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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)

March Meeting: Mental Miracles

I know what you're thinking: When is all this snow going to go away!! Okay, not exactly "hard." Theme captain **Bob Killian** asks you to come up with more amazing feats of the mind. Think of a date...concentrate...aha! Our next gathering is on **March 9**. Meeting starts at **7:00 PM**; join the officers for dinner at 6 PM.

Minutes of January Meeting

16 February 2015 7:04 PM

Pres. **Dan Sclare** presiding

12 members attending
1 guest

Secretary's minutes accepted and published.

Treasurer's report submitted.

Old Business: We tried to get **Barry Mitchell**, but the logistics didn't work.

Dan would like an auction/tag sale this Spring.

Jason Abate suggested a combination: tag sale for an hour followed by auctioneering.

New Business: **Nathan Kranzo** is looking to do a workshop at the end of March. A motion to set it up was not carried.

Our Facebook page does not have basic info about us. There followed much discussion about getting our information onto social media. **Steve Wronker** suggested Wix.com or Wordpress. Dan appointed a committee of Steve, **Dave Garrity**, and **Dana Ring** to work on our on-line presence.

Good and Welfare: Once again, no major illnesses! Dave Garrity is at Timothy Edwards Middle School on Feb. 26. NEMCON is 3/6-7. OMI is 4/9-12. Dave was on WTNH. Dan passed around a copy of a vintage Hartford Courant. He also gave out some "invite cards" to give to prospective members.

Adjourned 7:50 PM

When Last We Met



David White assists Soll Levine.

The theme of the night was "Vanishes," and the first effect was done by the weather—a huge weekend snowstorm made our Monday-night meeting vanish! We met the following Monday and had a great night.

Jason Abate started us off by having one card selected from a pack of five. At the climax, all the cards changed into the same selected card (which means the other four vanished.)

Steve Wronker brought up Ed Cook for help in trying to make his rabbit (silk) disappear. The silk kept falling out of the bag and they used increasingly larger magic wands to perform the miracle. At the end, even though the silk had still not made it into the bag, the picture of the rabbit had vanished and the silk was blank.

Rick St. Pierre used a packet of four jacks and four aces and interlaced them. With a quick gesture, the aces had vanished from the packet, and re-appeared in the rest of the deck.

Soll Levine put a white, a red, and a blue hanky into a bag. He then pulled the bag apart to show a large US flag.

Dana Ring performed Tenyo's "Time Capsule" in which a little red hanky is put into a plastic capsule and then wrapped in a piece of paper. When the paper was unwrapped, the hanky had...guess what...vanished.

To close out the night, **Ed Cook** showed a large tube and stuffed a hanky into it and ... it was gone!

From The President's Hat

Going to Magic Live in August, but how about Live Magic in Connecticut?

Today is February as I write this. Thursday night I had the pleasure of watching David Garrity perform at fund raiser at my old school in South Windsor. He had some new material that was entertaining for both the kids a adults. Everyone enjoyed the show! Two kids from my after school magic class were there. It was fun to watch their reactions to David's magic.

On Friday March 13th I'll be watching Daniel GreenWolf magish at the Mark Twain House. I'm looking forward to this show. Especially because it is a birthday present from my daughter!

An Evening of Celtic Magic with Daniel GreenWolf
Friday, March 13, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM
The Mark Twain House & Museum presents An Evening of Celtic Magic with Daniel GreenWolf at 7:30 in The Mark Twain Museum Auditorium.
Tickets are \$20/ \$15 for Mark Twain House & Museum members. Please call
(860) 280-3130 or visit marktwainhouse.org and click on "Events."

And let's not forget NEMCON! I'll get to meet another magician from my bucket list, Tom Mullica. I also hope to see many of you there, too.
We can talk about how we liked NEMCON at dinner before our meeting on the 9th.

If you were friends with Simon Lovell you might want to drop him a line.
I saw this in the Sick and Convalescent column of the Nov. The Linking Ring.
Simon Lovell c/o Tony Lovell
10 Audley Rd.
Great Leighs Chelmsford
Essex, CM3, England

So see you at the meeting. Stay warm!

Magically yours,

Dan Sclare
CCMA President/Historian

A birthdate-guessing routine

To start off your month of mental miracles (try saying that with a mouthful of mustard), here's a quick trick for "guessing" someone's birthdate. Cut out the cards on both this page and page three (or from a photocopy of this newsletter if you actually *save* these things) and glue them to stiff cardboard or some stray playing cards.

Tell your spectator you will attempt to divine his birthdate. Hand the five cards to your spectator. Tell him to look for his birthdate on each card and hand the ones that *don't* have his birthdate back to you.

For each card given back, note the number in the upper-left corner. Add these numbers in your head and subtract the sum from 31. The result will be his birthdate.

1	3	5	7
9	11	13	15
17	19	21	23
25	27	29	31

Shameless Plug Department

Upcoming public shows by our members

David Garrity

at Comedy Magic Monthly
BAR • 234 Crown Street • New Haven CT
Tuesday, March 31 at 8PM
www.barnightclub.com

Do you have an upcoming public show? Send the details to mordecai@sam21.org and it will appear here.

Guess-your-birthdate cards, continued.

2	3	6	7
10	11	14	15
18	19	22	23
26	27	30	31

4	5	6	7
12	13	14	15
20	21	22	23
28	29	30	31

8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15
24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31

16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31

Theme Captains

The following is a reminder of the Theme and Captain assignments for the remainder of the '14-'15 year.

	Captain	Theme	
Mar.	Bob Killian	Mental Miracle	Perform a mentalism effect
Apr.	Peter Lennis	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

(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.)

More complete details of the Theme Captain Program were published in the July 2014 issue.

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