

Magic Messenger

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President's Corner

“In the summertime when the weather is high
You can stretch right up and touch the sky
When the weather's fine
You got magic, you got magic on your mind
Have a drink, have a drive
Go out and see what you can find”

OK, so maybe that's not *exactly* how that song by Mungo Jerry goes, but it certainly expresses **my** sentiments!

There is magic *everywhere* during the summer! From conventions like FISM, to county fairs, to your local libraries, you can find magicians performing literally around the globe!

CONVENTIONS

OK, maybe you're not going to FISM in Rimini Italy (July 6-11), but how about: MagiCelebration & Magic Camp put on by our friend Rick Fisher and FAB Magic in Colon? (July 21-25)

or

KIDabra International Conference in Williamsburg VA? (August 3-7)

or

Abbott's Magic Get Together in Colon? (August 5-8)

or

MAGIC Live in Las Vegas? (August 9-12)

or

Midwest Magic Jubilee in St Louis? (August 13-15)

And don't forget the IBM Convention and the SAM Convention too!

FAIRS

Every county in the state has a county fair sometime during the summer. After you've checked out the livestock (doves or goat magic, anyone?), and had your fill of the latest fried delicacy (fried green pickles or fried twinkies, anyone?), check and see if they've scheduled a magician to entertain in the grandstand. You just never know... the next Houdini may escape while hanging above a flaming tractor!

LIBRARIES

Virtually every local library has at least one magician performing during the summer. Some have several! But check in advance. Often seats, though free, have to be reserved in advance. Also, some shows are “kids only” (I was refused entrance into a show last summer because I couldn't pass for an 8 year old {they should've asked my wife LOL}); some are “adults only”. Many local magicians spend their entire summers touring the library circuit. And while you're there, you might as well check out section 793.8... just sayin'

CLOSER TO HOME...

But you're always guaranteed a seat and some great magic at OUR very own Ann Arbor Magic Club! Yes Virigina, *we're meeting throughout the summertime!* Same time, same channel, same place: Denny's on Ann Arbor Road and I-275... Here's the lineup for summertime:

Wednesday July 8th: **Wizard Wars!** Our version of the popular television show (ok, maybe not so popular... it was canceled). We'll divide up with an assortment of “normal” household items, and create some magic! May the best team win!

Wednesday August 12th: **Teach-A-Trick!** Bring a trick that you can demonstrate, then show everyone how they too can amaze and amuse their (non-magician) friends!

REMEMBER: Meeting starts at 7pm. If you want to eat, come early so we don't have to perform around food in the banquet room!

LOOKING AHEAD:

We want to have a potluck picnic one day (probably a Sunday) in August. Watch for details on that.

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET is set for Sunday September 27th. There's only 14 tables left at this writing. You can reserve and pay online (\$10 for members; \$20 for non-members).

MICHIGAN MAGIC DAY 2016 is set for April 8th & 9th. We've got a stellar lineup that you won't want to miss! Block out the dates *now!*

OK, everyone... hope to see you all at our meetings! In the meantime...

Have a MAGICAL Summertime!

John Russell

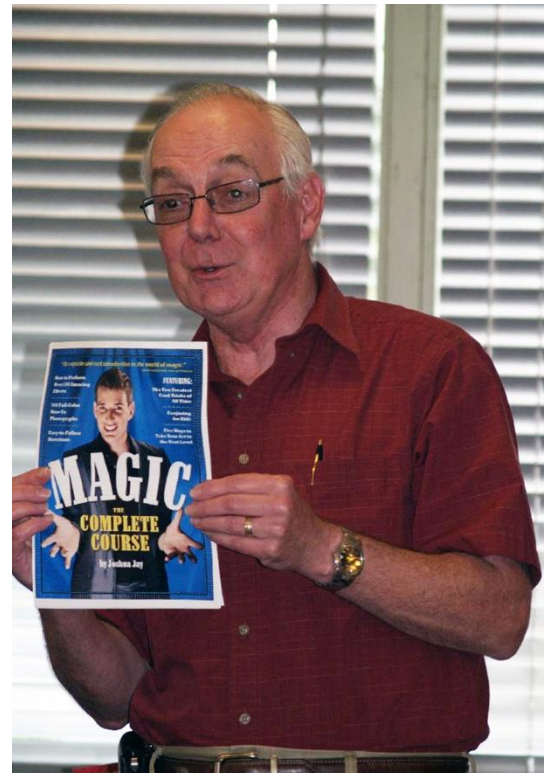
Secretary's Report 06/30/15

The theme of our June meeting was "Magic by the Book". Members brought in a favorite magical tome, gave a review and presented a routine from its contents. Before the show began, special guest **Steve Spence**, Regional Vice President of the Society of American Magicians gave us an update of SAM activities planned for the next year, focusing on those in our area.

