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A newsletter of the
Tom Prete Assembly No. 127
The Society of American Magicians

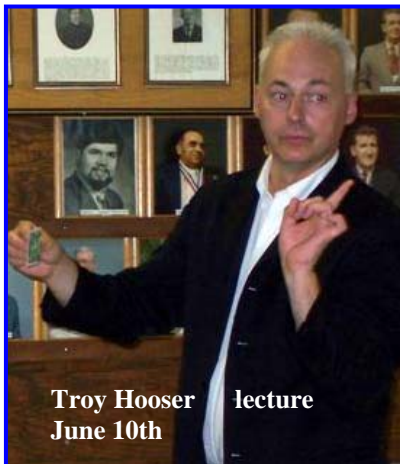
July 2008

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Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 279 Quinnipiac St. in Wallingford. Meetings start at 7:00 pm with a magic video, a 7:30pm business meeting followed by the members performing theme magic.

June Highlights in Pictures



Troy Hooser lecture
June 10th



Adam Parisi's did a Tribute to Dai Vernon magic at the June 17th meeting



The steal
Chick Kelman assists Adam



"What was your card?"



Tom Smith was next and fooled us all with his money trick



Charlie Cambra performed his



new cup and ball routine



He was terrific!

NEMCON 28' UP DATE

The following performers will appear at NEMCON 28' at the Crown Plaza Hotel on March 14, 2009.



Bob Little



David Boyd



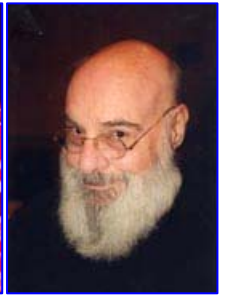
Shawn Farquhar



Eric DeCamps



Levent



Eugene Burger

Bob Little - There is no other magician in the world like Bob Little. Underneath his quirky, 'Wild Man' persona there is an experienced pro who will entertain you.

David Boyd – Quickly becoming a rising star. This seventeen year old magician will present his award-winning Dove and manipulation act.

Eric DeCamps – Winner of the S.A.M. Gold Medal of Excellence for Close Up Magic. Eric is only the second magician in the 105 year history of the S.A.M. to receive this prestigious award.

Shawn Farquhar – Three-Time FISM Award Winner. Two-Time IBM World Champion of Magic. SAM Close Up Medal of Honor and Mystic Craig Award.

Levant – A unique and brilliant combination of masterful comedy and world class sleight of hand makes Levant truly one of the funniest sought after comedian magicians in the country today.

Eugene Burger - One of the most respected names in close-up magic today and one of the 100 most influential magicians of the 20th century.

Honoring Bob Little

Friday night event: "Evening with Eric DeCamps" limited to first 60 registrants who book a room Friday night.

Saturday events: Close-up show: Bob Little, Shawn Farquhar & Eugene Burger & more

Lectures: Shawn Farquhar, Levent & Eugene Burger

Gala All Star Show: MC Bob Little, David Boyd, Shawn Farquhar, Levent & Eugene Burger

Sunday afternoon: Eugene Burger Master Class. A three hour seminar limited to 15 people (\$75 fee)

Can you identify this famous Magician?



This picture of a well known magician was taken April 22, 1976. He had a unique style of doing magic and was known as the 'hippie magician'. He and his wife Deborah toured the country with a show full of illusions and animals and is credited with reviving the magic show as a form of mass entertainment in North America. In the 1970s and 1980s, he created and starred in several magic musicals on Broadway, including "*The Magic Show*", "*Merlin*" and the "*World of Magic*." On his annual TV special, he recreated Harry Houdini's most famous trick, the "*Water Torture Escape*," before a live audience and made magic popular again. In 1992, he unveiled plans for a \$1.03 billion theme park, "*Veda Land*" that would be tied to Indian spiritual guru Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, the founder of Transcendental Meditation. He died on February 7, 2000 five months after being diagnosed with liver cancer at the age of 52.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Assembly dues were due in March. According to assembly 127 by-laws, if you have not paid your dues by the July meeting, you will be delinquent and dropped from membership in Assembly 127. You can mail a \$15 check payable to SAM Assembly 127 to Mike Gagne, 59 East Side Dr., Wallingford CT 06492

Notes from the President



Let me start by saying "Happy Summer" to everyone. It is so nice to have warm days and nights. Maybe we should have an outside meeting!! Send me your suggestions to have one outside

A lot is happening; we are documenting how NEMCON runs and reorganizing the committee, we have changed to a new location, and we are getting more organized on the running a convention.

We are updating our bylaws to get them current and aligned with changes SAM has made.

