



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 Are Due!

If you have not paid your local dues for 2007 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
5500 Oak Hill Court
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Each member must also pay \$15.00 a year for membership to Mission Oaks in order for us to use their meeting facilities for free. Please show your 2007 receipt to Allen Greenberg.

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Wright writes ...

Why a Magic Club?

By David Wright, President

I believe the purpose of a magic club is to:

- Introduce people into the world of magic as a performing art.
- Teach it's members how to perform magic.
- Give people who love magic an opportunity to get together and network.

How we achieve these goals may be subject to debate, but I propose we:

- 1) Maximize our outreach to new members whenever possible.
- 2) Provide monthly workshops as a teaching tool.
- 3) Limit our business meetings to a maximum of thirty minutes.
- 4) Seek new ways to promote the art of magic in our community via public demonstrations and shows.
- 5) Host at least three lectures per year, and
- 6) Celebrate our 20th Anniversary with a dinner banquet and show.

All of us can help fulfill these goals by volunteering to assist in the planning and orchestration of various events Assembly 72 is presenting this year.

You can join one of two the committees we have formed, the *Membership Recruitment Committee* led by **Dick LaVerne** and the *Banquet Planning Committee* led by **Terry Robinson**.

You can make new magicians feel more comfortable attending our club meetings by introducing yourself, sharing information and ideas, mentoring inexperienced magicians, and welcoming participation.

You can join in on the fun by performing magic at the meetings, if not during the performance portion of the meeting, then during the breaks and workshops.

Be creative and offer suggestions that foster more involvement with your compeers. Let's make this time together the most magical moments of the year. I believe that Assembly 72 can continue to grow in size and stature, knowledge, talent, viability and worth. All we need are more people like you wanting to be a part of the club because you feel that you have "ownership" in it. This I believe.

Visit our web site at
www.magic1.org/sam72

SAM 2007 Magic Calendar

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Dates in RED indicate a change was made since last month..

Date	Performance Theme	Workshop Subject
February 28	My Favorite Trick	Linking Rings Clinic
March 28	Magic With Rings	The Magician as M.C.
April 11 (IBM Meeting)	Annual SAM/IBM Close-up Competition	
April 25	Rope Magic	Magic Which Needs Help
May 23	Original Magic	How To Be Funnier
June 23	Comedy Magic	Book and Movie Reviews
June ____	Annual SAM / IBM Barbecue	Location TBA
July 25	Paper Magic	Psychology of Magic
August 9 (IBM Meeting)	Annual SAM/IBM Stand-Up Competition	
August 22	ESP Magic	Safety Pin Magic
September 26	Knives, Choppers, Scissors, Spikes	Business Side of Magic
October 24	Annual SAM / IBM Magic Auction	Bid High and Bid Often!
November	No meeting	Happy Thanksgiving!
December 7 (1st Wed)	Money Magic	Card Clinic
December ____	Annual SAM / IBM Holiday Party	Location TBA

This calendar is subject to change and additional activities will be added as necessary. For up-to-the-minute information, please phone a club officer or check our web site at <http://www.magic1.org/sam72>.



Minutes of the January, 2007 Meeting

**By Viktor Berry and
Roscoe the Magic, Giant, German Shepherd Wonder Dog,
Editors**

Assembly 72 **President David Wright** called the January 24 meeting at the *Mission Oaks Community Center* in Carmichael, CA, to order at 7:00 PM.

1. The first order of business announced was the proposed award of \$45 Gift Certificates to Assembly 72 members who bring a new adult member into SAM and Assembly 72. For each new member brought into the Assembly, the member will be awarded a Gift Certificate for \$45 from **Murphy's Magic Supplies!** Bring some friends to a meeting to meet us and win some free magic tricks! This will remain in effect until further notice.

