



Magic Messenger

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President's Corner

Abbott's 80th Birthday Celebration will be held 6-9 Aug., Colon MI. Full registration \$190 / Daily \$75-\$95 / Evening show \$20-\$25/ Benefit Matinee \$8-\$10. The Most Magicians Guinness World Record attempt was cancelled due to not enough magicians signed up for it. They are going to try again in the Spring of 2015.

There is no new information on Michigan Magic Day 2015 which will be in Kalamazoo. No date and no location has been given out.

As a reminder, Barry Mitchell will be the lecturer at our September meeting. Please do invite your fellow magicians, clowns and gospel magicians to it. Members are \$10.00 and Non-Members are \$15.00.

We are meeting at Denny's Restaurant in Ann Arbor for an informal gathering. It will be on Wednesday, August 13th starting at 7:00 PM.

Secretary's Report 7/29/14

I will be out of the net for the next week, so the Messenger is being forwarded a bit early.

The July (informal) meeting was held at Denny's, Plymouth. I was unable to attend, but understand participants had a lively session sharing magic moves, routines and presentations.

Our annual "Anti-Business Meeting", which is code for a magic picnic, was hosted by **Susan and Jim Folkl** on 12 July. The club provided the hot dogs and hamburgers with members bringing a side dish to share. We were blessed with beautiful weather, great food and most importantly a terrific magic show! Fair Weather! Fantastic Food! Foolery! Fraternity! FUN ! YEA !!!!!

Secretary, **Jim Folkl** kicked things off with a children's comedy routine featuring Henrietta the chicken. After showing her nest empty, Henrietta proceeded to produce eggs that succeedingly became smaller as she wearied of the task. Finally enough were produced for the desired omelette. Jim closed his act with "Lovey Ducky", a rare children's effect from the **Harry Stanley** "Unique Magic Studio". Lovey is chased around her coop by Tomcat Tommy until caught (?) and ultimately reappears from a giant egg free from the clutches of the wily feline.

Our next performer was **George Mathis**, who shared with the group a magic routine in development. The effect involved two colored strings of beads (green and red) which linked and unlinked before our eyes. It was a clever act that is being honed by George into a final presentation routine.

Randy Smith demonstrated "The Box of Destiny". After showing the formidable box, displaying various card denominations, he explained their relationship to our possible destinies. With the help of a spectator, a denomination/destiny was chosen and the box opened revealing a deck of cards. Upon their spread, it was seen that the selected card was reversed and of a different color from the rest of the pack.

President **Bill Brang** closed the show with a routine he will present at the 2014 "North American Science Fiction Convention" was held 17-20 July in Detroit. Bill opened with a variation of Dr. Jak's Supersonic Card Prediction, divining a freely chosen card from a field of six displayed on an elevated pedestal. Next, injecting a bit of levity, Bill talked about developing advertising for a business card. He recounted the phraseology being considered and the need to minimize the verbiage. Ultimately the message read "Will Work for Food". A clever release of 3 silks tied to two ropes while encased in a clear box was then presented. Bill finished with a version of Hippy Hop Rabbits using Big Foot in lieu of hares, in line with the theme of the convention, science fiction. Subsequent to the show, we continued to talk magic and I took the group on a tour of my man cave/magic den. After a full stomach and a full day of magic, we proclaimed our picnic a success and proceeded to "disappear" (go home)!



Thanks Randy, for again providing the excellent photos!

Upcoming Meetings:

Aug. 10th Corn Roast @ Jim Placido's

Address: 7634 Bingham, Brighton 48116

Time: 1-5pm

Corn and chicken furnished by the club. Bring a side dish/dessert to share. Jim said there will be some lay folks in attendance including children, so **bring magic!** Questions? ...call Jim @ 248.231.2271

13th Informal mtg @ Denny's /Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Rd., 7pm

Sept. 10th Barry Mitchell Lecture.

Oct. 8th Halloween Magic

26th World Famous Annual Flea Market / Elks Hall. Contact Marvin Mathena @ 734.482.9523 for info and table reservation.

Nov. 12th Money Magic! All perform" Show us the money"!

Around the town highlights:

Aug. 6-9 Abbott's 80th Birthday Celebration. **Note** Guinness Record attempt planned for 6 Aug. has been cancelled.

For a complete listing of magic events in Michigan, visit John Luka's site <http://www.johnlukamagic.com/mi/events.html>

[Jim Folkl](#)

Funny Business:

Calendar August 2014.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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August, this year, will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. **This happens only once every 823 years.** The Chinese call it 'Silver pockets full.'

“I didn’t like the magic show, but then I saw it under adverse conditions The curtain was up.” **Groucho Marx**

What time is it when you go to the dentist? Tooth-Hurty



He joined the U.S. Navy at age 16. Later met [Harry Blackstone, Sr.](#) and went on tour as his assistant. Afterward, he began working in night clubs and by the beginning of the 1950s, he had begun work on his magical act. Considered the most innovative magician of the 20th century. Secretly intermingling technologies with traditional trickery, he performed miracles of magic that were unlike those of any other magician. Throughout his life, he passionately guarded the secrets of both his professional and personal affairs. beginning with his adolescent years in an orphanage where he performed his first paid show for \$3, to his meteoric rise to fame in the 1950s as America's most successful nightclub magician ever. He developed a stunningly modern approach to close-up magic that enabled him to demand fees as high as \$10,000 a week. He once said that he has parts of his props made by different people, and no one person made any complete piece of apparatus. He became a top attraction at trade shows and corporate events throughout the continental United States. No doubt his fame might very well have become global if it were not for his refusal to fly or to have his images recorded. He was Bob Hope's favorite magician.

Who / Where / When? Answers at the end of the Messenger



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WHO: Del Ray / WHERE: Unknown / WHEN: Circa 1955

Bring a guest to a meeting! Perform! Join a Committee!