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By [Karl Rabe](#)

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The Ann Arbor Magic Club

Club Secretary Ron Krozal displays one of his prized possessions, a Vintage Mak Magic Indian Dove Chest in mint

condition. One of Mak Magic's most colorful pieces. From time to time Rob shares an item from his collection at our monthly meeting in a segment called Rob's Corner.



President's Corner
By [Dan Jones](#)

Hello AAMC Members and Friends,

We are near the halfway point of the year and it has been a good year so far. The second half looks just as exciting with several events planned. Please consult the calendar of events elsewhere in the newsletter and mark down the dates so you won't miss any of the fun.

I've said it before here and I'll say it again. Our club is growing and is the place to be for magic.

We have a great membership roster of many magicians and performers. At our meetings I have witnessed new magicians learning from experienced ones and the young learning from the old. We can all learn from each other and I have learned many new things from those younger than me. Let's keep on learning from each other and sharing what we know.

We have full time performers, part time performers, second career magicians, hobbyist, historians and magic buffs all with experience and knowledge to share. Please, take advantage of these great resources.

And of course we have Rob Krozal, "the Ancient One" who has

been around since time began. □

See you all on Wednesday, June 12th for our meeting.

Dan Jones, President of Ann Arbor Magic Club.



Secretary's Report
By [Karl Rabe](#)

May Meeting

We had a great turnout for our meeting with a number of guests and two new members. The club has hit the 50 member milestone. Thank you to all our members!

The meeting kicked off with our Featured Performer(s) of the Month, Karl and Bill Rabe. Karl and Bill performed their rendition of "Watch in Nest of Boxes" influenced by Tommy Wonder using Karl's original mechanism. A borrowed watch is smashed to bits with a sledge hammer during an auction only for the table to fall apart and reveal a wrapped present. The watch owner opened the present and two locked and nested cash boxes to reveal their borrowed watch.

Then it was on to Rob's Corner where our Club Treasurer Rob Krozal shared a prized item from his collection, a mint condition vintage Mak Magic Indian Dove Chest. It sure was beautiful!

Next up several of our performers from our upcoming parlor show ran through their routines.

- Charlie Falco performed a “sweet” routine combining several “candy” transformations and effects.
- Tara McAllister mesmerized us with her version of Butterfly Blizzard.
- Kinetic Kay (Kaylin Janiczek) had us holding our breath as she performed her plate-spinning routine culminating in keeping three plates going (one on her chin) while balancing on a Rola Bola.
- Captain Sean (Club Vice President Sean Howell) and Mirf, his trained Maine Coon Cat, did a pick-a-card routine with April Barrett as the willing volunteer. Mirf successfully found April’s card and “autographed” it with tooth marks.

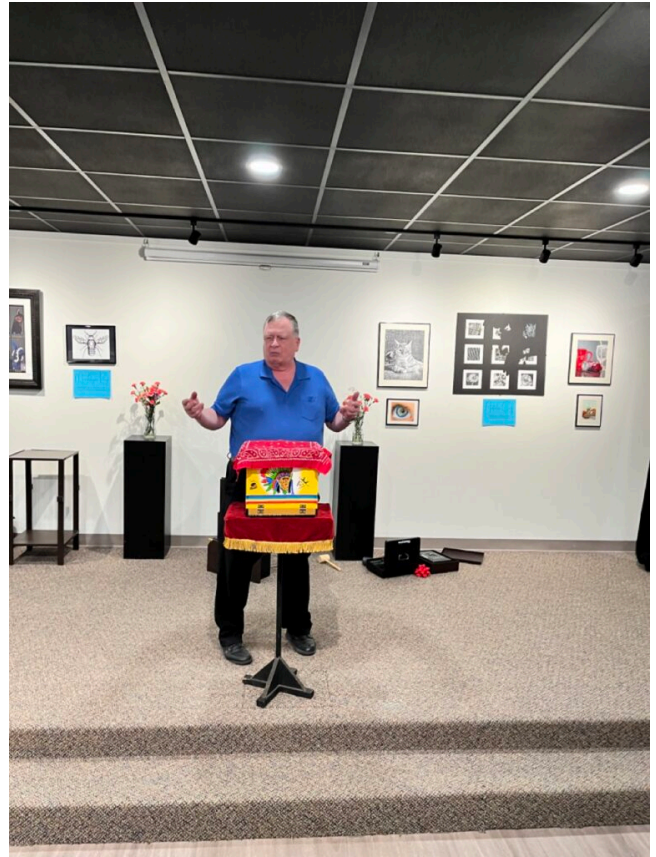
Then it was on to our educational session. This month’s topic was Change Bags. Our President Dan Jones opened with a few demonstrations, including a routine using a dove pan and another using the mis-made flag. Kay Janiczek demonstrated a three pocket change pan and shared some tips on using a zipper change bag. Mike Thornton shared his tips on using the change bag for “cut and restored” routines, and how to downplay the bag for stronger reactions. Ming Louie shared a “flick” move he uses with a mutilated parasol routine to cover the “change”. Don Oesterwind shared some strategies to downplay the use of the bag. April Barrett shared a three pocket zippered bag.

