



Sacramento Area Magicians

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Magic Flash

Newsletter of the Society of American Magicians Assembly 72

Monthly Meetings

Assembly 72 of the Society of American Magicians meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. We meet at the Mission Oaks Recreation and Parks District's Senior Citizen Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive in Carmichael. Prospective members are encouraged to visit us anytime.

Assembly 72 Dues

If you have not paid your local dues for 2006 yet, please pay them as soon as possible. You can pay at the meeting or mail a check for \$20.00 to our Treasurer:

Allen Greenberg
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Each member must pay \$15.00 a year for membership to Mission Oaks in order for us to use their meeting facilities for free. Please show your 2006 receipt to Allen Greenberg.

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www.magic1.org/sam72

Wright writes ...

By David Wright, President

2006 Will Be Our Best!

This feels like déjà vu all over again! I am sitting at the computer as your newly elected President of SAM Assembly 72, writing my first *Magic Flash* newsletter article for the year. But this is really 2006, not 2001 when I last began my turn at serving as President. I am excited about the prospects of what this year can bring for all of us. With your help, and the help of all of our members, it is going to be a fun-filled year full of new magical experiences for all. Let the show begin!

SAM Assembly 72 enjoyed a great year of magic last year with some very memorable meetings thanks to outgoing President Rick Hill. Under Rick's tutelage, Assembly 72 gained in strength and momentum. In just one year, Rick presided over the redrafting of the new club's Constitution and By-Laws, the redesign of our new web site, and the expansion of our magic DVD library into the only one in this region and one of the largest in the nation! Rick Hill's dedication and commitment to excellence will have a lasting effect on Assembly 72 for years to come. Thank you, Rick!

As your President for 2006, I hope to provide the same high standard of leadership that you received from Rick last year. In addition, it is my mission to always promote magic as an art form throughout the Sacramento area. I plan to enhance your club experience by fostering better communication, rewarding magical excellence, and encouraging greater club participation. My goal is to nurture magical talent and creativity in all of us. To this end, I hope to find opportunities for new memberships and more exciting club activities.

In addition, I promise to do the following:

1. I will limit the time of all business meetings to just 30 minutes or less. Any issues requiring lengthy discussion will be redirected to the Board of Directors for further consideration and recommendations before returning to the next meeting for a vote,
2. I will present the Assembly with an annual budget proposal at the beginning of the year and closely monitor funds to avoid going over budget. If at any point in the year we begin to exceed our projected budget, I will alert the members of the situation and present a revised balanced budget,
3. I will adhere to the list of planned activities for the year, update the club calendar as necessary, and inform the members of any changes in the schedule of events.

Magic is my hobby and my passion. I hope to keep it in the forefront of my daily activities and yours as active members of SAM Assembly 72. Together we can exchange magic ideas, explore new techniques and generally promote the advancement of magic as art and entertainment.

Let's make 2006 our best year for magic ever!

December 2005 Meeting Minutes

By David Wright

Attendance was small for this irregularly scheduled December meeting. Traditionally, no meetings are held during the months of November and December because of competing holidays. However, it was felt that too much time elapses between normally scheduled October and January meetings. Therefore, we elected to hold a special meeting on the *first* Wednesday of December. Only six members chose to attend this specially scheduled meeting.

The business portion of the meeting was kept very short, with no major issues to discuss. Those in attendance assisted in the selection of performance themes for the *2006 Calendar of Events* (presented on page three of this issue of the *Magic Flash*.) Also planned for 2006, are a series of hands-on workshops designed to teach a wide range of new tricks and performing techniques. Many of the workshops are tied into the following month's performance theme. In theory, one could learn a new trick or technique one month and demonstrate it at the next month's meeting.

There were three performers at this month's meeting. The theme was *Card Magic*.

David Wright opened with a three phase divination card trick using the Aronson Stack. Called *The Three-Card Location*, David revealed the spectators' selected cards under increasingly more impossible conditions.

