

Magic Messenger

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April 2016

President's Corner

Over the last eleven months or so, we've been working off and on planning, preparing, and promoting Michigan Magic Day 2016. Well, the payoff time has come as magicians from all over the state, Ohio, and Indiana will be converging April 8th & 9th at Washtenaw Community College for a highly anticipated celebration of the 47th annual MMD!

The weekend is packed with talent, and includes the induction of Ron Aldrich and Paul Nielsen into the Michigan Magic Hall of Fame on Friday night.

Lectures by Dave Schneider, Michael Mode, Stuart MacDonald, Levent and Paul Nielsen will precede an evening public show with Gene Anderson, Anthony Grupido, John Dudley, Gordon Schott, Chuck Clark (aka Rufus the Dufus), Stuart MacDonald, and Levent. Public ticket sales have been brisk, as have pre-registrations for the main event.

Special thanks go to all our members who have stepped up and volunteered to handle what we hope to be 100+ magicians and several hundred muggles.

Congrats to Dan Jones and Randy Smith for their participation at the FCM Creative Arts Conference in Taylor April 1st. Several of our members were able to attend at least part of that conference. Keep supporting the magic in southeastern Michigan, and the work of our members!

Our April meeting (Wednesday, April 13th at the Senate Coney Island in Livonia), just 4 days after MMD will be a taste of “lighthearted magic”. Last month, we focused on some “serious magic” (well, as serious as we can get! LOL). Let’s lighten it up a bit. Maybe some levitations? I know: everyone bring a zombie ball!

Looking ahead, we will hold our “Magic Mini-Mart” at the May meeting. Starting thinking about what you’d like to unload share with your compeers. Should be fun, and always lots of deals to go round.

Speaking of that, Abbot’s Flea Market will be held on Saturday, May 7th, I plan to go... there’s usually some good deals there as well. And I hope to be able to announce the date for our Fall Flea Market at MMD.

Remember one of the big benefits of being an AAMC member is our 10% discount at ABC Magic in Mt Clemens and Wunderground in Clawson. Paul at Wunderground told me last month that I was the first one to use it... it's been going on for more than a year!

Another HUGE benefit of AAMC membership is the support, encouragement, and fraternity of the group. I did my first restaurant gig last week. I'm not really a close up guy, though I have a lot of close up stuff for my own personal amusement. I spoke with several veteran restaurant workers at our last meeting, and it really helped set my mind at ease and gave me lots of tips and pointers. Plus, Scott Mitchell and Molly Larson, and kids came to the restaurant that evening just to cheer me on! Think about it: we have collectively a couple hundred years of experience at our disposal! When you come to our meetings, you are able to tap into that magical collective. You can't buy that anywhere on a dvd or a download!

Let's continue to make the Ann Arbor Magic Club the best in the magic club business!

Magically yours,
John Russell

Secretary's Report

The theme of March's gathering was "Mystery Night". Effects were presented with an aura of mystery and suspense. Although this was the intent, a few comedic moments crept into the routines despite the best of intents! 11 members participated in this journey into the unknown. **President John Russell** opened with the inexplicable transition of a five and one dollar bill betwixt his and a spectator's hand. Following, he placed a yellow silk into a transportation chamber in which it vanished and reappeared tied between two black silks. **Pam Smith** demonstrated the odd characteristics of a ball which would bounce (or not) at her command. **Ken Magee** displayed eerie powers over a restaurant fork which he proceeded to bend with his mind. **Jim Ruth** enabled the face from a photo to a paddle and back again to the photo. He closed with changing a dollar bill to one of jumbo size. **Jim Folkl** performed a version of Dean's box and finished with spirit slate writings on both sides of a single slate. **Rich Triemer** followed with the classic spirit effect, "Sefalaljia". A ball moved mysteriously into a goblet, a knot tied itself, a ring appeared upon on a ribbon and a spirit drank from a goblet. **Bill Brang** divined the color of a block selected by a spectator, successfully predicted a chosen card and concluded with a comical hippy hop politicians routine and flag production. **Jim Placido** did a nice card routine, finding the four aces with a plumber's helper. **Joe Fusco** figuratively "burned" a deck of cards, placed them in a paper bag and a spectator randomly selected one. Mysteriously, it ended up inside the

matchbox Joe previously used for the deck burning! **Don Osterwind** performed a humorous selected card to seat revelation. **Scott Mitchell** closed the evening with a great mental effect, involving a post it note, ultimately revealing a name randomly chosen by a spectator.