We had a great lecture from Troy Hooser and we even had some guests attend. Let us all try to recruit a new member. It would be nice to grow and get more people involved in magic. Remember our motto for this year "Get Involved"

-Bill Hoagland

Tom Prete Assembly 127 Picnic

Sunday - August 3, 2008

1:00-5:00pm

**At the Home of Henry & Rosa Holava
13 Meadow Way in Meriden (Rain or Shine)**

1:00 p.m. – Snacks, refreshments & the swimming pool will be open

2:00 p.m. – Bill Hoagland will fire up the grill

Henry will make Margaritas

4:00 p.m. – Magic in the Garden

(Bring a trick or two or three to perform)

The picnic is open to Assembly 127 members and family

Directions from I-91 North or RT-15 North

1. From I-91 North take **Exit 16** or from RT-15 North take **Exit 67** (E. Main Street Exit).
2. At end of exit ramp (traffic light), continue straight across E. Main St. onto **Bee Street** (There will be a Mobil Gas Station on your left and the Clover Leaf Office building on your right)
3. Drive down Bee Street 0.4 miles and after the church on your left turn right onto **Wynwood**
4. At the end of Wynwood, turn right onto **Tumblebrook**
5. Take your next left onto **Meadow Way** (Dead End Street)
6. **13 Meadow Way** will be the 2nd house from the corner on your right (light gay house with a car port on the side of house). Go around to the back and yell HELLO.

Directions from I-91 South

1. Take I-91 South to **Exit 19** (Baldwin Ave)
2. At end of ramp, turn right onto **Baldwin Ave.**
3. At the **STOP SIGN**, turn left onto **Bee Street.**
4. After you have gone under the last highway, turn left onto **Wynwood.**
5. Follow 4, 5 and 6 above

Directions from I-691 East

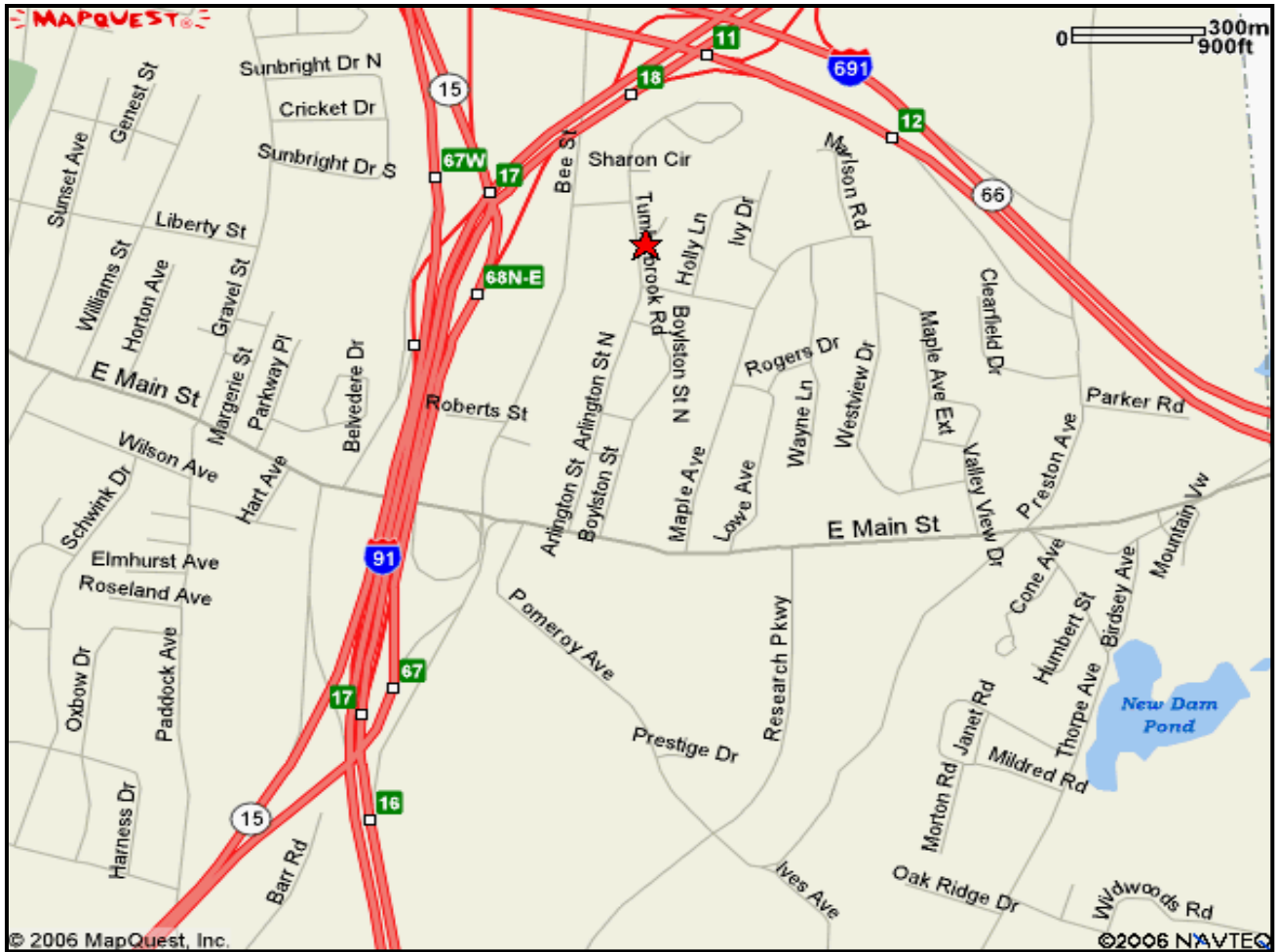
1. Take I-691 to **Exit 10** (Cross Parkway).
2. Stay in the right hand lane and following the signs to **E. Main St**
3. Turn left onto **E. Main Street**
4. Cross over I-91 and turn left onto **Bee Street.**
5. Follow directions 4, 5 and 6 above.

