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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)

September Meeting: Still Going Strong

Got a trick you've been doing since like *forever*? Theme captain **Rick St. Pierre** wants you to show us all why it has never left your set list. Share your classic stunner with the membership on **September 14**. Meeting starts at **7:00 PM**. Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

Minutes of August Meeting

10 August 2015 7:43 PM

Vice Pres. **Roger Cisowski** 6 members attending
presiding

Secretary's minutes accepted as published.
Treasurer's report submitted.
Old Business: none this month.
New Business: none this month.
Gd&Welf: August 4th was the date of **Steve Wronker's** 7000th show since he went full-time.
David Oliver was in the hospital for 2½ weeks, but he's home now and doing well.

Adjourned at 8:06PM

It was another no-theme night, with anything allowed. **Roger** went first with a large laminated card showing giant suit symbols. A suit was chosen and a denomination as well. On the reverse of the card was a spread of cards with one reversed—which happened to match the previous selection. **Steve** did a "card" trick using five jumbo cards and a clothespin. When "clipped" on the back, the target card on the front is mysteriously missed. (Steve incorporated this trick on a smaller scale for his business card.) He also showed us a business-card sized version of the Princess card trick. **Soll Levine** had a Dean Dill box. Separate ropes placed inside come out of the top connected (and

When Last We Met



Soll Levine and his magic box.



Roger Cisowski asks for a suit to be selected

vice-versa). He also did a version of the trick that Chip Cooper recently did on *Masters of Illusion*. Roger finished with Australian Aces, a reverse of the three-card Monte.

Reminder

Jeff Hobson lecture on the 21st.
October's meeting is on the **13th**, a Tuesday.

From The President's Hat

I'm writing this on Sept 1st.

I had a fantastic time at Magic Live and at the Magic Castle. I attended Magic Live with Rich Gilbert. Jon Cap also attended. I'm looking forward to sharing stories with him and our members at our next meeting. Rich and I stayed with Bob Carroll and his wife in Burbank when we visited the Magic Castle. They were wonderful hosts. The Magic Castle is a place every magician should visit. This was my second visit. The first was a long time ago. I met Dai Vernon and Larry Jennings.

You should plan to attend Magic Live next year! They are celebrating the 25th anniversary of Magic Magazine.

I'm looking forward to our next two lectures. Jeff Hobson on Sept 21st. He is going to invite other cast members of the Illusionists to dinner at 6:00 so you should plan to come to dinner before the lecture. I met Dan Sperry at Magic Live. He said he plans to attend if he can get his birds settled in before dinner.

Greg Wilson's lecture is Oct. 13th. I also spoke to him at Magic Live and he is looking forward to coming to West Hartford.

Remember both these lectures are not on our normal meeting dates, but we are still having a meeting on Sept 14.

Please get your dues paid before the Sept. lecture so you do not have to pay for the lectures. \$25.00 to Soll Levine. Check made out to Central Connecticut Magicians Association. Pay at the Sept meeting or mail your check to him, 34 Round Hill Rd., New Britain, CT 06052.

We will have a gift for you when you pay your dues.

See you at the meeting.

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www.magicnewzealand.com
www.vanishmagazine.com
www.magicroadshow.com
www.wildabouthoudini.com
www.magictimes.com

Shameless Plug Department

Upcoming public shows by our members

David Garrity

at Comedy Magic Monthly
 BAR • 234 Crown Street • New Haven CT
 Tuesday, September 29 at 8PM
www.barnightclub.com

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

Jon Cap hosts Comedy and Magic Monthly

by Robert Hale

CCMA member Jon Cap served as the host MC for the August 26th performance of Comedy and Magic Monthly which takes over the back room at New Haven's Bar on Chapel Street each last Tuesday of the Month.

During Jon's MC turns he shared a folded card from the mouth, an incredible disappearing and reappearing pizza box, as well as a mystifying cards-across where three selected cards traveled from spectator to spectator through sealed envelopes.

Great job Jon!



Another Reminder

Dues are due at the September meeting. Give \$25 to **Soll Levine** at a meeting, or mail a check to him at:

34 Round Hill Road
 New Britain, CT 06052

David Garrity at Six Flags



by Robert Hale

I had the pleasure of seeing David Garrity's "Magic & Marvels" show at Six Flags New England during the last week of August. I had it on my to-do list for the summer and finally found a day where I could make the trip.

The show lasts about thirty-five minutes and features David along with his two assistants as well as a guest variety performer. The week I was there this slot was filled by Western performer Chris McDaniel. Shows are at 2:00, 5:00 and 7:00 and are held in a theater dedicated to the show.

Doors open about fifteen minutes ahead of the show and guests are seated on benches in a large and comfortable air-conditioned space. There is a video program prior to the show that includes a couple of segments with David performing interactive tricks for the audience from various other park locations. This was a great way to introduce the show and keep the audience engaged as they were waiting. One of the Six Flags employees also served as a greeter and warm-up for the audience and introduced the show.

