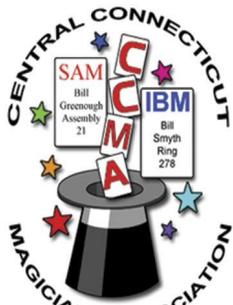


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Angelo's on Main

289 South Main Street
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

January Meeting: Birthday Party Magic

Our theme captain, **Jon Cap**, celebrates his birthday on meeting night, so he asks you to bring in your best birthday-party effect or a birthday-related trick. Join the celebration and share your magic. Light the candles on **January 13**. Meeting starts at **7:30 PM**; join the officers for dinner at 6 PM.

Minutes of November Meeting

11 November 2013 7:33 PM

15 members
attending
3 guests

MI **Dan Sclare** presiding. Dan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Veterans' Day.

Sec. Rpt. Accepted as published.
Treasurer's Rpt: submitted.

Old Business: There are still about 100 wristbands left. Dan distributed some to **Kayla Drescher** at SAMCON.

The October 3rd podcast by **Scott Wells** features **David Oliver**.

Dan made a plea for theme captains to name their themes earlier.

New Business: **Rick St. Pierre** made a motion to move the start time of future meetings to 7:00PM. Passed without objection.

Good&Welfare: **Soll Levine** recently saw an Off-Broadway show, Nothing To Hide. He reports that it was 1½ hours of card tricks, and essentially old stuff done in new ways.

Steve Wronker has a new effect now on the market, "Reindeer Roundup."

Emmanuel Rivera is a guest tonight and may

When Last We Met



Steve Wronker with the finale to his newest commercial effect.

become a new member

Adjourned 7:50 PM

Our theme captain for the night, **Henry Andrzejczyk**, asked us to teach everybody a trick.

Dan Sclare distributed rubber bands and did a variation of crazy-mans-handcuffs to release a finger-ring from the band.

Steve Wronker showed us the silks used in his new marketed effect "Reindeer Roundup."

Bob Killian told a tale of shopping and the perils of Buyer's Remorse. He had **Dana Ring** up to select a card and let him know that even if he suffered from Remorse, and could and did change his mind often, his choice was ordained. His final choice did, in fact, match Bob's prediction.

Dave Garrity showed us a collection of cue-cards, each with a different word. **Walt Umberfield** chose one and Dave proved he had predicted that choice. A nice mathematical fake-out.

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From The President's Hat

It was a dark and stormy night....NO
'Twas the night before Christmas...NO
It's Sunday morning December 22nd and it is 60+ degrees outside.
Our secretary sent me a gentle reminder to get this column to him so here we go.
I would like to wish you a happy and healthy new year with lots of magic in your life!
Let's make this a year of sharing magic. Also consider giving back to magic by becoming a Life Member in the S.A.M., I.B.M., or both.

My resolution for 2014 is NOT to spend any more money on magic but to use what I have, books, DVDs and all that stuff.

I hope all of you that perform had a busy season. David Garrity is working in Mexico and I know that Steve Wronker and Charlie Hayden have been very busy.

Our friend David Oliver had a slight setback but he was just overnight in the hospital and is back home now. Friend him on Facebook. A former S.Y.M. member and good friend of David's has been selling wristbands in her travels and has raised \$95.00.

Our friend John Marenholtz is recovering from a leg infection at Ellis Manor. Please take a moment and drop him a card: Room 8, 210 George St., Hartford, CT 06114. He has given me back issues of the Linking Ring. He is a member of S.A.M and I.B.M. I came across a listing of Order of Merlin Inductees in the July 2012 issue. John was listed as an inductee for his 25 consecutive years of I.B.M. membership. A late congratulations goes out to John. By the way John is also Life Member #24 in the S.A.M.

Now for a few reminders:

Oceanside Magic Invitational April 10-13th, Cape Cod. They have a great line up of talent and David Oliver will be Guest of Honor. (www.OceansideMagic.com)

I.B.M./S.A.M Combined Convention July 1-5, St. Louis Missouri. I hope you registered before Jan 1st because now the registration fee has gone up to \$495. Still a great convention to attend. (www.ibmsam.com)

Start the year off with a CCMA logo garment. Bring it to the Jan. meeting with \$12 for each logo. Show your pride in the CCMA. If you have any questions give me a call, 860 454 4779.

