



# The Gimmick



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## Competition Magician

Wright Writes (David Wright, President)

Our next magic meeting will be given over to our annual stand-up competition. This event will be co-hosted by IBM 192 and SAM 72. The best performer will win a \$100 gift certificate from Murphy's Magic Supplies. Judges will be all club members in good standing who attend the event, except the competitors. All votes will have equal weight. Judges should consider the following issues when voting for best performer:

1. The contestant's dress and appearance. (Does he/she look professional, neat, clean, etc.)
2. The contestant's entertainment value. (Is he/she entertaining to the audience?)
3. The contestant's magical skills. (His/her skill in sleight of hand, magic techniques.)

We currently have only 3 contestants signed up for this year's stand-up competition so far this year. Please consider competing yourself. It's a great way to improve your magic act and hone your magic skills. We can accept applicants up to one week before the event (i.e. August 5th.)

Non-magicians are invited to attend this event too. Non-members of the magic clubs may also vote for best performer. These votes will be used to determine a special award for the competition, the "People's Choice Award."

Attendance at our close-up competition in May was down this year compared to prior years. Bring family and friends to this year's annual stand-up competition. Support the contestants who will have worked hard to put on their best performance for annual event.



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)

### Officers for 2015

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### Dues for 2015

Dues are \$25. To pay by mail, make a check out to Victor St. Leon, Ring 192.

### Mail to:

Dick LaVergne  
699 Morris Way  
Sacramento, CA 95684

### IBM 192 website:

[magic1.org/ibm192/](http://magic1.org/ibm192/)

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### 2015 Calendar and Meeting Themes

Date	Performance Theme	Additional Information
Aug. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to enter stage competition.	Contact David Wright or Dale Lorzo to enter.
Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Stage Competition	IBM Meeting - Mission Oaks
Sept. TBA	Magic Auction & Flea Market	Mission Oaks
Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gambling Gimmicks	Mission Oaks
Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Fleshman Lecture	Grand Illusions
Oct. 10 (tentative)	Annual Mission Oaks Community Show	Mission Oaks
Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ghostly Animation	Mission Oaks
Oct. 16 - 18	Magic Festival <a href="http://www.oldsacmagicfest.com/">http://www.oldsacmagicfest.com/</a> <a href="#">Facebook page</a>	Delta King Theatre, Old Sacramento
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Rings, Rope, Strings & Things	Elect Officers for 2016
Nov. TBD	Magic Auction and Flea Market	(location TBD)
Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed.)	Holiday Magic	IBM/SAM Mixer
Dec. TBD	Dale & Elaine Lorzo's 22 <sup>nd</sup> Holiday Party	Dale & Elaine's House
Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	NO MEETING	
Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed.)	SAM/IBM Holiday Magic Meeting	Mission Oaks



### Magic Library

Thanks to the efforts of Dale Lorzo, Dave Wright, Don Banks and Mary Mowder, the joint IBM/SAM Video Library has added 22 DVD's for your selection.

Some of the video titles include Michael Ammar's Easy To Master Money Miracles (#1,2 & 3), Michael Close Devious (#1 & 2), World's Greatest Magic Series, which includes Money Effects, Rope Routines, Sponge Balls, and Color Changing Knives, Dean Dill's Flip it, Aldo Columbini's Roped In and many others.

Available at meetings for check-out. Must be member of either Ring 192 or Assembly 72. See Dick LaVergne. Another benefit of being a member of the IBM and SAM.



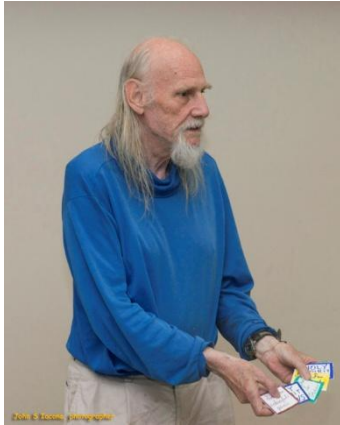
Hi David,

I am sorry to report that Lee Grabel passed away peacefully yesterday. Lee was a treasured member of S.A.M. Assembly 112 for many years. All of us who knew him can testify that he was a consummate gentleman, legendary performer and someone who you could truly say you were proud to call "friend."

Attached is an article run in Mel Kientz' Magician's Life daily web notes.

Larry Wright  
President SAM-112

July Performers  
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Nelson Wilcox did a card trick.

Bill Etgen performed a mentalism effect using cards with religious sayings. The colored cards were arranged by the spectator in a way that aligned the colors up. Bill was able to predict the last message.

Don Banks performed a card trick where he was able to find the selected card in an unusual manner.

David Wright performed Blank Night by John Archer where four spectators were given a free choice of five envelopes where the last envelope, the one not selected, held \$80 cash.

Harry Mossman did three routines. He predicted the order in which a spectator would put disks with symbols in a "mummy case," predicted which of three disks the spectator had selected, and guessed which of 100 drinks the spectator was thinking of.

Al Skinner performed an envelope routine that matched his prediction where three items were chosen beforehand.

Tom Allen did a card trick where the first card selected was spelt to reveal the second card selected.

Mary Mowder had a spectator choose a page in a Harry Potter book. She then was able to guess what the page said.