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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: Backyard Picnic, Take Two

Okay, let's try this again. The summer picnic and barbecue will take place at compeer **Jeff Leitz's** backyard (211 Fern St in West Hartford, CT) on **July 12th**, but this time, we're setting a rain-date on **July 19th**. Join us on one of those dates at Jeff's on starting at 6PM for food and 7PM for the business of magishing.

This column would have had something in it if the thunderstorms hadn't washed away the June meeting.

Let's hope for better weather this month.

Minutes of June Meeting

We didn't have one due to rain.

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

Hey everyone!

Our June Picnic was unfortunately rained out so we will try to meet again on our normally scheduled meeting day, Monday July 12th at Jeff Leitz's house starting at 6:00 pm. There is still lots of rain showing in the 10-day weather forecast, so tentatively we will host a rain date for the following week, July 19th. If all else fails we can look to meet at Rockledge Grille, but that may be more of an informal get together without all the magic bits of business.

A special congratulations to the newly elected S.A.M. President Tom Gentile. Tom might have been one of the first few people I met in magic when I visited Assembly 17 probably 4-5 years ago. He is one of the nicest and most knowledge guys in magic and he will make a great "most illustrious."



See you at the picnic (hopefully).
- Brad



The Butterfly Deck by **Ondrej Psenicka**. This, besides a very pretty deck, has an incredibly brilliant marking system!



Vanishing Box
The audience sees the object go in. They can hear the object rattling inside. But in an instant the object is gone!



Bruce Kalver's smoke gimmick.

Stuff I Bought Online This Year



Brass Ring Box
(With that name, I had to buy it.)
This item is completely screwed shut (can even be seen by the audience from the beginning) but when opened, it contains the object you previously vanished.

If **you** bought stuff online this year, take a picture of it and sent it to me along with a blurb and I'll publish it in a future issue.

The Secret Compartment

by Brad Beady

In this episode of the Secret Compartment series, we will look at some videos on the Reddit channel [r/blackmagicfuckery](#). Yes, it is a profane sounding name, but I think it accurately describes a lot of the content on this channel. The channel consists of about half poorly-done magic tricks and half things that are truly wild looking and feels magical. The latter half is what we will look at here. (You can also subscribe to [r/magic](#) to watch more poorly done magic tricks.) You may have seen these videos elsewhere; this is just where I first saw them.

[Kanazawa Kenichi Table Sound Art](#) – Kanazawa Kenichi is a Japanese artist that uses sounds to create geometric patterns. In this video he uses a series of mallets to stroke a large steel table, which causes sand on the table to arrange itself in very specific patterns. It's probably got something to do with the natural frequency of the table and how it goes into specific vibrational modes as it's perturbed but, hey, it just looks neat.

[Tensegrity Tables](#) – These have been popping up more and more on Reddit and this is just one person's build of one. If you're unfamiliar with the concept, you can make an impossible looking object consisting of strings or cords between platforms that are all in tension. From a [follow up](#) post from this user, you can see that these are not unstable systems either with him sitting on it like a chair. They just look like they are going to fall apart as the slightest touch, but nope!

[The Invisible Car Man](#) – Ok, this is sort of hack because it was posted on a different sub, but it doesn't really matter because it was originally posted on TikTok. (An area that we won't probably dive into in this series. Sorry to all the Zoomers out there.) This is just absurd-looking. It completely fooled me when I first saw it and I wish I didn't look at the comments to figure out how it was done. Sidenote: the Jerx also talked about this same video in [this post](#) and comments on the magical nature of it.

This last one sort of needs some build up before I give you the link. Every so often a video comes up on Reddit that you watch over and over again. You don't know why it sticks with you, but every time you watch it you find something new to be amused by, some tiny detail that you haven't noticed before. These videos are few and far between so when you find them make sure to save them so you can share the wonder you had when you first watched it with others. For me, that is [this video](#).

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