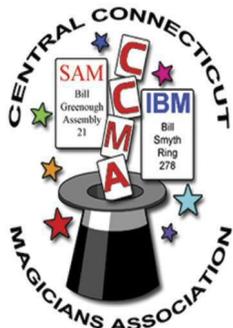


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Rockledge Grille

289 South Main Street
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

July Meeting: One More Zoom

Our President Brad sent out a survey about meeting in person this month, and the choice has been made to stay cautious and meet online once again. We'll re-visit this before it's August's turn. Log on (instructions on page two) to join us on **July 13 at 7PM**. Dinner is again up to you.

Minutes of June Meeting

8 June 2020 7:15 PM

7 members attending, virtually

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

It was a small meeting group, so we did tricks for each other. **Eric Wolfe** did a trick in which a card, although "chained" to the rest of the deck (via a hole in the corner of each card) managed to escape from the deck under the cover of darkness (a piece of paper with "Darkness" written on it).

Tom Gentile mentions that Assembly #17 is still debating whether to have the Summer Sizzler (tentatively planned for July 25 from 10am to 4pm). At this point, it's on, at the Charles Robbins American Legion in Chicopee, MA.

We discussed magic history, former conventions, and favorite magi of the past. We also acknowledged **Ed Cook** who has been ten years with the Society.

Adjourned 8:42 PM

When Last We Met



Brad Beady deals cards as directed by **Dan Sclare** from a trick by **Michael Ammar**.

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

Hey everyone!

Well here we are! Half-way through the year! We made it everybody! * High five! * The sun is shining, restaurants and stores are reopening, and things are looking like they're almost returning back to normal. (At least in CT where our rate is lower than most states.) I've seen a lot of adaptation by the magic community to react to this pandemic mostly by professionals who need to adapt their product and marketing accordingly, but we must remember that this won't be the new normal. We'll soon be returning to placing 30-year-old sponge balls in little kids' hands, having people pick cards that have fallen on the floor countless times, and doing card-in-mouth before you know it.

I honestly haven't been involved in a lot of magic lately. I practice with a deck every now and then, but I have tried to involve myself with other activities that I wouldn't normally have time to get around to doing if it weren't for coronavirus. I find myself in. For instance, I'm working on model rockets, golfing with friends and family, and doing more house projects that I wouldn't normally get around to with normal working hours and a driving commute.

With the changes we as magicians have made during this time it makes me wonder—what changes you would like to see in the club? Since I started, I've attempted to spend a little more of the club's money for lectures and holiday dinners, but apart from that I don't think I've changed all too much in the almost two years I've been president. What would you like to see from the club for yourself or others? Should we meet more or less? Should we be doing something different during meetings? Should there be more or less card tricks? I'd love to know your opinions. (Except to last that question which I already know the answer to.)

Catch you on the flip-flop lollipop,
Brad

The Zoom Videoconferencing Particulars

Brad Beady is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CCMA May (Virtual) Meeting
Time: July 13, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83047151580?pwd=RzBTcklkMFc3NitFMnhuYmtFZ0dpZz09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kmnzGhNT>

Pictures From The VideoMeeting



Dan Sclare with a piece from **Jack Stroup's** collection.
Those two bills are really only one.



Eric Wolfe shows “prisoner” cards with holes for a “shackle.”



The cards are “chained together” through the shackles. The potential escapee, the nine of diamonds, is in the middle of the deck.



Under the cover of darkness, the prisoner has worked his way to the top of the deck. He has to work quickly because it is a bright moonlit night. But look closely: the prisoner is no longer chained!

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