

Magic Messenger

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

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President's Corner

First off, unless I'm re-elected as your President, this may be my last President's Report. I would like to thank everyone on the board, and everyone in the club, for a good year and for your support. I couldn't have done it without you. It takes teamwork to run a club and not a single person. Trust me, I'm no "I've got a pen and I got a phone" type of guy. The secret of success in any organization is teamwork and not one person.

In case you haven't heard, Marvin Mathena had another stroke and is now at the regency Assisted Living Facility in Canton, MI. His phone number there is (734) 669-3734. Please give him a call, or visit him, to cheer him up. He has done a lot for this club and it would be a shame to forget all about him.

Antony Gerard will be the host of Ring 333's 2015 Michigan Magic Day. It will be on May 1, 2 and 3 in Kalamazoo, MI and there will be international magicians there. At the present time, there is no firm location for it though.

Our 2016 Michigan Magic Day is just over a year away. There has been volunteers for it already. Advertisement Chairman is Jim Placido and the Dealers Chairman is Jim Ruth. We do need to have an Entertainment Chairman as soon as possible so we can have firm commitments for the magicians and lecturers to be there for Michigan Magic Day 2016. It will be in March or April and the most highly probable location for it will be at Ypsilanti High School where our last Michigan Magic Day we did was held.

We have quite a number of new members that have joined our club recently. Welcome to the Ann Arbor Magic Club. You will find this organization fun and exciting. Perhaps you may be interested in taking the positions of Historian, Public Relations Chairman or the Membership Chairman which are currently open.

Our Banquet is coming up on Sunday, March 15th. It will be held at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor and the tickets are \$30.00 each. The doors will open at 12:30 PM and our entertainment will be Magician Eli Martin from Toledo, Ohio.

We would like to thank Dave Schneider of ABC Magic for coming to our January General Meeting and presenting to us some great magic and products.

Wednesday, February 11th, at 7:00 PM, will be our next General Meeting. Besides having our Election for that evening, the theme for it is "Mentalism Magic". Please bring something to it to entertain everybody.

The themes for our future meetings will be a lecture by John Luka at our March 11th meeting and on April 8th it will be "Telling A Story" Magic.

We do have a couple of birthdays for this month of February they are John Custer (02-10) and Michael Baumgardner (02-29).

I'll see you at Denny's, on Ann Arbor Rd., at our meeting on Wednesday, February 11th at 7:00 PM. Please come an hour early before the meeting if you wish to have dinner there at the restaurant.

President Bill Brang

Secretary's Report 01/31/15

The new year got off to a great start with a lecture given by **Dave Schneider**, professional magician and owner of the AMC Magic Shop, Mt. Clemens Michigan. Again, the house was full, including 3 guests; **Veronica and Daniel Jamieson, and Joaquin Ayada**, and 3 new members; **Brody Jamieson, Richard Triemer, and Mark O'Brien**.

After introductions the magical fun began. Dave, a long time pro, shared a wealth of information particularly regarding audience management, marketing and what to do when things go awry (which they sometimes do). Along the way, Dave demonstrated and explained some of his "bread and butter" effects that entertain and also generate additional and repeat bookings. The material covered restaurant work,

stage, platform and home venues. Dave also highlighted childrens' shows, focusing on pre-show audience prep and respectful treatment of volunteers. His recommendations on "emergency boxes" were invaluable. He always carries 2 extra ("pack small / play large") sets of props to address real time changes to show requirements. One box is for children, the other for adults. His presentation was very well received as it addressed topics that all performing magicians need to appreciate. The second portion of this lecture was a dealer demo, with ABC staff **Ryan Christopher and Marc Arthor** showing the latest effects to make us stars! Judging from the activity at his tables of magical delights, we may have a future FISM competitor or two in the wings!

Scheduled for our February meeting is election of officers for 2015, ratification of new members and performances of mentalism by our members. The Ann Arbor Magic Club annual banquet is scheduled for March, with "[The Magic of Eli](#)" as our featured entertainment. Also in March, Michigan magician **John Luka** will be presenting his lecture at the monthly meeting.

Note: Per By Laws, new members are considered probationary until names are posted in the Magic Messenger and subsequently ratified at an AAMC meeting. The following will be presented for membership at the 11 Feb. session: **Carl Massie Jr., Scott Mitchell, Sean Naes, Brody Jamieson, Richard Triemer, Paul Nielsen and Mark O'Brien.**

Regarding the elections, only **the position of President has more than one candidate: Bill Brang and John Russell.** Consequently voting will only be required for that office. The election will be held at the 11 Feb. meeting. Absentee ballots can be cast either by email (preferred) or by mail. The completed absentee ballots must be received NLT Tues., Feb. 10th to be counted. Simply forward the name of your selection. Email folkinimagic@yahoo.com or mail to Jim Folkl, 5590 Fieldston Court, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301.

Upcoming Meetings: Meetings are held at Denny's Restaurant, 39550 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth MI 48170, starting at 7pm unless otherwise noted.

Feb. 11 Election of Officers, Ratification of probationary members and Mental Magic. As this meeting will elect board officers and ratify new members, **the business meeting will precede the entertainment.**

Mar. 11 John Luka lecture.

