

Mordecai's Journal



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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Rockledge Grille

289 South Main Street West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

July Meeting: Restaurant/Tablesides

This month's meeting is a cookout at Jeff Leitz' place in West Hartford (see Brad's Change Bag for details). Let's enjoy the great outdoor weather on **July 8 at 6PM** for the start of the grilling, with meeting to follow.

Minutes of June Meeting

10 June 2019 7:25 PM 13 members attending 2 guests

Pres. **Brad Beady** presiding.
Secretary's report approved as published.
Treasurer's report delivered.
Old Bus.: There is no news regarding the bequest from **John Marenholtz**' estate yet.
Negotiations are continuing to set up a lecture by **Christopher T. Magician**. **Jon Cap** will attempt to contact him directly to see what conditions are better for him.
Rick St. Pierre made an earnest plea for the return of Theme Captains this year.
New Bus.: Brad suggested one of the summer meetings to be at someone's home or other location with a cookout or similar.
There was discussion about the restaurant's configuration regarding public shows. This included speculation of other venues.
G&W: **Pat Guida**'s wife recently passed. The club will send a card.
Announ.: **Jim Spinnato**'s show is every Sunday and most Saturday's at Comix, (Mohegan Sun). Nine magi participated in the annual event for cancer survivors in West Hartford on June 2.
Rich Gilbert and **Dan Sclare** attended a function in upstate New York for diabetes research.
We had two guests tonight from the CT chapter of "Ghostbusters" who do benefit shows, like the cancer survivor event.
Adjourned at 7:51PM

The theme was "Old Dog—New Tricks."

Rick St. Pierre used one of our guests to select a card and sign it, and then did a quick lose-and-find.

Eric Wolfe had **Jeff Leitz** do some multiplication on his calculator with random digits several times. When finished, Jeff read out the display but left off the first digit. Eric gave Jeff a card that equated digits to planets, and told him to think of the planet indicated by the missing digit. After some concentration, Eric was able to name the planet.

Dan Sclare did an "escape" with two straws folded together that came apart instantly. He distributed straws and instructions to us all and taught us how to do it. He then took six of the straws and did Six-Straw Repeat!

Rodney Beaulieu did several card flourishes including making half a deck instantly disappear.

Jon Cap brought our guests to the table and did a variation of **Vernon**'s Twisting The Aces. He also swapped the black Aces they were holding for the red Aces he was holding. Then she picked an Ace and all the cards in the deck became clear plastic, except hers.

Brad Beady shuffled some cards, demonstrating his variations on The Pass.

Bob Hale demonstrated his take on the pair-swapping card move, plus two other variations. To conclude, Dan returned to show his "bag of tricks:" a working squeaker, a non-working squeaker, and a sponge ball. He magically moved the "squeak" from one to the other, then into the sponge ball.

From The President's Change Bag

Hello everybody,

Hope everyone is having a merry July! (What, summer months can be just as merry as winter ones.) With the summer in full swing, we want to take full advantage of the good weather and what better way to do that than... a cookout! Jeff Leitz has graciously opened up his backyard for our July meeting/cookout. We will start grilling at 6pm, hold our meeting shortly afterwards and, of course, share lots of magic. I'll send out a separate email and calendar notice with the details, but we will need to bring all the barbeque necessities: barbeque foods, sides, snacks, drinks, tableware and serveware. The address is [211 Fern St. West Hartford, CT 06119](#).

As we discussed last meeting, I'd also like to revive "Theme Captains" to host some of the discussion and presentation on a specific theme for the after-meeting magic. Many thanks to Rick St. Pierre for volunteering last meeting to show how painless this is. Going forward, I'd like to designate a Theme Captain at the current meeting for the following meeting. The role is entirely voluntary, but as captain you select the theme for the meeting, where you can focus and share some of your unique experience or expertise. Jon Cap has graciously volunteered to be July's Theme Captain with his selected theme of Tableside/Restaurant Magic.

Finally, and most importantly, it's my 1 year anniversary as CCMA President! Hard to believe that a year has passed since taking up office and writing these columns. (My first one is [here](#) if you're interested.) Looking back, I think I've accomplished several of my goals of being responsive and continuing to enhance the CCMA experience, but any [feedback](#) is more than welcome. Here's to another magical year!

See you at the cookout!

– Brad

Magi-toons



"Yeah, it's a spatula, but it's a *magic* spatula.
Now are we gonna do this or what?!"

When Last We Met



Rodney Beaulieu demonstrates a flourish for a video.



Jon Cap twists some Aces for a couple of spectators.



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