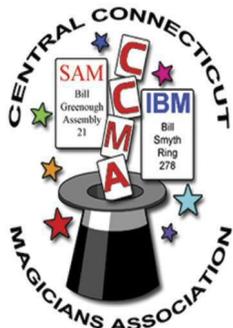


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### Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Rockledge Grille

289 South Main Street  
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

## April Meeting: Do You Zoom?

Since we cannot meet in person for this month and maybe the next, we're going to try to meet via videoconference. Zoom, run by Microsoft, is a very popular option so we'll try this for the April meeting. If it all works, the theme is Mentalism. See page 2 for the how-to, and join us on **April 13 at 7PM**. You're on your own for dinner.

## Minutes of March Meeting

9 March 2020 7:09 PM

12 members attending

**MI Brad Beady** presiding.

Secretary's report accepted as published.  
Treasurer's report postponed.

**Old Bus.:** A few books from the Stroup-Parker donations are gone. We have an offer of \$850 for all the books and lecture notes, and an offer of \$750 for all the magic. The club discussed this and suggested that **Dan Sclare** ask for \$2000 and throw in some magazines that Brad has kept "for too long."

Tuesday, April 7, will be the date of the **Redford** lecture, but we need a venue. Brad will look into the hotel in Rocky Hill.

**New Bus.:** May 17 is the date of the show at Lost Acres Winery. We have a good supply of volunteers. Brad will put an ad in Facebook. Eric Wolfe will arrange to have tent cards made and put in the Winery.

**Good&Welfare:** **Rudy Bulalong** passed away recently. He was a long-time member of 21.

**Bob Hale** has done a TED talk on "Wonder." Watch it [here](#).

The NEMCON event went quite well. Many good comments were given and the new venue worked great.

Adjourned 7:52 PM.

## When Last We Met



**Rick St. Pierre's** card-sized Zig-Zag

Tonight's theme: Shop Talk. Effects that include some hand-made props, captained by **Jon Cap**. **Rick St. Pierre** started by show a very small version of the Zig-Zag illusion, which sliced a deck of cards in thirds. The device was made by Rick out of purplewood, a variant of teak.

**Bob Hale** showed a 4-layer Gozinta Box—also made by Rick. He also showed a trick using seven English pennies.

**Tom Gentile** did his "Big-E" version of Danny Archer's AniMental. He had a large set which he made long ago using shapes. He also showed the calculator trick (five or six large cards with lots of numbers on each; you say which cards have your number, magician instantly knows number) with large cards from 40 years ago. He did a giant coin prediction, a version of the calculator with smaller cards, and a bunch of dice with a gag card prediction.

**Dan Sclare** showed a snake basket that used to belong to **Bill Greenough**. He has replaced the snake and the mechanism since the old one pretty much disintegrated. He showed us a flower basket that **Walt Umberfield** made, a card duck

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## From The President's Change Bag

*Brad's column is unavailable this month. It will return in May.*

## How To Use Zoom Videoconferencing

**F**irst and foremost, you have to at least download the Zoom app to your laptop, desktop, or smartphone. (While it is *possible* to use Zoom without this app by using a web browser, the meeting "experience" is less than ideal.) Do this before the actual meeting date. It will save time. For smartphones, go to iTunes or GooglePlay and look for ZOOM Cloud Meetings. For laps and desks:

1. Go to the website zoom.us
2. It is not necessary to create a Zoom account to join a meeting. If you want to create an account anyway, click on "SIGN UP, IT'S FREE" otherwise look for the pull-down tab "RESOURCES" and select "Download Zoom Client". If you're creating an account, it will ask for your birthdate and a "work" e-mail address—you'll get a confirmation notice in your inbox with further info. Choose "Zoom Client For Meetings."

The day of the meeting:

Either sign into your Zoom app or go to zoom.us and click JOIN. The meeting number is 799 719 689 and the password is 0413

Now here's the catch: we're using the FREE version, which limits us to 40 minute meetings. So there's another meeting scheduled right after this one. Number is 500 822 679, same password.