Then it was on to member performances.

- Mike Doyle did a Jack the Ripper routine and a dice spirit routine.
- Keith Fields did a quick illuminated wand to feather.
- Ming and Barbara Louie did a slate of mind routine with Tara, Dave Sanders and Michael Reuter assisting.



Everyone is welcome to join club members at The Black Dog Tavern in Plymouth for dinner at 5pm on Meeting Nights.



Rob's Corner



Dan talks change bags



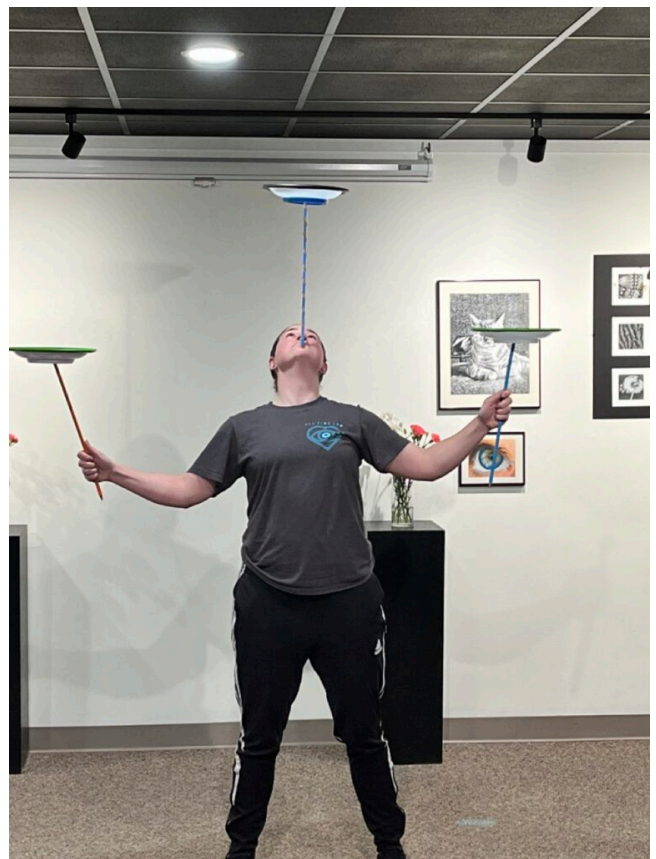
Bill & Karl with Barbara



Charlie's Parlor Show Routine



Kinetic Kay



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Don Oesterwind having his mind read by Michael Doyle



April, Ming and Sean (L to R)



Change bag talk with Dan and Kay



Change bag tips



Ming shares some change bag ideas



Ming and Barbara perform Slate of Mind for Tara, Dave and Michael Reuter



Slate of Mind



Kay's finale!

Parlor Show

Our Spring 2024 Parlor Show went off without a hitch. Many thanks to everyone who contributed and attended. We will have a full write-up next month.



