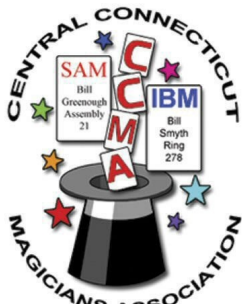


# Mordecai's Journal



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### Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

French Social Circle

341 Kelly Rd.

Vernon, CT 06066

## May Meeting: Lecture by Adam Parisi

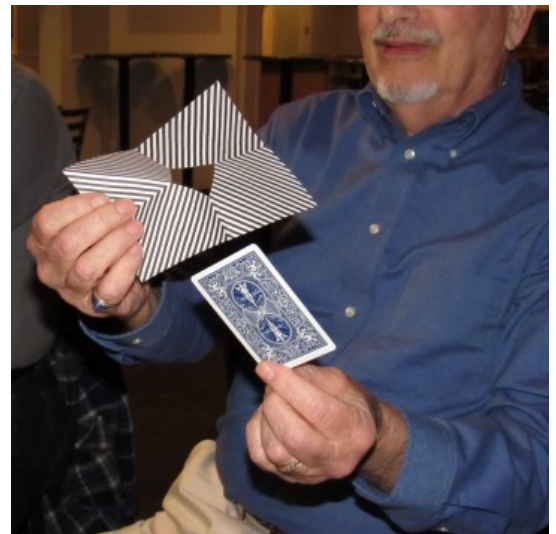
**A**dam Parisi invites you to his first lecture, "Welcome To My World." A masterclass on cards and how to create a showcase using routines you already know. (But just in case you need more, he'll be teaching 8 full routines.) Come spend time with a four time award-winning magician and the man who decided to hammer a nail into his face on *Penn & Teller Fool Us*. CCMA members attend free, \$10 apiece for guests. Lecture starts at 7PM on **May 8** at the French Social Circle in Vernon. Come early for pizza at 6:30 PM.

## Report of April Meeting

10 April 2023 7:13 PM  
9 members attending  
3 guests

Sec.'s report accepted as published  
Tres. report given.  
Old Bus.: There was much discussion about getting lecturers in the future. We also discussed whether to keep having meetings at Rockledge, or to return to the French club. A motion was made to return to the French Social Circle starting in May. The motion passed, pending a report from **Norman St. Laurent**. During the summer, we hope to hold some meetings at members' homes. Nominations for President yielded no volunteers. It was agreed that **Brad Beady** would serve another year, but that someone would take over the office next year.  
New Bus.: The S.A.M. holds its annual convention in New Orleans this July. It was moved and seconded that the Club buy a ¼-page ad for \$75. Passed.  
There was discussion of doing a public show as outreach to attract new members (especially young new members). It was suggested that at the next

## When Last We Met



**Dan Sclare** claims to be able to push this card through the hole.

meeting, every member come with an idea for a show venue.

G&W: **Rick St. Pierre's** wife took a tumble at home and was seriously injured. Rick now has to make room at his house and is relinquishing much of his magic collection. A list of available items will be sent to all members.

Adjourned 8:03 PM.

This month's meeting had a nominal theme of Gags, Tricks, and Pranks. **Dan Sclare** started us off with a gag about "pushing a card through the hole," using two cards, one of which has a quarter-sized hole in it. The *gag* is that someone holds the card and Dan sticks his finger through the hole and "pushes" the card. The *trick* is that the hole can be "stretched" to allow the card to actually go through. **Eric Wolfe** played a game with slips of paper and pencils. The slips were passed out and members wrote the name of a past sweetheart on the slip and place them in a bag. All were instructed to reply

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## From The President's Change Bag

Happy May!

We have a lecturer! Connecticut native, Penn & Teller Fool Us participant, all around Italian and a good friend, Adam Parisi will be giving his new lecture on our usual Monday meeting, May 8th at 7:00pm at the French Social Club in Vernon. We'll have pizza and soft drinks starting at 6:30pm with the lecture to follow. All CCMA members are welcome. Non-members can attend for \$10.

Adam was once of the first magicians I met when I moved to CT when I attended my first SAM #127 Assembly meeting in Wallingford. He always had a deck of cards in his hands and asked me what I was interested in, what I was working on and to show him something. Almost 5 years later, Adam continues to ask me these same questions every time we meet. He is also a genuine friend who always asks about what I have been up to outside of magic. I was lucky enough to do a two-man show with him called *Conjuring & Comedy*. Our final piece was a Penn & Teller-eque *Bullet Catch* done with cards and some additional paraphernalia...

But all pleasantries aside, Adam loves magic more than anyone



else I know. (If you ask him, I bet he would say more so than his two children.) And that goes for all aspects of magic; performing stand-up, learning new close-up card moves, perfecting old and trying new routines. I'm excited to see his new lecture and glad I can call him a friend.

Hope to see you at the lecture,  
*Brad*

## Minutes, continued

"no" to every query until ordered to 'fess up. Eric was able to correctly identify who once had a crush on whom.

**Tim Hamilton** shared a Tenyo product--a little plastic man in a case. He had members push "swords" through case. The little plastic man, seemingly impaled, was released from the case unharmed. He also produced three feather flower bouquets from an empty cardboard tube, and showed us his crayon box with disappearing crayons.

**Bob Bader** showed a weird optical illusion with a mirror that apparently reverses reflections and turns diamonds into squares and vice-versa.

**Dave Garrity** had Bob call red or black and placed cards into two wine glasses. When the cards in the glasses were revealed, Bob had miraculously separated the deck into red and black.

**Tom Gentile** did a quick thing about finding a card, with gags about "smaller" cards that were actually tiny cards.

**Dave Wyskel** did a prediction with a "clock" of cards.

**Brad Beady** selected a card for Rick St. Pierre to guess. Rick guessed the eight of hearts. Amazingly, the eight of hearts WAS on the other side--of the 52-in-1 card!

## Meeting Photos



Eric Wolfe passes out paper slips for a mind-reading effect.



### More Meeting Photos



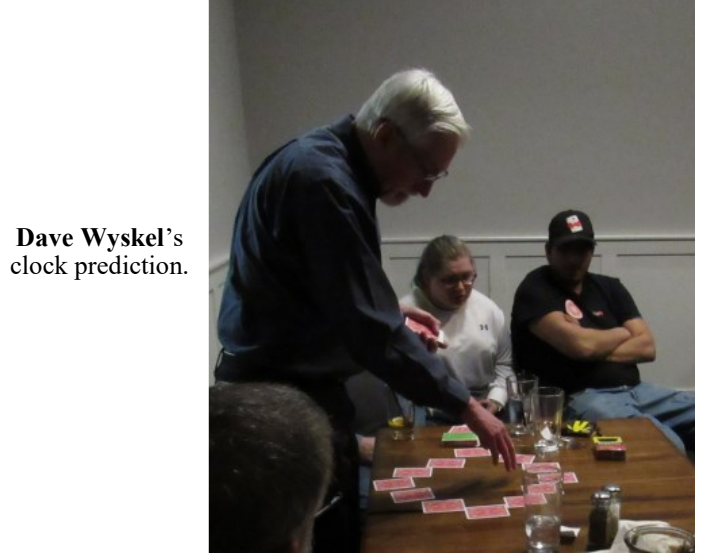
**Tom Gentile** does a small trick.



**Tim Hamilton's** disappearing crayons.



**Dave Garrity** separates cards at the call of a spectator.



**Dave Wysel's** clock prediction.



**Bob Bader's** baffling mirror.

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