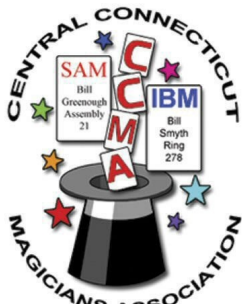


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

French Social Circle

341 Kelly Road
Vernon

May Meeting: Impromptu Magic

For the May meeting, the theme is *Impromptu*, so perform some tricks that can be done with common items found on or around you. The meeting, on **May 9**, will start at **7PM**, but their bar makes great burgers and sandwiches!

Report of April Meeting

11 April 2022 7:35 PM
It's good to be back in person! After some informal discussion with such topics as Asrah levitations, floating lightbulbs, Harry Blackstone, and Oreo cookies, we started the meeting. VP **Dan Sclare** reminded us of a memorial service for compeer **David Steele**, who died this past March, on May 21. MI **Tom Gentile** reported on his Zoom-ed show honoring **Houdini**. The 17-hour show is being transferred to small pieces for the S.A.M. library. Dan reported on his discussion with a Glastonbury, CT, winery regarding a possible public show.

Adjourned 7:49 PM

After adjournment, **Steve Wronker** offered to display his collection of wooden nickels. Some of them go back to the 1940s. We all reminisced about live magic shops in the area we used to know. Then the performances started. Dan did an effect in which one special card was inserted in a deck. When revealed, the "special" card proved to be two cards stuck face-to-face. The cards were separated to show that they matched to two cards

When Last We Met



Rick St. Pierre watches **Dan Sclare** set up a trick.

next to them in the deck. **Bob Bader** did a prediction routine with the predictions written on the back of dollar bills. After the predictions proved correct, Bob showed us the "wallet" that makes it work. (It was ingenious!) **Eric Wolfe** did a wonderful routine with a card that had holes punched in it. The holes traveled around the card from corner to corner. **Dana Ring** showed us something he recently acquired. Three steel blocks that are to be lifted in one hand. Then just the top block is lifted. Everyone at the table experienced the illusion that the top block alone felt heavier than all three together!

From The President's Change Bag

Hey everyone!

Happy May! I hope everyone is enjoying their Spring.

I have been performing quite a bit, but not magic. I have been doing improv comedy at the Sea Tea Comedy Theater in Hartford, taking classes and, within the last few months, performing in actual shows. Although it's a performing art, improv is more about working together in a team and creating something new that's never existed before and never will again. It's both daunting and very rewarding when you're able to create a fun, new scene or character.

Furthermore, I think the skills of doing improv translates very well to magic. You learn to agree with people and build something together which makes the overall experience (albeit completely fictional) more immersive and cooperative. You also learn to go along with whatever is happening which I think can help a lot of magicians when a trick goes awry. Sea Tea offers a variety of classes from beginner to advanced as well as sketch writing and additional coaching. You can check them out at seateaimprov.com.

Also, as most of you know, I'm a fan of the magic blogger The Jerx, who also talks about the benefits of improv in magic. More directly, [here is a post](#) where he "improvises" a magic as a form of practice. It is very fun.

See you at the meeting,
Brad

Suggested Route To Vernon French Club (repeated)

For those outside the Vernon-South Windsor area, I think the best way there is via I-84.

From east of Vernon, take exit 64. At the end of the ramp take a right, then a quick left into the first driveway. From west of Vernon, take exit 64-65 and stay in the left lane and stick with exit 64 choosing the left lanes until you reach the stoplight. Take a left at that light onto CT-83, then make a right at the second light (*after* the Shop Rite). It's the driveway on the right opposite the Holiday Inn Express.

Or just set your GPS for 341 Kelly Road in Vernon.

Meeting Photos



A special card inserted into the deck.



The card is split apart, placed with its neighbors.



The card *matches* the neighbors.



Bob Bader has a card chosen and pushes forward bills for each choice.



With simple twists, the holes punched in the card move all around.



Just some of **Steve Wronker's** wooden nickels.



Eric Wolfe displays a card.

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