2. Magic Calendar for 2007 – **David Wright** reviewed the *Magic Calendar for 2007* and we discussed the events and competitions scheduled for this year. As lectures and other special events are scheduled, we will amend the Calendar. You can always find the latest information about Assembly 72's activities at our web site at <http://www.magic1.org/SAM72>

3. Daryl lecture -- The January lecture presented by **Daryl** was a huge success and we attracted a very large audience. We sponsored the lecture with **IBM Ring 192** and the **EGMC** and each club made \$100. As you would expect, the lecture was very entertaining. Daryl taught us some great tricks and kept everybody laughing. **Thank you Daryl!**

4. Our youth member, **Genii the Genii**, has been invited to perform in Las Vegas at the *Las Vegas Magic Symposium*.

5. Local dues for 2007 are now due for your Assembly 72 membership. They are still only \$20 and can be paid at the meeting or you can send a check to **Treasurer Allen Greenberg**. Members also need to pay \$15 directly to Mission Oaks for their 2007 dues so we can continue to use their facilities for free.

6. A free raffle was held tonight for all Assembly 72 members present. **Dale Lorzo** was the lucky winner of a \$45. Gift Certificate to Murphy's Magic Supplies. Congratulations Dale!

7. Tonight's theme for magic performances is *Thumb-tip Magic* and the workshop subject is *Cups and Balls and Chop Cups*.

Magic Performances – Theme: Thumb-tip Magic

Assembly 72 **Vice-President Leland Eiben** was the first magician to take the stage tonight. He presented us with a dead

cricket. With the help of three volunteers rubbing their hands together, Leland was able to bring the cricket back to life!

Next up was **Joe Chez**, who started his routine by treating us to some of the funny jokes Joe is known for. He then asked the audience for a dollar bill he could use. Joe folded the bill several times and then, when he unfolded it, it had transformed itself into a **ONE-HUNDRED DOLLAR BILL!** After folding the bill again, when unfolded, Joe changed back into being a **ONE-DOLLAR BILL**, right in front of our eyes.

Ven Mendoza was up next, and he gave us a demonstration of a cute mouse he created by folding a handkerchief. Ven was able to make the mouse very amusing, darting around and jumping out at audience members. After that, he "burned" a hole into the handkerchief. We saw the flame and smoke, but there was no hole or burn marks visible! Ven followed that up with a superb torn-and-restored string effect, and magically made a silk appear and disappear!

Assembly 72 **President David Wright** took the stage and showed us how one can use a new scientific breakthrough to produce what he called *Nuclear Blue-Tonium!* Stuffing an ordinary blue silk into his fist, he used a micro computer chip surgically implanted in his thumb to change the molecular structure of the silk. The computer chip, he claimed, was a "Fission Chip" which causes an instantaneous chain reaction. Upon opening his hand, instead of the silk, a long chain appeared. The reaction came as the audience burst into a loud applause.

Tonight's raffle winner, **Dale Lorzo**, closed the performances with a series of effects using a money and silk handkerchiefs. He placed a silk into a film canister and magically changed it's color. He then proceeded to make it disappear altogether. Finally, he took some money and made it disappear too. Nice job, Dale!

One of our best **MAGIC WORKSHOPS** to date was presented this evening by **Rick Hill**, on *Cups and Balls and Chop Cups*. Rick brought in many different-shaped cups (and balls) and even showed us how to make our own balls using a Pom-Pom Maker. Yes, they do exist and are available at most fabric stores! Rick demonstrated his proficiency in this subject and showed us many routines.



Meet **Hal Vanderloo**, Assembly 72's newest member. Hal received his membership kit at the December, 2006 meeting. Welcome, Hal!



Have you heard of **SAMtalk**, the email newsgroup? You can "talk" about Magic with members of SAM from all over the world! It is really interesting, and I have learned a lot from reading the daily postings. Ask a question, and you'll get answers and help from some great magicians.

To subscribe, write to SAMtalkBruce@cox.net and include your name and SAM membership number. Vik

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Next meeting is this week!

February 28• 7:00 P.M.

Theme –My Favorite Trick

Workshop – Linking Rings

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