

NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL CONNECTICUT MAGICIANS ASSOCIATION

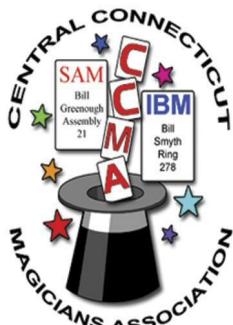
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Meetings:

Second Monday of
every month except
December

Angelo's on Main

289 South Main Street
West Hartford.
(I-84 exit 41)

May Meeting: Barry Mitchell Lecture

So who is Barry Mitchell? See the answer to that question on page two. Barry will lecture for us at the May meeting. It has been suggested to bring money because while his lecture is not a dealer show, he has *lots* of stuff available that you will want. Bring at least your pencil and paper on **May 9**. Meeting starts at **7:00 PM**. Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

Minutes of April Meeting

11 April 2016 7:28 PM

MI Dan Scclare presiding.

Secretary's report accepted as published.
Treasurer's report submitted.

Old Business: The upcoming Winery show was discussed, including advance tickets.

There was a reminder that OMI is this weekend. The June meeting theme is a tag sale/auction, but there are some issues to be rounded out.

New Business: PNP **Rich Dooley** was on hand to ask for participation in the Cycle of Life event at St. Joseph University in West Hartford on June 5.

Good & Welfare: The Boy Scouts movement in Waterbury has taken off. Michael Gagne is looking for volunteers to help at an event in Killingworth on May 21. The SAM is attempting to get a magic "merit badge" accepted by the BSA. SAM president **Dave Bowers** reported that the IBM is willing to work with us to get that done. The Magic Castle may also be involved. Talks continue.

For Congress: House Resolution 642 proclaims magic a "national treasure."

Online issues of M-U-M and The Linking Ring are available. Dan introduces President Bowers, who spoke of his work with his counterpart in the SAM

When Last We Met



Soll Levine gets a citation from SAM President **Dave Bowers**.

to eliminate the "perceived animosity" between the two groups. He also spoke of next year's Combined Convention in Louisville, KY, and of the upcoming SAM Convention in Indianapolis. He then presented a Presidential Citation to **Soll Levine**.

Charlie Hayden was recognized as a 35-year member.

Adjourned 7:46 PM

Tonight's theme was to do a trick that has been published in M-U-M or Linking Ring, captained by **Roger Cisowski**.

Roger had Dan split a deck into four piles, then reassembled. The top card matched a prediction on Roger's cellphone.

Dan Scclare invited guest **Dave Bowers** and his wife **Judy** to shuffle some business cards (after placing a prediction on the table). Dave dealt some cards to determine color and suit, and they matched!

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From The President's Hat

This years OMI was fantastic! You missed a great convention in a wonderful place.

Besides me, Soll Levine, Tom Gentile, and Rich Gilbert were the only ones from our club. The hotel, the food, the talent and friends made for a great time. If there is an OMI next year make plans to go. The talent highlights for me were Chipper Lowell and Steve Valentine. All of the other magicians did great jobs. My thanks to Angelique and Markus Steelgrave for putting on this great convention

Please support our public show at the Lost Acres Vineyards. It should be a great show. Last I checked there were about 30 tickets left.

If you can volunteer to help at this year's Cycle of Life Event that will be held on Sunday June 6 at the same location (St. Joseph's College in West Hartford CT), please let me know. It is a very rewarding experience.

I should have something very interesting to report at our meeting. I hope to have checked off something from my magic bucket list.

Minutes, continued

Tom Gentile performed a card stab—he had a card selected and signed, then stabbed the deck through a hanky, finding the card. (Those in attendance saw an "OJ" gag.)

Jon Cap found a card with his phone, even though he had to shake his phone to get the real card after a "misfire."

Justin Skeritt had a card selected and returned. The selected card vanished from a packet even though there was photographic proof that the card had been there.

Marlene Clark, claiming that it *must* have been published sometime, showed us all how to do the "Smiling George" illusion with a dollar bill. Folding the bill makes it look like George is either smiling or frowning depending on how the bill is tilted.

Soll finished the festivities by sharing an article from Ed Solomon in which a penny placed into his hand disappeared completely.

So Who Is Barry Mitchell?

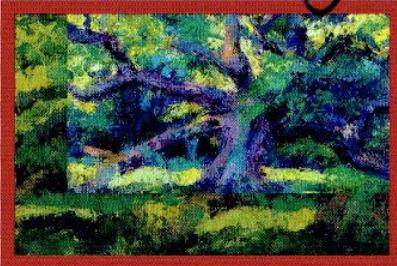
According to his bio on his own website Barry Mitchell:

- was formerly a street magician in the New Orleans French Quarter,
- was formerly a regular opening act for country music stars,
- was formerly the featured comedian at Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede Dinner Attraction,
- was formerly the Oreo Magician for the Southeast,
- was formerly a lecturer at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood and the Magic Circle in London,
- has formerly performed in almost every state plus England, Denmark, Australia, and the Bahamas,
- has formerly invented magic tricks, written stories, books, and DVDs,
- has formerly presented children's ministry programs such as Upward, VBS, Awana, and Kid's crusades in churches all over the United States,
- has formerly spoken for large corporations, public schools, and civic organizations.

All this former experience means he just can't keep a job.

Actually, he has been successfully unemployed as a humorist and children's entertainer for over three decades.

Lost Acres Vineyard



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April thru December

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Sunday 12 to 5pm

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April / May Events at

Lost Acres Vineyard

GMHS Art Show

March 31 thru April 17

Artists Reception March 31 from 6 to 8pm

Good Company Theatre Murder Mystery Fundraiser

April 1 & 2 at 7pm - Tickets \$55

Music by Still Above Ground

April 8 at 7pm - Tickets \$10

Sip N Spa

April 9 from 12 to 5pm - Yoga 11 to 12 - \$10

Legacy Jazz

April 10, May 1 & 22, June 12, July 10 & 31, August 21 from 1 to 4pm

Music by Sarah the Fiddler

April 16 at 7pm - Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door

James Laurino & Michael Rogan Art Show

April 22 through May 15 - Artist Reception April 22 from 5:30 to 8pm

Joy Newton Designs Fanciful Spring Pop-up Market

April 30 from 12 to 3pm

Music by Snapback

April 30 at 7pm - Tickets \$10 advance, \$15 door

Music Wine, Women & Song

May 6 at 7pm - Tickets \$10

Music by Podunk Throwbacks

May 13 at 7pm - Tickets \$12 advance, \$15 door

Sorcerer's Night of Magic

May 15 at 6pm - Tickets \$20

Lindsey Molyneux & Craig Diamond Art Show

May 20 thru June 12 - Artists Reception May 20 from 5:30 to 8pm



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There are no further Theme Captains until September. Watch for the complete list, brought to you by Rick St. Pierre.

Next month's event is our tag sale/auction.

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