ended with the production of spring snakes. Lively.

Ian Munk brought out five Styrofoam cups and had a spectator examine them and place a coin under any cup. Using paranormal or very cagey psychological powers he divined the correct cup containing the coin. No force, no gimmicks, no sleight of hand – pure magic.

Tim Stolba related his recent experiences at Blackpool, England, followed by two amazing card tricks.

Finally, Joe Dobson returned to present his 'adult' version of 3-fly.

Next Month – April: Another special program similar to the March meeting. Mark Yeager will present a one-hour lecture and share his technical skills and performance tips regarding close-up magic.

Snack and beverage: Chuck Hanson

Media report: Jerry Phillips