Around the Town
By [Karl Rabe](#)

Calendar of Events

- On June 24 the club will be supporting a magic summer camp at the Plymouth Community Arts Council and runs from Monday June 24 through Friday June 28. It runs each day from 9am to Noon. We expect up to 24 participants ranging in age from 9-14. We expect the participants will put on a show for their parents on the last day at 11:30. We need volunteers who are good at working with and teaching 9-14 year olds. We anticipate teaching a variety of performance types – Magic, Balloon Twisting & Juggling. Go [here](#) to sign up for just one morning or all week.
- Your Board is thrilled to announce an exclusive lecture by the phenomenal **NICK DIFFATTE!** **Date:** Saturday, July 27, 2024
Time: 11:00 AM
Venue: Diamondback Music Hall, 49345 S Interstate 94 Service Dr, Belleville, MI 48111
Admission: \$20 at the door (Sorry, no member or partner discounts for this special event). **What is better than a Nick Diffatte lecture?** Only one thing! A Nick Diffatte lecture followed by A Nick Diffatte SHOW! Nick will be performing at the Diamondback the evening of the lecture at 8:00 PM. Tickets are heavily discounted on-line, so don't wait. [BUY YOUR TICKET NOW!](#)



Nick Diffatte is not just another magician. He's a magic headliner, a regular performer at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, a guest on the Late Late Show on CBS, a Disney Cruise Line star, a fill-in for comedy magic legend Mac King, and a headliner in comedy clubs nationwide. Now, he's bringing his unique blend of magic and comedy right here to Belleville!

Here's what you can look forward to:

Stand-Up Routines: Enjoy stand-up magic from Nick's act, featuring material from his bestselling book *Offbeat* and other unpublished works.

Close-Up Magic: Learn close-up magic techniques, including some of Nick's marketed tricks and fresh ideas from *Offbeat*.

Stage Cueing: Discover the practice and power behind stage cueing—a rarely employed and highly secretive technique.

Comedy Writing: Gain insights into writing comedy magic routines and finding the perfect balance between comedy and magic.

□ **Open Q&A:** Have the opportunity to ask Nick anything about his lecture or live shows.

Here's what some of the biggest names in magic have to say about Nick Diffatte:

- "Nick Diffatte is a rare breed. Clever, funny, a total badass." – **Chris Kenner**
- "I sure do love Nick Diffatte. He's my hope for the future of comedy magic." – **Mac King**
- "A lot of entertainers TRY to be funny. Nick IS funny. He has the perfect blend of comedy and magic." – **The Amazing Johnathan**

This is a rare opportunity to learn from a true master of his craft. Don't miss out on what promises to be an unforgettable experience. Mark your calendar, spread the word, and join us for a magical Saturday morning with Nick Diffatte!

Next Meeting

JUN
12
Wed
7:00 pm AAMC Monthly Meeting

Next Show

OCT
26
Sat
4:00 pm Fall Parlor Show (Afternoon) @
Plymouth Community Arts Council
7:00 pm Fall Parlor Show (Evening) @
Plymouth Community Arts Council

Other Upcoming Events

JUN
24
Mon
all-day Summer Magic Camp @
Plymouth Community Arts Council

JUL
27
Sat
11:00 am Nick Diffatte Lecture @
Diamondback Music Hall

AUG
10
Sat
12:00 pm AAMC Annual Picnic @ Home of
Dan Jones

SEP
28
Sat
12:00 pm AAMC Pop-up Magic Shop @
Plymouth Community Arts Council

OCT
20
Sun
all-day Pumpkin Palooza

Other Calendars

- Check out John Luka's Magic page and his well maintained [list of Michigan Events](#)
- All AAMC Events and details can be viewed on the [website calendar](#).

Past Events

A number of AAMC members were able to attend the Ondrej Psenicka lecture hosted by Ring 22, The Detroit Magic Club. Ondrej is the creator of Butterfly Playing Cards (in stock at

[Wunderground](#)). Ondrej created miracle after miracle and this was for a room of magicians.

