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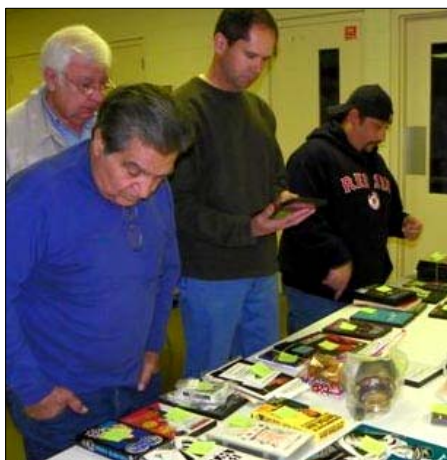
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Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the First United Methodist Church, 941 Old Rock Hill Road, Wallingford, CT 06473. Meetings start at 7:00 pm with a magic video, a 7:30pm business meeting followed by the members performing magic. [Click here for directions](#)

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## The October Flea Market



I wish I could afford this stuff



I can't believe I sold something



Where are all the customers



We don't buy magic any more



I hope he has money



Make me an offer so I can go home

*Over heard at the flea mart - Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.  
-who at the flea mart was giving out dead batteries free of charge?*

## The November Meeting at Bill Rotella's House

### Tuesday November 17, 2009

76 Norton St., Waterbury

The regular November 17th meeting will not be held at the Church but rather it will be held at the home of Assembly 127 member Bill Rotella in Waterbury (Directions to Bill house are below).

Bill Rotella has graciously once again invited Assembly 127 members to be his guest starting around 6:30 pm with lite refreshments. There will be a very brief informal meeting at 7:30pm with magic immediately after. It's ESP & Mentalism Night, so rack your brains and perform your favorite mental trick or that new trick you've been working on. *For you new members, you will get to see Bill's extensive magic collection.*

#### Directions to Bill Rotella's House (76 Norton St, Waterbury)

From I-84 west, take exit 18, and stay right towards Highland Ave. (Sign)

Turn right onto Highland Ave, and stay straight for about 0.9 mile.

At the 3rd light, bear left and then turn left onto Burr St. (just past Gas Station, Convenience Store).

At the stop sign, turn right onto Norton St.

Bill's house is the 2nd house on the right (from exit 18 to Bill's house is 1.3 miles).

If you get lost call Bill at 203-575-0684

Map to Bill house, go to: <http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Waterbury&state=ct&address=76+Norton+St#>

## Notes from Assembly 127 President ~ Bill Hoagland



September was a busy month; we had NEMCON meetings and we got the initial NEMCON registration flyer in the mail to all past registrants. We had a lot of fun stuffing, addressing and stamping envelopes and eating pizza!

The NEMCON web page has been up dated for the 2010 convention and we received our first ever, online Registration for NEMCON. Very Exciting!!! You can now register for NEMCON online and pay by credit card.

We received a request to help out Veterans at the VA hospital in West Haven. They asked members from our assembly would teach them magic to perform at their Halloween Party. We had a couple volunteers and I would like to thank Neal Prete, Dave Wyskiel and Chick Kelman for helping out the VA with this project. I am sure the VETs are going to have great time showing their friends some magic.

For those of you who are I.B.M. members; look for Assembly member Henry Holava's Sponge Dice routine in the October issue of Linking Ring under Tom Craven's "Heavenly Close-up" section of the magazine.

Thanks and remember my motto, "Get Involved"

**Bill Hoagland**

President, Assembly #127

## Interview of new assembly member Ray Lorenzo by Bill Hoagland



Bill - How did you get interested in magic?

Ray - *I GOT INTERESTED IN MAGIC WHEN I WAS ABOUT 12 YEARS OLD, AND WANTED TO LEARN MORE IN THE ART.*

Bill - How did you choose SAM127 to join?

Ray - *I CHOOSE SAM127 BECAUSE I'AM ALREADY A SAM MEMBER AND I MET MARLENE CLARK AND SHE TOLD ME ABOUT HER MEETINGS.*

Bill - Are you "for" or "against" the Masked Magician on TV?