The show consisted of the following:

Flash appearance – The two assistants begin on a fairly dark stage, dancing to dramatic music. A number of on-stage strobe lights combined with the excellent stage lighting to set the mood. An oval doorway with round bulbs surrounding it was at the center and at just the right time in the music David appears to a rousing applause. He was dressed in a two piece suit with an open collared blue shirt.

The next effect was a Barrel penetration. Two wooden barrels were placed horizontally on wheeled carriages and one of the assistants climbed into one. The end of this barrel was fitted with a framework that accepted a number of metal poles that served as one separation from the other. The end of the other barrel was also capped with a wooden cover. The two barrels were wheeled together end-to-end and a red handkerchief given to the assistant within to hold through an access hole in the barrel. The handkerchief is seen to disappear slowly and as the barrels are separated you see it disappearing through a hole in the end of the second barrel. It turns out that not only has the handkerchief disappeared but the girl as well. When the second barrel is opened she is

there!

As a change of pace David moves off to the side of the stage where a small table is placed with a static camera focused on the top. The feed from this camera is projected onto the video screen as David performs a matrix effect with four coins and four cards. He follows this up with a no-cards version of matrix as well.

David introduced guest performer Chris McDaniel who demonstrated tricks with a bullwhip. These included both speed snapping with one and two bullwhips as well as target "shooting" with colored lengths of pasta. Chris is an excellent entertainer and this was a nice interlude to the magic.

David and his assistants returned with "Little by Little" (see photo) performed to up tempo swing music and appropriate dance as well. One assistant steps into the left side of the cabinet and box sections are slid in to entrap her. Six blades are used to divide her into three pieces which are then moved to the right hand section one at a time. Her hand, midsection, and foot are visible throughout. Little by little she is moved to the right hand section where she is restored and healthy! This was a fun illusion that got a great reaction.

Chris McDaniel returned to the stage for a second turn, this time with trick roping. His ropes got progressively bigger as he demonstrated his remarkable skills. He sang to recorded accompaniment as he demonstrated his record winning Texas Skip where he twirled the rope as he jumped through it from side to side!

David and company return with what they call The Tower. A cage is elevated on the stage held by a see-through platform. David doffs his jacket and enters the cage which is covered with a sparkling cloth. He thrusts his hand through a hole in --the front so you can see him the whole time. More dramatic music underscores the movement onstage as the cage is moved front and center. When the cloth is torn away David is gone but one of his assistants is in his place. Just as we're wondering where David could have gone, a spotlight comes up in the house and there is David, right in the middle of the audience!

The closing routine blends three effects into a warm and inspirational message. David blows bubbles and then reaches into them and turns one solid in his hand. He deposits this in a metal can and continues producing solid bubbles from those he blows out over the stage and the audience. He gives a number of audience members the chance as well and they grab bubbles blown into the audience and then drop them into the container. After many have been produced David shows the container empty and then holds it up in a spotlight. As the music swells bubbles begin to emanate from the can and before long the entire showroom is filled with bubbles.

As the show ends David brings out the entire company for another bow. He and the other cast members stay after to greet members of the audience who want to say hello.

I'm really glad that I got the chance to see the show. Any of us would be more than proud to have the chance to work in this kind of venue. The facility was the perfect setting to show off David's excellent magical skills and the stage lighting and sound were excellent as well as the stage set, act curtain, and video capabilities.

The Magic & Marvels show is done for the season but you can catch David with his show "Illusion Quest" at the Woodstock Fair Sept. 4-7 and the Guilford Fair September 18

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Theme Captains 2015-2016

	Captain	Theme	
2015			
Sept.	Rick St. Pierre	Still Going Strong	Perform an effect you have been doing for years
Oct.		Lecture	Greg Wilson
Nov.	Dan Sclare	Hank Prank -or- Auction/Tag Sale	Magic utilizing something made of cloth
2016			
Jan.	Dana Ring	Holiday Magic	Perform a trick with a holiday theme (Holiday of your choice)
Feb.	Open Panel	I've Been Wondering	Open forum meeting – Ask about something you have been working on, read and don't quite understand, method of a sleight, etc.
Mar.	Soll Levine	Things Around The House	Effects with everyday household objects (but not a deck of cards)
Apr.	Roger Cisowski	Read All About It	Perform a trick that was published in the M.U.M. or Linking Ring
May	TBD	The theme that was bumped for the auction/tag sale...	...will be rescheduled to May.

Compiled by compeer Rick St. Pierre

Complete description of the Captaincies are in the July 2015 newsletter. This schedule is not carved in stone; if you want to run a theme for any month, contact Rick, or secretary Dana Ring.

David Garrity at Six Flags

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-20. He returns to Six Flags September 26 – with his show “Haunting Illusions” which runs on Saturdays and Sundays through October.



Jeff Hobson lectures on **September 21**. Free to **paid-up** CCMA members. \$20 for all others.

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