

# Magic Messenger

The Official Newsletter of the Ann Arbor Magic Club / S.A.M 88 / I.B.M. 210

April 2015

## President's Corner

Greetings everyone!

Does anyone know how to do that magic trick where winter finally disappears and spring arrives?

It was great to see so many of our members at the Magic Live Expo sponsored by Penguin Magic last month. Great opportunity to meet and speak with some creative magic minds!

Lots of magic opportunities coming up this month too!

May 1-3 is the 46th Michigan Magic Day dates in Kalamazoo. Call Antony Gerard at 269.344.2001 for more information. Who's going from our club? (Remember: WE sponsor it next year!) <http://www.gerardenterprises.com/MMD2015.html> for more details.

May 9th is the annual Flea Market at Abbott's in Colon. I always like to stop by FAB Magic while I'm out there and say hello to our friend Rick Fisher.

May 28-30 is the Midwest Magic History Weekend in Marshall, in conjunction with the American Museum of Magic. See [www.MagicHistoryWeekend.com](http://www.MagicHistoryWeekend.com) for details.

And don't forget our OWN meeting on Wednesday May 13th at Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road and I-275. Meeting begins promptly at 7pm with our Mini Magic Swap Meet! Bring something to sell, be prepared to buy, and come ready to do a trick or two, and of course, let's have some fun! I'll be interviewing some of our members in a new segment I'm calling "Meet A Member" (creative, isn't it?). Clean out your magic drawers to have room to put some newly acquired acquisitions! Make sure to come early enough to eat before the meeting!

Check this edition of the Magic Messenger for some information from Joaquin Ayala, one of our new members and our new club librarian! Did you know we have many books available for loan?

BTW, we're going to continue our monthly meetings right on through the summer with some fresh ideas to share with each other. We'll also schedule a summertime picnic at some point. Let's keep the magic momentum going and make the Ann Arbor Magic Club the best in the land!

That's all for now, see you soon...

Magically Yours,

John Russell

## Secretary's Report

April's gathering proved to be another successful and very entertaining event. The evening kicked off with introduction of guests **Jack and Shirley Markley**, from Anderson Indiana, and **Glen Derrick**. Also, it was announced that member **Jeff Walter** has attained 25 years continuous membership in the Society of American Magicians. Congratulations Jeff! **Bill Brang, Jim Ruth and Randy Smith** were recognized for their contributions to the Ann Arbor Magic Club over the past year.

Our theme this month was "Magic with a Story" and with a full house in attendance, 9 members came prepared to mystify and bewilder. **Jim Folkl** opened with the classic childrens' effect, "The Giant and the Dwarf", with a topical twist. The humorous storyline followed Joe the Plumber (Dwarf) and his successful efforts to keep his home (Castle) out of the hands of Big Government (Giant). Next up, **Jim Ruth** weaved a tale of a fish being dissected and restored using the "Clippo" principle. A very nice application of a fundamental principle. **Art Goyett** demonstrated a chop cup routine using a styrofoam cup and borrowed dollar bill. Art brought along additional cups for everyone and graciously proceeded to describe how one could make their own gimmicked cup. **Glen Derrick** offered a polished version of the Silent Mora "3 ball and Net" with original themed patter. Silent Mora would be proud of Glen's performance. **Dr. Joaquin Ayala de Cedoz** presented a very smooth and startling poker routine "Silas and the Slicker". Joaquin indicated this effect was published in 1938. What's old is new again! **Bill & Karl Rabe** (Magicians of the Year for RING 210) opened by pulling a very large

rabbit head (not real), from a very small top hat, which brought everyone to attention and got a big laugh. Then, each wearing rival college shirts (Michigan and Michigan State), continuously changed blue & gold silks to green and white to the accompaniment of the associated school songs. Quite a clever presentation being the heart of Wolverine and Spartan territory! **Ken McGee**, proprietor of the Ann Magic and Sports Memorabilia Shops, displayed very cleanly 4 one dollar bills, which he proceeded to change to Columbian bills and back to the US versions. His patter fit perfectly, centered on his experiences as a federal agent working in South America and having a U.S. - Columbian family. Treasurer **Dan Jones** comicaly vanished a bottle of coke a cola in a brown bag and finished with a magical clown wand ala pom pom effect. **Jack Markley** closed the evening by presenting some of his original effects which were offered for sale after the show. Jack is an expert at using magnets to create miracles with ordinary objects.



