



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 6:30 P.M. We meet at the Ronald McDonald House, 2555 49th Street in Sacramento (behind the UCD Med Center.) *Prospective members are encouraged to visit us anytime!*

**2008 dues
are now due!
Please send
your \$20 in
today!**

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Wright writes ...

Coming of Age with RMH

By David Wright, President

We had a great turn out for our first meeting this year in the Ronald McDonald House (RMH). Lots of good magic was performed and discussed. The Teach-A-Trick performance theme was a lot of fun along with the Work In Progress Clinic. The clinic forum gave compeers more opportunity to discuss magic than in the past workshops. It will be an on-going theme for this year.

This month's performance theme is *Tarbell Night*. This topic affords us a chance to show off effects we learned from the famous Tarbell Series or some other notable magic book. Classic effects often come from books. What magic book do you most admire? What tricks have you picked up from a book? Let's plan on discussing your magic library at this meeting and see what books can teach us. Also, we will host our first Social Mixer of the year this month. Rather than occupying our time with a structured workshop, we will open the second half of the meeting up for everyone to just hang out and enjoy each others' company. Bring your own favorite topics to this event. Be prepared to ask questions and learn from your compeers. Share the magic!

It's not too soon to start thinking about entering the joint **SAM 72/IBM 192 Close-up Competition** to be held April 9 at the Mission Oaks Community Center. Rules for this competition will be released soon. If you love to perform close-up magic, this is the event for you. Or just plan on coming to watch all the excitement.

Reminder: annual dues are now due. Please bring your \$20 check for membership to SAM 72 to our next club meeting or mail it to our treasurer, Allen Greenberg. I look forward to seeing you all at RMH on Wednesday, February 27th at 6:30 PM.

Bring your \$20 dues to the February meeting or mail them to Treasurer Allen Greenberg, 5500 Oak Hills Court, Carmichael, California 95608-6644

**Please visit our web site at
www.magic1.org/sam72**

2008 Magic Calendar

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Date	Performance Theme	Workshop Theme
Feb. 27	Tarbell Night (or a similarly respected book)	Social Mixer
Mar. 26	Original Routine with Standard Effect	Coin Magic Clinic
April. 9	<i>SAM 72 / IBM 192 Table Hopping Competition at Mission Oaks Center</i>	
April 23	Rope Magic (String, Ribbon)	Building Suspense
May 28	Theatrical Impossibilities	Social Mixer
June 22	Annual SAM 72 / IBM 192 Barbecue and Auction	
June 25	Bag Night (Egg, Change, Gag, etc)	Ambitious Card Clinic
July 23	Cabaret Magic	Winning Strategies for Competitions
Aug. 13	<i>Annual SAM / IBM Stand-up Competition</i>	
Aug. 27	Silk/Handkerchief Magic	Social Mixer
Sept. 13	<i>Annual SAM / IBM Community Show</i>	
Sept. 24	Card Routines (2 - 3 tricks)	Rope Routine Clinic
Oct. 22	Houdini Night (or magic from long ago)	Holiday Magic Clinic
Nov. 26	<i>No Meeting Scheduled this Month – Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	
<i>To Be Announced</i>	<i>Annual Ronald McDonald House Open House and Toy Drive</i>	
Dec. 3 (1st Wed.)	Holiday Magic	Social Mixer
Dec. 10	(IBM Meeting)	Open Magic

Minutes of the Meeting**What You Missed
in January, 2008***By David Wright*

The performance theme for SAM 72's January meeting was Teach-A-Trick. Six performers shared their secrets with compeers during this first meeting of the year. To kick off the evening, **Joe Chez** got up and told us some jokes before performing a mental effect. He asked three people to give him different information, a three digit number, a state in the nation, and a color. Before each person spoke, he wrote down a prediction. As if by magic, all of the predictions turned out to be correct!

Second up was **John Iacono** who showed us an effect he built himself. He displayed a stand which held five playing cards embedded in clear plastic, the backs of the cards to the audience. He then asked a spectator to select a card from a deck. After losing the chosen card back into the deck, John placed a handkerchief over the stand of the five playing cards. With a flick of the hand, the handkerchief was whisked away to reveal that one card had magically turned around to face the audience. It was the same as the chosen card!

Ven Mendoza got up next to demonstrate a new trick he has been working on, a variation on the Gypsy Thread. Ven first lit a candle. He then broke a length of thread off a spool of thread and proceeded to tear the thread into small bits. After balling the bits up into one wad, Ven lit the thread on fire. Magically, the thread was restored!

