



On the Cover
By [Karl Rabe](#)

Magic Messenger

December 2023

IBM 210

SAM 88

The Magic Messenger



The Official Newsletter of
The Ann Arbor Magic Club

Fred Lenter lectures to the club on easy-to-do coin miracles.



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

Hello AAMC Members and Friends,

What a GREAT year we've had here in the club. We hosted two great lectures with Erik Tait and last month with Fred Lenter. We had two great parlor shows, helped run a summer magic camp, held a summer time picnic, conducted a close-up competition and held our magic flea market.

We have grown our membership by at least a half dozen this year. Our club's purpose is to promote the art of magic and that's what we are doing through our shows, lectures and appearances at the library. We gather together as magicians, magic enthusiasts, historians and friends to share the art and learn from each other.

But we need your help. What do you want from the AAMC in 2024? Please share your ideas with us. Would you like to see more lectures? Would you like to teach at one of our meetings or lead a discussion? Talk to me or another board member.

The plans are being made for the coming year. How will you be involved?

Happy Holidays to All.

Dan Jones, President AAMC.



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

November Meeting

Our meeting was called to order by club President Dan Jones and we kicked off with our round-table question. The question of the month was, what is your go-to trick. Answers varied from the simple French drop with any coin, to tricks with thumb tips, and a number of card tricks.

We welcomed guest Dreygon Hibbler from Ring 22 and also welcomed three new AAMC members!

- Kaylin Janiczek
- Ramiro Gotierrez
- Tara McAllister

Then fresh off his starring role as Harold Hill on his The Music Man tour, member Dalton Cahill gave us a live rendition of “(Ya Got) Trouble”.



Then we had a special guest lecture with Ring 22 member Fred Lenter. Fred covered a magician's-dozen (relatively) easy to do coin tricks with detailed explanations and tips. He also provided great lecture notes to supplement the material.

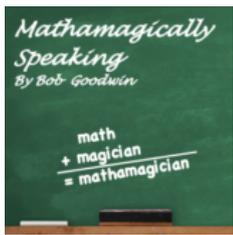
These are the tricks he covered... whew! What a list! Thank you Fred for a fantastic evening.

- Vanishing Silver Dollar (BOH)
- Matrix coin trick with half-dollars
- Dean Dill matrix with no cards

- Skinner quarter and penny on deck
- 5 coin disappearance
- Two in hand / one in pocket
- Coins across with sheel
- Coin disappearance in handkerchief
- Roger Klause multiple coin vanish
- Fechter coins across
- Han Ping Chien
- Copper/Silver in spectator's hand
- Copper/Silver with big penny
- Duct Tape Comedy Coin Vanish

Finally after the lecture multiple jam sessions broke out with Fred and others.





Mathamagically Speaking
By [Bob Goodwin](#)

Mathematically Speaking #4

The 1089 Force

Bob Goodwin

This month we will explore a simple technique to force the number 1089. This number is special because it can easily be forced in a convincing manner.

Procedure

Step	Action	Example
------	--------	---------

1	Have the spectator select 3 different digits, either all even or all odd	537
2	Reverse the order of the selected number	735
3	Subtract the smaller number from the larger number	735 -537 = 198
4	Reverse the result	891
5	Add the numbers from Step 3 and Step 4 together	198 + 891 = 1089

If this procedure is followed, the result will always be 1089.

Editor's note: This also works with a three digit number where the digits are in descending order... example 765 or 732, etc.

Effect

You can use this force in a variety of effects. Your imagination is the only limit. Here is but one example.

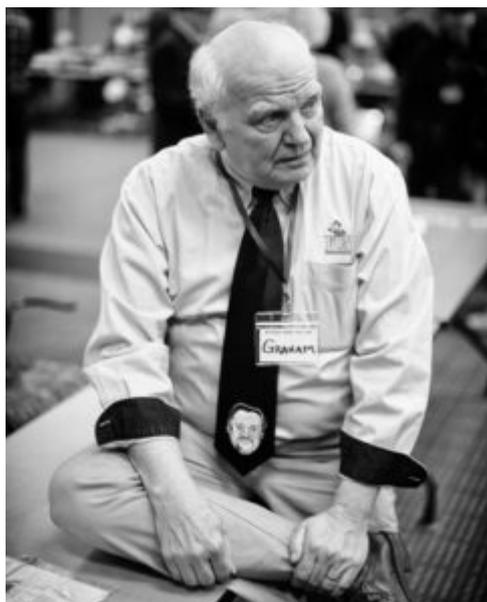
For a book test, you can have the first two digits represent a PAGE in a book. The next digit can represent the ROW on the page. Finally the last digit can represent the WORD on the row.

