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



June 2011

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

## Who Performed at the May Meeting?



## Next Assembly Meeting

**Tuesday June 21, 2011**

**7:30 pm – Business Meeting**

**Money Magic Night with MC Jeff Doskos**

**Perform a trick and get your picture in the newsletter**

## Future Meetings ~ Mark your calendar

**July 19, 2011 ~ Summer meeting**

Self Working Trick Night with MC Mike Gagne



**August 16, 2011 ~ Regular meeting**

Magazine Magic Night with MC Henry Holava



**September 20, 2011 ~ Regular meeting**

Mathematical Magic Night with MC Professor Mike Nabel



**October 18, 2011 ~ Regular meeting**

Children's Magic Night with MC Chick Kelman

## FFFF Close-up Convention by Henry Holava

Joe Cabral and I recently attended the prestige's "Fechter's Finger Flicking Frolic" close-up convention commonly referred to as the 4F convention; held annually in Batavia New York. A record 234 invited magicians were in attendance.

Over the course of four days, we got to attend six lectures, a workshop on promotional gifts, Teach-a-Trick session and six close-up shows, and still found time to spend some of my money in the dealer's room. Lectures were given by Richard Pinner from the UK, Alex Hecklua from Germany, Jon Allan from the UK, Steve Beam from the USA, Marcelo Insua from Argentina and Astor from Hungary. A total of seventy magicians from around the world (USA, Canada, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Hungary, France, Argentina, Holland, Germany, Scotland and England) performed in the six close-up shows. There were several standing ovations but I thought Paul Gertner's high tech routine with an iPad was outstanding magic.

Steve Bargatze and Rick Merrill closed the Saturday evening show with an outrage comedy bit in which Bargatzi had to reveal a chosen card. Merrill put donuts on Bargatzi's eyes; wrapped his head with duct tape, and put a bag over his head to make sure he couldn't see the chosen card. Then all hell broke loose when Merrill started hitting Bargatzi over the head with an Aluminum baking pan because he thought Bargatzi was lying that he couldn't see. Soon, people from the audience (Oscar Munoz, Bob Sheets, Steve Bean, Paul Gertner, Shawn Farquhar, and Eric Joans) joined in beating Bargatzi over the head. It got so violent that Howe Schwartzman got up and left the room. As bargatzi was dragged off the stage, he produced the chosen card. Here are a few picture highlights of this year's 4F convention.



Ocean Beach Wednesday Night Magic Series begins its 10th year on June 29<sup>th</sup>  
Show times are 7pm on the board-walk

## Used Magic for Sale

Frank Rinaldi, who is a past Assembly 127 member and past Assembly 127 president, is selling his magic. If interested, call Frank to set up a time to look over what he has to sell. He lives at 141 Constitution St in Wallingford. Frank's home phone number is 203-284-5866 and his cell number is 203-9078-6526.

## What's Happening in & around Connecticut

Joe Cabral Presents...

### The 21th Annual New England Gathering of the Magi

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resorts  
1284 Strongtown Road, Southbury CT  
November 10, 11, 12, 2011

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

For further information visit <http://www.icbmmagick.com>

## Metro-Magic

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Meadowlands Quality Inn, 10 Polito Ave., Lyndhurst, NJ

4 Lectures \* 3 Close-up Shows \* 12 Dealers

For further information & registration go to [www.metro-magic.com](http://www.metro-magic.com)

## STEVE COHEN'S CHAMBER MAGIC

Held most Friday and Saturday nights at 7 and 9 PM  
Waldorf Astoria, NYC. YEAR ROUND

The intimate setting in a beautiful, private suite in The Waldorf Towers combined with the cocktail attire in which guests are encouraged to dress makes the performance feel like a trip back in time to old time Manhattan in the early 20th century. For details and schedule go to <http://www.chambermagic.com>

## Monday Night Magic

New York's longest running magic show every Monday Night

**Bleecker Street Theatre**

45 Bleecker Street, New York, NY 10012

The theatre is just east of Lafayette Street (24 hour hotline 212-615-6432)

For show & parking information visit their website at [www.mondaynightmagic.com](http://www.mondaynightmagic.com)

**Central CT Magicians Association presents**

**Aldo Columbini Lecture**

June 13, 2011

Angelo's Restaurant

2705 Main Street

Glastonbury, CT 06033

## "CT NIGHT"

At the Mystery Lounge in downtown Cambridge, MA

Featuring Pete Haddad, Bill Hoagland, Jim Spinnato & David Garrity

The "Mystery Lounge" is located upstairs at The Comedy Studio in Harvard Square at 1236 Mass Ave, Cambridge, MA

<http://www.mysterylounge.com/Home.html>

**MAGIC ON TV**

For the latest daily update on Magic on TV, please check website <http://www.tvmagicguide.com/>

Bob Solari, Bil Wisch and Carl Bajor present

**Metro Magic**

October 2, 2011

Lectures and performances by Lennart Green, Wayne Houchin and Dan Fleshmann-

**Quality Inn**

**10 Pollito Ave., Lyndhurst, New Jersey**

For more information visit: [METRO-MAGIC.com](http://METRO-MAGIC.com) or contact Bob Solari at 973-246-5207

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