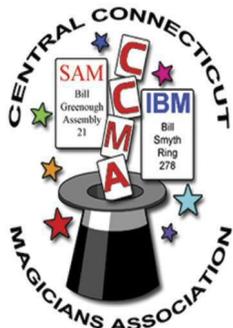


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Rockledge Grille

289 South Main Street West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

February Meeting: Mail Call!

Package for you, sir; sign here! This month, theme captain **Rick St. Pierre** asks you to perform a trick with an envelope, a box, a package, or anything you might receive via the Post Office. Hand-deliver that effect to the club on **February 10 at 7PM**. Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

Minutes of January Meeting

13 January 2020 6:47 PM

17 members attending
1 guest

MI Brad Beady presiding.
Secretary's report accepted as published.

Treasurer's report received.

Pres. Rpt.: Brad thanked everyone who came to the Holiday Dinner. We wished a happy birthday to **Jon Cap**. Brad asks that those who get the e-vides to our meetings to please respond, so he knows how many seats at the restaurant to reserve.

Old Bus.: none this month

New Bus.: **Dan Sclare** reports two people have donated magic stuff to our Club: Jack Stroup and Craig Parker. Dan sold some of Jack's items at a recent auction and got \$180 for our group. Most of the magic is now in Dan's basement and asks the club to decide how to distribute the items to the benefit of the Club.

Announ.: **Bruce Amato** has a new lecture. (He used to be the American contact for Supreme.) He's originally from East Hartford and will be in the area this May.

National is promoting the Society with business cards that can be handed out to invite magicians to our individual clubs. A gentleman named **Matthew Crabtree** will work with you on designing

When Last We Met



personalization.

Assembly #17 is having their after-the-holidays party on February 8. On April 14, they will have a lecture by **Patrick Redford**.

Adjourned 7:10 PM.

Tonight's theme: Junk Drawer Revival, helmed by **Jason Abate**.

Tim Hamilton spread cards, some up, some down. He turned them over and they all had red backs.

Dan distributed a big bag of (weighted) dice. One face was painted over so when thrown, the dice came up "blank." He also showed off an electronic device that could change a blank card into a printed card.

Bob Killian showed a deck of cards with random numbers. **Tom Gentile** drew three of those cards and passed two of them to two others. Bob, concentrating, was able to divine most of the numbers.

Tom raided his "junk cabinet" and found a box shaped like a crate with no top or bottom, from which he drew four different silks with helpful messages. He also had a top hat which produced a very long rainbow banner.

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From The President's Change Bag

Hello everybody,

It's February, which means Valentine's Day is right around the corner. I know many magicians (including myself) like to look for holiday-related tricks to perform, but far too often this ends up as using more heart shaped props, or a handkerchief that says "Love" instead of "Magic" or something like that. So, this Valentine's Day, I challenge all of you to go out there and perform a regular trick but try to make a meaningful connection with the person or people you're performing for. This could be for a partner, a close friend or someone you want to start a connection with. If you're having trouble finding ideas on how to do that check out [this blog post](#) by The Jerx.

As a reminder, we will be back at the restaurant on 2/10 for our monthly magic meeting (the triple "m"). This month I'm going to ask if it would be possible to arrange the tables in a more open configuration to see if it's more conducive to sharing magic with the group. (Thanks to Dan for the suggestion.) The theme is Mail Call: Magic with an Envelope, Box or Package hosted by Rick St. Pierre. I see this as time for all the mentalism/non-card people to get back at the card people/non-mentalism people so they can share their 100 envelope tricks to balance the 100 pick-a-card tricks. The great equalizer. I look forward to seeing them!

-Brad

Minutes, continued

Rodney Beaulieu asked up **Eric Wolfe** to shuffle a deck. Each picked a card and put it in the other's pocket. Rodney picked a card from his packet while Eric did the same. Rodney found Eric's cards--strangely, Eric found Rodney's! He then had Eric think of any card, find it in another deck, and box the deck. Rodney was able to name the card. He then explained how it was done: (spoiler) marked cards!

Kevin Aust showed a USB drive which vanished, re-appeared in his pocket, changed color, and even grew to one foot in length

Bob Hale, with **Steve Wronker's** assistance, had a card chosen from a packet of ten, and another set in a plastic holder. After the choice, the plastic holder showed one card turned over--a match.

Paul Hamilton started with a jumping rubber band, segued into a vanishing ring. Finally, from an empty cigar box, he produced a deck of cards.

Brad Beady claimed to have become a professional dancer. He said he was playing a song on his phone, but muted. He performed a dance for Jeff. Jeff felt that Brad's dance was to "Somewhere Over The Rainbow." When the phone played, that was the song!

Soll Levine performed eggs-from-mouth, complete with Pepto-Bismol.

Jason finished up by doing a version of Oil and Water with r/b backs as well as faces.

Selected Photos from the Vegas Convention



Bruce Kalver interviews George Schindler



Ice McDonald

Steve Bargatze

More Photos from the Vegas Convention



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Themes for 2019-2020

	Theme Name	Description
March	Shop Notes Capt.: Jon Cap	Perform an effect in which you made some or all of the props.
April	Mental Miracle Capt.: Roger Cisowski	Mentalism effects
May	Works in Progress Capt.: Marlene Clark	Perform something you are working on—ask questions or advice.

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