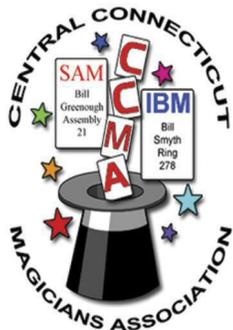


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Rockledge Grille

289 South Main Street
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

February Meeting: Around The House

For our next meeting, put aside the fancy apparatus and the gimmicked cards. We want to see you perform a routine with ordinary objects found around the home or office. Bring it from your home to our home on **February 11** at 7PM. Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

Minutes of January Meeting

14 January 2019 7:52 PM 13 members attending

Pres. **Brad Beady** presiding.
Secretary's report approved as published.
Treasurer's report delivered.
Old Bus.: The December banquet was very well received. Everyone has a great time and the food was extremely good. Prezzy Brad personally made the little candy swag bags.
New Bus.: **Dan Sclare** is pursuing communications with Lost Acres Vineyard for another show this year (since last year's show helped fund the aforementioned banquet).
Announcements: **Henry Evans** is at Assembly 17 in April. **Mike Bent** lectures for the New London assembly the first Monday in March.
Assembly 63 had a hell of a holiday party.
G&W: **Walt Umberfield** is back at his house, where his son from Maine is taking care of him. He is happy that he is home.
Adjourned 8:06 PM
Theme: Still Going Strong—tricks you do that have stood the test of time.
Dan did a version of Professor's Nightmare with **Jason Abate** in which a set of equal ropes and a set of unequal ropes change places in the spectator's hand.
Bob Hale has been doing a Slydini Paper Tear for 40 years—the quintessential torn-and-restored newspaper. He followed this with Linking Rings

When Last We Met

Jason Abate performs a hot trick



(using 3). Very pretty! Bob tells us that it was at heart Dai Vernon's "Symphony..." with a little Chris Capeheart thrown in.
Eric Wolfe hasn't been doing magic as long as most of us, but this is one he's been doing quite a while. He had two people pick a number and one pick a card. They all matched in the end. He says it's called "Trilogy."
Jason told a story of his favorite trick. Three matched were burned—even the matchbook was burned. All was restored. Following this, he had our guest **Jeff Leitz** select a card, then Jason studied his reactions to name the card. The selected card then appeared in Jeff's hand.
Dana Ring did his Sponge Ball routine.
Soll Levine put a bill in a folded paper and stabbed it with a knife. The paper was torn, but the bill proved unharmed.
Bob Teralia did Mike Ammar's "Virginia City Shuffle."
Rich Gilbert showed a giant card case—and took out ropes! He move the ends of the three ropes around, off, and back on again.
Brad took five cards, A to 5, and did a form of Ambitious. The kicker was that the "3" had Brad's contact info on it with magic marker.

From The President's Change Bag

Hi everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well and managing to stay warm this winter. As of writing this there are only 32 more days until Spring! Hey that's only a month away! You can do that, no problem!

Our February meeting will be on Monday 2/11 at the Rockledge Grille (not sure if it will be in the main dining room or in our "usual" side room). The theme is Tricks Around the House; magic using everyday household objects. One of my favorite improvised effects with household items comes from Michael Weber in his Life Savers book called Hiding McBride. Remind me to show it to you at the meeting.

See you soon!

– Brad

Two Guys at a Magic Convention

By Brad Beady

From January 16th to January 20th I had the privilege to travel to Columbus, Ohio, for Magifest 2019 alongside SAM21 member Jon Cap. We flew in Wednesday to have the day to settle in and prepare for almost 3 days packed full of magic.

This convention is now hosted by Vanishing Inc. owners and operators Joshua Jay and Andi Gladwin. I believe there were around 1000 attendees so everywhere you turned you would see magic. For once in my life I actually felt a little sick of card tricks after 3 straight days of mind numbing magic.

Outside of NEMCON, this was my first real magic convention and I think it beyond exceeded my expectations. All the names I grew up reading and watching were there and they were teaching the very material I had learned from them growing up.

There were so many highlights from the convention that it's hard to pinpoint my exact favorite moment. I'd say the top three highlights of the convention overall were:

- Werner Reich's talk about his time in Nazi occupied concentration camps and how he eventually met a magician in Auschwitz
- Tim Hannig who performed a kid's show for an actual elementary school
- The grand finale show featuring two FISM quality acts, Harrison Greenbaum and a brand new one-man-piece from Guy Hollingworth

Again, this was a great convention and I would highly recommend it. (And if you can, try to go with someone who can withstand all your pent-up energy from your first real magic convention.)

Here are some pictures:



The winner of the Most Unique Car in the Parking Lot went to this custom magic-themed, air brushed Porsche.



Cap and I with *Keith Fields* and *Lady Sarah* whom we met at Keith's lecture at SAM63



A familiar face! *David Hale*, Bob Hale's brother. (They really do look alike!)



Adam Rubin presents a Sneak Thief routine with Cards Against Humanity Cards (NSFW)



Juan Tamariz teaching his exquisite Cards Across at an exclusive workshop we attended Sunday.



Left: Everyone swarms to an up-and-coming magician by the name of David Blaine. At least I think that's what his name was...
Right: Tim Hannig's amazing show was presented to a full elementary school to show what a professional kids' show looks like.



Cap with the Maestro and his wife at the post workshop book signing.

Themes for 2019

	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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