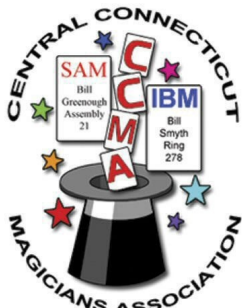


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

French Social Circle

341 Kelly Road
Vernon

August Meeting: Being Social

This month sees us back at **The French Social Circle** on Kelly Rd., in Vernon. The theme for the evening is “Anything...except cards!” Bring something magical to share and enjoy the company of compeers. Those of us who went to FISM can report on the event, which was spectacular! (The next FISM, in 2025, will be in Torino, Italy, so I’m glad I went to the one close by.) Join us on **August 8 at 7PM**, or come early for dinner.

Report of July Meeting

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The weather was perfect for hot dogs and burgers at **Dan Sclare's** patio this month. We all chatted about diverse subjects--past shows, upcoming gigs, favorite effects, etc. Dan had lots of magic books and props from **David Margolin's** estate and he took offers from the group.
Jon Cap did an odd trick with a card. He took a hole puncher and punched a hole in each corner of the card. He then, matrix-like, moved all four holes, one at a time, to one corner. It was an impressive trick, but the rest of us could not resist offering suggestions on how to make it even better.
Bob Hale showed is a collection of postcards from his German uncle, circa 1920. He also had tickets from various events in Europe and Asia. Bob had Jon look at one ticket somewhere in the pile. He took out a notebook that had a 4 x 4 grid on it. Someone thought of a number, (two-digit, fairly high) and called it out. Bob waved his hand over the grid and it was suddenly full of numbers. After writing today's date at the bottom, he showed that each row, column, diagonal, and corner block added up to the called-out number. Attached was a metal

When Last We Met



Dan Sclare's backyard patio. The parrot in the back would occasionally make snide comments.

plate that had Jon's destination engraved on it. He also showed us something I had not seen in decades: a small box with a slot. He inserted a bracelet in the slot and locked it in place with a hatpin through a hole that ran cross-wise to the slot. Thus he was able to lift the box with the bracelet. Someone held out his hand and Bob placed the box on it. With a magical flourish, the bracelet was lifted clear of the box.

From The President's Change Bag

Hey everyone!

Happy August! Thanks to Dan for opening his back porch to us last month and providing us with burgers and dogs. It was great time. We will be back at the French Social club in Vernon for our August meeting. I will be away in Point Pleasant, NJ for vacation.

I saw recently that the Magic Café was back up and running after being down for several months. I'm not sure how many of you use the Café, but I find it a useful tool for researching tricks. An even better site, in my opinion, is the [Conjuring Archive](#) put together by German magician Denis Behr. In short, it's a table of contents of (as of writing this article) 2,783 publications with more than 133,739 entries. All the tricks are also sorted by categories, which helps researching much easier. Even though it covers a vast amount of magic literature, I wish there was a similar site that captured all the video and digital media in a single archive. Let me know if you know of something similar or other helpful magic websites you use.

For the past month, I have been putting together a show that will be half magic and half improv comedy called *Yes, And... Magic!* It will be presented at the Sea Tea Comedy theater in Downtown Hartford on Saturday August 27 at 7pm. There will be some classics of magic with new takes and some new routines original to me. The show is not up yet, but you can get tickets at <https://seateaimprov.com/theater>. (End of plug.)

See you next month,
Brad



Tom Gentile with one of the last of the OMI tee-shirts.



The master griller.

Meeting Photos



More Meeting Photos



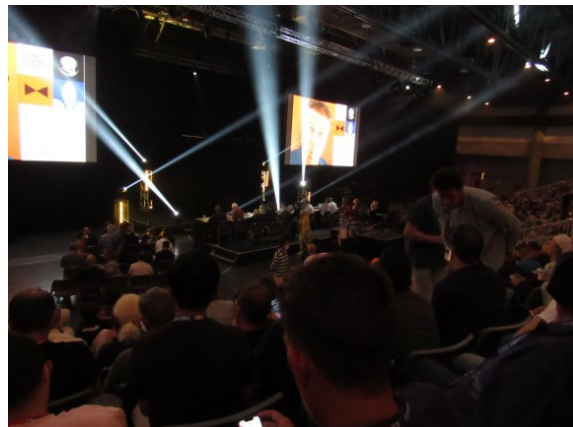
Choosing a ticket.



Some FISM shots



We weren't allow to take photos during the performances, but this is a shot from the bleachers of the Stage contests.



Seating for the close-up contests was almost all bleachers, but with great views of the giant video screens.

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