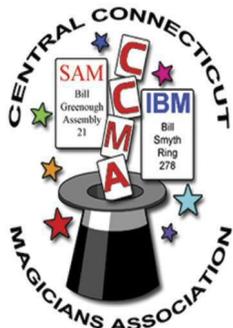


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Rockledge Grille

289 South Main Street
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

October Meeting: Pocket/Packet, No Monte-s!

What's in your wal-, uh, pocket? Whether it's a packet trick using cards, or any effect that's small enough to fit in your pocket, share it with us on **October 8 at 7PM**. Just one rule: No 3-card Monte! (I assume this includes Color Monte—a pity, because that's *my* favorite.) Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

Minutes of September Meeting

10 September 2018 7:36 PM 12 members attending

Pres. **Brad Beady** presiding.
Secretary's report approved as published.
Treasurer's report postponed.
No Old or New Business this month.
Announcements: The **Devin Knight** lecture will be at the Red Lion Inn in Cromwell this Wednesday.
Good&Welfare: A friend of Dave Garrity is looking for volunteers to help with a Make-A-Wish event this Sunday. Dave asked those interested to contact him after the meeting.
Dan Sclare read a thank-you letter from **Walt Umberfield** regarding the sympathy wished on his wife Helen's passing.
David Oliver's surgery went well. His physiognomy is better than expected but he still needs a lot of work. The club voted to send \$250 directly to **Lyn Dillies** (who runs the GoFundMe page).
Dan reminded us that **John Marenholtz** bequeathed \$2K for "lectures." It was suggested that upcoming lectures be billed as "from the John Marenholtz Lecture Series" until the fund is used up.
Adjourned 8:02 PM
Theme for the night: Make something disappear.
Dan used a "lefty" to go south with a hanky,

When Last We Met



Jon Cap does a trick for the waitstaff.

that was appropriately labeled "Magic Hanky." **Eric Wolfe** used a carafe to make an "X" vanish from his hand into a bystander's hand.
Brad Beady took a card selected by Eric and bit off a corner. To make it reappear, he tried to blow the corner back onto the card, but it didn't work--seems he missed the right corner. The piece was found by PEELING OPEN the other corner of the card!
Jon Cap took a sugar packet from one of the restaurant trays and poured some into his fist, whereupon it dutifully vanished.
Rodney Beaulieu did a quick version of Twisting The Aces, but for his climax, all the red-backed cards "vanished" and were replaced by blue-backers.
Bob Hale gave Eric a card choice-and-replace. He showed a small packet that contained his card. Bob attempted to make Eric's card vanish from the packet but that didn't happen--instead all the other cards vanished.
To conclude, Dan showed us John Marenholtz's Dye Box which was made by Mel Babcock.

Not For Want Of A Nail

... by Dan Sclare

This summer I got to visit Bob Carroll with Rich Gilbert, and went to the awesome Magic Castle on two nights. I brought along the magic wand lapel pins that I had made to give to a bartender that I had met on a previous visit and to anyone else I would be lucky enough to meet. I had made the pins by cutting the point and head off of finishing nails, cementing them to pin backs that I purchased from AC Moore, and then painting them to look like wands. On the second night I met John Gaughan, master illusion builder and restorer of antique magic, and I offered him a wand pin. He was impressed and asked me how I made it, then reached into his wallet and handed me his business card. He asked where I was staying and how long I was going to be in the area, and then invited us to visit him in his studio which was just about 15 minutes from Bob's home. We went there the next day and spent a wonderful one and a half hours visiting with John, and it turns out that his museum of magic antiques is part of his studio and has a fantastic collection of magical apparatus, original and reproductions. There was a life size model of Houdini sitting at his desk that John built for one of the L.A. Conferences on Magic History. I asked John if I could sit in the chair by the desk for a picture and he asked if I would like Houdini to sign his autograph? John put a card on the desk, stepped on a button on the floor, and Houdini came to life and signed his name on the card, which was an exact reproduction of his signature. John spent a lot of time telling us about the pieces in his collection and answering questions.

Another highlight of our visit was when Bob spotted a ventriloquist dummy that belonged to Dell Odel. John asked Bob if he would like to hold it. John then said to Bob that this dummy has just sat there in his collection, lifeless, but Bob had just made it come to life for him and he was thrilled.

We then got to look around his studio and got to see the projects that his staff was working on. This visit was like a trip to Disneyland and it was all because of a wand pin made from a nail. I will get to see John this November when he will be at the New England Magic Collectors Association Yankee Gathering XVII.





President's Change Bag

Hey everybody!

Hope all is well and you're all enjoying all things pumpkin! I know October is a busy month for a lot of magicians with the last week being the official Magic Week. (See this [SAM article](#) for more info.) Still, I hope we can keep up the good attendance at the restaurant and share some magic!

Speaking of magic, this week's theme is "pocket or packet tricks." As many of you know, I'm more of a card guy and as such enjoy myself a nice packet trick. One of the first packet tricks (and probably card trick in general) I remember seeing is the "This, That and the Other" trick. Funny, I just Googled it and sure enough the [original video](#) is still up on YouTube. Like many other young magicians of this age, I remember watching the video over and over to learn the handling before showing it to my friends at school.

I'd also like to thank everyone for coming out to the Devin Knight lecture in September. As more and more performers are taking their lectures to the internet, in-person learning experiences are becoming ever increasingly rare. I believe it's important for the club to support lectures going forward so let me know if you're interested in seeing any specific performers live.

See you next meeting!

– Brad

Themes for 2018-2019

	Theme Name	Description
2018		
Nov.	Hank Prank	Magic with something made of cloth.
2019		
Jan.	Still Going Strong	Perform a trick you have been doing for years.
Feb.	Things Around The House	Effects with everyday household objects.
March	I've Been Wondering...	Workshop — ask about effects you are learning.
April	Read All About It	Perform a trick that was published in M-U-M or The Linking Ring.
May	Show Me A Trick	Perform something impromptu.

Thanks to Rick St. Pierre for compiling the original table.

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