Ray - *I HATE THE MASKED MAGICIAN AND THAT'S TO BAD THAT HE HAS TO GO THAT LOW JUST TO MAKE A DOLLAR; SO I'AM AGAINST HIM.*

Bill - Who is one person you look up to in Magic and why?

Ray - *THE PERSON I LOOK UP TO IN MAGIC IS DAVID COPPERFIELD BECAUSE HE IS I THINK THE BEST PERFORMER IN THE FIELD AND HE ALSO HAS THAT PASSION.*

Bill - What is your favorite Magic Book?

Ray - *I DON'T HAVE A FAVORITE BOOK BECAUSE THEY ARE ALL GOOD ONES; AT LEAST THE ONES I READ.*

Bill - What is your favorite kind of magic (close-up, platform, stage)?

Ray - *I LOVE THEM ALL BUT I WOULD HAVE TO SAY STAGE MAGIC.*

Bill - What is your favorite trick?

Ray - *I DON'T HAVE A FAVORITE TRICK BECAUSE ALL THE TRICKS ARE LIKE MY CHILDREN; I CAN'T HAVE A FAVORITE ONE THERE ALL GOOD.*

## Members turned out for the NEMCON mailing

On Tuesday September 29th, seventeen members showed up to help put together the NEMCON registration mailing. In all, we stuffed 400 envelopes for a 340 piece mailing and then had to un-stuff 60 envelopes. That's how organized we were; but we did get the mailing out and to the post office that night. Good job by all!



Dave and Kevin



Tom, Marlene and Chick



Tom's daughter is camera shy

## A second look at your NEMCON XXIX performers

### Marc Oberon



Marc Oberon lives with his wife and two children in a suburb outside Nottingham England. Marc won the European champion of close-up magic in 2005 - beating eight of the world's best magicians. He has won the USA People's Trophy and the Macmillan International Award. In 2008, Marc won the \$10,000 grand prize for his close-up magic at the combined IBM/SAM convention and won the 2009 FISIM world championship of Parlor Magic in Beijing.

For more information on Marc Oberon, visit his web site at <http://www.marcoberon.com/closeup-flash.htm>

### Gene Anderson



Gene Anderson is an internationally renowned scientist and magician. He earned a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin and did post-doctoral research in electron diffraction at the University of Oslo in Norway. When Gene retired from the Dow Chemical Company he was the Global Director of Research and Development Learning

As an internationally renowned magician, Gene has performed all over the USA and in twenty other countries on six continents. And like so many great performers, he's not only an expert on the subject; he's an expert on presenting it. So when you attend a Gene Anderson lecture, you'll learn. And you'll laugh too.

He was awarded seven first-prize trophies in magic competitions for stage, comedy, close-up and originality. He has been on the covers of GENII and THE LINKING RING magazines, and was nominated for two Academy Awards by the Academy of Magical Arts in Hollywood. He is the acknowledged master of newspaper magic but he also features such objects as ropes, eggs and even a sink stopper. Among his many magical writings, his book "Newspaper Magic," now in its eleventh printing, is one of the best selling books ever! This multi-talented man of many faces is guaranteed to delight and thrill any audience, anywhere, any time! Visit Gene's web site at <http://www.geneanderson.biz/magic/index.html>

### Melissa Russo



Melissa Russo is fairly new to the magic scene; this 13 year old sensation from Trumbull, Connecticut has taken the magic world by surprise. After winning numerous awards, she was selected to open the Stars of Tomorrow show at the 2009 S.A.M. convention in Buffalo, NY. This young lady receives standing ovations everywhere she performs.

Hers is an act that will warm your heart, so don't miss the magic of Melissa Russo, The Queen of Hearts.

**Next month look for NEMCON XXIX performers Bob Fitch and John Henry**

# The NEMCON Corporation

After a year of planning and restructuring, NEMCON is now a registered corporation under the laws of the state of Connecticut and will be known as the New England Magicians' Conference, Inc. (or referred to as NEMCON or the corporation).

