

Mordecai's Journal

BILL GREENOUGH ASSEMBLY 21



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July Meeting: Last Minute Magic!

You get an invite to an impromptu cookout from nearby relatives. "Oh, by the way," they say, "can you bring some magic? We'd love to have you show some stuff to our friends." All your big stuff is packed away and you've got three, maybe five, minutes to throw something together. What to bring, what to bring? Well, what would YOU bring to uphold your reputation? (And maybe get some future gigs?) Dazzle your compeers who will play the role of your relatives' friends and join us **July 11**, at **7:30PM**. Meet the officers for dinner at 6PM, if you can.

Meetings:

Second Monday of
every month except
December

Angelo's on Main
289 South Main Street
West Hartford.
(I-84 exit 41)

Minutes of June Meeting

13 June 2011 7:31 PM

18 members
13 guests
attending

We ditched the meeting so we could get right to the good stuff: The Farewell Lecture by **Aldo and Rachael Colombini**.

This was a wonderful talk starting with a champagne toast to Rachel. In between tricks we were told stories of their being on the road, the details behind Rachel's successful surgery, and a few gag tricks (e. g., vanishing a Thumb Tip) and some giveaways.

The highlights of the lecture were:

"Zodiac Code," in which a color linked to a spectator's birthday is predicted;
"An Empty Envelope," a gag prediction effect; a cute cut-and-restored rope routine that goes by the prosaic name of "Cutting The Rope In Three;"
"Five-Card Mystery," wherein a blank card vanishes among red cards;
"Ring On Rope," using, believe it or not, a scünci, to remove a ring but leave the knot;
"A Mental Trick," in which one card chosen →

When Last We Met



Aldo and Rachel Colombini on the "Farewell Tour." *Steve Wronker photo*

← from a pile matches the prediction;
"Cidentaquin," which uses ESP cards to find the four matches to a spectator's chosen card;
"Stranger In Paradise," wherein a choice is revealed as the only red in a blue deck;
"Houdini Card," in which a card escapes from two rubber-bands and a square of tinfoil;
"Three-Way Miracle Prediction," in which the final composition of three card piles is predicted;
"Jumbo Prediction," a stunner in which a selected card matches a jumbo card, but the deck proves to consist of duplicates of an entirely different card;
"Restless Colors," where a pack of duplicates change their back colors, then become Aces;
"Tri-Color Cups and Balls," as performed by Rachel it uses no balls, just rolled-up colored tissue, with a surprise ending.

Broken Wand: Sid Radner

Sid Radner, of Springfield, MA, acknowledged expert on Houdini, died Sunday, June 26, 2011, of cancer. He was 91. Sid collected Houdini memorabilia, mostly through Houdini's brother, Theo (Hardeen), including the Water Torture Cell, purchased by Copperfield in 2004, and the Milk Can.

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