Reservations are a must and need to be made no later than July 27th

E-mail Bill Hoagland at whoagland@billhmagic.com or call Bill at (203) 877-0157

There is no cost for members. Adult non-member pay \$5 (kids are free)

★13 Meadow Way – Meriden
If lost call 203-238-1940



Summer Meetings

Tuesday July 17, 2008

7:00 pm – Watch a magic video

7:30 pm – Business Meeting

Bring your favorite trick to perform after the meeting

Sunday Aug 3 - Picnic at the Holava's

1:00 – 5:00 pm

See flyer insert for details

Tuesday Aug 19 - Regular meeting

7:00 pm – Watch a magic video

7:30 pm – Business meeting

MC Pat Guida

No slight card tricks

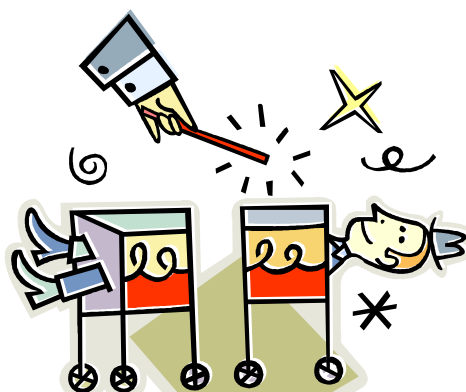
Save the dates!

Tuesday Sept 16.....Regular meeting
MC Henry Holava
Magic from magazines

Tuesday Oct 21.....Regular meeting
Magic Auction

Tuesday Nov 18.....Regular meeting
MC Bill Rotella
Mental Magic

Tuesday Dec 16Holiday Dinner
TBA



PERFORM A TRICK AT MEETINGS

Mystery magician is Douglas James Henning

“A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion”

A NEMCON 28' SPECIAL EVENT BOOKED



Eugene Burger will hold a special three hour Seminar at NEMCON on the topic "Mentalism and Magic."

**Sunday March 15, 2009 – 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Crown Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, Connecticut**

Eugene will discuss his own approach to this subject and teach several of the mentalism effects he performs. He will also discuss the forcing of objects such as cards, coins, etc. Finally, there will be time for you to ask your questions and take the discussion into the areas that most concern you.

When the leading international trade journal *MAGIC* magazine compiled its list of the most influential magicians of the twentieth century, Eugene Burger was included for his ability to "arouse feelings of astonishment". Eugene has written sixteen best-selling books for magicians, starred in five critically acclaimed instructional videos, and lectured in over a dozen countries. Discover for yourself what the *Chicago Tribune* hailed as the "delightful excitement" that is uniquely Eugene Burger.

Space is limited to 15 people. The fee for this especial seminar is \$75, payable to Eugene Burger. You can sign up at the NEMCON registration desk on Saturday.

SUMMER SALE

THE STUDIO OF MAGIC

1771 Silas Deane Hwy.

EACH SATURDAY IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST
THE STUDIO OF MAGIC WILL PLACE TRICKS AND BOOKS
SELECTED BY THE WEEK'S PROPRIETOR
ON SALE AT SUBSTANTIAL DISCOUNTS.
NO RAIN CHECKS AND NO SPECIAL ORDERS