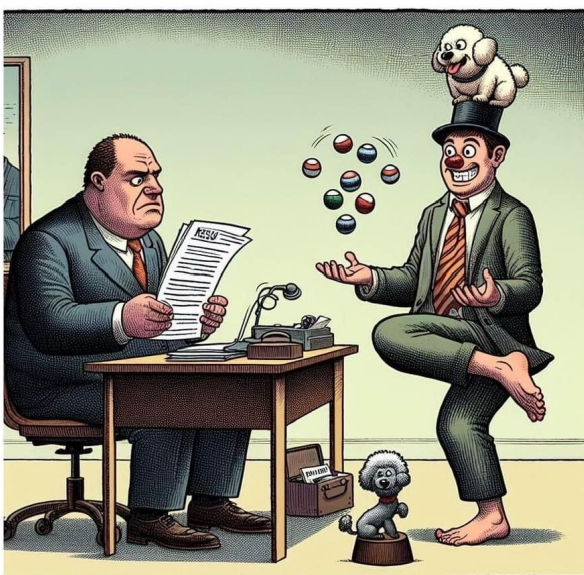


Imagine a deck is given to a spectator named Fred Lenter to shuffle, which he does a number of times. Imagine a Magician named Ondrej Psenicka takes the deck and fans it with their face turned away. A card is selected and held to the chest of the spectator. Only the spectator knows the card. With his head still turned the card is returned to the deck by the spectator and then the deck is shuffled by the spectator. The magician takes the deck and places it on the table in front of them. They place their hand hovering over the deck and name the chosen card. Then the magician states that the card is the seventeenth card in the deck. They count down and the seventeenth card is the spectators card.

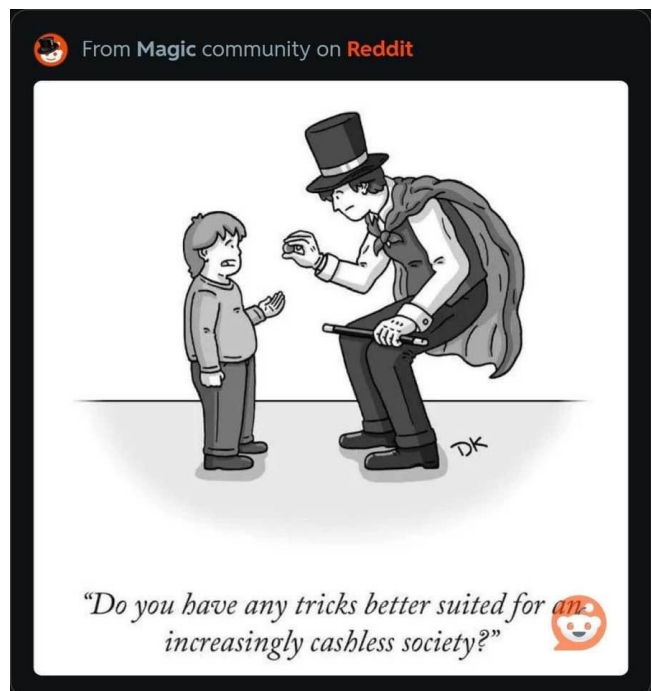
This sounds like ad copy, but that is what happened. If you are into cards, you need to check out the Butterfly decks. A marking system so diabolical that miracles like the above can be performed. Wunderground sells them at the same price as the butterfly website, so get them from [Josh](#).

