

Well, it's February and do you know what that means? I sure don't, so if you do know, please tell me. Anyhow, we had a lecture presented by John Luka. Let me tell you, I really enjoyed it! John is from the Detroit area and is lecturing through the northeast and we were just one of many stops

John's lecture was all close-up and primarily cards and the best part, he had real practical stuff and it wasn't that tough. He started off with a Shrinking Deck routine that combined elements from John Kennedy, Mike Powers, and Brother John Hamman. It's kind of tough not to go wrong there with that kind of pedigree. He did Michigan Monte which is a no gaff version of sidewalk Shuffle. He concluded the first set with WOW Revisited. Next was an in the hands Triumph and a Card to Pocket bit. Next was Chromo Balls, a multi-colored three-ball routine based on an item in our ring's namesake's book. After the break, John performed a wonderful Card to Wallet using a Z-fold wallet. Everybody must have loved it because he seemed to sell a lot of wallets. Next was a three-coin routine using a Flipper and that went over very well. John's final effect of the evening was Back to the 19th Century. This was a no-gaff four-joker assembly that was wonderfully choreographed. All of John's routines are well thought out and all the moves are well motivated. I believe everyone there got something that they could put in their repertoire.

My advice, if John is passing through your area, sign him up. It will be a fun and educational evening, or afternoon if that's your thing.

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