



On the Cover
By [Karl Rabe](#)

Magic Messenger April 2024

IBM 210

SAM 88

The Magic Messenger



Nathan Kranzo put on a great lecture for the Ann Arbor Magic Club. Pictured Left to Right are Club Sgt. at Arms Mike

Bogdas, guest lecturer Nathan Kranzo and Club President Dan Jones.



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

Hello Fellow Magi of the Ann Arbor Magic Club and Friends,

Our meeting is coming up on Wednesday, April 10th and it will feature the AAMC 2nd Annual Close Up Showcase. This competition will allow 6 of our members to present a 5 minute routine to amaze their audience who will vote for the act they like the best. The winner will receive a trophy and bragging rights in the club but more importantly, everyone who competes gets the opportunity to perform for others repeatedly in a short span of time to perfect our craft.

Please remember to try and bring a few relatives or friends to our meeting this month so we will have “extra” audience members for the competition.

More chances to perform are on the horizon. The AAMC Spring Parlor Show will be held on Saturday, May 25th with two shows at 4 and 7 pm. The line up has already been set but we can use members to perform walk around and close up magic before the shows.

Last month at the March meeting we hosted a wonderful lecture by Nathan Kranzo. He had a wide variety of effects for many magical styles and skill levels. It was a great and successful event with a great turnout.

Spring is here and the weather is changing so let's encourage

that magic bud to bloom in each of us.

Magically Yours,
Dan Jones, President
Ann Arbor Magic Club.



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

Our meeting was called to order by President Dan Jones. Dan gave us a couple of quick reminders.

- Our Parlor Show is scheduled for May 25 at 4 pm and 7 pm at the Plymouth Community Arts Council located at 774 Sheldon Rd in Plymouth, MI 48170. Volunteers are needed for both front and back of the house. Contact our Vice President Sean Howell if you are able to help out.
- Dan also reminded us that next month will be our Close-up Showcase. All six performance slots have been filled. The six performers will be April Barrett, Phil Mann, Charlie Palko, Alex Heath, Kevin Peshick and our newest member Michael Thornton. Members are encouraged to invite guest to help fill out the audience. There will be six performance stations and the audience will be divided into six groups. They will rotate from performer to performer every 5 minutes. At the end audience members will vote for their favorite and the winner will be awarded the coveted AAMC Close Up Showcase Award.

Then it was on to the main event which was lecture by Michigan's own Nathan Kranzo. Nathan last lectured for the

club 6 years ago and the turnout this time was even better, bringing in a number of guests from The Detroit Magic Club. Nathan came with a load of new material and one old favorite.



Nathan Kranzo Lecture

The crowd loved **Moneyball** where a quarter turns into a bouncy ball, Nathan performed and taught **Schrödinger's Card** (is the card in the pocket or in the deck?). Everyone loved **Repetition** which is a really creative, unrecognizable and fresh take on the old Six Card Repeat. Nathan taught **Dark Triumph** which as you may have guessed is a take on Dai Vernon's Triumph. Nathan did several coin effects with the Organic Copper, Silver and Brass set using a washer, a quarter and a centavo. Nathan brought back the favorite **Tru Test/Magazine Test**, a baffling effect in which the mentalist divines a thought of word randomly torn from a page in a magazine. Throughout the lecture Nathan interjected bits of comedy, magic and gags that the audience loved. The official lecture was over and then it was on to socializing and magic jamming.



Nathan Kranzo



Charlie Planko and Nathan Kranzo



Nathan Kranzo Lecture



Nathan Kranzo Lecture



Kranzo and Sean Howell



Rob Krozal and Kranzo



Magic for Sale



Jim Tait and Alex Heath



April, Kranzo and Kay



Don, Kay, Dan and Sean



Spotlight
By [Karl Rabe](#)

As a reoccurring feature of the Magic Messenger we will highlight a member and ask them to answer a few questions about themselves. This month the "Spotlight" is on Ronald Hoole.

Where did you grow up / where have you lived?

I was raised most of my life in Plymouth, MI I have spent a few years in Oklahoma, Texas Now I am living in Brighton.

How did you get started in magic?

I caught the bug after seeing and finally learning my first

card trick at the age of 8. By the time I was 10 I performed my first school show. Then after the show at recess time, three kids (the bully type) came up to me and wanted to know how I did Professor Nightmare and I stuck to my guns " A good magician never reveals the secret." It ended up with me getting punched in the gut and knocking the wind out of me. And still, the Professors Nightmare is probably my favorite trick today.

What type of magic do you perform?

I do platform and walk-around mostly. I also do mystery performer bizarre magick for special events. Sleight-of-hand had become a deep passion of mine at the time I quit smoking, I tell people I gave up cigarettes and took up cards a trade off of addictions. The good news, I'm now down to one pack of Bikes a day!

What is your favorite magic book?

The Amateur Magician by Henry Hay. That was the first book I bought that described any sleight-of-hand. The stuff in that book still holds-up, and is a good starting place for anyone wanting to learn more about that side of magic.

Who is your favorite Magician of all time?

