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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

French Social Circle

341 Kelly Rd.

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March Meeting: Tricks you got at NEMCON/New Magic

For our meeting in March, which starts with NEMCON, bring a trick you got or learned at the convention. Or perhaps, just a trick that's new to you. Join the sharing starting at **7:00 PM on March 11**. As always, a bunch of us will get there early for dinner and chit-chat at 6:00 PM.

Report of February Meeting

12 February 2024 7:15PM

8 members attending

Secretary's report accepted as published.

Treasurer's report was short—essentially we have the same amount of money as last month.

No Old or New Business this month.

Announcements: NEMCON is coming to Trumbull March 1-2.

Adjourned about 7:25 PM.

Tonight's theme was "Magic you got over the holidays."

Tim Hamilton demonstrated his Genie Box, which he opened to show empty, then from it produced a large handkerchief.

Paul Hamilton showed a different kind of Production Box. He opened the front and back doors to show it empty. Re-assembled, he was able to produce from it a couple of pens, a hanky, and a deck of cards.

Tom Piekos did some thread work to float a dollar bill. He also showed us some wine-bottle corks that he had hollowed out, lined with metal and re-

When Last We Met



Paul and Tim Hamilton with their boxes.

capped with extra cork.

Norm St. Laurent showed a routine in which coins seem to invisibly move from one hand to another. He also did a ring on shoelace routine. The ring came off the string at Norm's command. He also did a multi-coin trick, and an ingenious twist on a routine with three washers.

Eric Wolfe did a card trick with a special deck that was all blanks. By just thinking, a face appeared printed on one card, but still with a blank back. After a few false starts, turned the deck over to show a red-backed card. With a few twists, the deck proved to have backs of different colors and designs.

Dana Ring displayed a small puzzle he obtained this past month. Two copper-colored old-timey keys linked together. The object, of course, is to separate them. Everyone had fun playing around with them until Dana relented and showed them how to do it.

From The President's Change Bag

Happy March!

Apologies for missing the last meeting. I hope everything went well and there was plenty of magic shared. I plan on making the next meeting.

I'm writing this article near the end of February, prior to the New England Magicians Conference, i.e., NEMCON. It's a conference that I have been involved with for some years and am now responsible for running the website and registration. I'm looking forward to a few things for this year's conference:

The Friday Night Event with Harrison Lampert

Harrison has taken several improv classes and will be showcasing how to integrate improv lessons to improve your magic. As someone deeply invested in improv (maybe even more so than magic) I'm interested in how he approaches combining the two to improve your routines.

Bizarro Lecture

I have been a fan of Bizarro since seeing his [Penguin Live lecture](#) some time ago. He is a super creative magician who has come up with tricks like [Overstuff](#), which is definitely the best Oreo-based trick I know of. Looking forward to what else his crazy mind has come up with!

Late Night Jams

Lastly, and my most favorite part of NEMCON, is hanging out with all my magic friends, new and old. There's a certain time in the late night/early AM of the conference that's like a "magic haze" where even the smallest little magic trick can seem extra magical. This year we're fortunate that Daylight-Saving time falls in the second weekend in March instead of the first. So, in a way, we get an extra hour of NEMCON!

See you at the next meeting,
Brad

Meeting Photos



Tom Piekos
shows some
thread work.



Is this what the
banking
system means
by "float?"



Eric Wolfe
shows a deck,
bland on both
sides.

This is a later point in the routine, when the backs magically print themselves.



The keys of mystery.



Norm St. Laurent has a row of silver coins on the pad, with a copper coin in each fist.



Tom has a run at them.

After picking up the coins in alternating hands, shows that the silver and copper coins have separated.



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