# THE GIMMICK 

S.A.M. Assembly \#16-Rev. Willard S. Smith



# NEW SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE DAN FLESHMAN OCTOBER 11 - WEDNESDAY - 7:30PM 

DAN IS AN EXPERT ON<br>RESTAURANT, TRADESHOW \& CLOSE UP MAGIC.

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## September Meeting Review 9/11/17

Pizza and a round table discussion began our September meeting. Members shared recent news and upcoming events. Dennis Pimenta will be performing for the 9th year at the Autumn Festival in Woonsocket, RI. October 7-9th.

Chris Palmer recommended members visit the Animagic Museum in Lee, MA. There you can witness firsthand props and special effects used in actual Hollywood movies. Call Eugene for more info. 413-242-2051


Further discussion revolved around performing for people who may not enjoy magic. Certain religious communities or misinformed individuals may view magic in a negative way, or as a 'forbidden' practice. Gospel Magic is a niche segment where magic is used as a teaching tool. Some gospel magicians are not allowed to use magic words such as 'Abracadabra'. To each their own.

Show and Tell featured Javier Valencia's presentation where four cards were freely selected and claimed to be the four aces. However, they were four indifferent cards. Javier removed a dollar bill from his wallet to announce the four randomly selected cards matched the final four digits of the bill's serial number!


Nate the Great performed his version of the classic Nickles to Dimes effect, where coins magically change. Members added additional tips and advice on the routine.

Jim Loscutoff from SAM 104 made a surprise visit to the barn to say hello and promote the upcoming SAMCON convention November 18, 2017. Jim then demonstrated a fine version of card warp using a dollar bill and playing card. How does the card turn over? If you went to the meeting then of course you know. Thanks for sharing Jim!



Mike Mayo perplexed the onlookers with a diabolical Ed Marlo routine. He next displayed his newest historical acquisition, Passe Passe bottles and metal tubes once owned and performed by the great female magician, Dell O'Dell.

Show and Tell was capped off by Bob Cain and his box of magic. He demonstrated favorites such as the classic bending spike and vanishing glass. Other props and effects he asked members for clarification. Dennis Pimenta not only identified but also performed the Siberian Chain Escape. Bob’s ‘What Is It Box’ always generates great conversation.


Scott Martell closed out the meeting with a lecture on the Diminishing Cards effect. He demonstrated and taught various methods, mostly clever mechanical versions as well as impromptu presentations. Scott asked the group for presentational ideas as to why a deck of cards would become smaller? Would your pasteboards shrink after traveling through a washer and dryer, or perhaps a witchdoctor shruk the kings head? In addition to the shrinking cards, Scott offered reverse effects where the cards instead grew in size!



Expert Tip: Nate The Great uses a standard cosmetology case to keep a large number of props and magic effects secure and organized when performing. A good magician knows where each trick is when he or she needs it and how to save space in the process. Thanks for the tip Nate!



## The Canadians are coming!

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