

# Mordecai's Journal



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### Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Angelo's on Main

289 South Main Street  
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

## July Meeting: Wayne Houchin Lecture

**G**eni Magazine says of Houchin: "One of the hottest magicians on the planet." He has released some of the most popular magic tricks in the past decade, worked with Criss Angel on the hit TV show Mindfreak and has astonished audiences in more than 20 countries. This month he will present: An Exploration of Close-Up, Parlor and Shock Magic. In addition to covering several of his popular marketed effects including The Signed Coin in Can and Stigmata, he'll present brand new, unreleased magic and discuss a wide variety of material including magic using string, coins, soda, photographs, lighters and more. The club will charge only \$10 to anyone who isn't a member of CCMA. Sit up and take notes on **July 9 at 7:30 PM**. Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

## Minutes of June Meeting

11 June 2012 7:39 PM 16 members  
**Dan Sclare** presiding. attending  
Sec'y's report accepted as published.  
Treasurer's report submitted.  
New Bus.: Club officers were elected. For CCMA and SAM21: President; **Dan Sclare**, VP: **Angelo Chirico**, Secretary: **Dana Ring**, Treasurer: **Soll Levine**. For IBM278: President: **Roger Cisowski**, VP: **Jason Abate**, Secretary: **Rick St. Pierre**, Treasurer: **Soll Levine**.  
Cmte rpts: Dan once again implored all magi to send him info to fill his CCMA history book [see his column, page two].  
The club voted to book Wayne Houchin for a lecture next month.  
G&W: **Rick St. Pierre** handed out info on "Metro Magic" on October 14.  
Dan announced an upcoming event on Cape Cod in August featuring **Bruce Kalver**, **George**

## When Last We Met



Soll Levine with a spirited trick.

**Schindler, Joe Cabral, David Kaplan, Luna Shimada** and others.

**Marlene Clark** revealed that **David Oliver's** assembly was renamed in his honor. However, he is going to need a lung transplant. Since David is a 21-er, we immediately began discussing fundraising ideas. **Marlene** and **Steve Wronker** were appointed to a committee to come up with fundraising possibilities. One idea was to create wristbands for sale at the Vegas convention. Adjourned: 8:20PM

The theme tonight was Silk Magic, hosted by **Ron Strong**. Dan started us off with a silk fountain produced from a red silk. At the end of the fountain was a silkworm, which changed into a silk butterfly.

Steve brought out his "WOW" box from which he produced sponge balls, sponge stars, silks, spring money, and a Rabid! Steve uses this routine as his opener for his first-grader show. It's an idea he got from **Barry Mitchell**.

**Soll Levine** completed the revue showing us three huge handkerchiefs from which he produced a bottle of wine. That certainly got my attention!

## From The President's Hat

**T**hank you for electing me as your new president. I hope we have a very productive year. I'm looking for a lot of sharing of magic. Please join with me on this journey of sharing magic. We all have different interests and levels of involvement in magic. Some of us are collectors, some of us perform a little and some of us are full time magicians. We also have other interests besides magic, but we all have things we can share. Share your knowledge, skills and or magic information you come across in the news or on the internet. Pass this information on at meetings, submit it for our newsletter, post it on [sam21@yahogroups.com](mailto:sam21@yahogroups.com) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/CCMA01/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CCMA01/) If you have not done so yet, share info about yourself by submitting your bio to me for our historical records. Share as much as you are comfortable with.

Name:

Magic Name:

Occupation:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Phone numbers:

Marriage status and children:

Magic organizations and dates joined:

Positions held:

Areas of interest in magic:

How and when you became interested in magic:

Other interesting information about you:

A picture of you as a magician:

Thank you; let's have a great year!

Magically yours,  
Dan Sclare

## Online Magic

**L**ooking to learn some extra magic? There's a couple dozen tricks you can learn for free. Go to <http://www.hocus-pocus.com/magicshop/> Then click on "Free Downloads" over on the left-most column. Thanks go to **Michael Boden** for this collection.

## Summer Sideshow at Quassy Amusement Park

**T**odd Robbins, renowned performer, actor, and author, will be doing daily performances, July 9-22 at Quassy's Carousel Theatre stage. Robbins will eat fire, swallow swords and marvel guests with other unusual feats during each performance.

**Jim Sisti** produced the show, which will be presented more than 40 times during its two-week run. There is no admission to Quassy Amusement Park and the free shows start daily at 1 p.m., with three performances Sunday through Thursday and four shows Friday and Saturday. There is a \$6 parking fee and at the end of each performance guests may make a donation to the Connecticut Food Bank if they so desire.

The theater is at 2132 Middlebury Road, Middlebury, CT. Daily shows at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday will also feature a 7 p.m. performance.

I cribbed this notice from Quassy's website at: [http://www.quassy.com/about\\_press\\_detail.asp?id=231](http://www.quassy.com/about_press_detail.asp?id=231), (but I don't think they'll mind).

## "Weekend Of Wonder" Expands: Adds Adult Activities

**T**his year the SYM Weekend Of Wonder is expanding to accommodate the entire family. In order to fill all the rooms to which they have committed, they have added separate lectures, workshops, informal magic, and additional activities for all magicians.

The event takes place at the Crown Plaza in Warwick, RI, on August 10, 11, 12. Room rate is \$109 per night for a single or double. Stay for two nights and the registration fee is only \$49pp for an all-access pass. The "deluxe" pass of \$99pp includes the Friday Night Ice Cream Social, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Night Banquet, and some surprise snacks.

Lectures, discussions, master classes, shows, parties, they'll do it all. Registration forms can be obtained from the website: [www.magicSYM.com](http://www.magicSYM.com) or call (303) 586-1960 for more information.

IF YOU CAN'T GET TO VEGAS, THIS IS THE PLACE TO GO.

## David Garrity Celebrates 20th Season at Six Flags Site

David Garrity has been doing shows at the same location, despite ownership-changes, for a couple decades now. Recently, they had a little celebration there, (in-between rehearsals no doubt). He's now there every day except Tuesdays until Labor Day.



Here's a close-up of that cake.

## David Oliver Fund Wristbands

David Oliver, now of the Boston area, used to be of the Hartford area. In fact he joined SAM as a member of our assembly. David worked with doves for years. His was a great act, but being around those birds for so long gave him a massive lung infection. He has gone through one set of operations already, but he will soon need a lung transplant. Since David is one of ours, the club felt we should see if there are ways help raise funds to defray the cost of that transplant. One idea was already implemented: selling wristbands. The committee is still working on the exact price to ask for these bands, and exactly how people can get money to us. It seems we may need to set up an account on PayPal, among other picayune procedures, but we want to do this right, for David. Two things are certain, though. The bands will be available at the next meeting, and we will be taking them to Vegas.



Purple is David's color.

## Theme Captains

The theme captaincy begins again next September. Here is the line-up:

<i>September</i>	Dana Ring	<i>February</i>	Henry Andrzejczyk
<i>October</i>	Walt Umbefield	<i>March</i>	Steve Wronker
<i>November</i>	David Margolin	<i>April</i>	Chris White
2013	—————	<i>May</i>	Ray Lorenzo
<i>January</i>	Angelo Chirico	<i>June</i>	Norman St. Laurent