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The Gimmick



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Next Meeting Theme

Pasteboard Prestidigitation

Wright Writes (David Wright, President)

Did you hear the one about the Spanish magician who said that he would vanish on the count of 'three.' He started, "Uno, dos" And he suddenly disappeared without a trace!

Our February performance theme is Pasteboard Prestidigitation, aka card magic. The history of card magic dates back as far as the second half of the fourteenth century. It became especially popular with magicians in the last century as decks of playing cards become inexpensive, versatile, and easily available. Before becoming world famous for his escapes, Houdini billed himself as "The King of Cards."

In today's world, a deck of playing cards is one of the most common tools in the magician's arsenal. It can be used as a prop for close-up, parlor and street magic. Although magicians have created and presented a myriad of effects with cards, most card tricks are based upon only about one hundred or so basic principles and techniques. Presentation and context account for many of the variations.

At our next club meeting, we will look into card magic in all its deviations. Please come prepared to show us your newest card trick or any classic routine. Everyone attending this event should come away with a better understanding and appreciation for card magic.

In addition to Pasteboard Prestidigitation, we will have a Teach-A-Trick session this evening. Someone from the club will teach everyone in attendance a trick worthy of your attention and consideration.



IBM 192 Meets at
7:00 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of each month
at Mission Oaks Community Center
4701 Gibbons Drive
Carmichael, CA 95608
<http://magic1.org/ibm192/>

(Note that SAM meetings are also at
Mission Oaks in 2015)

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Dues for 2015

Your IBM 192 membership dues for 2015 are due now. Dues are only \$5 if paid by February meeting (2/11). After 2/11, dues are \$25. To pay by mail, make a check out to Victor St. Leon, Ring 192.

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2015 Calendar and Meeting Themes

Date	Performance Theme	Additional Information
Feb 5 th	Matthew Wright Lecture	Grand Illusions
Feb 11 th	Pasteboard Prestidigitation	Mission Oaks
March 11 th	Comedy Magic	Mission Oaks
March 12 th	Kim Silverman Lecture	Grand Illusions
April 8 th	Wand Wonders	Mission Oaks
May 13 th	Silver Sleights	Mission Oaks
May 27 th	Close-up Competition	SAM Meeting - Mission Oaks
June 10 th	Magic to Music	Mission Oaks
July 8 th	Mental Mysteries	Mission Oaks
July 30 th - Aug 1 st	Golden Gate Gathering Facebook Page	Foster City
Aug. 12 th	Stand-up Competition	IBM Meeting - Mission Oaks
Sept. 9 th	Gambling Gimmicks	Mission Oaks
Oct. TBA	Magic Festival	Old Sacramento
Oct. 10 th	Annual Mission Oaks Community Show	Mission Oaks
Oct. 14 th	Ghostly Animation	Mission Oaks
Nov. 11 th	Rings, Rope, Strings & Things	Elect Officers for 2016
Nov. TBD	Magic Auction and Flea Market	(location TBD)
Dec. 2 nd (1 st Wed.)	Holiday Magic	IBM/SAM Mixer
Dec. TBD	Dale & Elaine Lorzo's 22nd Holiday Party	Dale & Elaine's House
Dec. 9 th	NO MEETING	



[Matthew Wright Lecture](#) **Grand Illusions**

February 5th, 2015, 7:30pm
\$35 at door
Free for [seasons pass holders](#)

Matthew is one of the most celebrated magicians not only in the UK but all across Europe. He has won more awards than his friends can bear to listen to him list and his crazy comedy character has resulted in people describing him as "an autistic Doctor Who", although Simon Cowell was possibly more accurate when he said, "Matthew, your magic is amazing but you are rude, arrogant and obnoxious."

As well as his hilarious comedy cabaret show Matthew is also known as a world class Parlor magician. Close-up magic or "walk around" magic is another option and Matthew spent many years on the UK corporate party circuit providing entertainment for many of the country's top corporate parties.

Wright is a puppeteer, comedian, magician extraordinaire. A devoted student of prestidigitation and the illusions they entail, Mr. Wright is a practiced and experienced practitioner of his craft. He studied Theater Practice at the Central School of Speech and Drama, a school that has produced such luminaries as Sir Lawrence Olivier and Dame Judy Dench. Following that, he also obtained a BA in special effects, where he specifically learned how to design and craft exciting and never-before-seen magic tricks.

January Performers



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January Performers - Everything Old Is New Again

Harry Mossman used an "old" deck, the replica Highlanders 1864 deck to do a new trick, the Jonah Card. Harry showed that he could win every poker hand using this technique. (In early poker, suites and straights were irrelevant, only 10 through ace cards were used, and there was no discard and drawing. The cards had sharp corners (ouch!) and no corner index pips.)

Bill Devon did a 5 card memory test. He asked us to tell him what we thought we saw. We repeatedly guessed wrong! The cards and card backs changed without any apparent action on Bill's part.

David Andrew Ottman, a new visitor to the club this night, performed John Bannon's trick, *Twisted Sisters*, twice, once with set of four jumbo cards and once with a regular set of four playing cards. He asked the audience to pick one suit from the four Queens. He then showed that the suit selected was face up in the set of face down cards. Next he showed that it had a different colored back to the other cards. Finally he showed that the other cards were all blank faced cards.

David Wright performed Caleb Wiles' *Reswindled* card trick in which four Jacks and four indifferent cards magically changed places. For a kicker, the four Jacks magically turned into the four Aces.

Pepe Puglisi did the 3 Card Monte with jumbo cards. He showed us 3 cards, a King of Spades and two red spot cards. The trick was to find the King when the cards were turned face down. No matter how slow or fairly Pepe showed us where the King was, it always ended in a different location.

Rich Aylward did an Okito coin box routine with four half dollars and a penny. The silver coins magically changed places with the penny in the box. Rich next performed a card to pocket effect where the 4 Queens switched places with four indifferent cards in his hands to four different pockets in a very magical way.

Dale Lorzo performed a nut off shoelace routine in which the nut is magically plucked off the shoelace while the ends of the lace were held by a spectator. The nut not only penetrated the shoelace but ended up on a safety pin that was not attached to the shoelace, all under the cover of a handkerchief.