What effects can you come up with using this principle?

Edited by Karl Rabe



The Broken Wand
By [Karl Rabe](#)



Graham Robert Putnam, born in Lansing, Michigan, passed away under hospice care in his home in Dexter, Michigan on October 31, 2023. He was 76. Graham was one of the founding members of the Ann Arbor Magic Club.

Graham was the long time owner of Chicago-based FUN Inc, manufacturing magic tricks and novelties, one of which was "Whoops" the original rubber vomit. Graham also owned at one time Royal Magic and Fishlove Novelties. FUN Inc made the prizes for Cracker Jack for many years.

Graham owned the rights to, and manufactured, the ubiquitous "Coloring Book" which has sold tens of thousands of copies. Each copy had to be hand cut and collated. Graham's wife Katheryn helped with this task and shared it was not one she looked forward to.

Graham's last performance was earlier this year at his daughter's wedding where he gave a father-of-the-bride speech and performed card tricks for guests.

His family held a memorial celebration on December 2nd at the Michigan League in Ann Arbor. Local magic colleagues Karl,

Patty and Bill Rabe, Kevin Peshick, Michael Mode and Jeff Wawrzaszek were present along with other including Gabe Fajuri of Potter and Potter Auctions and Greg Border of Abbott's Magic. Laying about at the celebration for impromptu performances were Yakkity-Yak teeth, plenty of playing cards, Fake Vomit and ropes for Professor's Nightmare.

For the past several years, Kevin Peshick has organized a bi-weekly breakfast gathering in Ann Arbor with local magicians. Frequent attendees included Graham, Kevin, Karl Rabe, Jeff Wawrzaszek, Sean Howell and others for fellowship, food and to talk magic and anything else. Graham had an unbelievably rich history in magic and had endless stories to tell at those breakfast gatherings. Even non-magic stories like how Fun Inc manufactured Cracker Jacks prizes was fascinating. He was a walking encyclopedia of magic and just an all-around great guy. He will be missed.





Michael Mode, Elise Putnam and Graham



Graham and Steven Hart



Circa 1982 Bruce Posgate, Graham Putnam, Mel Stover, unknown, Jay Marshall and Sid Lorraine.



John Sturk and Graham



Around the Town
By [Karl Rabe](#)

Calendar of Events

IMPORTANT: For our December meeting we will be holding a Pizza Party at the PCAC. Arrive at the normal time and come hungry! We will also be holding a white-elephant gift exchange. If you'd like to participate, bring a magic trick, book or prop from your collection. (\$20.00 limit). Wrap it or put it in a gift bag and bring it to the meeting.

We have set the date for the Spring 2024 Parlor Show. If you would like to perform or assist, contact Sean Howell. Note performing is limited to Club Members.

Next Meeting

DEC
13
Wed

7:00 pm AAMC Monthly Meeting @
Plymouth Community Arts Council

Next Show

MAY
25
Sat

4:00 pm AAMC Parlor Show (Afternoon) @
Plymouth Community Arts Council

7:00 pm AAMC Parlor Show (Evening) @
Plymouth Community Arts Council

Other Upcoming Events

There are no upcoming events.

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](#).

