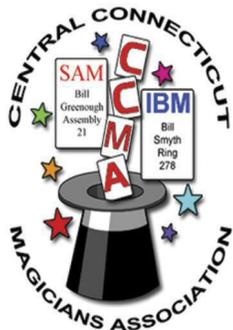


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Rockledge Grille

289 South Main Street
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

January Meeting Still Going Strong

A new trick is always fun, practicing it, developing a routine, seeing if it will fit into your act. But there are also the stalwart standards, those tricks that we have always used, no matter how long we've had it. Bring along one of your trusted perennials and be with us on **January 14, at 7PM.** Join us if you can for dinner at 6PM.

you have been doing longer than some (most likely me) have been alive.

Speaking of the restaurant, thanks goes out to them for hosting our holiday dinner. We had a great turn out and some great performances by Bob Hale, Dan Sclare, and Tom Gentile. We also had a magic grab bag where everyone left with some new magic. I really enjoyed it and would like to host one again next year!

See you soon!
– Brad

President's Change Bag

Happy New Year everybody!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and magical new year. We will be kicking off 2019 with our January meeting on the 14th back at Rockledge Grille. The theme is Still Going Strong: we want to see your go-to's, workhorses, the routines and tricks



The Pres and Rez

by Brad Beady



Following Christmas, my girlfriend Liana (to my left above) and I traveled to Charleston, SC to depart for a 4 day Carnival cruise to the Bahamas. We had both been on a cruise to the Bahamas two springs prior, but this one would be with her family. We had a great time; played a lot of craps, drank my weight in margaritas, and listened to a great piano bar performer, [Christine Hetfield](#). (Ask me in person for some of the things she said in her Adult show. They're pretty great.)

The highlight of the cruise came one evening at dinner when we saw a sharply dressed man balloon sculpting a couple of tables over. It wasn't until the next night did we see him performing magic table to table. He eventually made his way to our table whereupon he introduced himself as Rez, a professional mind influencer, and performed a two-deck coincidence routine where Li and I made all the decisions. It was a pretty good trick although I don't think I gave him the proper reaction he deserved, being in the know and all. I also didn't mention the fact that I'm a magician and tend not to in these situations. Eventually he found out in this somewhat amusing fashion:

Li (to me): Aren't you going to tell him?

Rez (to me): Tell me what?

Me: Well... I sort of... You know...

Rez: OH! You're a magician! You just became my new best friend!

He immediately pulled up a chair, sat with us and immediately wanted to see some tricks. I showed him the most difficult trick I know that I thought he would be interested in, Paul Vigil's Diplopia. When I discussed the methodology with him he wrote it on the back of the card box he was using.

We eventually met up after his shift and packed a lot of magic discussion into an hour. We talked from everything from the specifics of the tricks we did for each other to the general state of magic in both India and here in the US. I've never seen someone so enthusiastic about talking about magic, as if he was isolated on island (or cruise ship) waiting to share his

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Still going strong.

by Dan Sclare

I'm sharing in our newsletter a trick that I have been doing for years. I have shared this before, but here it is again. It is a set of Instant Art pictures that I designed.

I gave my ideas for each one to the Secretary for the Principal in the school where I taught. She was a fantastic artist. She drew what I suggested, and I turned each one into an Instant Art picture. Enjoy.

Thank you, Mrs. Iona Ingersol, RIP.



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The Pres and Rez continued

thoughts and questions with another magician.

Among the personal details we exchanged, Rez stated that he would be moving back to India with his girlfriend for a year to develop a one man show of his own. He wants to host it in the Charleston, NC area (where we departed from) and would feature some of the area's more popular ghost stories and un-explainable mysteries.

Since the end of the cruise, Rez and I have been in contact and are sharing ideas about magic in general and some thoughts for his upcoming show. When the show comes to fruition go check it out!

Dan's Instant Art continued



Upcoming Themes

	Theme Name	Description
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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