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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

French Social Circle

341 Kelly Road
Vernon

September Meeting: Patio Party

The last summer meeting will be at **Marlene Clark's** place in Guilford, CT. (Directions on page two.) The theme for the evening is open-ended, so anything you want to share is welcomed. You can also bring some food to share, if you want. Join us on **September 12** starting a little early at **6PM** this month.

Report of August Meeting

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Dan Sclare reported that former #21 president **Angelo Chirico** has been struck with Covid for the third time. He is recovering, but his sense of taste has been impaired.
Dan also reported that **Chip Romero** was at FISM for a late-night lecture on **Doug Henning**.
Rick St. Pierre offered much of his excess supply of notes from various past lecturers to any member who wanted them.
Those of us who attended FISM expressed our admiration for many of the acts.
Dan had attended one of the FISM lectures, and tried demonstrating an "invisible stack" that he re-created from that lecture. He asked for, and received, suggestions on how to make the effect better.
Dana Ring showed off his Gozinta Boxes.
Rick displayed a picture of the Mona Lisa in the form of a jigsaw puzzle. He removed the little piece in the center of her smile. The other pieces were dropped on the table, but when they were re-assembled into the frame, they yielded a complete picture. Holy no holes, batman!

When Last We Met



A rare souvenir—the pencil-and-string-through-lapel with personalization from the **Hennings**.

Bob Bader taught **Jeff Leitz** how to do that-trick-we-all-know where four cards are torn in halves, one piece is set aside, the rest are put through various manipulations and the final piece matches the one that was set aside. He also had two cards chosen from a deck. Bob inverted half the deck, then mixed and spread them. The chosen cards were not among the face-up ones. The face-down cards were taken, half of them inverted, mixed, and spread. Chosen cards still missing. This was repeated again and again until only two face-down cards remained. And...they weren't the cards! The chosen cards were in Bob's pockets!
Our guest, **Deanna Congo**, performed some splendid coin manipulations that she learned from a Bobo book.
Norm St. Laurent did a coin trick that he claimed he got from Dan. Coins are put in someone's pocket, and one of them vanishes!

From The President's Change Bag

Happy September everybody!

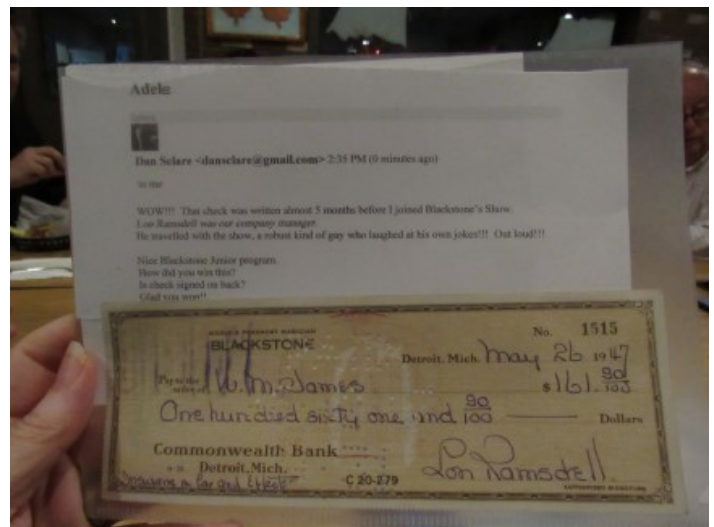
Last month was crazy busy for me, between vacation, seeing shows and performing one at the Sea Tea Comedy theater. Although the show is over, I'm quite proud of the ad I put together for the show which can be seen [here](#).

One of the shows I saw on my trip to NYC was [Sleep No More](#) at the McKittrick Hotel which is the same venue that [Speakeasy Magick](#) is hosted. I'm sure some of you have heard of the magic show but it was relatively expensive, so we decided to try this other show. I highly recommend it. Without any spoilers, the show is an immersive theatrical experience where you experience a modern, film-noir adaptation of MacBeth in a hotel. Although I'm not the biggest Shakespeare fan, I thought watching this show was a great experience, especially for a magician. If you have seen this show before, let me what you thought.

Next meeting will be back at Marlene's place. There will be food and drink there but feel free to bring a dessert.

See you at Marlene's,
Brad

Meeting Photos



Another piece of history, a check signed by **Blackstone, Sr.**'s company manager.

How To Get To Marlene's

The address is:
274 Church St. #6B
Guilford, CT 06437

... phone: 203-598-4958

It's about 400 feet south from exit 58 on I-95. Visitor parking is usually plentiful. There's a small sign at the entrance to the small complex: West River Village. Once in the complex, there is visitor parking after the mailboxes, on the right, and another visitor parking area near the pool, a little farther down.

After the visitor parking at the entrance, there is a small driveway to the left. Her unit is at the bottom of the drive. The building # (6) is on her garage, and her unit is to the right of the garage.

If you park at the pool, you can walk on the large expanse of grass to get to her back yard. Building will be on the left. You can't miss the patio—it's the only one. Or you can walk back up the drive and take a right at the driveway.

A school is diagonally across the street and would be an alternative parking spot.



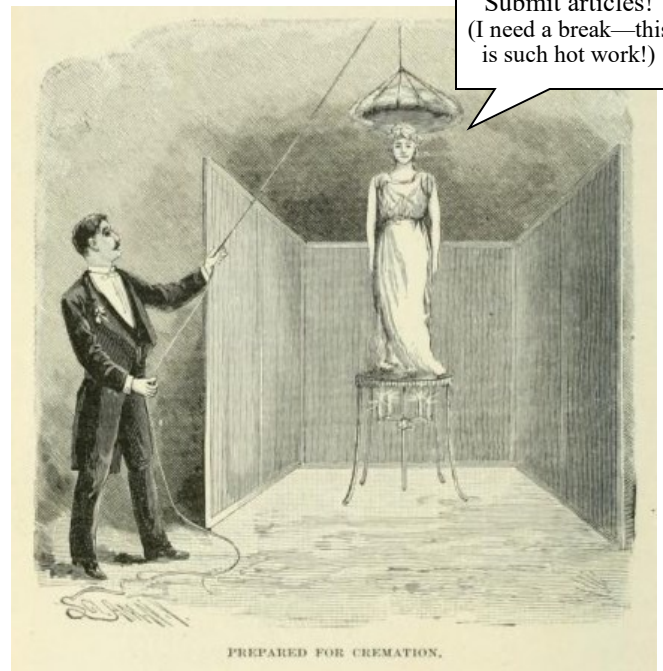
Norm St. Laurent prepares to do a coin trick.

More Meeting Photos

Well, *one* more photo.



Norm's coin trick.



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Dues are due at the next meeting. \$25, still a bargain. Cash or check payable to CCMA.