



# Magic Messenger

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## President's Corner

Presidents Report - It's June and we're all looking forward to our very own John Russell and his lecture "Magic and the Internet." It should be quite interesting indeed. This lecture is free for members and \$10 for guests. Please do invite all of your friends of magic to this informative lecture. It will be quite appreciated.

May's Swap Night went quite well. Quite a few tables got some of my tax refund money as I acquired a number of used magic tricks. So what kind of magic did you get? If you want some major illusions, such as Cut the Lady In Half (Thin Model), please do contact me. They are for sale.

Barry Mitchell will be coming here in September to present a lecture. The name of it is "Think Different." In this lecture you will find usable techniques for sponge magic, silk magic and simple card magic. Best of all, there will be no complicated sleight of hand here.

This is an open event for magicians, clowns and gospel entertainers. There will be magic to purchase after this lecture so please do bring your money if something catches your eye.

Like all of our lectures, it will be \$10 for members and \$15.00 for guests which is very reasonable indeed. Again, please do inform all your friends that Barry Mitchell will be here. It will be a most wonderful, mystical time.

The 2016 Michigan Magic Day is less than two years away. Marvin Mathena and I are Co-Chairs for it. We do have quite a few volunteers for it already such as Jim, Placido, Jim Ruth and John Russell. We do need a list in what each person will be doing because I do have, I must admit, an erasable memory based on the etch-a-sketch system. Please do contact me at the meeting and I'll write down your name and what you will be doing. Thank you.

George Honer has just declined to be our Historian because he was just elected as Navigator in the 4th Degree in the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations,

George, in winning that election! This means though we do need a new Historian so please do contact me if you are interested in that position. Also, we still need a Public Relations Chairman and a Membership Chairman. These positions are vital so our club can survive in the future. With no new members, we will eventually disappear as an organization.

The 2014 Membership Cards was passed out at the May's Meeting. If you didn't receive yours, please do come to the June 11th meeting.

The July Anti-Business may be held at Jim Folkl's residence while the August Corn Roast is tentatively at Jim Placido. I have been informed that the host of the Corn Roast is responsible for the corn at this event and the club is responsible for the purchase of the chicken only. At the July Anti-Business Meeting, the club is responsible for hamburgers, hotdogs and buns. Everyone else who will be attending at these two events can bring a dish to pass.

Don't forget to bring your magic to entertain the crowd who will be there.

There will be a FCM meeting on June 13th at the Journey of Hope Community Church in Taylor.

We do have June birthdays. They are Jim Molnar (June 9), Roger Simmons (June 12), Jim Ruth (June 23), George Honer (June 28) and Bill Brang (June 30). Happy Birthday to all!!!

I'll see everyone at our Wednesday, June 11th meeting at 7:00 PM. Please support our club at all of our activities. Note the business meeting will be preceding the general meeting starting at 6pm.

## **Secretary's Report 5/31/14**

\$3000 was set aside in a CD for funding of Michigan Magic Day 2016.

The board approved the printing and distribution to members of PR handouts promoting membership in the AAMC. John Russell is the author of this initiative.

Membership cards have been distributed or mailed.

Scott Kindschy was appointed POC for club insurance.

Five guests were introduced: **Gene Fogel, Jack and Shirley Markley, Howard Goldfaden and Ron Hoole.**

Our very popular swap meet/flea market then commenced as 9 folks presented their mysterious wares. 6 members had magical treasures for sale, guaranteed to make you a star! The vendors were **Gary Segadi, Randy Smith, Marvin Mathena, John Russell, Jim Folkl and Jim Ruth.** Additionally, guests **Jack and Shirley Markley**, from Anderson Indiana, offered original magic creations. The last participant was member **Karl Rabe** who displayed under the title "Karl's Museum", magic he had a child including items that were handmade. Needless to say, none were for sale, holding so many memories. However, they drew a lot of interest from the crowd, fitting in nicely with the evening's activity and really brought all of us back to the "good old days".

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**11 June** John Russell Lecture. "Magic and the Internet"

The internet may seem like a magical device, but John Russell will de-mystify cyberspace and help you take your magic to the next level as he explains why "if you're not online, you don't exist!"

Learn how to have a web presence, a Facebook page, and how to use a Twitter account. Where to buy and sell online with no fees. Make money selling other people's stuff. Connect with fellow magicians around the world. Promote your act for little or no cost. And much, much more!

John Russell has been doing magic for more than 50 years and has taught internet marketing strategies from New York City, to Los Angeles, to Singapore.

Join us on Wednesday, June 11th at 7:00 for this amazingly practical lecture. sponsored by the Ann Arbor Magic Club. **Just \$10 for non-club members.**

A flyer announcing this event will be forwarded separately to members and local magic shops and Rings / Assemblies. **Note that John is offering this lecture gratis as a fund raiser for the club. Let's do our part and promote this event to the fullest!**

**July** The non business meeting will be held at Jim Folkl's crib (Do I sound hip?). Details to follow.

**Aug.** The corn roast will be held at Jim Placido's crib (Does Jim sound hip?). Details to follow.

**Sept.** Barry Mitchel Lecture.

**Oct.** Halloween Magic

**Nov.** Lecture to be announced.

**Around the town highlights:**

**13 June** FCM meeting, 7pm @ Journey of Hope Community Church, 8900 Pardee Road in Taylor. Learn & share ideas on gospel magic and related arts. Pastor Bill Fix / Tele: 313.292.1660 / fcbillfix@aol.com

**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:**

Two mentalists greet on the street: "You're fine, how am I?"



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

Was one of magic's cleverest inventors. Current innovators like Gaetan Bloom consider him a genius and a hero. U. F. Grant said this magician was fifty years ahead of the rest of the magic world. In the 30's he worked for Percy Abbott at Abbott's Magic in Colon, Michigan.

Did you hear about the MD who was a magician? A guy came in who swallowed a quarter and the Doc made him cough up \$100.



This is **Bob Kline's** imaginative card picker called the "Graveyard Ghost." It was his version of the Warren Hamilton "Jo-ann the Duck" card picker. Includes a hood to cover the skeleton's skull so that he can't peek at the card he's selecting. Very Rare.



“How was the show?”

“I think the box trick would have been more effective with the old box... you know... the one without the glass windows facing the audience.”

What's the difference between musicians and government bonds?  
..... Government bonds eventually mature and earn money.

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**WHO:** Winston Freer / **WHERE:** On a table (that’s the best I can do!) **WHEN:** 1939

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