



# “The Coin Pail”

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## Magic Workshop Format Under Discussion

At our February meeting much was being asked about the format of our fairly successful Magic Workshops. These have been great in the last few months, but attendance at Nancy’s balloon workshop was disappointing to say the least. Dick Roy suggested that we ‘poll’ the membership before we proceed to offer an actual workshop, and the other suggestion was to only do them every-other month.

This month we are doing an Okito Box workshop at Don Beebe’s barn; Okito boxes will be available for \$8.00 a piece if you do not have one. Peter Crizer will be leading the workshop, but your input is always appreciated, these night normally turn into a great discussion of the concept of the magic, and everyone shares what they know about the magic at hand.

Suggestions for future workshops include Sponge Ball Magic, Rubber Band Magic, maybe cups and balls. If you have a suggestion, or would like to lead a Magic Workshop, let it be known to the group and we can move forward with the ideas at hand.

## Are You Attending NEMCON?

If you are attending NEMCON this year I would appreciate your thoughts and comments about it. If you are having lunch with any of the stars of the day, and have any great conversations with them you would like to share, I’d like to hear from you, and I’m sure our members would like to hear about it too.—  
Ed.

## Zach Ivins in Las Vegas!

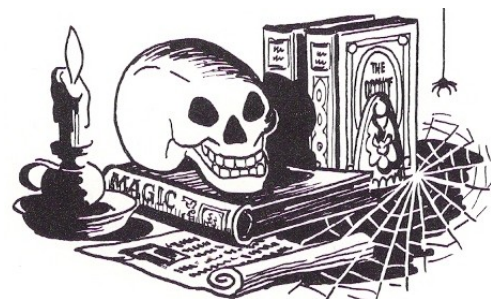
Just before I went to publication of this newsletter, I checked in with Zach via FaceBook, and here’s what his latest posting said:

*I hung out with at Lance Burton's house today with Criss Angel, Siegfried, Mac King, Darren Romeo, Johnny Thompson, Joshua Jay, Nathan Burton, and many other great magicians. I'm competing in the preliminary contest tomorrow at 8:30 AM!!*

That would be 8:30 a.m. on Monday March 1, and I’m sure that we are all thinking good thoughts for one of our own.

## MEMBER MAGIC

At the February meeting held at Dick Roy’s house we had a lot of member magic, which is what this club is about, right? Dick Roy did a color changing card routine, Sean did a really cool thing with a nickel, ( can’t describe it here ), Dominic Paddock, Sr. did a bent penny routine, and Peter Haddad won the evening with his partial cups & balls routine, proving that even old magic is still noteworthy. What will YOU bring to member magic to show off in April ??



## What’s Happening?

**N.L.S.M. Workshop  
Okito Box  
March 8**

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**NEMCON  
March 13th**

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**N.L.S.M.  
Jim Sisti Lecture  
March 17**

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**N.L.S.M.  
David Ginn Lecture  
Sun. May 16**


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If you have things happening in your magic world that you want the NLSM to know about, e-mail Peter at:

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Deadline is the last of each month for the following month

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## NEXT MEETING

**WED. MAR. 17TH @ 7PM**  
**DON BEEBE'S BARN**  
**JIM SISTI'S LECTURE**  
**NEWS INSIDE !**

## NEXT MAGIC WORKSHOP

**"Okito Box Magic"**  
**Don Beebe's Barn**  
**Monday March 8, 2010**  
**7:00 to 9:00**

## VERY IMPORTANT NEWS

It was decided at our February meeting that we will start holding our meeting on the **THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH** starting with the April meeting. Please make note of this in your calendar or planner. That will make our April meeting on the 20th, note that the Jim Sisti lecture is still on the third Wednesday of March and replaces the regular March meeting.

## RECOLLECTIONS OF THE PAST

*This is a continuation of a transcript of a conversation between Dick Roy and Al Stefanick in regard to the beginnings of The New London Society of Magicians*

**AL S.:** And Mal Greenaway was the teacher and Charlie Willing worked at the Electric Boat Company. He was at the Sup. Ship's office. Maybe that's how I got into magic knowing that there was a group around - possibly through Charlie Willing at Sup. Ships, because he was Electrical, I think, and I was Electrical and maybe that's how I became aware of the Magic Group.

**DICK R.:** I can remember top dollar in those days for a magic show was low: if you got 25 dollars for a magic show, you got a lot of money. Well, when we finally got much bigger with the charter, I do remember. I don't know if this was first. but at Mal Greenaway's church, with an agreement with Mal's church on top of Broad Street in New London, I guess it was, we used to meet there.

**AL S.:** Second Congregational Church, I believe.

**DICK R.:** And we met there, but I don't recall, they didn't charge us because we'd do a show for them.

**AL S.:** Yes, we'd do a Christmas show for them, and they had a nice auditorium there. We had guest clubs down, and we'd put on nice shows. They would come from Providence and Hartford or wherever.

**DICK R.:** We took our trips, I remember, as a club. Then that sort of faded away. But what did we do? Did we go to different houses? You have a better recollection of that than I do.

**AL S.:** Yes. Let's go back a little. For some reason we had both IBM and SAM come in and for some reason - I don't remember why - probably around 1953, we went SAM and we became Assembly #63. At the time we had to have at least 6 active members, and we did. And then when we got that SAM charter, and that's the charter I gave you, and you gave it back to me. I wish I had it in front of me, but I can't find it. We had accumulated maybe 14 or 15 people who were charter members. Such people as Charlie Willing, who has died, Mal Greenaway, who's dead, Lou Crandall, a memory expert - dead, Carl Stem: - dead. There must be, of the

15, maybe 10 known dead. A couple of others might still be around. I don't know where they might be.

**DICK R.:** Don't forget Russ Douten. He was in our club. He was one of the first and worked with doves. But it was Bill Ovette from Mystic who really wowed us with a body load. He was our first dove fellow.

**AL S.:** Is Bill still alive?

**DICK R.:** I don't know. I bumped into him once or twice in the last 20 years but I haven't seen him in the last 5 or 10 years.

**AL S.:** We're talking about the original charter members. Russ Doulon was one of the original charter members still alive. But I believe the only two on the original list still alive and active around here are Dick and I.

**DICK R.:** We wound up going to the Fleet Reserve on Bank Street, upstairs. I remember that because when I bought my first Abbott coin pail, which I still have, the fellows, unknown to me, (as I found out later, Al was the guy), stole my load and left me one coin on each side, so after producing one coin proudly, I turned the pail around and produced another coin, and thought everything was ok, until I realized that no more coins were left. All I could say was who was the wise guy who stole my coins. I guess it was you, Al, .

**AL S.:** Maybe Fran Beebe was in on it too, I'm not sure. Anyway, while we were at the Fleet Reserve, ..

**DICK R.:** Somebody had a heart attack while driving down State Street, and died. Do you remember who it was? I don't think he was a charter member. I remember that while he was in our show, he wanted to do a card trick, using a color-changing deck. I said you can't do that on the stage. But I don't remember his name. Do you?

**AL S.:** I only remember the incident. But for a long time, we met at people's houses. Right after we first started, we met at Dick's house, and then at Mal Greenaway's. Every month we'd meet at a different house. Then, for a while, we'd meet at Fleet Reserve. I don't remember why.

***This conversation will be continued in April's Coin Pail***