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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)

February Meeting: Rope, String, and Cord

For February's fine frozen festivities, flummox your fellow magi with an effect using rope, string or cord. Tie a string around your finger to remind yourself to join us on **February 10**. Meeting starts at **7:00 PM**; join the officers for dinner at 6 PM.

Minutes of January Meeting

13 January 2014 7:02 PM

14 members attending

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

Old Business: none
New Business: none
Good&Welfare: The **David Oliver** blog has about 14,000 hits. Dan believes the total collected for the DO fund is close to \$22,000. [Update: see below]
The Oceanside Magic Invitational is looking for more registrants. [See page two.]

Dan got word that **Milton Nichols**, a long-ago member of SAM21, died a little over a year ago. He once ran a magic shop in Hartford on Park Street.

MI **Dal Sanders** is coming to the restaurant for a lecture on January 26, a Sunday. The charge for this lecture is \$10 with proceeds going to the DO fund. [In the first five minutes of collecting lecture fees, the fund exceeded \$22,000.]

The March meeting will feature an historical talk by Dave Haverstat.

Dan attended David Oliver's SYM's after-holiday

When Last We Met



Dan Sclare displays the poster enlargement signed by CCMA members.

show yesterday and brought back a vinyl enlargement of the Magic Magazine cover featuring David and invited us all to sign it. He also brought back autographed copies of the magazine. Dan "raffled" off one of the copies, which was won by **Jason Abate**.

Steve Wronker has gone through prostate cancer surgery and is now 100% cancer-free!

Adjourned 7:24 PM

Our theme captain for the night was **Jon Cap**, and since our meeting night coincided with his birthday, he called for Birthday Magic. He started things off by showing us a beer bottle that he placed into a paper bag. He then crushed up the bag proving that the bottle had vanished. He then explained that it was of course a collapsible bottle. He also assured us that he uses a ketchup bottle when he does the trick at kid shows.

Kevin Aust performed "Inferno" in which imaginary matches burn an imaginary deck. One card was chosen to be saved from the "flames."

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From The President's Hat

I need a magic potion to fix my back!

This will be short because it hurts to sit at the computer.

Got to visit with the S.A.M. National President, Dal Sanders Monday morning after his lecture on Sunday. He has lots of good ideas for the S.A.M. and S.Y.M. I then met up with him at Ray Goulet's Magic Arts Studio in Watertown, MA, along with Tom Gentile, Dean of Assembly 17, and Charlie Hayden. Ray and his wife Ann gave us a wonderful tour of their Mini Magic Museum. It was mind boggling and Ray is an encyclopedia of magic information. I will have pictures at our meeting.

Looking forward to NEMCON, OMI and the IBM/SAM National Convention.

See you at the meeting with your rope and string. I hope everyone takes part with info to share and questions to ask.

Magically yours,
Dan Sclare
CCMA President/Historian

Oceanside Magic Invitational April 10-13, 2014

Only 3 months until the most fantastic magic convention to hit Cape Cod in years!! All are invited to the first Oceanside Magic Invitational—enjoy lectures, dealers, auction, close-up show, two stage shows, grand banquet, and much more! The beautiful, intimate **Red Jacket Beach Resort** in **South Yarmouth, MA** is our host venue...making this a truly oceanside magic event! World-class magicians—**Ice McDonald, Shawn Farquhar, Jay Scott Berry, Mickey Silver, Jay Sankey**, and *MANY MORE!!*—congregate here to share their talents and skills, and the camaraderie that only a small convention can offer. Our special Guest of Honor for this first-time event will be **David Oliver**.

Information comes to us via the Steelgraves.

Le Grand David Materials To Be Auctioned

Kaminski Auctions will auction off magic illusions and props, memorabilia, original artwork, and several significant bronzes from the Le Grand David Spectacular Magic Show of Cabot Street Cinema Theatre fame, on Sunday, February 23, beginning at 10am.

<http://www.kaminskiauctions.com/servlet/NewsDetails.do?id=6> (all one line)

Minutes, continued

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That card, although singed, appeared in the very real matchbox.

Dan Sclare showed Jon several birthday cards, explaining that he could not choose among them which card to give to him. Thus, he said, he would give him all of them. So saying, he flipped over the pile of cards and they became one large card with all of the small ones on it.

Norm St. Laurent had four cards selected while lecturing on the value of "connections." It turned out, surprisingly, that the denominations of the chosen cards formed Jon's birth year.

Finally, **Jason Abate** got Jon a birthday card and a "CD" which "played" when Jason ran a laser pointer over the CD. By the way, Jon snorts when he laughs.

Are your dues paid for this year?

If not, send \$25 to Soll Levine

34 Round Hill Rd

New Britain, CT 06052

Theme Captains of 2014

March	(replaced by lecturer)	May	Walt Umberfield
			Gimmicks!
April	Kevin Aust	June	Robert Teraila

A Magic Puzzle

Last month, president Dan Sclare attended SYM#29's annual Holiday Bash in Newton, MA. He brought back a copy of the show program which included the menu for the banquet portion of the festivities. Below, I re-type them for your amusement.

The Menu

The titles are actually ANAGRAMS of the names of famous magicians you should know. How many can you name?

~Hid Rainy Hour~

You can't escape the deliciousness of these hand breaded chicken cutlets w/homemade brown gravy

~Rip Odd Flap Device~

Penne pasta tossed in a light marinara sauce direct from the island paradise

~Hide Nun Gong~

Bright, colorful and fun garden fresh tossed salad w/homemade balsamic vinaigrette & buttermilk ranch dressing

~Any Slack Brother~

Yukon gold smashed potatoes, Junior

~Bad Vine Dial~

Oven roasted carrots & pearl onions, up close, naturally

~Drain Oven~

Sautéed green peas, not frozen in time

~It's Only Indy~

Rolls & butter, right under your nose, and over your head

~Not Time Shortage~

No one knows more about desserts

~Vivid Ordeal~

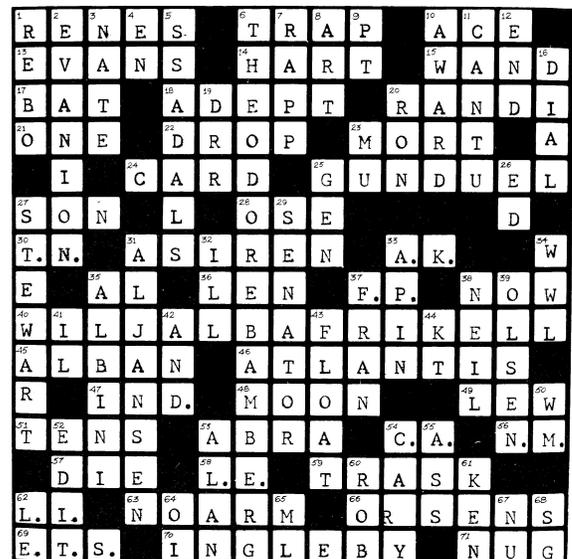
Water, soda, coffee—come back for seconds & thirds

Answers next month

Hint: There is a clue to each magician's identity within the description of the dish.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By RON JANDT



(Personally, I challenge the answer to 5 down—I insist that it's "SSADAMS.")