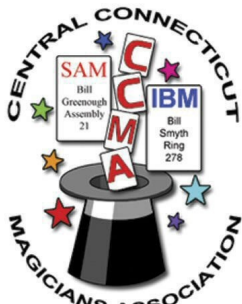


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

French Social Circle

341 Kelly Road
Vernon

June Meeting: Away Game!

We start the summer season off by meeting at **Bob Hale's** home at 44 Silver Birch Lane in Clinton, CT 06413. There will be food but feel free to bring snacks or beverages. Join us and bring some magic to share on **June 13**, from **6PM to 8PM**.

Report of May Meeting

9 May 2022 7:30-ish PM
We started with some informal discussions. **Norm St. Laurent** reports he was unable to come up with group transportation to FISM that would satisfy everybody, so we're on our own to get there. We talked of our various meetings over the years with **Doug Henning**, **Slydini**, **Dai Vernon**, and others. Secretary **Dana Ring** presented the slate of officers for the SAM National Council. The slate received unanimous approval.

Adjourned 8:15 PM

The theme for the evening was Impromptu. **Bob Hale** balanced a straw on a salt shaker, and was able to make the straw rotate just by holding his hands near it. **Steve Wronker** showed an updated version of the Imp Bottle. **Norm** took eight sugar packets and used a pen to number them from 1 to 8. All the packets were shuffled and the face-down packets were removed. This was repeated until... The number on the last packet standing matched Norm's prediction. **Bob Bader** took a calendar page and had **Brad**

When Last We Met



Bob Hale balances a straw on a salt shaker and moves it with his mind.

Beady select a weekday and circle any number in that column. The next person selected a number in a different row in the next column. After a few more days were selected, the sum of the numbers matched Bob's prediction. He also showed us some card-spelling tricks. **Bob Hale** showed us a trick using seven quarters. One by one he transfers them to your hand. The last one is "poured" into your hand and you grab it. **Bob** "pulls" one coin through the back of your hand and shows you the quarter. You open your hand and there are only six! **Bob** says he can do this again (now using the six) about two more times.

From The President's Change Bag

Hey everyone!

Happy June! June is also celebrated as Pride month, so I wanted to shout out to the many magicians that are part of the LGBTQ+ community like Daniel Greenwolf, Bella Greenwolf and Meadow Perry. Recently Meadow has had some medical issue and has had a GoFundMe set up. Please consider donating [here](#).

I got the chance to see Michael Carbanaro at Foxwoods this past month. I was interested to see what he would be doing for a live magic show considering his show is more like a prank show with magic. Overall, I enjoyed the show as Michael is an engaging and charismatic performer. He did a few standard tricks (newspaper tear, a card force and revelation and even a body switch), but I thought his presentations around these were original and fun.

I thought his closing number was very interesting. Ultimately, it was playing a prank on an audience member with the help of another volunteer plus the whole audience. It consisted of two phases. The first phase was essentially a fake mind reading bit where the second volunteer would just lie and we as the audience would react as if he got the answers correct. The second phase was [exactly a trick Justin Wilman did on Magic for Humans](#). I'm wondering if other audience members knew about Wilman's performance too. I am also curious if the trick is original to Wilman or Carbanaro or maybe neither of them came up with it.

See you at Bob's,
Brad

Meeting Photos



Pre-meeting. Bob Hale uses multiple skewers to pierce his finger.



Dan Sclare with a Zig-Zag for a card deck.



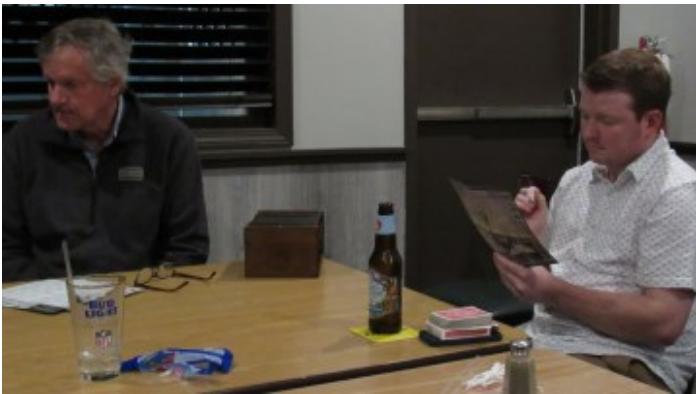

Longtime CCMA member **Jack Stroup** passed away on May 24 at his home in Manchester, CT. Services will be private. You can sign the online guestbook or leave a condolence message at holmeswatkins.com



Steve Wronker's
Imp Bottle



The inserts

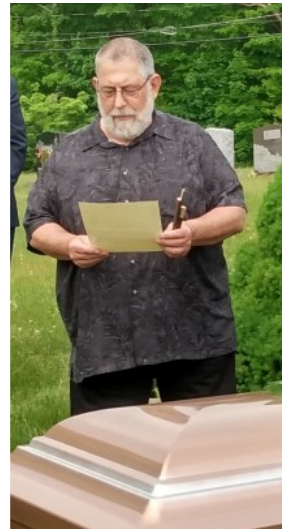


Bob Bader looks away as Brad Beady selects a day from a calendar page.

Norm St. Laurent with the numbered sugar packets.



MI Tom Gentile performs the Broken Wand Ceremony for compeer David Steele in Middlefield, CT, on May 21.



He broke the wand and presented the pieces to Marlene Clark.

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