See you at the meeting. Got to go and see all that new magic stuff being offered on the internet ;-)

Magically yours,
Dan

Minutes, continued

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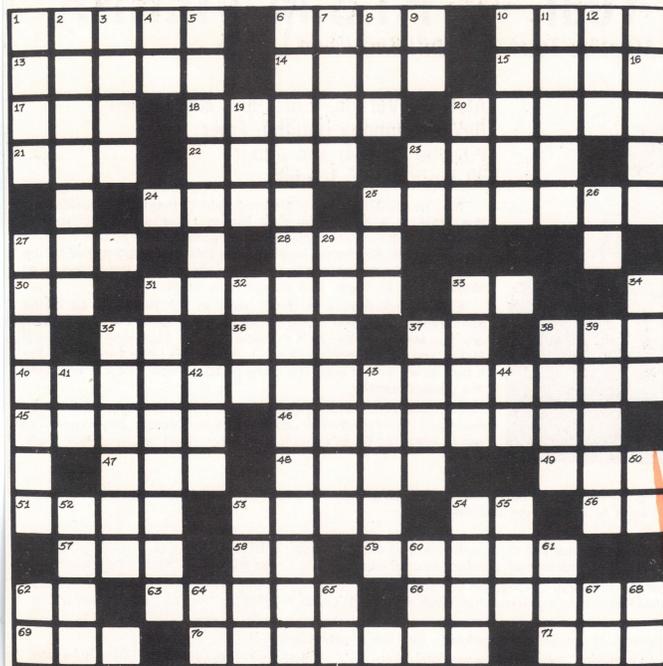
Brian Scully had Steve choose a card suit, then Brian showed that his packet of four cards was blank except for Steve's choice. Brian could have shown that the choice was the only card face up, the only card with a blue back, or the only card with a face at all.

Soll Levine shuffled a deck and offered Henry a choice. It matched a bookmark in a book in a bag. He then explained several simple card forces.

Theme Captains of 2014

	Jon Cap		
January	Birthday party magic	April	Kevin Aust
February	David Margolin	May	Walt Umberfield
			Gimmicks!
March	Brian Scully	June	Robert Teraila

A Crossword Puzzle by Ron Jandt, originally published in GENII Magazine, May 1976



Answer next month

ACROSS

1. The ----- . Act composed of Ren Fetzter and his wife.
6. Most old stages that magicians used had ----- doors.
10. Highest valued card.
13. Dr. Henry Ridgely -----.
14. Johnny -----.
15. Stick used by magicians.
17. *The -----*. Magic magazine published by Lloyd E. Jones from 1943 - 1950's.
18. One must be ----- with his hands to perform sleight of hand effects well.
20. The Amazing ----- . Real name — James Randall Zwinge.
21. J. B. Bobo wrote a book entitled *Watch This -----*.
22. Advanced card sleight.
23. Shortened first name of Edgar Bergen's most famous dummy.
24. Book — ----- *Magic of Brother Hamman*.
25. Type of fight on which the infamous "Bullet Catching Trick" was partly based. (2 words)
27. Relation of Harry Blackstone Jr. to Harry Boughton.
28. Jay ----- . Now deceased "big shot" from The Magic Castle.
30. --, --. Downs.
31. ----- was one of the mythical creatures believed to be responsible for the destruction of ships beyond the Pillars of Hercules. (2 words)
33. Initials of famous British mentalist who recently moved to the U.S. Real name — Eddie Doe.
35. ----- Baker.
36. ----- Vintus. One of the founders of the I.B.M. in 1923. (Amateur Canadian magician)
37. Initials of famous past Dean of American Magicians. First to perform trick of catching a goldfish in mid-air with a rod and a reel.
38. Al Leach wrote the book; *Don't Look -----*.
40. Russian magician born in 1818, portrayed in the movie, *Houdini*, as the magician who died right at the end of Houdini's long search for him.
45. ----- and Stella. French couple who performed their excellent second sight act at Egyptian Hall in London in 1893.
46. Advanced civilization, first mentioned by Plato.
47. Abbreviation of Eastern country where many Fakirs are seen performing magic.
48. ----- Hunt. Trick listed on Page 352 in Tannen's No. 4 Catalog.
49. ----- Ganson. English magician and prolific writer.
51. Cards preceding knaves.
53. First word of a famous magical incantation.
54. Initials of famous alchemist living between 1486 and 1534. He is considered to be a connecting link between magicians of the dark ages and those of modern times.
56. Initials of John Nevil Maskelyne's son.
57. Singular form of spotted cubes used in magic and gambling.
58. First and last initial of magician Lieut. Lee Allen Estes.
59. Carolyn or Dr. Victor -----.
62. Initials of the founder of the Ireland Magic Co. in Chicago.
63. According to the legend surrounding the famous Indian Rope Trick, the boy climbing the rope was chased by the magician and soon had ----- as that limb fell to the ground. (2 words)
66. Variation of the spelling of the first name of two famous amateur magicians: Bean and Welles. (plural)
69. Initials of the author of the magical classic, *Sleight of Hand*.
70. Famous magician billed as the "Emperor of all the Conjurers" who had a strong rivalry with Moritz until 1808, in London.
71. Reversed spelling of the main prop used in the "Bullet Catching Trick".