Next up was **Dale Lorzo** who wowed the audience first with a mental trick where he used arithmetic as a means to get everyone in the audience to think of a "grey elephant in Denmark!" Next, Dale invited seven members of the audience up to help with a trick that used seven pairs of gloves. The gloves were mixed into odd sets and every member was asked to put the gloves on their hands. Next each person was asked to link hands with the opposite matching gloves. The result, after a bit of fun and confusion, was a chain of people holding hands, some facing front, others facing back. At either end of the chain, two people were wearing a glove



that did not match any others. Dale proceeded to reveal a prediction from an envelope that showed which two gloves would end up being the "odd gloves out!"

Gary Berard came up next to perform a mind bending card trick. He asked two spectators to take five cards from different parts of the deck. Each person was then asked to look at one card of the five cards and slide it across to the other person who proceeded to mix that card in with his/her other four. Gary then proceeded to divine the selected cards in mysterious and unique manners!

Last up was SAM 72 President, **David Wright** who performed a new variation of a trick that he learnt as a kid. Using only ten playing cards, numbered 1 through 10, David asked various members of the audience to take the packet of cards and move one card at a time from the top of the packet to the bottom as many times as he/she liked. David then proceeded to tell that person how many times a card was moved by turning over only one card in the pack. Each time he performed this trick, a different card was turned over revealing the exact number of cards transferred from the top to the bottom of the pack. This could even be done behind the back!

After each performance, the audience discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the effect and made recommendations on how one might improve on it. This was a very productive evening of magic!



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Our next meeting is Wednesday,

February 27 • 6:30 PM

at the Ronald McDonald House!

SAM 72 / IBM 192 2008 Close-Up Competition Rules

SAM Assembly 72 and IBM Ring 192 will hold their *Annual Close-Up Magic Competition* on **Wednesday April 9th, 2008** during the IBM meeting at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, in Carmichael.

Because of time limitations, we can only accommodate eight (8) contestants. If you wish to compete, you must notify either *Leroy Goodenough*, IBM Ring 192's president, or *David Wright*, President of SAM Assembly 72. **You must complete and deliver an application to one of the presidents before March 12, 2008 at 7:30 PM**, which is prior to start the March IBM meeting. (One month prior to the competition.)

Paid-up members of IBM Ring 192 and SAM Assembly 72 will have first access to the eight positions in the competition and their applications will be accepted in the order of their notification of their intent to enter the competition to one of the club presidents.

Members of the other local area magic clubs like The Magician's Circle of Elk Grove and Sierra Sorcerers may participate in this competition if the IBM 192 and SAM 72 members do not fill the eight positions available. Alternate club members will be accepted in the order of their notification and application to either Leroy or David.

A minimum of three contestants must compete in order for the competition to be held.

Routines **must be between six (6) and ten (10) minutes in length** to qualify for judging.

A signal (*hopefully inaudible*) will be given at the six-minute mark and again at the nine-minute mark.

At ten minutes, "Time" will be called and contestants **must stop performing** to remain qualified.

No fire effects of any kind are allowed!

Judging will be as follows:

1. **60%** of the judging shall be done by three (3) judges: a board member of IBM 192, a board member of SAM 72, and either a board member of the Magician's Circle of Elk Grove, or a highly respected member of either IBM or SAM, to be selected by both clubs.
2. **40%** of the judging will be done by SAM 72 and IBM 192 club members in good dues standing.
3. Should there be ties or disputes, board members of IBM Ring 192 and SAM Assembly 72 will make the final decision with no appeal, should there be a tie or a dispute.

**SAM Assembly 72 and IBM Ring 192 present the
2008 Annual Close-Up Competition**

April 9, 2008 7:30 PM

**Contestant's Application
Stage, Platform or Close-Up**

Club you belong to: _____

Junior Member: _____

Adult: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

Length of your act _____

Equipment required (P.A., Tables etc.) _____

Be sure to advise either **David Wright** or **Leroy Goodenough** that you want to compete, and e-mail (or mail) your application to:

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6624 Grant Avenue (916) 452-0623
Carmichael, CA 95608

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Placerville, CA 95667

The competition will be judged by three judges with 60% and club members with 40% of the total.

Scoring will be on a one to ten basis (with ten being the best.)

Three categories will be scored individually.

1. Your dress and appearance. (Do you look professional, neat, clean, etc.)
2. Your entertainment value. (Are you entertaining your audience? Are they enjoying your routine?)
3. Your magical skills. (Your skill in sleight of hand, magic techniques.)

The judging of Adult and Junior performers will be identical. (Juniors are 17 years old and under.)

There is a time limit of six to ten minutes. There will be a timekeeper for this event. The timekeeper will notify you at six minutes and again at nine minutes. The time will be called at ten minutes. If you go over ten minutes you will be disqualified.

A grading sheet will be given to each of the judges to grade each performer. You can ask to review the scoring sheets at the end of the competition.