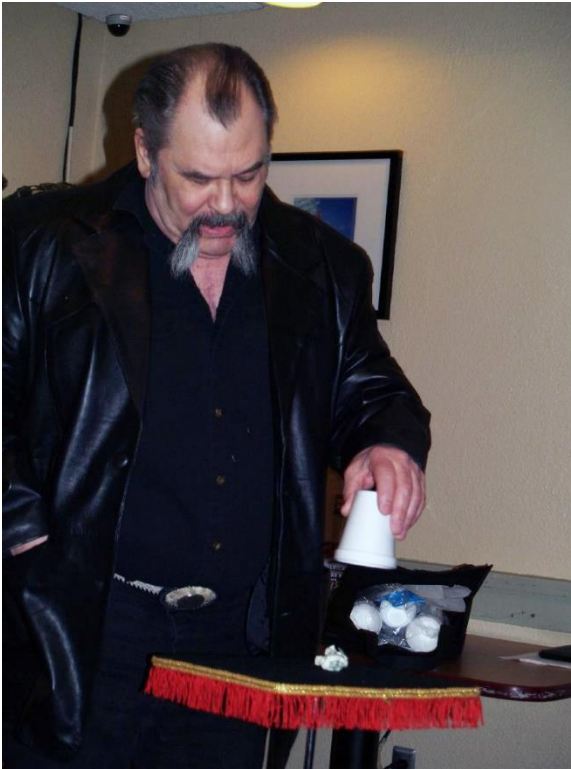
**Jim Folkl**

*The Giant and the Dwarf*

**Jim Ruth**

*A Big Fish Story - Clippo*

“And now an act that needs no introduction ... just material”



**Art Goyette**  
*Styrofoam Cup and Dollar Bill*



**Glen Derrick**  
*Silent Mora 3 Ball Routine*



**Joaquin Ayala**  
*Silas and the Slicker Circa 1938*



**Bill Rabe**  
*A very big Rabbit From Top Hat*



**Bill & Karl Rabe**  
*Michigan/MSU Color Changing Silks*



**Dan Jones**  
*A Magic Clown Wand - POM POMs*



**Ken McGee**  
*Dollars to Pesos*



**Jack Markley**  
*Magic Gumball Machine*

## Around the town highlights:

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** Claws and Paws Pet Fair and Walk for Homeless Animals, Clawson City Park. Family fun day for pets and their humans. Magic Show & Balloon Artistry by Jim Folkl and Dan Jones. For more info., [www.clawsonclawspaws.com](http://www.clawsonclawspaws.com)  
248.435.6500.

For a complete listing of magic events in Michigan, visit John Luka's site:  
<http://www.johnlukamagic.com/mi/events.html>

## Funny Business:

“Came back from Vegas with \$500...of course I went with \$1,000.”



This multi-talented entertainer achieved show business fame as a magician, puppeteer, ringmaster, MC, balloon act, inventor and builder. He created a variety

show and puppet act that used puppetry he modeled and cast himself. The figures included a clown, an acrobat, a skeleton that came apart and a dog. Two of his puppets are in a puppetry museum in Atlanta. His inventions included the balloon barrage where hundreds of inflated long balloons were shot out to the audience. [Ed Sullivan](#) thought it was the best finale he could have for a variety show and used his act on important in person shows, for a month in Las Vegas, and on his tour of Russia. He was a member of the [Society of American Magicians](#), the [International Brotherhood of Magicians](#), and the Puppeteers of America. For 20 years he served on the board of Governors of the Showmens League of America. "He was very versatile and very popular," his friend and fellow magician, Jay Marshall, said. "He performed close-up magic at Schulien's Restaurant & Saloon for a while.



### **Answer at the end of the Messenger**

Jim Folkl

### **Ex Libris**

Hello folks and welcome to our newest newsletter feature, the monthly article called 'Ex Libris' (Eh-cks LEE-breese), meaning 'From the Book'. Generally you will see this term used on bookplates to denote that it came from the library of its owner, 'From the library of John Russell'.

My aim with this article is to encourage members to read more magic books and magazines, not only for the effects and secrets but for the other bits of information in them such as performance theory, blocking, scripting, etc.

Each month I will feature one book – it may be a book from our club library and it may not, and from that one book I will pick an effect and attempt to analyze various aspects of it. Your job, dear reader, is to study that effect and perhaps even practice and perform it if you like it. Not every effect will suit every person or style, but hopefully it will encourage you to read more magic books! The first feature will appear in the May 2015 newsletter.

I now have a selection of books on hand from Marvin Mathena and I have them all cataloged. I will be attempting to recover any and all missing books in the library in the coming months.

The process for checking out a book will be as follows: Members may contact me via telephone at 313.910.1041 or via e-mail at [chefayala99@gmail.com](mailto:chefayala99@gmail.com) and let me know which book(s) they would like to check out. I will make sure the book get to the next monthly meeting along with the sign-out sheet. I will have the name of the book(s) that are being checked out and the member will sign for each one. We ask that you return them to the library on or before the monthly meeting for the following month (for example: If you check out a book at the May meeting, it should be returned on or before the June meeting). If need be, you can keep the book again if nobody else has requested it and you must sign for it again.

Have a magic month folks and we will see you all soon!

Joaquin Ayala, PhD.  
Club Librarian

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Have a question / suggestion / comment / contribution? Contact us!

??? **John Shirley** ???

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Restaurant, 39550 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth MI 48170, 7pm*

Bring a guest! Perform! Join a Committee!