



# The Gimmick



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## Inflatable Magic

### David Wright, President

How is magic inflatable? Come to our next club meeting to find out. The performance theme for the night is Inflatable Magic and it is up to all of us to figure out what that means. Are we talking about balloons, currency, or playing cards? Only the performers know. This should be an entertaining event.

In addition to the evening's performance theme of Inflatable Magic, we will have a T.I.P. mini-lecture by Rick Hill. T.I.P. stands for "To Improve Performance." Rick is currently assisting Psychology Professor Eve Isham teach a class on Sleight of Hand, Mind and Brain at the U. C. Davis MIND Institute. In this class students are introduced to the cognitive processes and neural mechanisms involved in classic or famous magic effects. In addition, students are introduced to the scientific approach to studying magic (e.g., eye tracking method). Rick's T.I.P. min-lecture will cover some of the elements the psychology students are learning in the MIND Institute class, including analysis of magic trick mechanisms from the perspective of neuroscience or cognitive psychology.

On April 5th, we will be co-hosting our first magic lecture of the year. Bond Lee will be demonstrating his unique performance skills at the Elk Grove Grange Lodge in Elk Grove. Bond Lee is a winner of numerous prizes for his stage and close-up magic. He is currently on a world tour and we are lucky to have him come to our city to lecture to us. This is a lecture you will not want to miss.



IBM 192 Meets at  
7:00 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of each month  
at Mission Oaks Community Center  
4701 Gibbons Drive  
Carmichael, CA 95608  
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### Pay Your Dues by February Meeting or Pay a Lot More

If you are a member of Ring 192, or are considering becoming a member, your total Ring dues will be just \$5 for 2017. All you have to do is be a paid up member of IBM **and** Ring 192, and either remit your Ring dues by mail or by the February 8<sup>th</sup> Ring 192 meeting. Ring dues submitted after February 8<sup>th</sup> will revert to the standing rate of \$25 a year.

Dues may be mailed to:  
Richard LaVergne  
699 Morris Way  
Sacramento, Ca. 95864  
Or pay at the February meeting

I just ordered a rubber chicken and an egg bag. We'll see which comes first.

## ST. LEON IBM RING 192 ~ Calendar for 2017

Date	Performance Theme/Event	Additional Meeting Activities	Location
Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Inflatable Magic	T.I.P.* Mini-Lecture	Mission Oaks
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Old, New, Borrowed, Blue	"Bag Full of Fun" Challenge	Mission Oaks
<b>April 5</b>	<b>Bond Lee Lecture</b>		<b>Elk Grove</b>
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Magic of the Mind	Teach-A-Trick	Mission Oaks
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Packet & Pocket Tricks	Social Mixer	Mission Oaks
<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Annual IBM / SAM Close-up Competition</b>		<b>Ronald McDonald House</b>
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Magic to Music	T.I.P.* Mini-Lecture	Mission Oaks
<b>June TBA</b>	<b>Annual IBM / SAM Magic Auction</b>		<b>TBA</b>
<b>June TBA</b>	<b>Annual IBM / SAM BBQ</b>		<b>TBA</b>
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	From Page to Stage	Social Mixer	Mission Oaks
<b>Aug. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Annual IBM/SAM Stand-Up Competition</b>		<b>Mission Oaks</b>
Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Gambler's Dilemma	Teach a Trick	Mission Oaks
<b>Oct. TBA</b>	<b>Multi-Club Magic Community Show</b>		<b>TBA</b>
Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Eat, Drink and Be Scary	T.I.P.* Mini-Lecture	Mission Oaks
Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Conjuring Comic Connections	Teach a Trick	Mission Oaks
<b>Dec. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Joint IBM / SAM Holiday Magic Meeting</b>		
<b>Dec. TBA</b>	<b>Dale &amp; Elaine Lorzo's Annual Holiday Party</b>		<b>Lorzo House</b>

\*T.I.P. = "To Improve Performance"

## January Performances

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### Performances

- David Wright - The Very Last Card. Spectator helped pick 51 cards. The remaining one matched the prediction.
- Bill Devon - Flash Cash. White paper turns into \$100 bills.
- Pepe Puglisi - 20th Century Splendo. 3 holes drilled in a large magic wand. Silks are threaded through the holes. The center silk is removed and made to VANISH! Next the remaining two silks are removed from the wand. The yellow silk is found to have tied itself between the other two!
- Dave Fiscus - Cut and Restored Silk. Silk wrapped in paper. Both cut. Paper restored but not silk.
- Nelson Wilcox - Little Joe. Storytelling card trick.
- Dale Lorzo - Old Mother Hubbard - Naughty version, and She Loves Me/She Loves me not.
- Harry Mossman - Penetration Frame. Story about contest between sword makers to see who can penetrate a magic sheet of glass.