



# 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**  
5500 Oak Hill Court  
Carmichael, CA 95608-6644

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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### Wright writes ...

By David Wright, President

## Meeting at McDonalds

We are hosting a special meeting on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the **Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento**. The Ronald McDonald House is located at 2555 49<sup>th</sup> Street (see map elsewhere in this newsletter for directions.) This meeting will be in addition to our regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the Mission Oaks Community Center the following day!

Why host two meetings in May? The Tuesday meeting affords SAM 72 members the best opportunity to see first-hand where we may elect to hold our future club meetings. If we decide to relocate, we will need to change our monthly meeting night to the fourth Tuesday of the month.

This special meeting lets us not only see the new building but get a sense for the new meeting night. As we have not yet voted on these changes, we must hold both meetings in one month. The special meeting provides each of us the chance to personally evaluate just how the relocation, if approved, will affect our lives, work schedules, commute times and families.

The special May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be shorter than our normally scheduled meetings. There will be no business portion to this meeting nor a workshop (both of which are still scheduled for the following night's entertainment). Our special meeting will consist of a tour of the building and a magic competition. The theme of the competition is *McDonalds*.

Special prizes will be awarded to the best performer who ties his/her magical performance to the night's theme. Theme your act around fast food, the Golden Arches, clown noses, etc., and you may win one of the evening's prizes. Come and enjoy the new digs, explore the neighborhood, and be prepared to perform magic. Or come and just enjoy the fun at Ronald McDonald's. This is one event you won't want to miss!

Our regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> will still be held at the Mission Oaks Community Center. We will hold a special workshop and discussion on John Ramsay magic, style and theory. Our theme for the night is Teach-A-Trick so there will be a lot for us to learn. This is also the night where we will discuss and vote on relocation to the new building in Sacramento. A full evening that is bound to please. I hope everyone can make it.

Congratulations to our Vice President, **Leland Eiben**, for his Third Place win in the Sacramento Magicians' Close-Up Competition in April. Second Place went to **Mary Moulder** from IBM 192. First place went to **Leland Parker** from the Magic Circle of Elk Grove. Nice job, guys!

**April 2006 Minutes**  
**By Viktor Berry, Editor**

Vice-President **Leland Eiben** called the meeting to order this month because President **David Wright** was going to be a few minutes late. Everyone introduced themselves to our guests, **Max the Magician** and **Genny the Genii** from the Sierra Sorcerers, and **Leland Parker**, visiting from the Elk Grove Magic Circle.

The meeting began with the Magic Workshop first. The subject was *Technical Stagecraft* and many of our more experienced veterans of the stage presented a lot of good information to the group. Among the topics presented was music and how to deliver it, lighting, costumes, and general tips from the School of Hard Knocks.

**Dale Lorzo** announced that he brought in a couple boxes of magic books that he is selling for **Art Gross**.

**David Wright** spoke about our moving the club to Sacramento and holding our meetings at the Ronald McDonald House. If we move, our meeting nights would be changed to the fourth Tuesday of each month. We will hold a short meeting and tour the facility on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 PM.

Treasurer **Allen Greenberg** reported that we have \$3,006.77 in the treasury.

**Rick Hill** reported that Picnic Day at UC Davis was a lot of fun. The magicians who showed up to perform had lots of people to entertain and everyone got to perform as much as they wanted

**Lawrence Khong**, a magician on tour from Singapore will be appearing at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium for three days at the beginning of May. (On the first day of the show, we found out all shows had been cancelled, as had the remaining dates of the tour. Shows had been scheduled up and down the West Coast.)

We had a long list of magicians signed up to perform the evening's theme – **Card Tricks!**

**Don Banks** took the stage first and treated the audience to a great demonstration of *McDonald's Four Aces*.

**LeRoy and Lynn Goodenough** were on stage next. LeRoy showed us that he had six cards, he threw away three cards, and then still had six cards left. He repeated this over and over again, as Lynn helped count out the remaining six cards to the audience.

Following the Goodenoughs was **Genny the Genii**.

Genny is working on a Chinese Fan Act and treated us to a demonstration of her skills with the fans. Then she pulled out a deck of cards and asked an audience member to cut the deck, which was cut to the four aces in the deck!

**Ven Mendoza** performed a card miracle using only one card! He filled a glass with water, laid the card over the top of the glass, and then turned both upside down. When he let go of this magic card, it stayed where it was and held the water in the glass! He called this trick *Waterloo*.

