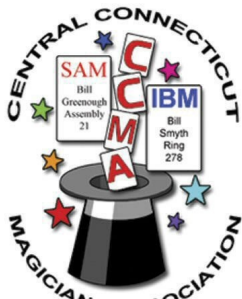


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## Meetings:

Second Monday of  
every month except  
December

French Social Circle

341 Kelly Road  
Vernon

## November Meeting: In Memory of Max Maven

For the November meeting, our MI, **Brad**, asks that you perform a piece of magic in honor the recently late, great **Max Maven**, who passed away from brain cancer just last week. Do something he published, something he performed, something he wrote in a magazine, or just a mentalism routine that he would have appreciated. Join us on **November 14** at the French Social Circle in Vernon for the meeting starting at **7PM**, or come early for dinner and pre-meeting socializing.

## Report of October Meeting

10 October 2022 8:03 PM

11 members  
attending

Before the meeting, **Tom Masse** dropped off a ton of magic stuff. We all pored over the boxes in search of hidden treasure!

A question was asked about upcoming lectures. **Tom Gentile** recommended **Jeffrey Wang** who does fantastic coin work.

**Norm St. Laurent** reported a show by **Andy Gross** at the Broad Brook Opera House happening in October.

**Dan Sclare** reported that a print ad by the CCMA appeared in the program for IBM's Atlanta Convention.

MI **Brad Beady** announced that he will step down as president of CCMA in the Spring. If anyone is interested in the position, contact any of the officers (e-mails on page three).

Tom says that the Children's Hospital in Hartford is looking for magi willing to do magic and/or teach tricks to the kids.

Treasurer **Eric Wolfe** pushed for a Holiday Party this December at Rockledge. Stay tuned.

## When Last We Met



Ever see magicians at a feeding frenzy?

Adjourned 8:35PM

Since Halloween was fast approaching, tonight's meeting had us come up with tricks that were eerie, spooky, or even scary!

**Eric Wolfe** brought in a creepy doll in a wooden chest that needed...a death certificate! Eric asked the members to call out letters with which to make a name for the doll. The name from the called-out letters, matched the name on a small medal that had been around the doll's neck all this time.

**Dan Sclare** had a Frankenstein's Monster in a coffin that Dan claimed could read minds. A card was selected and everyone concentrated on sending the image of the card to the monster. The monster dropped his pants to reveal the selected card!

**Dana Ring** told the (true) history of London's Savoy Hotel, that features a statue of a black cat. This statue is used whenever there are 13 guests at one of the private dining rooms. *Kaspar the Cat* becomes the fourteenth guest, to prevent the first person to leave from suffering a horrible

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## From The President's Change Bag

It's November!

I'm sad to see the most recent passing of Max Maven. I remember seeing him for the first time during the Essential Magic Conference 2010. It seemed like all the other performers knew who this bald/pony-tailed guy I never heard of was. It wasn't until later that I learned he published under his birth name, Phillip T. Goldstein, that I connected his work to the PRISM books and other numerous publications from the late 70s. I remember watching and enjoying his DVD *Nothing* where he attempts to do a full show with nothing (or at least very attainable things). With his breadth of magic knowledge, Maven's name would always pop up in places in that I never expected. I was reading a twisting the Aces sort of routine (called Overture for those interested) and I saw a credit from him pop up.

In honor of his passing, I'd like people to share something published by Max Maven/Phil Goldstein. If you don't know anything by him, share some mentalism piece that would make him proud.

See you Monday,  
Brad

## Minutes, continued

fate. Dana followed the story up with something truly scary: a card trick! He performed Robert Neale's "Thirteen At Table."

**Bob Bader** set out three sets of three cards, along with a prediction concerning the cards' eventual whereabouts. That prediction proved true, so Bob repeated the effect with nine small gourds.

**Brad Beady** did a very good Ambitious Card, starting with a spectator drawing a ghost on the face of a card. Later the drawing of the ghost somehow became a drawing of the man it was in life!

## Meeting Photos



Another treasure found.  
(It has a squeeze-bulb that makes the spider hop about.)



**Eric Wolfe** shows the carrying case that he says contains a *really* creepy-looking doll.

## More Meeting Photos



Eric reveals the creepy doll.



**Dave Garrity** is chosen to hold it. (He looks *so* thrilled.)

Eric's doll sports a medallion with his name on it.



Dan Sclare's monster card trick.

The finale:



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