At the first official meeting of the new corporation held on September 29, 2009, by-laws, a Board of Directors, corporate officers, and committees were established.

*The purposes of the new NEMCON Corporation are twofold: first, to conduct conferences, forums, panels, lectures, and similar programs for instruction and training of individuals in the art of and performance of magic; and second, to protect Assembly 127 from liability should there ever be a problem with or at the conference.*

The Board of Directors will consist of a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 elected members. Directors must be members in good standing of Assembly 127. The following are the newly elected members of the NEMCON Board of Directors:

## Board of Directors~ 2 year term



*Henry Holava*  
Chairman

*Pat Guida*

*Dick Hodes*

*Tom Smith*

## Board of Directors~ 1 year term



*Bill Hoagland*  
Vice-chair

*Mike Nabel*  
Treasurer

*David Wyskiel*  
Secretary

*Joe Cabral*

In subsequent years, directors will be elected to two-year terms at the annual meeting. There is no limit on the number of two-year consecutive terms a person may serve as a director.

The Board of Directors will govern the business and affairs of NEMCON, and be responsible for providing policy, direction, strategic planning, and providing committees and functions necessary for the viability of NEMCON.

**Corporate officers** are elected from members of the Board of Directors, serve for a term of one year and are elected by the BOD at its annual meeting. Only board members can serve as officers. The following Board members were elected as officers of the new corporation: *Chairman – Henry Holava, Vice-chairman – Bill Hoagland, Treasurer – Mike Nabel ~ Secretary – Dave Wyskiel*

The officers and such other members of the board as appointed by the chairperson will serve as the Executive Committee. The executive committee will be responsible for such duties as assigned by the Board of Directors. Only a person who is a Director of NEMCON can serve on the Executive Committee.

*The Chairperson shall coordinate all activities of NEMCON, be the chairperson of the annual conference, preside at all meetings of the board, and chair meetings of the executive committee.*

The Board of Directors may appoint Ad Hoc Committees and the chairperson shall appoint the chair of each committee. The Board of Directors may also appoint advisors to the board. *The following were elected by the board as Advisory Board Members;*



*Mike Gagne* *Kevin Comerford* *Eric DeCamps*

Advisors are persons with special expertise and/or interest in NEMCON to serve in an advisory capacity. Advisors may contribute to the proceedings. *Board advisor Mike Gagne will file the necessary paper work to designate NEMCON as a tax exempt corporation.*

Copies of NEMCON by-laws will be made available at the December Assembly meeting.

On behalf of the NEMCON Board of Directors, we thank assembly member David Wyskiel for guiding us through the process of drafting the by-laws and filing the necessary papers with the State of Connecticut.

*Henry Holava*  
Chairman

## Web site of the month

The following web site was sent in by Tom Smith: <http://www.quirkology.com/USA/Videos.shtml> Click on the video tab and you will have access to some of the cleverest magic videos.

If you have a web site you would like to share, send the link to [hholava@cox.net](mailto:hholava@cox.net)

## Mark Your Calendar

**Tuesday Dec 16 ~ Regular meeting**

Nomination of new assembly officers

Holiday magic theme



**Tuesday Jan. 19, 2010 ~ Annual dinner & show**

Jacoby's Restaurant

Specifics to be announced



**February 16, 2010 ~ Regular meeting**

Election of new officers

Magic Theme to be announced



**March 13, 2010 ~ NEMCON**

Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell



**March 16, 2010 ~ Regular meeting**

Installation of new assembly officers

Magic theme to be announced

## What's Happening In & Around the State

Joe Cabral Presents

**The Inner Circle of Bizarre Magick's 18th Annual Gathering of the Magi**

November 12, 13, 14, 2009

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resorts

1284 Strongtown Road, Southbury CT

**Honoree Bruce Barnett**

*FEATURING* Losander ~ Bob Fitch ~ Bob Neal

*Dealers\* close-up show\* Lectures\* Works in Progress Session\* Evening Dinner Show  
And lots of late night weirdness*