With a full house in attendance, 13 magi "hit the books". **Randy Smith** discussed the material of Karl Fulves and performed 2 effects, "Quick as a Wink and Gemini Twins". **Art Goyette** discussed "Amateur Magicians Handbook and Gibson's Illustrated Book of Card Magic". **Richard Triemer** highlighted the value of ebooks with "Joshua Jay's Complete Course of Magic". Rich offered observations on of the classic Invisible Deck and exhibited a nice presentation of the PTATO (pick two and take one) principal, using a child's puzzle. **Jim Folkl** brought along Martin Gardner's "Encyclopedia of Impromptu Magic and C. Lang Neil's "Modern Conjurer", from which he performed the routine Trouble Wit. **Jim Placido** performed a stunning effect out of the February 2015 issue of MUM, titled "Pass The Bill", which involved 5 spectators and a dollar bill. **Dan Jones** highlighted the book "Now You See It Now You Don't" and demonstrated the French Drop and Back Palm sleights from its pages. **John Luka** referenced the classic "Stars Of Magic" and showcased Francis Carlyle's contribution, The Homing Card. **George Hoener** presented his work in progress on the history of the Ann Arbor Magic Club, featuring the likes of Duke Stern and Hank Morehouse. **Mark O'Brien** focused on the works of Juan Tamariz and as incoming club historian, solicited help in gathering documentation to assist in the continued development of the club's biography. **Glenn Derrick** presented a great, original, one coin routine based upon the Sleights in Bobo's "Modern Coin Magic". John Russell gave a comical rendition of "The Incredible Suit Jacket Escape". **Steven Spence** closed the show discussing the works of Harry Riser and left us with the mystifying coin assembly of the "4 Kennedy brothers". **Marvin Mathena** gave us the most usable information of the evening by arising and stating we should all be performing and projecting our voices to the spectator seated furthest from us. Apparently our pithy patter did not at all times make it to the back of the room! Great advice from a legendary magician.