John Russell

Pam Smith



Ken Magee

Jim Ruth

SOFTWARE UPGRADES: Take old bugs out, put new ones in

“Acts like that don’t grow on trees They swing from them”



Jim Folkl



Rich Triemer



Bill Brang



Jim Placido



Joe Fusco



Don Osterwind

HELP WANTED: MENTALIST You know where to apply

BUDGET: A method for going broke methodically

SHIN: A device for finding furniture in the dark



Scott Mitchell

Rich & John

ABBREVIATION: Why is it such a long word?

“That act should be was arrested for loitering by a microphone”

“It’s not hard to meet expenses They’re everywhere”.



March also brought the annual club banquet which featured Canadian magician **Brad Toulouse** as our entertainment. Also, four members were formally recognized for outstanding service to the club: **Randy Smith, Scott Kindschy, Richard Triemer and Bob Waite**. Great food, camaraderie and entertainment was the order of the day!







Q&A (At the end of the Messenger)

This entertainer was considered to be a most incredible magician, performing seemingly impossible miracles. The truth was that he had lost a leg in a war, and had his artificial limb fitted with secret compartments, allowing him to perform amazing magic effects.

Around the Town:

For complete listing of magic events in Michigan, visit **John Luka's** site

<http://www.johnlukamagic.com/mi/events.html>

Jim Folkl

*Ex Libris by **Joaquin Ayala, PhD.***

Hello folks and welcome to the Ex Libris article for March 2016! As I write this the warmer weather is becoming more frequent, the days are longer and Michigan Magic Day is getting that much closer. Some of us are going to be performing for folks prior to the big evening show that weekend, and I thought an article on J.B. Beaubeaux (Anglicized as 'Bobo') and his magnum opus, 'Modern Coin Magic' would be most appropriate. Why? Because the book has some rather easy material in it that is great for performing in those types of environments, and besides, what is more organic or recognizable than coins?

J.B. Bobo was born in Texarkana, Texas in 1910 and was given only the initials 'J.B.' His grandfather, who had immigrated from France in the 1890s did as many other immigrants did and 'Americanized' the name to 'Bobo', which is also the phonetic way of pronouncing Beaubeaux. After moving north to Canada until he was almost 20, he returned to Texarkana where he became interested in magic. It was then that he also met his future wife, Lillian who eventually became part of his magic act. Together the Bobos became very well-known around the school show circuit, performing somewhere in the neighborhood of 400-500 shows per year at the peak of their partnership. It is estimated that they performed some 14,000+ school shows alone in their 50 year career together.

It was not until 1947 that Bobo decided to start putting some of his magic ideas to paper and published some of his work in various books. J.B. was a multi-talented individual and was not only a great magician but also a talented artist, photographer, videographer (cinema), cartoonist and a craftsman, making most of his own magic apparatus. He also designed his own show flyers.

In 1952, Bobo penned what would ultimately become the work he was most famous for and a work which was destined to become a modern day classic and a bible for all coin workers, Modern Coin Magic. The book was published by Carl W. Jones and to date, it is one of the most complete books in the arena of sleight of hand coin magic and contains many classical methodologies which have stood the test of time, as well as many updated handlings and innovations by the author himself. The material in the book starts by teaching the very basic coin techniques and culminates with a section of complete routines using various techniques taught earlier in the book. In 1966 Bobo updated the book as The New Modern Coin Magic, adding 186 pages through four new, meaty chapters. This edition was published by Magic Inc. and edited by John Braun. Both this and the earlier version were illustrated by Nelson C. Hahne, a very well-known illustrator of magic books.

Other books written by Bobo include the 1947 Watch This! and The Bobo Magic Show in 1984. J.B. Bobo died

on September 12th, 1996 at the age of 86 in Texarkana, Texas.

*Take a peek at this book because there is a very entertaining piece that you can do that does not require difficult sleight of hand called *The Thieves and Sheep*. Another which requires a very common coin gaff (a Copper/Silver coin) that is easy to do and fooling to boot is *Presto Change-o*, which is a favorite of Johnny Thompson (yes, *The Great Tomsoni*).*

Until next time folks, enjoy the weather, get out there and spread some magic and remember: Comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable! – J.M.A.

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

? Eliaser Bamberg ?

**Holland's court magician and great-great grandfather
of Theo Bamberg !**

**The Ann Arbor Magic Club meets the second
Wednesday of the month, at the Senate Coney
Island Restaurant, 34359 Plymouth Rd, Livonia,
MI 48150-1500 . Meeting start at 7pm.**