Remember: this is all experimental. This is my first time hosting so who knows what will happen? If your lap/desk doesn't have a camera, you can at least see everyone else. If you don't have a microphone, you can use a landline phone and call 877-853-5247, 888-788-0099, 669-900-6833, or 646-876-9923. (Only the first two are toll-free.)

## Minutes, continued

that he has repaired/restored, and a "baby iPad" complete with diaper and pee-ing gag. He ended with a magic wand that forms out of an envelope (using rare-earth magnets) and a mechanism that shoots cards out of a bag.

**Eric Wolfe** did a "séance" act he's working on. Quite good. **Ed Cook** brought two things that he made himself. His first table was by Tannen, but it proved to be too flimsy, so he made his own but with three shelves instead of two; and a stand that holds publicity material he can put on a side table at whatever venue he is working.

## Other Pictures From Our Last Meeting



## A RESOURCE LIST OF FREE ONLINE EVENTS

**MAGICLIX.com** - a MONTH Free of a vast range of lectures if you use the code MAGIC.

In April, **Magicians Talking Magic Podcast** will go live weekday mornings at 10am EDT sharing the latest news and headlines for magicians. Plus, every Thursday evening at 8pm EDT throw a pizza in the oven and join our magician's pizza party. Special guests, interviews, games, challenges and more. Register for notifications and RSVP for the Magicians Pizza Party: <https://magicianmasterclass.com/live>

**LUKE DANCY** - ALL things Magic on Facebook - live zoom chats around the world almost daily. <https://zoom.us/j/167349814...>  
If it asks for a password use this: 636025

**ALL THINGS CULTURE** - Not magic but these are wonderful to watch - 60 FREE Chapin films to watch - [http://www.openculture.com/2011/12/free\\_charlie\\_chaplin\\_films\\_on\\_the\\_web.html?fbclid=IwAR1YK3ihR8v88ib\\_dvmSAZmtBJHgd5vtifa3f5vCTW0xy5-ad\\_hhjnbnvk](http://www.openculture.com/2011/12/free_charlie_chaplin_films_on_the_web.html?fbclid=IwAR1YK3ihR8v88ib_dvmSAZmtBJHgd5vtifa3f5vCTW0xy5-ad_hhjnbnvk)

**MYSTERY SCHOOL** - For nine years the MYSTERY SCHOOL has been giving lessons, online seminars, etc. using ZOOM to their members. When it comes to this type of online class MYSTERY SCHOOL are lighyears ahead. Be sure to go here to see their list of upcoming FREE sessions. <https://zoom.us/j/685273864>

**TIM ELLIS** - Tim Ellis has a nightly chat show online called LANEWAY LIVE - check it out here - <https://thelaneWAYtheatre.com/>

**HARRISON GREENBAUM** - Is doing a livestream magic show with co-host Patrick Davis called SCAM Online every Thursday at 8 PM EST. The website is [magicscam.com](http://magicscam.com) and the Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/societyofconjurersandmagicians>

**VANISHING INC** is doing a free online event on April 5th <https://www.vanishingincmagic.com/sharemagic/live/> featuring Daniel Garcia, Caroline Ravn, Harapan Ong, Morgan & West, Jim Krenz, along with some very special surprise guests and two new-comers we like to support called Andi Gladwin and Joshua Jay.

**MAGICANA** - <https://www.magicana.com/> - enough video clips of past magicians to keep you glued to your screen for hours.

**MURRAY SAWCHUCK** is using YouTube to post performances during Isolation - <https://www.youtube.com/magicmurray>

**CONJUROR COMMUNITY** - also offering free online lectures - sign up to their email list to get the schedule

The **IBM** and **SAM** are also offering free online interviews via their websites for members. The IBM have a facebook link with daily updates. [www.facebook.com/IBMMAGIC](http://www.facebook.com/IBMMAGIC)

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### Next Month's Theme?

	Theme Name	Description
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.

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