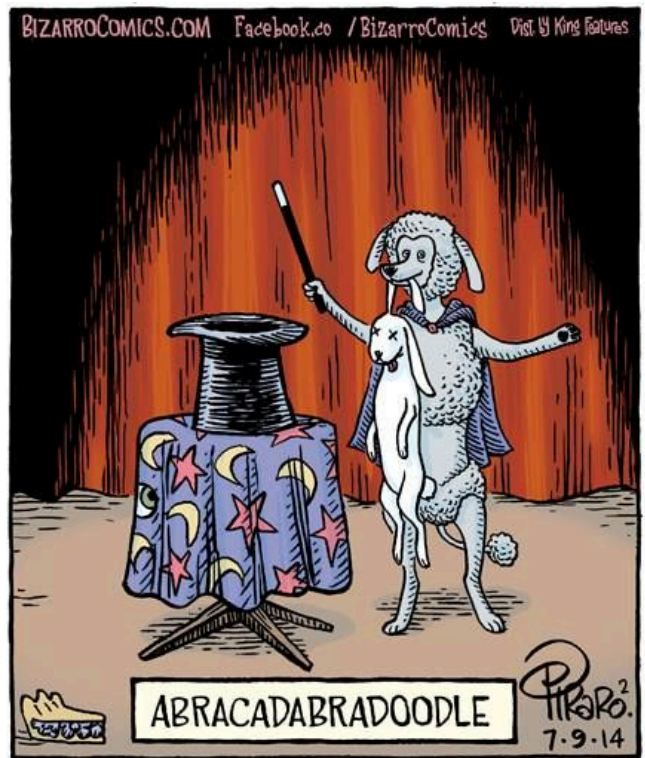
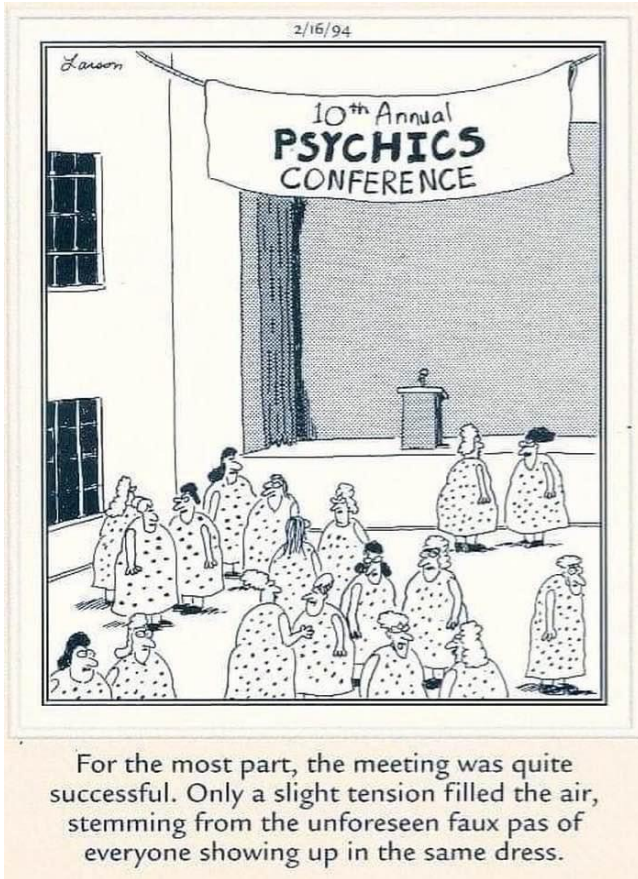


Funny Business By [Karl Rabe](#)



Do you have any special skills?





REVENUE IS DOWN. TIME TO WORK YOUR MAGIC.



Ex Libris

By [Karl Rabe](#)

Tommy Wonder's lecture notes are very brief and read...

All I know about magic can be found in the following books: "Showmanship for Magician's" by Daniel Fitzkee, "Magic by Misdirection" by Daniel Fitzkee and "Magic and Showmanship" by Henning Nelms. These books tell you almost everything you need to now about magic and give you an insight into what magic really is; Which is much more important than my tricks or someone else's tricks. At least these books helped me a lot and may they help you as well.

-Tommy Wonder

Reminder. We have published the club's library online.




How to use the Ann Arbor Magic Club Library

1. Use your Phone or PC to go online to aamagic.org/library
2. Find a book you want to check out in the catalog and click the button to PLACE HOLD.
3. You will be prompted to enter the club password and then you will be prompted to select your name from the member list. The password is the same as the password for the members only section of our website.
4. Our Librarian will be alerted and will bring the book to the next regular meeting.

5. The Librarian will hand over the book to you at the meeting and mark the book as CHECKED OUT.
6. Return the book to the Librarian at the next meeting and they will CHECK IT IN.

Rules

- You may check out no more than **two** books at any time.
- You must return them in one month (the next meeting).
- You will be charged for lost and/or unreturned books.

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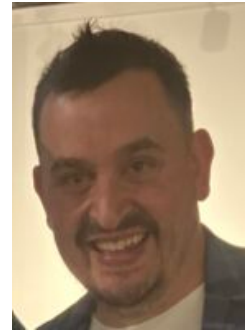
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