Most definitely the Professor Dai Vernon, in the 90's I went into a Vernonmania period after he died. I learned all his key routines and read all his books watched his video series a few times. I even imagined him balling the life out of me, working on my routines. I'm past that now, yet I still love him dearly.

Do you have any words of wisdom for newer magicians?

Discovering who you are with magic can be difficult, don't try to invent a character. Notice yourself in everyday settings interacting with people like you normally do. Just

take note of those moments that when everything just clicks in conversation, or you make people laugh. Even asks friends what's your best traits even worse to be aware of them. Gathering this data will help you know about yourself. Understanding yourself better, is just building blocks on creating a foundation to create your true character. Also be true to your own interests maybe you love working on cars, hey the Magic Grease Monkey, you get the point.



Around the Town
By [Karl Rabe](#)

Calendar of Events

Next Meeting

APR
10
Wed
7:00 pm AAMC Close-Up Showcase

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

APR
10
Wed
7:00 pm AAMC Close-Up Showcase

MAY
18
Sat
1:00 pm Plymouth Library Open House @
Plymouth Community Library

JUN
24
Mon
all-day Summer Magic Camp @
Plymouth Community Arts Council

AUG
10
Sat
12:00 pm AAMC Annual Picnic @ Home of
Dan Jones

SEP
28
Sat
12:00 pm AAMC Pop-up Magic Shop @
Plymouth Community Arts Council

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](#).
-

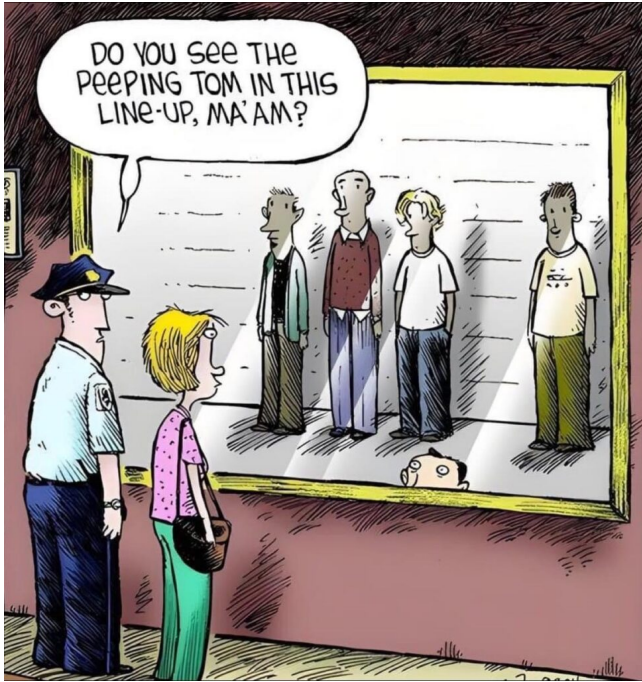


Funny Business
By [Karl Rabe](#)

The answer to last month's Flashback Funny Business: The posted cartoon appeared in the [February 2014 issue of the Magic Messenger](#). The Secretary at the time was Randy "The Remarkable" Smith. Sadly [Randy passed away unexpectedly a few years back](#).

This week we have a Matching Puzzle. Match the Member with the decade they joined the club by drawing a line from their name to the correct decade number. Only one person corresponds to each decade. The answer will be posted next month.

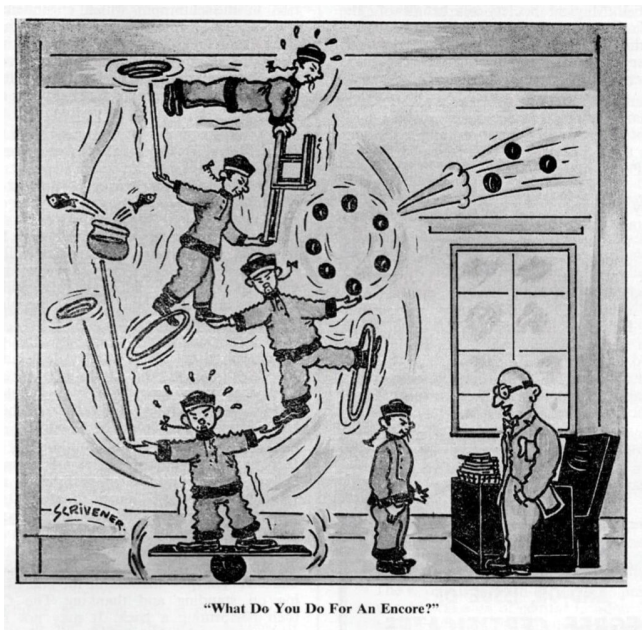
1970s		Jeff Boyer
1980s		Ming Louie
1990s		Phil Mann
2000s		Don Oesterwind
2010s		Roger Simmons
2020s		Jeff Walters






Not magic but funny



For our Monty Python Fans



Kinetic Kay at an Audition?

	 <p>ANN ARBOR MAGIC CLUB I.B.M. Ring 210 & S.A.M. Assembly #1</p> <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>	
--	---	--	--	--	--	--

The Ann Arbor Magic Club Board



President
t Dan
Jones



Vice-
President
t Sean
Naes



Treasure
r Rob S.
Krozal



Secretar
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