

# 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)

## August Meeting: Magic On The Patio

Last month's barbeque was so much fun, we decided to do it again. For August, we will switch venues to compeer **Dan Sclare's** backyard (13 Farmstead Lane in Ellington, CT) on **August 9th**. Join us again at Dan's starting at 6PM for food, then around 7PM we'll start the magic on the patio. (If you hear ZZ Top, it's only in your head!)

## Report of July Meeting

15 July 2021

We did not have a formal business meeting, but we had a wonderful cookout of hot dogs and burgers. And magic. I admit that some of the performances started before I got my recorder going, so to them I apologize. What I do have on the record:

**Dan Sclare:** a card effect wherein the top card of three piles dealt by **Eric Wolfe** revealed the identity of a fourth card.

**Tom Gentile:** did his Magic Circle "audition" routine—a variation of Animal Magnetism using examples of benefits of S.A.M. membership.

**Bob Hale:** The Chinese Sticks, and a wonderful story of a junk-store box that produced money. Tom again: a rocket-themed coloring book routine, and showed a flower effect that **Walt Umerfield** made.

**Brad Beady:** a card trick with Dan choosing cards while Brad looked away. Brad was able to find Dan choices each time. (several golf jokes)

Dan: did a trick with Marlene in which Marlene's chosen card appeared between two Jokers.

**Dana Ring:** had a deck of Zener ESP cards. **Jill Hale** picked a card and Dana tried to "see" it in her brain. After an initial miss, he was able to correctly name several in a row. Dana then had Jill attempt to match *his* choices, and Jill got 3 out of 5.

## When Last We Met



**Bob Hale** started us off with a trick for **Eric Wolfe** and **Marlene Clark**.



**Dan Sclare** did a mentalism trick by **Ryan Pilling** (which Dan actually improved) for **Jill Hale**.

## From The President's Change Bag

Hey everyone!

Our July picnic finally happened (many thanks to the Weather Gods) and it was nice to see everyone's face in person for the first time in a while. Thanks again to Jeff for opening his backyard to us and a big thanks to our chef and The Most Illustrious Tom Gentile for grilling up some delicious burgers and dogs.

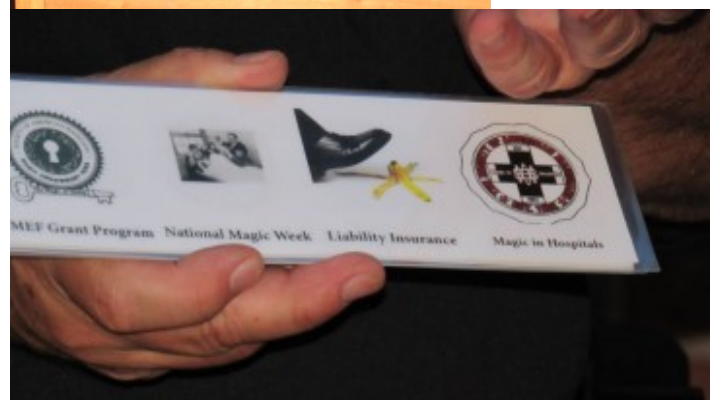
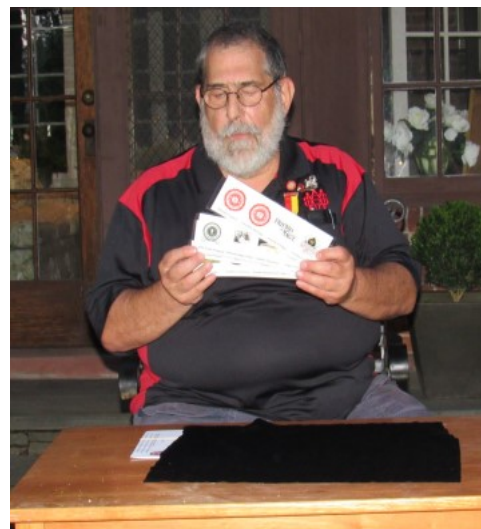
Our August meeting on the 9th will be at Dan Sclare's house and outdoors, so we will keep any eye on the weather. If you plan on attending, you should be fully vaccinated or wear a mask and maintain social distancing if you are not. Feel free to bring snacks and drinks, and we will plan on trying to grill some more food up. I created a copy of the [volunteer checklist](#) here that you can sign up to bring something.

I also wanted to mention that we are still looking for a new Treasurer for the club since Soll stepped down a couple months back. If you are interested in joining let me know and we can vote on it. If no one is interested, I will have to appoint someone at random. We could do a "cut to the high card" but no crimps, breaks, or breathers are allowed.

See you at Dan's Place  
- Brad



Fresh from his installation as National President of the Society, MI **Tom Gentile** showed off The. Official. GAVEL!



Dan did an evil-royalty trick, originally created by **Dominic Reyes**, for Eric.

Tom's Animal Magnetism variation.

# The Secret Compartment

by Brad Beady

For the first time in this series, I will be taking a break from posting a new article.

“Oh, no, Brad! I love your columns and look forward to them every month! You can’t skip an article! I will surely perish!”

Thanks, Mom, but it will be just for this month, and I’ll be back with a fresh new installment next month. While I’m away you can still get your fill of magic analysis on digital platforms by reviewing The Jerx’s two-part series on the magic of Rob Stiff and Magic Makers. I had never heard of Stiff nor his movies but this examination of them is quite entertaining, more so than some of the videos themselves. Check them out:

<https://www.thejex.com/blog/2021/7/12/a-critical-examination-of-magic-makers-ads>

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MI Brad Beady did a trick for Dan Sclare. Cards were selected without Brad watching.



Squirrel!



Bob Hale performed the Chinese Sticks...



...and displayed a box (well, it’s not really a box) that he repeatedly showed empty, but produced a seemingly endless supply of money.

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