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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Rockledge Grille

289 S. Main St.

West Hartford, CT 06107

April Meeting: April Fools! Gags, Pranks, and Jokes

We're looking for the humor in magic this month. The real trick is to perform a gag that doesn't make the spectator feel abused! Bring something light-hearted. Join us on **April 10** in West Hartford for our meeting starting at **6:30PM**—since we have to be out by 9PM, try to get there as early as you can.

Report of March Meeting

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The treasurer's report was given.

9 members attending
2 guests

Possible lecturers for the club were discussed.

There was discussion about our meeting site. On the one hand, we don't have privacy here at Rockledge Grille; on the other hand, it is a pain for a lot of members to get to the French Club in Vernon. We will be discussing the pros and cons in detail next month. At Rockledge.

It was reported that NEMCON went well.

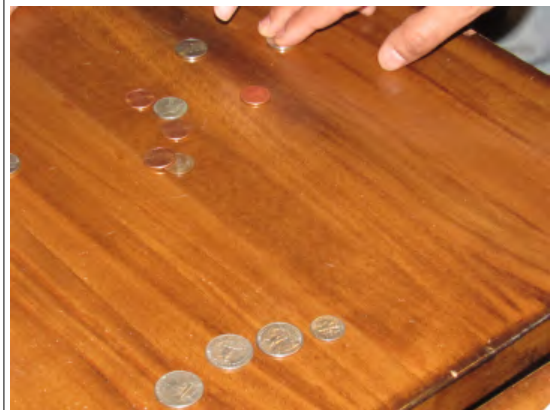
G&W: **Dave Garrity** performs with **Jim Spinnato** this Saturday.

There is a magic auction in Norwich on Mar. 20.

Adjourned: 8:13 PM

To start off the magic, **Dan Sclare** showed us the results of a kit he got that looks like a magic

When Last We Met



Sorting through a pile of coins.

room. He gave **Rick St. Pierre** a deck of celebrity silhouettes. Rick selected one and placed in at a certain number (his choice) from the bottom. The cards were spread out and a "map" was placed over them. There was a picture on the map of a magician pointing to something. Dan took a penknife and stuck it through the map at that point. The card thus indicated was revealed as Rick's card.

Dan then put aside a prediction--folded & paper-clipped. He dumped out a pile of two dozen coins and had **Tim Hamilton** sort them into heads- and tails-up. The tails were set aside and the heads were re-shaken, re-tossed, and re-sorted. This continued until only one coin remained. The prediction correctly named the type of coin and its date.

Meeting Photos

From The President's Change Bag

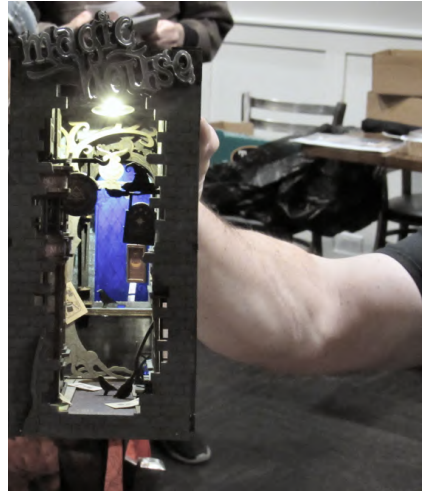
Happy April!

I hope everyone's Spring has sprung nicely. I'm looking forward to the nicer weather, mostly for golf.

I went on a weekend trip to New York City for a variety of shows including an artistic, modern Shakespearean reenactment (the same one I talked about back in [September](#)), a comedy musical and a magic show by Asi Wind called [Inner Circle](#). Asi is a world class card magician who, in this show, uses specially made cards with every audience member's name written on them. We were also given the option of red or black cards to write our names and initials on, so they resembled playing cards in that way. The theater itself was impressive; designed to allow every audience member to have a clear view and have the feeling of a true close-up card show.

I enjoyed the show, although the ending left me wanting more, probably because I had an expectation of the show's finale based on the name premise which Asi did not end up doing. As a card magician myself, I enjoyed seeing tricks typically done with playing cards but with people instead. I went to the show with fellow CT magician Adam Parisi, whose favorite part of the show wasn't even a trick but the way the show is projected to the audience. If you want to know more about it, ask me about it at our next meeting.

See you Monday,
Brad



Dan Sclare's Magic House kit—straight on and partial side view.



Dan shows **Rick St. Pierre** a deck of different pictures.

Nominations for President Next Meeting

Is anyone interested in taking over as President of CCMA? Nominations will be taken at the April meeting. Actually any office is open for nominations. Let us know if you want to serve in any capacity.

Rick looks them over.



More Meeting Photos



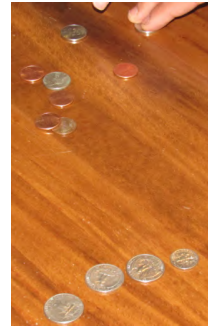
Rick makes a selection.



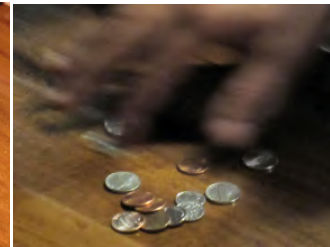
The prediction ...



... and a pile of coins.



Remove the tails ...



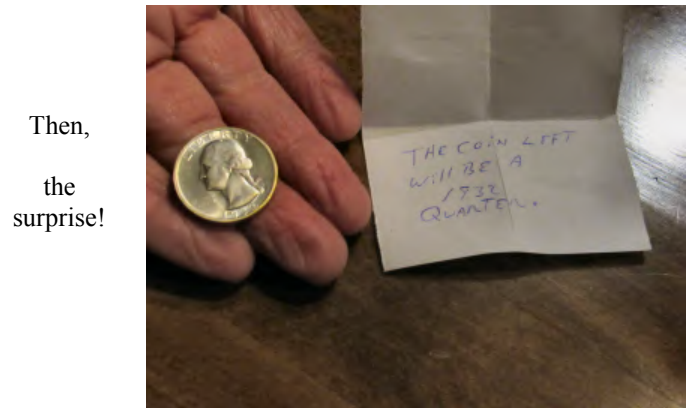
... until just one coin is left.

... rinse and repeat ...



The card is mixed in with the others.

Dan takes a stab at finding the right card,



Then, the surprise!

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and comes up a winner.

