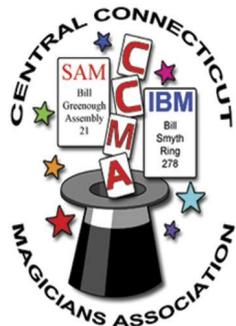


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Angelo's on Main

289 South Main Street
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

July Meeting: Free Choice

We don't have a theme captain this month so you are asked to bring just about anything. Join the festivities on **July 8**. Meeting starts at **7:30 PM**; join the officers for dinner at 6 PM.

Minutes of June Meeting

10 June 2013 7:44 PM

16 members attending

MI **Dan Sclare** presiding.
Sec'y's Rpt. Accepted as published.
Treasurer's Rpt: submitted.

No old business this month.

New Business: There was a motion to re-elect the current officers. Passed, with one facetious nay from the President.

G&W: We held a brief broken-wand ceremony in honor of **Bill Saypalia**, read by our Sergeant-at-arms, **Jason Abate**.

June 25th is the next Comedy Magic Monthly in New Haven, featuring **Jim Sisti**, **Bill Hoagland**, and **Peter Samulson**.

David Oliver is in Mass. General as of tonight's meeting, on a lung-bypass machine. All things considered, he's doing well. He's #1 on the national transplant list, but the docs are making sure he gets the best match possible.

Dan Sclare is down to his last 100 wristbands. The club voted to purchase an additional 350 bands for the DC Convention.

Several magi performed at the Cycle Of Life Cancer-Survivor event including **Tom Gentile**,

When Last We Met



Steve Wronker photo

Norm St. Laurent reaches into his cart of tricks.

Kayla Drescher, Peter Lennis, Dan Sclare, and Rich Gilbert.

There are a lot of magazines available for sale online including M-U-M, Linking Ring, Genii, Sphinx, and Mahatma.

We welcomed new member **Dave Wright**.

Adjourned 8:14PM

Tonight's theme was: I got it at the hardware store!

Theme captain **Norman St. Laurent** chose this one since outside magic, he's a carpenter and does tricks for his fellow craftsmen. He started with a trick he calls "Border Crossing" in which four washers travel from one hand to another one at a time.

Jason Abate had Norm name a card, which proved to be the only red card in an otherwise blue deck. (Not sure what this had to do with hardware, but we didn't care; it was a good trick.) Norm then showed us "Triplets," in which three washers in his hand vanished, to re-appear at his

elbow, knee, and neck.

Dan Sclare had two washers of his own, and placed one in **Barbara Scully's** hand. Dan made the hole in his washer disappear and when Barbara opened her hand, her washer had two holes.

Norm then had **Cal Vinick** choose a card, and rip a piece off. The rest of the card went into the deck and into a paper bag. A utility knife stabbed the bag and punctured a card--but not the chosen card. That card was a note saying to find the card inside the utility knife.

Soll Levine had Barbara put several colored silks into a large tube, then cover the tube. When uncovered, the silks had changed into a multi-colored feather boa.

Norm then asked Dan to put a zip-tie on Norm's thumbs, securing him to his table. Norm did some very funny bits while so "secured."

Cal showed us a model "door" he says he got at Home Depot. He was able to push a large nail through the door's glass panel without harm.

Dave Garrity had on his table about half-a-dozen nail guns of which only one was loaded with a nail. Dave then proceeded to play Russian Roulette and fortunately, lived to play this game(!) another day.

To close out this constructive evening, Norm opened a box of huge nails and performed Blockhead.

In Memoriam: Chip Cooper



Theme Captains Assigned

The "theme night" concept takes a summer vacation, but will be back in September, when Roger Cisowski is captain.

Here are the captaincies for the rest of the year:

October	Ray Lorenzo	March	Brian Scully
November	Henry Andrzejcyk	April	Kevin Aust
January 2014	Jon Cap	May	Walt Umberfield
February	David Margolin	June	Robert Teraila

William "Chip" Cooper, 67, of Hampstead, NC, died suddenly Saturday, June 22, 2013, at his home from a heart attack. His wife would like to thank the Pender EMS and volunteer fireman for their heroic efforts. Chip was born on February 13, 1946, in Syracuse, NY, to the late Carl and Mary Cooper. He retired in September 2002 from United Technologies in East Hartford, CT after over 30 years of service in Customer Support and moved to Hampstead. He was a scuba diver for over 40 years with more than 10,000 dives including commercial dives and several on the Andrea Doria. He held title of Instructor Emeritus with PADI. He was a member of the Hartford CT Gillman and Boston Sea Rovers. His other passion was magic and he was a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Society of American Magicians and the Magic Circle in London, England.

He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years Arleen "Cookie" Cooper, all of their loving cats and his sister Diane Sweenor and husband Tim of Middletown, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Operation Topcat, PO Box 922, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460 or to Pender EMS, PO Box 675, Rocky Point, NC 28457.

From The President's Hat

As of yesterday, (June 20), David Oliver is still waiting for new lungs. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers along with wearing your wristband.

Norm, thanks for the great June meeting. Nice job Normomdo!

How about someone come up with a teaching or workshop meeting?

By the time you read this I should be enjoying the S.A.M. National convention in D.C. If you have never been to a national convention you should consider going to one. Next year is a combined I.B.M./S.A.M convention. I'm already registered for it.

How about a big turn-out of CCMA members at this one?

See you at the meeting.

Magically yours,
Dan Sclare
CCMA President/Historian

From the July 1948 Sphinx:

Northern Conn. Assembly No. 21 (NE) (H★S)

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Morgan Street, Middletown, Conn.
Meets—2nd MONDAY OF MONTH
Hotel Bond, Hartford, Conn.

Hartford, Conn.—The May meeting was held on the tenth in the Rathskeller of the Heublien Hotel in Hartford. Our guest entertainers were from Bridgeport Assembly No. 20.

Most Illustrious "Fitch" Cheney conducted a short but snappy meeting and then introduced Walter Schwartz who proved a most delightful master of ceremonies. For an hour we were royally entertained with superb magic of exceptional variety. The Magigals were well represented in the audience and all enjoyed a most delightful performance.

Those from Bridgeport who par-

ticipated in the program were: Rudy Arnold, Jerry Harger, Roxas Short, Bob Sherman, Fred Forster, Prof. Magi, and Chris Agnoli. Of course, Walter Schwartz in addition to his duties as master of ceremonies, filled in with many fast and clever tricks. Each guest gave a good performance and kept the audience entertained throughout the evening. Prof. Magi comes in for a special citation for his very clever performance and smooth patter. There was no repetition of acts and no waiting between acts. The whole show ran off smoothly and was well organized.

We are gratefully thankful to our good friends from Assembly No. 20. It was only by the rarest coincidence that "Sherm" had some fifty catalogues in his pocket although one of his colleagues said that he had another thousand in the back of his car.

Sandwiches and coffee rounded off the evening and all departed in a most jovial mood feeling that a very fruitful time had been passed.
