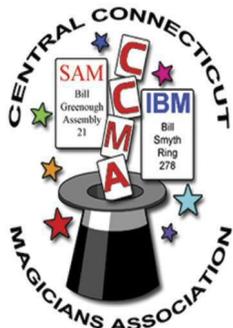


# Mordecai's Journal



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### Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Rockledge Grille

289 South Main Street  
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

## May Meeting: Works In Progress

Last month's videoconference worked very well, so we'll do it again for May. The theme is "works in progress" so you don't even have to haul your not-quite-finished apparatus to the restaurant, just follow the directions on page two to join us on **May 11 at 7PM**. Dinner is again up to you.

## Minutes of April Meeting

13 April 2020 7:00 PM more or less 9 members attending

**MI Brad Beady** presiding.  
Secretary's report accepted as published.  
Treasurer's report delivered.  
Pres. Rpt.: Officially, everything is on hold. The **Patrick Redford** lecture will be re-scheduled; the Lost Acres Winery show is canceled. We then had a lively discussion on how the virus-containing procedures were affecting us all.

We didn't have a formal adjournment, but around 7:45 or so, we changed over to magic, concentrating on the theme of Mentalism.

**Bob Hale** showed us his collection of animal drawings and had **Marlene Clark** think of one of them. Bob took a blank card and drew quickly and put it on a stand on his table. Marlene then said which animal she had picked and Bob put that card on the stand, facing us. He then repeated this process with **Soll Levine**. Bob then turned the stand around to show us the pictures he drew, and they matched the named animals.

**Dan Sclare**, after showing us a deck of cards that had random words on their face, asked one of us to name two years, perhaps of personal import, from the last half of the 20th century. These years were added together to form a 4-digit random number. He then dealt the cards into different-sized

## When Last We Met



Together again, apart.

piles based on those digits. When the piles were turned over, they formed a very complimentary sentence about Dan. Dan offered to e-mail the instructions to any who asked (but you have to make the cards yourself).

**Brad** claimed he was having weird dreams lately, as he put a beer can in sight. He asked **Jon Cap** to relate any similarly strange dreams. Brad then took a piece of paper from the beer can which had a picture featuring the main points of the dream.

**Kevin Aust** demonstrated some sleight-of-hand for us.

**Jon** did a very visual deck vanish, a chewing-gum package change, and a striking pen through coin.

## From The President's (Self-isolated) Change Bag

Hey everyone!

First and foremost, I hope everyone is doing well physically and emotionally. Please stay safe during this “in-between time” where we have gotten somewhat accustomed to this altered lifestyle and continue to maintain appropriate social distances and heed medical advice. This is a time where not doing much is the actually doing a lot. Regardless of how many Netflix series you’ve binged, keep it up!

We are fortunate that we practice an art that can bring some people joy in such tumultuous times and we should take advantage of that to reconnect with friends and family and bring some magic into their lives during a very non-magical time. Unfortunately, there isn’t much in the way of resources for how to present and share intimate magic over a physical distance short of those old “over the radio/telephone” type of tricks. With the growing popularity of video conferencing platforms like Zoom or Google Hangouts, we have the ability to present magic that can be both visual and audible. Here’s three articles about magic in the Coronavirus times from The Jerx blog: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), and [Part 3](#).

That being said there has been an explosion of magic being shared all over the web. To name a few of my favorite, all FREE, lectures and talks:  
Michael Close’s small talks over Facebook Live

Studio 52’s Instagram Live Stories with special guests hosted by Ben Earl

Vanishing Inc’s [ShareMagicLive](#) conference packed with magicians (still free)

Finally, for those of us who are still fortunate enough to have a career that allows us to continue, I believe we should look to support the artists who have found it difficult to make a living under the current conditions. As a community, we should support the fulltime performers and magic creators who have shared and progressed the magic we have come to know and love. Even if we can’t do so financially, sharing their virtual events and released products will help keep the magic community strong.

Stay safe,  
Brad

## The Zoom Videoconferencing Particulars

Brad Beady is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CCMA May (Virtual) Meeting  
Time: May 11, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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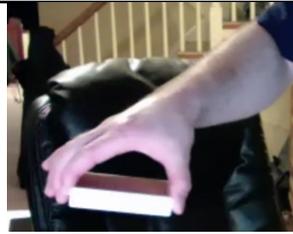
## Pictures From The VideoMeeting



**Bob Hale** shows his animal pictures.



**Brad Beady** with a picture clipped to a beer can. After **Jon Cap** described a dream, Brad unfolded the picture to show... the dream!



**Jon Cap** did an incredible shrinking deck



and a striking pen through coin



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**Kevin Aust** does a matrix.