DOWN

1. Clown assistant of Mark Wilson on the TV show "Magic Circus".
2. Noted magician and collector of numerous posters on magic. Performed from 1850 to 1905.
3. ----- leipzig.
4. *Houdini -- -- Magic*. Book by Gibson and Young. (Spanish word)
5. Magic company in Asbury, NJ which makes most small gags and tricks.
6. Real name of famous Amsterdam-born magician, Okito. Born — 1875.
7. Book — *The Life and Times of Augustus -----*.
8. Black ----- is the method of concealing objects or openings in blackness and darkness.
9. --, --. Selbit. Originator of the "Sawing a Woman in Half" illusion.
10. Honor given magicians annually by the Academy of Magical Arts.
11. A. J. ----- . Excellent Mexican magician who was a barber by profession. Died — 1949.
12. The ----- . Statement on certain specialized magician's silks.
16. ----- x. Noteworthy effect invented by U. F. Grant.
19. Initials of Dr. Rome, noted vaudevillian billed as "The Aristocrat of Magic".
20. ----- wilson. Magician of the Year in 1972.
23. Super-civilization which sank into the Pacific eons ago, but was far in advance of the later civilization mentioned in 46 across.
25. The familiar title of U. F. Grant or a current British magic magazine.
26. ----- Marlo. Famous exponent on card effects, having written many pertinent books.
27. ----- Judah. Famous American magician who died in 1966.
29. Familiar title of Clarke Crandall, "Lecturer of the Year" in 1969.
31. Son of Dante and one of the five founding Board of Directors for the Academy of Magical Arts.
32. Abbreviation of the name used for very large effects.
33. ----- is one of the main props in the Pin Cushion Cigarette Tube effect. (2 words)
34. Initials of the founder of the magic publication — *Genii*.
35. Herbert ----- . Famous French illusionist at the turn of the century. Made the egg bag famous in the U.S. in vaudeville.
37. Shortened first name of the magicienne — wife of famous magician and shop owner, Jay Marshall.
38. ----- Foster.
39. Bob ----- . Writer of *Gospel Magic* column in *Tops*. (Variation of spelling)
41. Initials of Bill Larsen's wife and the Associate Editor of *Genii*.
42. *Magic ----- Mystery*. Book written by Houdini and Dunninger.
43. Zombies are known to ----- through the air.
44. Last initial of Harry Kellar and the last initial of his famous successor.
50. Initials of noted magician William McCaffrey.
52. Abbreviation of Bill Larsen's title in connection to *Genii* magazine.
53. Don ----- . Star of TV's "Magic Ranch" which began in 1961.
54. ----- Grant. Famous actor and amateur magician belonging to the Magic Castle.
55. Abbreviation of the A in MDA.
60. Shortened first name of the French "Father of Modern Magic".
61. ----- Griffin. Author of *Illusion Show Know-How* (1972).
62. Paul ----- Paul. Another famous exponent on card effects.
64. The first and last letters of the word meaning "The Art of Paper Folding".
65. Initials of the man responsible for the existence of The Magic Castle.
67. ---- - Die Mystery. Pocket trick referred to on Page 44 of Tannen's No. 4 catalog.
68. Initials of Sam Grossman, a mentalist and mind reader of the highest caliber.