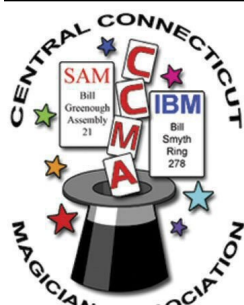


# Mordecai's Journal



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### Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

French Social Circle

341 Kelly Rd.

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## July Meeting: Patio at the Sclare Mansion

For the summer months, we'll be members' homes. July's meeting will be at **Dan Sclare's** patio, 13 Farmstead Lane, Ellington, on **July 10th**. See our president's column on page two for details. Festivities start at 6PM, with magic to follow.

## Report of June Meeting

9 June 2023 7:00 PM

This month's meeting was at Springhill Suites in Cromwell, CT, on a special day to provide a lecture by **Jon Allen**.

(My thanks to our president, **Brad Beady**, for this report.)

Mr. Allen opened with a trick that gave rise to the biggest cliché in magic and followed with a coin and sharpie routine that ended with a surprising production of a glass of water. He followed up with a great, impromptu way to peek at a piece of information.

With our very own **Dan Sclare** standing place for a child volunteer, Mr. Allen demonstrated a great routine and a bit of business with a magic marker.

Jon Allen demonstrated a few of his own creations; Double Back, Perfect Score, Wonder Fob and closing with Rule of 3, a three-card prediction from a deck of blank cards.

## When Last We Met



**Jon Allen**, in a meeting room at the Springhill Suites in Cromwell.

In the second half of the lecture, Jon showcased one of his newest releases, Down 2 One where through a series of random coin flips CCMA member Dan Sclare was once again chosen. An envelope was revealed to show that this set of random tosses and selections were all predicted.

Jon also gave some great advice on how to make spectators into participants and become more emotionally invested in a trick every magician knows, the Ambitious Card.

Jon closed the show with his Destination Box, a brilliant signed card to an impossible location.

Attendees of the lecture were able to purchase Jon's products and lecture notes after the show in addition to talk with Jon about his work, appearances on Penn & Teller Fool Us and storied career.

## From The President's Change Bag

Happy July!

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Jon Allen lecture. I think Mr. Allen gave a lot of practical advice, demonstrated some interesting tricks and methods, and sold some great products.

With the increasingly nice weather let's move outside! Our next meeting will be on July 10th at Dan Sclare's house, specifically his backyard patio. We will grill up burgers and dogs. Please bring an appetizer, drink, salad, side and/or dessert and some magic to share. Also, please RSVP to the calendar notice so we know how much food to make!

I am currently taking another sketch writing class at Sea Tea Comedy Studios. This makes my 4th sketch class that I've taken and am still learning things that make me a better comedy writer and thinker. In class we watch and analyze many sketches, on YouTube channels, sketch shows like SNL or the Dana Carvey Show or recordings of live sketch shows.

In the past couple classes, for whatever reason, the sketches have been based around the tropes associated with magicians. To be clear, these aren't comedy magicians or funny routines performed by magicians, but performances that either parody or use magic/magicians themselves as the comedic premise. Rather than describe all of them, I made [this YouTube Playlist](#) for you to peruse at your leisure.

Hope to see you Dan's,  
*Brad*



Go ahead, I won't peek!

## Meeting Photos



## More Meeting Photos



Oooh, a secret!



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