Around the town highlights:

Mar. 15 Annual AAMC banquet @ Weber's Inn. Our featured entertainment will be [The Magic of Eli](#) Book your tickets early, book now!

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

[Jim Folkl](#)

Funny Business:

Played the famous Egyptian Hall ... had them rolling in the Nile...

Did you hear about the Army dog? Got a tree day pass...

So you believe in free speech? ... Lend me your cell phone ...

Our marriage is a 40/60 relationship I make \$40/she spends \$60...

Kids should go to college ... how else will they get a good high school education? ...

“Her eyes were bright and shining,
Her skin was soft as rain;
She stole my heart, she stole my soul
Plus wallet, watch and chain”

Author: Anonymous (I wonder why?)



The gentleman pictured above (1882-1968) was an English watch repairman, jeweler to the British crown and master craftsman / magic builder. He constructed intricate working for various effects. His work is highly prized by collectors. According to [John Gaughan](#), he built much of [de Biere's](#) apparatus that [Goldston](#) talks about in the [Tricks of the Masters](#) book. Considered the holy grail of vanishing birdcages, this is a beautiful rectangular cage was built by our mystery celebrity. It's his version of the classic 1890's era Janos Bartl style cage with wooden perch. The cage can be stood rigid upon a table, yet collapses for vanishing. The reel he designed to compliment the cage is a masterpiece. His creations are coveted by top collectors and are considered among the finest mechanical apparatus in existence. His business card advertised "The Master Magical Mechanic / Specialist In All Kinds of Complicated Work and Turning"

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Answer at the end of the Messenger

[Dave Schneider \(ABC Magic\) Lecture](#)



A full house!



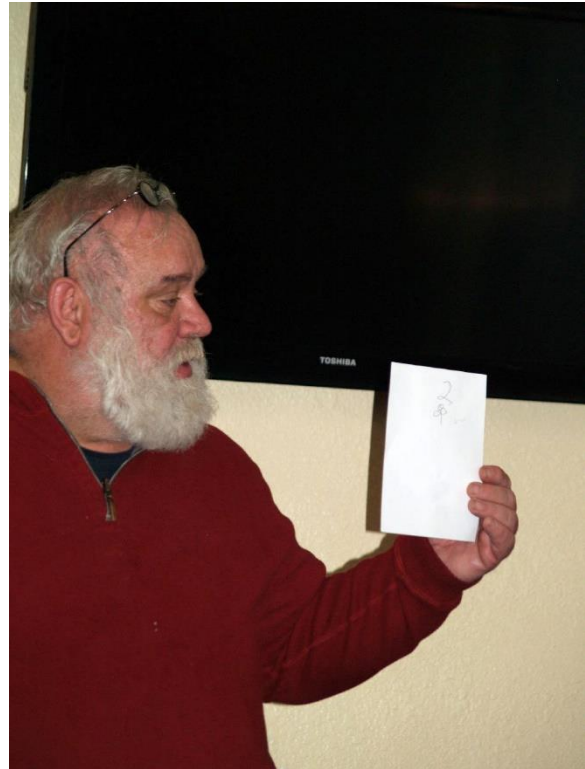
Dave & Brody Jamieson



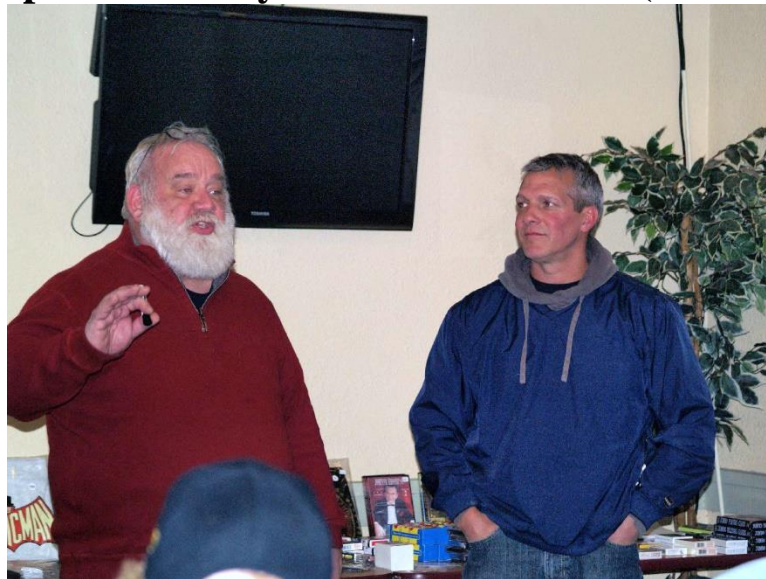
Dave & Veronica Jamieson



Ryan Christopher & Brody



Dave (Who else ?)



Dave & Dan Jamieson (They get around !)

Went to agricultural college ... voted most likely to Sack Seed ...

I was invited to visit California by the governor of Michigan...

Working a deal with the Gov't...I keep the tax, they get the income ...

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?Jon Martin?

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