Next up was **Leland Eiben** who performed a *You-Do-As-I-Do* card effect with a single deck. The spectator cut the deck into two portions and selected two cards sight-unseen out of one half of the deck; the magician did the same with the other half of the deck; in the end, the four cards all turn out to be four-of-a-kind!

Third up was **Rick Hill** who performed a five card divination using the *Paul Fox Miracle Gimmick*. Five packets of cards were handed out, one card was selected from each packet, and Rick divined the selections with ease!

With no other offerings, **David Wright** got up again to demonstrate *Heirloom*, a bazaar card effect produced by *Alakazam Magic* in the UK. David told a charming story about his Great Uncle Charles – a gambler and scoundrel with a superstitious streak – who bet his life and future on a single card and! A great time was had by all.



Aldo Colombini **Live at Lorzo's** **March 23rd 7:30 P.M.**

Presented by Assembly 72 of the Society of American Magicians
& Ring 192 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians

This lecture will be held at Dale Lorzo's house, 2609 Greenwood Avenue, Sacramento, CA. Please RSVP with Larry Impson by e-mail at larryimpson@covad.net or call him at (916) 991-7916.

Members: \$10.00 • Non-members \$20.00 • More info will be in the February 2006, Magic Flash.

2006 Magic Calendar

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Date	Performance Theme	Workshop Theme
January 25	New Magic – Good, Bad or Unique	Rubber Band Magic
February 22	Romantic Magic	Rope Magic
March 22	Rope Magic	Card Splitting
March 23	Aldo Colombini Lecture <i>Live at Lorzo's</i>	7:00 P.M. R.S.V.P.
April 26	Card Magic	Stage Technology
May 24	Teach-A-Trick	John Ramsey Night
June ____ <i>Date TBA</i>	Annual SAM/IBM Summer Barbecue	<i>Details TBA</i>
June 28	Close-up Magic	Books vs. DVDs
July 26	Magazine Magic	Mentalism
August 9 <i>IBM Night</i>	Annual SAM/IBM Stand-Up Competition	
August 23	Mentalism	What is Bizarre Magic?
September 16	SAM/IBM Community Show	<i>Date subject to change</i>
September 27	Story / Bizarre Magic	How to theme your act
October 25	Annual SAM/IBM Auction Night	
November 15*	Holiday Magic <i>*This is the THIRD Wednesday</i>	Build your own props
December 6*	Coin/Silk Magic <i>*This is the FIRST Wednesday</i>	
December ____ <i>Date TBA</i>	Annual SAM/IBM Holiday Party	Seasons Greetings

New Orleans out for SAM/IBM Convention

Although New Orleans hotels and the city itself report they have rebounded well and are able to host the *I.B.M./S.A.M. 2008 Combined Convention*, the *Orpheum* and *Saenger* theaters were both heavily damaged by water and are not in operating condition.

“We were all very disappointed to learn that both of these theaters, critical to the success of our contests and gala shows, did not have insurance and their future is uncertain,” said **Brad Jacobs**, Convention Coordinator. “Neither theater knows when it will open nor are they able to enter into contractual promises at this time. So the Organizing Committee has agreed to locate another venue for our convention and work has already begun.”

“The good news is that we are accepting full registrations at the special early rate of \$295 starting January 15, as previously announced,” said **Roger Miller**, I.B.M. International President and Treasurer for the Combined Convention. “There is also a full refund with no penalty through March 31, 2008. Both I.B.M. and S.A.M. web sites will have complete registration information posted on the 15th of January.

A Combined Convention web site with links to registration and hotel reservations will be created as soon as the new venue has been selected. This is expected within the next 60-to-90 days.

Remember, you can keep up with SAM National’s web site at <http://www.magicsam.com>

**Find our Assembly activities in the Sacramento Bee’s web site at
<http://ourtown.sacbee.com/SocietyofAmericanMagiciansAssembly72>**

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Next meeting:

January 25th • 7:00 P.M.

**New Magic, Good, Bad or Unique
and a Rubber Band Magic Workshop**