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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)

November Meeting: Holiday Magic

The holiday season is fast approaching. For our November meeting, bring in your favorite holiday magic. Note that the holiday in question is entirely up to you: Arbor Day, Bastille Day, St. Swithin's Day, whatever. Celebrate with us on **November 14**. Meeting starts at **7:00 PM**. Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

Minutes of October Meeting

10 October 2016 7:00 PM 25 members attending

Pres. **Dan Sclare** presiding
Secretary's minutes accepted as published.

Treasurer's report submitted.

Old Business: OMI is a go for April 20-23, 2017. A photographer has volunteered to make a 360° video of us doing magic at the November meeting, similar to what Franz Harary did at the Indy Convention. [*The restaurant is too small to accommodate this event, so it will be postponed to the Spring when we can do it outside.*]

New Business: none

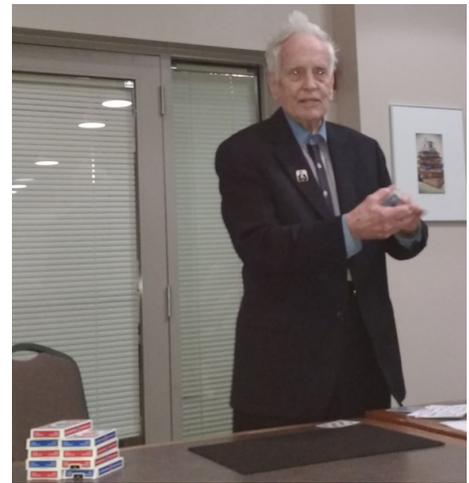
Announcements/Good&Welfare: There is a magic competition in Norwich on November 6; Eric Jones lecturing a RP Magic Shop in Ludlow on November 11; SAMCON is in Peabody on November 19; ICBM in Southbury honoring Losander November 10-12, Meir Yedid and Kidwell will be there.

Adjourned at 7:08PM

We had a lecture by the one-and-only Bob Little. He started off by showing us his "lecture kit" and said most of his props can be made ourselves.

He showed us a varied collection of tricks, from a simple cut & restored rope, a card flourish, and card

When Last We Met



Bob Little prepares his lecture.

from a balloon "sort of." After the tricks, he talked about being an entertainer, not just a magician. This prevents your act from just being a series of puzzles. Great information from a great man.



From The President's Hat

Halloween was great at our house. I hope it was at yours. We had people that I do not know say they look forward to see our house each year. It took hours to set up and take down but it was worth it for the few hours of fun. I'll share pictures at our meeting.

It is Saturday, the 5th. I got home a few minutes ago from a Scouting In Hartford activity.

Dana, Sandy Rhodes, and myself did and taught magic for those in attendance. This was a first for this program. There were a lot of scouts but they were looking to attract more kids to become scouts. The three of us also took part at two other scouting activities in October—in Ashford for about 200 Boy Scouts, and another in Pittsfield MA for Cub Scouts. Tom Gentile and Rich Gilbert along with some others from Assembly 17, New London, and Waterbury were at one or both. It was fun and rewarding.

So until I see you at the meeting...dues...volunteer...spread the joy of magic.

MAGIC *Live!*

A report from Bob Hale

Based on all the great reactions, especially from friends like Dan Sclare and Jon Cap, I made plans early last fall to attend Magic Live this year. The convention brought together 1600+ magicians at the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas from August 14th through 17th. I arrived a day early so I was able to take in Mac King's and Mat Franco's shows—both very good!

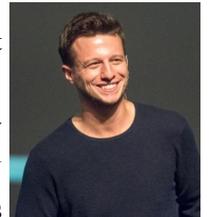
Registration was open during the day on Sunday and everyone excitedly waited for their registration materials to see more specifics about what would be happening. No performers or lecturers were announced ahead of time (even some of the convention performers and speakers were a surprise up until the actual event!). Everyone also gets photographed for their badge which is a miniature cover of Magic Magazine.

Sunday night there was an opening party which included a puzzle game where you needed to trade pieces with other attendees to complete your puzzle. Thousands of cupcakes decorated in gold and silver for the 25th anniversary of the magazine were out for refreshments. The dealer's room was also open and they were doing brisk business because of the raffle (you get one raffle ticket for every \$20 you spend) which promised great prize packages. (Ask Jon Cap—he won one of them!)