Art Goyette



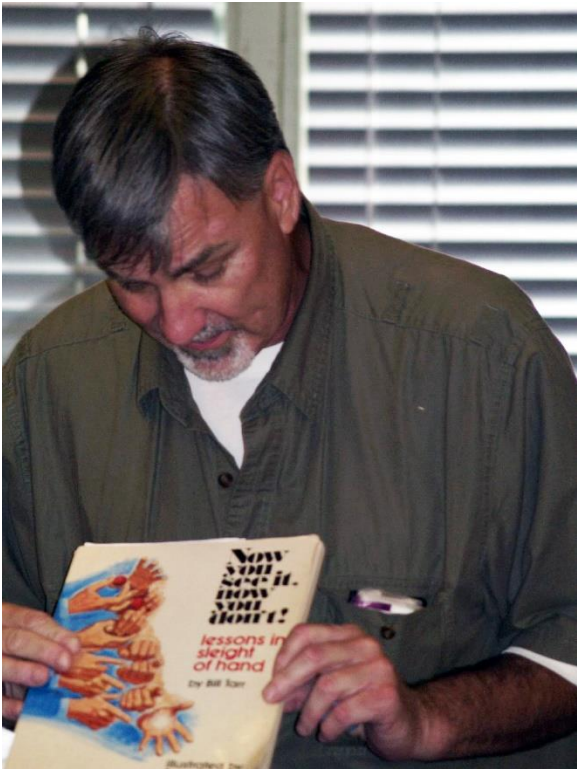
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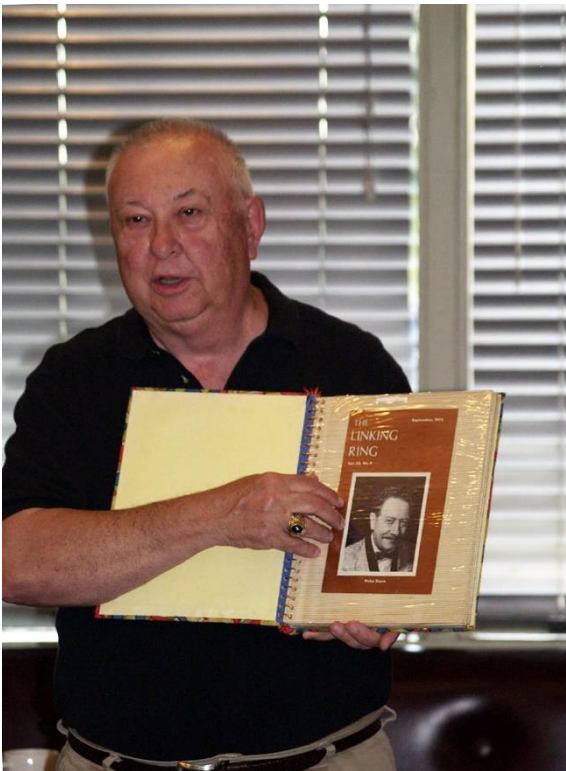
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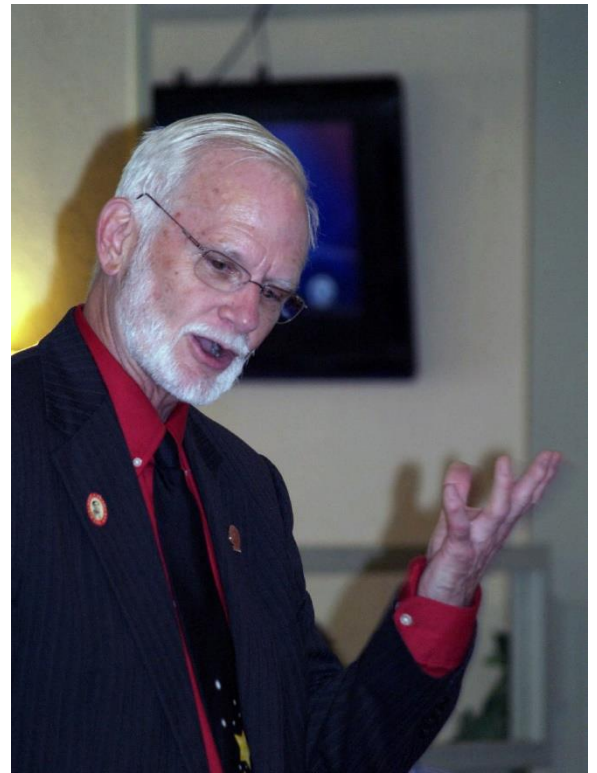
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Around the Town

ABSOLUTELY BAFFLING MAGIC Recommended for all ages Baffling Bill will amaze and enthrall us during a program of sheer magic, guaranteed to captivate audiences from 2 to 92! 2:30 pm Monday, July 20 Livonia Noble Library: 2:00 pm and Civic Center: 6:00 pm

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

Bob: Do you play much golf in a day ?

Rob: Thirty six holes, roughly speaking

Bob: And how much without cursing ?

The last theater I played didn't have a rising orchestra pit
So the musicians stood up slowly



One of the most successful female magicians of the 20th Century. American born, real name Nell Newton. Learned magic from her father, a carnival magician. Specialized in snappy and cute rhyming patter,

and lots of promotional material. Husband Charles Carrer, a famous juggler, managed her show and constructed her trademark clever and special props. Her local television show (California) in the early 1950's was one of the first regularly broadcast magic programs. See: Stamp Album Presentation in Tarbell, Volume 4.

Who Is It

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Answer at the end of the Messenger

Ed: Where do you suppose those magicians get their ideas ?
Fred: Judging from their acts, I should say each other

They put a star on my door
It was cheaper than painting over "MEN"

*There was a young lady named Bright
who traveled much faster than light.
She set out one day
in a relative way,
and came back the previous night.*

Jim Folkl

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? Dell O'Dell ?

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