

Mordecai's Journal



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July 2014



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Vice President: Angelo Chirico
Secretary: Dana Ring
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President: Roger Cisowski
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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: Summertime, And The Meeting Is Easy

At long last, summer is here, so the meetings are a little more relaxed. For July and August, there is no theme and no theme captain, so absolutely anything you want to share is appropriate. Let's all enjoy each other's company on **July 14**. Meeting starts at **7:00 PM**; join the officers for dinner at 6 PM.

Minutes of June Meeting

9 June 2014 7:23 PM

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

15 members attending
2 guests

Old Business: It was moved and passed to postpone club elections to the July meeting.
New Business: We welcomed two new members to the club: **Aaron Sherman** and **Lea Chayes**. We passed slips of paper to the SAM members to vote for our RVP.
Good&Welfare: **Harry Anderson** will be performing in Waterbury on October 3 and 4. **Shoot Ogawa** at Assembly #63 in New London on June 16.
Reminder of the magic tag sale on July 12.
The club passed around get-well cards for **Jim Z**, **John Marenholtz** and **Dave Margolin**, to be signed by the membership.
Seven magicians participated in Cycle of Life last Sunday.
Magic Live! changed its date; [now scheduled for August 9-12, 2015].
Dan passed out "magic wand chalk" to the

When Last We Met



Jon, Peter, and Tom get ready to Shift for **Francis Menotti**

members.
Adjourned 7:49 PM

Francis Menotti presented his "Shuffles & Scripts" lecture, starting with a "shuffle" routine-- a clever skit with voice patterns matching the shuffling.
Some of his other effects followed. A prediction called "Vivid." A coin through shirt illusion aka "Materialistic." A gag routine called "Anti-Prediction." A wonderful predicting effect using the Calculator app on a spectator's cellphone. (This uses a swindle known as the "toxic" force.) "Fax," which uses a duplicate to make a signed card appear anywhere. "Smack" which uses a "singular double" life.
After the break, he told us some disaster stories and how he got out of them. He did "Bill-Ver" in which a dollar bill transforms into a silver dollar and back. He taught us the basics of a proficiency-building exercise for the club called "Shift Or Get Off The Pot." He finished with a three-part effect called "Sync" wherein he repeatedly found the mate of a selected card.

From The President's Hat

I am looking forward to attending the I.B.M./S.A.M. Combined Convention in St. Louis! This is the 10th combined convention. I have lots of great memories of the 9th. I will share the highlights about this convention at our July meeting. Dana, Marlene, Soll, Tom Gentile, Rich Gilbert and Peter Lennis are also attending. You should plan to attend a national convention or other large convention like Magic Live in the future.

I have been doing more research about S.A.M. 21 charter member Ernest Scieldge/Don Rogers. He was I.B.M. member #3. I have been able to access Linking Ring magazines through "Ask Alexander" and Genii magazine. It has been fun and interesting. I look forward to sharing this information with you in the future.

Rick St.Pierre has passed along to me props that belong to Bill Greenough past S.A.M. 21 President and Past S.A.M. National President. They were in Bill Smyth's care. Bill's wife Jen gave them to Rick. They are now part of our historical collection. I will share these with you at one of our future meetings.

We need some volunteers to be nominated and voted to be on our Board of Directors. Please consider being one.

Go to Six Flags to see Dave Garrity this summer! Assembly 17 is having a picnic July 12th. Save this date, more info to follow!

Please share magic info with Dana to be included in our news-letter.

I'm off to St.Louis! See you at the meeting.

Magically yours,
Dan Sclare
CCMA President/Historian

Correction To Last Month's President's Hat

(Last month, our President accidentally sent the Hat column he wrote for June 2013! This is what should have run in his column last month.)

Has summer finally arrived? I hope so! I am now wishing I could magically slow the growth of my lawn. Oh well it beats pushing snow.

There are a lots of things to look forward to this summer: Helping out at the Cycle of Life Magic Event in West Hartford CT on June 1, Francis Menotti Lecture, June 9th, Attending the IBM/SAM conference in July and Helping out again at The Cape Cod Festival of Magic, August 26-28.

In the future, the SAM conference July 1-4, 2015, in Philadelphia, and Magic Live in Las Vegas August 9-12, 2015. Also looking forward to a sharing of magic at our meetings this summer.

See you at the meeting!

*(He adds:
Getting old, no I am old.
Sorry.)*

Send Articles For The Newsletter!

If you have come across any interesting tidbits that you think should be shared with our compeers, send them to me so I can include them in the newsletter. Use Mordecai@danaring.com to send links to interesting sites, puzzles, jokes, etc. Just about anything will do!

Theme Captains 2014-2015

Rick St. Pierre has gone through our member roster and compiled a list of Captains and suggested Themes for the upcoming year.

Captain		Theme	
2014			
Sept.		Lecture	Wayne Houchin
Oct.	David Margolin	Pocket Packet	Perform a packet trick excluding 3 Card Monte
Nov.	Rick St. Pierre	Mini Lecture	
2015			
Jan.	Soll Levine	Just for Laughs	Present a Comedy effect
Feb.	Peter Lennis	Going, Going, Gone	Perform a vanishing effect
Mar.	Bob Killian	Mental Miracle	Perform a mentalism effect
Apr.	Dave Garrity	Tax Time	Present an effect involving money
May	Walt UMBERFIELD	Works in Progress	Present something you are working on or want to ask questions about
Jun.	Brian Scully	Days of Yore	Perform a trick you have been doing for a long time or no longer do

The Program Captain's responsibility is to poll the attending members to see who have brought something to present. After the business meeting, the Captain will act as Emcee and introduce each participant.

Themes have been assigned this year so the members have sufficient time to decide what effect he or she may want to exhibit. These themes are not cast in stone. If a meeting Captain wishes to host a different theme they are welcome to do so. If you are changing the meeting theme, please let Dana know so he may include the information in the previous month newsletter. (I.e. a change of theme for the November meeting should be published in the newsletter for the October meeting.)

If any of the listed Captains have a conflict with the month that has been assigned, they are to contact one of the other

captains and arrange a swap of months.

In the event a lecture or some other event takes the place of the meeting program, that Captain's name and the evening theme will go back to the unassigned pool for a later date.

Every attempt will be made to assign members to serve as a captain before the rotation begins again. This is all of ours club, please be a participant.

Note From The Zacharys

Joyce Zachary sent a note to President Dan in response to the card we all signed:

Hi Dan,

I am writing on behalf of Jim. He wants to thank everyone for the card he received from the group. Would you please pass this on to all.

Jim is doing ok. He is now being treated for the typical "man" cancer but should be ok. He has several other issues, some major, that are keeping him out of circulation most of the time. He does not get around well. He is now 81 years old. Hard to believe.

He no longer manufactures any magic—can't do it physically and he misses it terribly. After all this time we still get requests for items.

Please give everyone our best wishes.

Jim and Joyce Zachary