The schedule for Mon., Tues. and Wed. were similar. For my group we had a General Session in the morning and Focus Sessions (like lectures) in the afternoon. The General Sessions reminded me of TED talks with about 8 offerings each morning. I found them to be quite interesting and

engaging. Sessions we heard included:

- Keynote by Lance Burton (teaching magic to others)
- Classic Correspondence—Mike Caveney (went through a letter he had received from Stan Allen when they were both teens)
- Honesty in Magic—Luis Piedrahita (a big magic name on Spanish TV) He was one of my favorites and had some great segments to share—Check out [this video](#) of the kind of thing he is currently doing on TV
- Glass Bending Routine—David Penn
- Magicians Without Borders—Michael Muldoon (he talked extensively about the organization's founder—former Hartford magician Tom Verner!)
- Double Talk Artist—Kevin Phillips
- Parallax—Max Maven
- Remembrance of Friends passed
- Real or Camera Tricks—Mat Franco (one great story here—come to the Sept. meeting to hear about it—can't reveal it on the internet!)
- Reaching out, Changing lives—Julie Eng
- Expectations—Master Payne (very funny talk and associated PowerPoint—well done)
- Making Magic—Martin Lewis—analysis of a routine and the search for methods
- Special Effects—Mike Elizalde
- Passing the Light—David Copperfield and Marvin Roy (Mr. Electric Props donated to David's museum)
- The Gambler's Ballad—a duet by Johnny Thompson and Penn Jillette
- The Drink that Schooled Einstein—Michael Weber—analysis and presentation of a routine
- Raise Your Level—Ken Weber (Performance tips)
- The Magic Shop—Bizzaro (funny skit about magic props)
- Teaching the FBI to read minds—Ian Rowland—(mentalism and corporate training)
- How to get yourself booked on TV—Steve Spangler
- Illusion of Reality—Curtis Hickman (Very cool Virtual Reality Live Action Game)



There were three focus sessions each afternoon for our group and we could choose to attend two:

- Invisible Thread
- Card Magic from Magic
- The Art of Quick Change
- Practical and Performable (Daryl)

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- Show Doctor ICU (Jeff McBride)
- Ideas for Family Entertainment
- Close-up Clinic
- Improv for Magicians
- 20/20 Hindsight (a collection of short talks about interesting magic topics)

During the evening there were ticketed events that you were scheduled to attend including:

- Stage Shows
 - Live Onstage I - Stan Allen, Christopher Hart, Juan Mayoral, Vik & Fabrini, Jinger Leigh, David Williamson, Amazing Jonathan
 - Live Onstage II - Joseph Gabriel, Mark Kornhauser, Alex Adlercreutz, The Clairvoyants, Marco Zoppi, Rafael, Tom Burgoon, Cheng Min Lee, Raymond Crowe
- Close-up Show—In a very well set up room with huge tiered seating arrangement—Performers included host Steve Valentine, Bebel (fabulous card work from France), Charlie Frye, Jared Kopf, FISM winner Pierric.
- Cabaret Show—The Secret Class—A theatrical

presentation of card magic by Mark Haslam

- The Magic Museum—An impressive display of a wide variety of historical items
- The Game—a Magic Magazine Trivia Game hosted by Justin Willman

The last night there was a huge party and they had most of the living Magic Magazine cover subjects there for photos as a large group!

Each day you received a mini Magic Magazine that included information for the day as well as a synopsis of speaker remarks from the General Sessions and the “lecture notes” from the focus session.

The quality of the speakers and performers combined with the exceptional setting in the theater as well as the other session rooms set this convention apart from any other I had attended. I look forward to attending the next one in 2018.

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Themes for 2016-2017

	Theme name	description
2016		
Nov.	Holiday Magic	Perform a trick with <i>any</i> holiday theme
2017		
Jan.	Show Me a Trick	Impromptu Magic
Feb.	Rope-a-Dope	Tricks using rope, string, cord or chain
March	Works in Progress	Perform something or ask questions or advice on something you are working on
April	Mail Call	Magic with an envelope, box or any kind of package
May	Shop Notes	Perform an effect for which you made some or all of the props

Thanks to Rick St. Pierre for compiling this table.



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Magic Live! Report, continued

While we were there Stan Allen announced that he has concluded Magic Magazine and that he would be offering a two year subscription to Magic Legacy which will be published as 25 issues over two years.

I would encourage you to make plans to attend Magic Live 2018!

Editor's notes:

(1) Stan Allen has moved up the date for the next Magic Live! It will be at The Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas, August 13–16, 2017. Alumni Registration is available starting on November 30, 2016, with General Registration opening December 6.

(2) Magic Legacy will not be happening. The November 2016 issue of Magic Magazine is the last.