2023 in Review



Jan



Feb



Mar



Apr



May



Jun



Jul



Aug



Sep



Oct



Nov



Dec

FEB

18

Sat

AAMC Open House @ Plymouth District Library

Feb 18 @ 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm



MAR

8

Wed

Erik Tait Lecture @ Plymouth Community Arts Council

Mar 8 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm



APR

1

Sat

Michigan Magic Day 2023

Apr 1 **all-day**



MAY

13

Sat

AAMC Open House @ Plymouth District Library

May 13 @ 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm



MAY

27

Sat

Parlor Magic Show – 4p SOLD OUT @ Plymouth Community Arts Council

May 27 @ 4:00 pm



Parlor Magic Show – Evening @ Plymouth Community Arts Council

May 27 @ 7:00 pm



JUN

19

Mon

Magic & Performing Arts Camp @ Plymouth Community Arts Council

Jun 19 – Jun 23 **all-day**



JUL

12

Wed

Close-up Showcase @ Plymouth Community Arts Center

Jul 12 @ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm



JUL

25

Tue

Marvin Mathena's 88th Bday Party @ Regency at Canton

Jul 25 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm



AUG

12

Sat

AAMC Annual Picnic @ Dan Jones Residence

Aug 12 @ 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

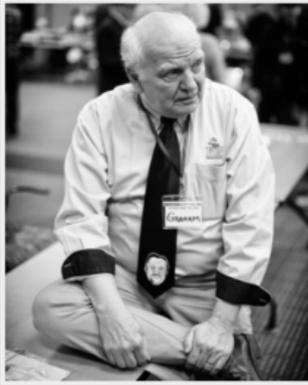


SEP 23 Sat	AAMC Pop-up Magic Shop @ Plymouth Community Arts Council Sep 23 @ 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	+
OCT 7 Sat	AAMC Open House @ Plymouth Library Oct 7 @ 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	+
OCT 28 Sat	AAMC Parlor Show (Afternoon) @ Plymouth Community Arts Council Oct 28 @ 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	+
	AAMC Parlor Show (Evening) @ Plymouth Community Arts Council Oct 28 @ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	+

Friends we lost in 2023

The Broken Wand – Graham Putnam

 [AAMC Webmaster](#)  [December 7, 2023](#)  [Edit](#)



Graham Robert Putnam, born in Lansing, Michigan, passed away under hospice care in his home in Dexter, Michigan on October 31, 2023. He was 76. Graham was one of the founding members of the Ann Arbor Magic Club. Graham was the long time owner of Chicago-based FUN Inc, manufacturing magic tricks and novelties, one of [...]

The Broken Wand – Dave Schneider

 [AAMC Webmaster](#)  [June 14, 2023](#)  [Edit](#)



Long time friend of the Ann Arbor Magic Club and owner of ABC Magic, David Schneider passed away of heart failure and cancer at his home in Macomb Township on May 15, 2023. He was born in Detroit, Michigan but lived most of his life in Macomb County. He was a graduate of Mt. Clemens [...]

The Broken Wand – F. James “Jim” Malczewski

 [AAMC Webmaster](#)  [March 2, 2023](#)  [Edit](#)



F. James “Jim” Malczewski, age 94, passed away February 25, 2023. He was born July 11, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan, son of the late Francis and Rose Malczewski. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and loved performing magic to all kinds of audiences. His daughters have fond memories of when they [...]



Funny Business
By [Karl Rabe](#)

'Tis the season for Santa Jokes...

- What does Santa use to clean his sleigh? Comet.
- Why does Santa use GPS? He doesn't want to be a lost Claus.
- Where does Santa stay on vacation? At a ho-ho-ho-tel.
- Who says "Oh, oh, oh?" Santa Claus walking backward.
- What did the ocean say when Santa flew over? Nothing. It just waved.
- What do you call Santa when he's on a break? A Santa pause.
- Which of Santa's reindeer has the best moves? Dancer.
- Where does Santa store his suit? In his Claus-et.
- Why is Santa so good at karate? He's got a black belt.
- What did one of Santa's helpers say to the other? Let's take an elfie.
- What did Santa and Mrs. Claus name their daughter? Mary Christmas.
- How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? Nothing. It was on the house.
- Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners? Rude-olph.
- What do you call Santa's helpers? Subordinate Clauses.
- What did Santa say after returning to the North Pole? There's snow place like home.
- What did Santa say to the comedian? You sleigh me.
- How do you invite Santa to a party? You request his presents.
- What do you call someone afraid of Santa? A Claus-trophic.
- What's a cat's favorite holiday song? "Here Comes Santa Claws."
- What did Santa do when his sleigh broke down? He got it mistle-toed.
- What happens when Santa gets stuck in the chimney? He

gets claus-trophobia.



"You've reached that age where we need to regularly examine your hat."



MAGIC MARVIN: GREAT AT ILLUSIONS ... BAD AT FRACTIONS



"In the hat! In the hat!"



When it's obvious the thrill of the job is gone.



	 <p>Visit the club website for past issues, calendar of upcoming events, and other features and articles.</p>		 <p>Join our Private Facebook Group to connect and exchange ideas and information with other members.</p>		 <p>Like our Public Facebook Page and share it with Friends and Family.</p>	
--	--	--	--	--	--	--



President
t Dan
Jones



Vice-
President
t Sean
Naes



Treasurer
r Rob S.
Krozal



Secretary
y Karl
Rabe



Sergeant
-at-Arms
Mike
Bogdas

Contact the board using these email addresses

- krabe@comcast.net
- dmjones0701@yahoo.com
- rkrozal@yahoo.com
- bogd19@me.com
- sean@howell.cc