



Magic Messenger

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President's Corner

SUMMER IS FINALLY HERE!!! It feels great to do magic outside for a change. I spoke with Gary Segadi, and we have secured a date for the Anti-Business Meeting at his house. Saturday July 16th @ 1:00pm til ???. So mark your calendars and get ready to have some fun in the sun. We will have our August Corn Roast date and location nailed down by our June 8th meeting.

Speaking of our June 8th meeting, we will have the great JAY SANKEY lecturing. I'm sure we all own a number of Jay's creations. I love the fact that his magic is usually as easy to perform, as it is impressive. He stays away from the knuckle buster stuff. We should have a great turn-out for the lecture with a great opportunity to introduce many non-members to the AAMC, and hopefully grow our membership list.

See everyone at Faith Lutheran on June 8th for a short meeting and an outstanding lecture!!!

[Jim Placido](#)

Secretaries Report 5/11/2011

There was a big turnout for our annual swap night, a lot of good deals made and a lot of fun!

Old Business:

1. Dues are overdue, (should be paid by the Banquet). See Marvin Mathena.
2. A motion to keep the club meetings at the church was made and discussed; it was voted on and passed.
3. Procedures for handing out of the Harry Colestock Award where discussed.

New Business:

1. A motion to expand the obligation to the church was made and discussed; it was voted on and failed.

2. 7-16 Anti-Business Meeting at Gary Sagadi's house. 1:00pm-?

Scott Kindschy motioned to close the meeting, Frank Quinn second it, it was passed by the membership.

Meeting closed: 7:35

Dues are overdue

Membership dues should have already been paid by now so I can get started on the new membership cards, (it's a lot easier for me to print all of the cards at once than a few at a time). You can pay online, mail a check to Marvin or bring a check to the next meeting. If you have any questions call Marvin Mathena, Treasurer, at 734-482-9523

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Newsletter

Here is something member Karl Rabe submitted for the club:

1) Bill and I were featured on my brother's blog. He is a radio show host in LA. The video is of our 2011 act that was performed last month at a Saline talent show to benefit Special Olympics. The video he posted of our linking ring act from last year is the one I taped at the Ann Arbor Magic Club meeting.

<http://www.scpr.org/blogs/offramp/2011/04/12/orb-magic/>

2) Fellow magicians may be interested in this little tidbit lesson learned. After viewing the video I realized that I need to improve my stage blocking. At rehearsal the night before I saw the program for the first time and came up with the gag about my picture on the cover. I inserted it into the act at the last minute (which is a recipe for disaster). I hadn't thought through or rehearsed my movements and as you can see in the video I bumble around putting my hat and can down, interrupting the flow of the act.

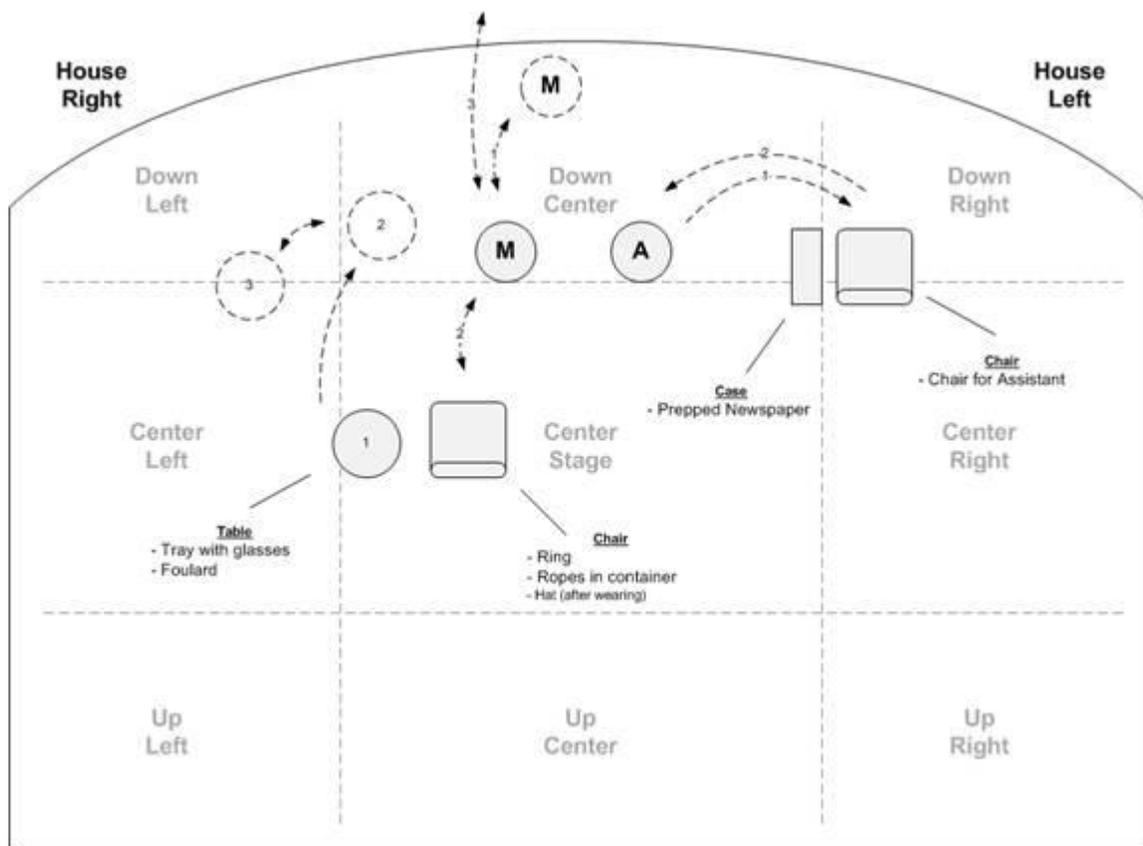
I write-up all our acts. To address that problem, I added this Stage Blocking section below to the write-up for future performances. Thought I would share this method and template which I find useful for planning movement on stage. It is simple but effective.

... Excerpt from "Perverse Professor's Nightmare and Newspaper Tear for Magician and Assistant"..
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Stage Blocking

Stage blocking in general is as follows.

- Magician confines his movements to **left of center**
- Assistant confines his movements to **right of center**.
- Magician uses chair center stage for props.
- Magician steps forward DC to mime cartoon on cover of program.
- Magician takes ropes into audience for examination.
- Magician carries table forward for Newspaper Tear and moves off to side CL before taking paper from assistant, to remove table from focus.



We need your contributions. Please do me a favor and send me what ever you can that relates to magic so we can share with all the members. Send all items to randy.remarkable@gmail.com

The Website

Our website address is <http://www.aamagic.org/>

(e-mail Randy or Jeff if you need the password, no user name now).

We still need your material to share with the club. Stories, tricks, reviews of tricks; books etc The sky is the limit so long as it is not copyrighted material. So get your stuff into me and let's make this the best site of any club out there. Send all items to jswalters@wowway.com

Magic In Comics:



**"Nope, not that time either.
What's wrong with me?
Why don't I feel the magic?"**

RINA PICCOLO