For further information call 203-757-1463 or visit [WWW.ICBMMAGICK.COM](http://WWW.ICBMMAGICK.COM)

## Michael Ammar Lecture

Sponsored by New London Assembly 63

7:00 pm ~ Monday November 16th

Don Beebe's Barn, 197 Dudley Street, Norwich, CT

Cost: \$20.00

RSVP Jim Spinnato at 860-447-1107 or click on [james.spinnato@snet.net](mailto:james.spinnato@snet.net)

## Michael Ammar Lecture & Workshop

Sponsored by the New Magicians Association

Thursday November 12th

Germania's Schwaben Club ~ 416 Horace St. in Bridgeport

90 minute Workshop 5:00 P.M. prior to the 7:30 P.M. lecture

The workshop will include different material then the lecture

**The lecture cost \$20 and the workshop cost \$35**

Anyone interested in attending the workshop needs to send an email ASAP to: [themagicman1957@aol.com](mailto:themagicman1957@aol.com) to reserve your seat. Reservations are necessary because seating is limited to 12 participants. Also, the \$35 fee must be paid in advance to guarantee your seat.



### Congratulation Eric DeCamps ~ Dean of Assembly No. 1

Here is a picture of Eric getting his Plaque as Dean of SAM #1 from S.A.M. President Mike Miller. Eric was nominated by George Schindler to replace himself as Dean of Assembly No.1 when George became Dean of the National SAM.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Magic Week in New Haven

October 24-31, 2009

Local magicians from I.B.M. Ring 59 have teamed up with the New Haven Public Library and other venues to provide free magic shows throughout the last eight days of October.

Saturday 24	2:00	Main Library at 133 Elm Street	Magic Dan & Zach Ivins
Sunday 25	11:00	Edgewood Park off of Whalley Ave.	Cyril the Sorcerer
Sunday 25	11:30 - 1:30	Leon's Restaurant, New Haven*	Bryan Lizotte
Monday 26	4:00	Mitchell Library at 37 Harrison	Bryan Lizotte
Tuesday 27	4:00	Stetson Library at 200 Dixwell	Jeff Horton
Wednesday 28	4:00	Wilson Library at 303 Washington	Magic, by Jove
Thursday 29	4:00	Fair Haven Library at 182 Grand	Cyril the Sorcerer
Friday 30	4:00	Main Library at 133 Elm Street	Wizard Jim
Friday 30	4:15	Hamden Public Library 2901 Dixwell	Keith Zalinger
Friday 30	7:00	College Woods, East Rock Park	Cyril the Sorcerer
Saturday 31	1:30	Mitchell Library at 37 Harrison	Magic, by Jove

\* Bryan Lizotte will be visiting tables while guests are waiting for their meals or have finished.



**QUESTION OF THE MONTH** – *If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?*

My wife and I recently saw the musical "The Fantasticks" currently playing at Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven. The production includes a lot of magical effects, tricks and illusions. The play opens with a magician producing a lit candle and a flower from the candle's flame. The flower then changes into a large ball and the magician does some very good ball manipulations. The ball changes into 3 small balls and the magician proceeds to do the cups and ball. From under the cups he produces two large yellow balls and a flower. The magician makes a paper cone, drops the flower into the cone from which he produces hundreds of flowers; pouring from the cone.

The show included several large illusions in which players vanish and reappear. The best illusion was the magician unrolls a scroll to show a picture of the leading lady in the play. A sheet is draped over the lady next to a life size empty picture frame. The magician attached the scroll to the top of the frame and as he unrolls the scroll, the lady that was under the sheet appears as if she was the picture on the scroll and she is in a different costume. She comes alive and walks forward. It was very clever and well done. The magician also vanishes and reappears four of the players as a group from a large cloth. The show was full of other effects; producing and manipulating flames from bare hands, fire eating, and lots of confetti from the bare hands using a fan.

I highly recommend seeing the "Fantasticks" before the show closes on November 1st.

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