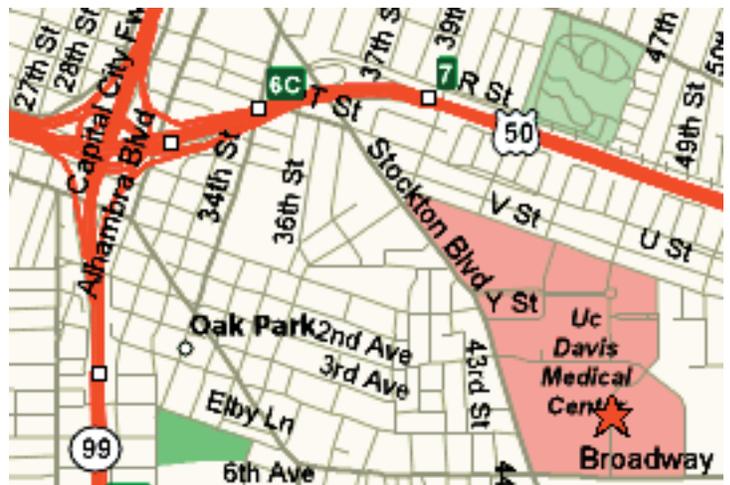
**Michael Glasgow** (?) did a really sloppy shuffle of his deck, with cards facing both ways throughout the deck. In a flash, the deck magically rearranged itself so all of the cards were again facing the same direction.

Michael was followed by **Terry Robinson** who was assisted by his ventriloquist dummy **Ducky**. Terry had earlier made a prediction of which card would be picked, and after an audience member chose a card from the deck, the prediction was revealed to be the chosen card!

**Joe Chez** then took the stage. After treating us to some hilarious jokes, four volunteers sat at a card table where Joe then performed *The Shuffled, Borrowed Deck*.

**Max the Magician** took the stage next and asked an audience member to choose a card. After showing us the Five of Spades and returning it to the deck, the card was produced from the startled volunteer's pocket!

Last, but by no means least, was **Rick Hill**, who asked Max to stay up and assist him with an expert demonstration of mind-reading. Rick gave Max a handful of cards and asked Max to choose one of the cards and then burn the image of that card into his mind. Rick read out the names of the cards Max was holding and stunned everyone when he did indeed read Max's mind and correctly ascertain the card Max had burned into it.



The location of the Ronald McDonald House is 2555 49th Street in Sacramento behind the UC Davis Medical Center.

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**Friday, June 9, 2006**  
**Start time: 7:00 PM**

**Location:**  
**9275 East Stockton Blvd,**  
**Elk Grove, CA**

Directions: To get to the lecture from Sacramento, take Hwy 99 south; take Bond-Laguna off-ramp; go East across Hwy 99 to the first traffic light; turn right onto East Stockton Blvd.. The building is a one-story across from Frontier office. Parking is next to the building and at the next group of offices vacant at night.

## **Mark Mason Lecture**

**Sponsored by IBM Ring 192, MCEG, and SAM 72**

**Admission: \$10 for all club members; \$20 for Non-Members**

Mark is one of the United Kingdom's leading entertainers. Mark specializes in sleight of hand close up magic. He has performed in over 20 countries with over 100 appearances throughout the USA. He has television appearances both in the UK and America and has worked as a consultant for television. Mark has been a full time professional magician for over 15 years and has performed his unique brand of magic at every type of event imaginable, from small select groups of celebrities to the Las Vegas Strip. Mark's unique style of personalized close up magic can be performed under any circumstances.

Mark is highly rated by his fellow magicians. He is regularly booked to give lectures at magic societies, clubs, and conventions both in Britain and abroad. Mark's lectures get rave reviews everywhere he performs. Mark's lecture, "Real World Magic," has something for everyone.

This is your opportunity to see Mark perform some of his favorite effects. Several of these effects have been closely guarded secrets and have not been shown before. You will see magic with rope, cards, coins, wallets, etc. Mark presents a variety of good, strong magic. His lecture is both interesting and informative. You will definitely get something to take home with you from this lecture.

"The best lecture I have ever seen." *Al Cohen - Washington, D.C.*

"A refreshing change to see a magician who can actually give a lecture" *Blackburn modern mystic league.*

"He is a high energy, funny and talented magician." John Lukas

For more information about this lecture, call: David Wright at (916) 944-8454,  
Larry Impson at (916) 991-7916, or Phil Stillman at (916) 685-4709.

# SAM 72 • 2006 Magic Calendar

DATE	PERFORMANCE THEME	WORKSHOP THEME
May 23	Meeting at Ronald McDonald House 7:00 PM	
May 24	Teach-A-Trick	John Ramsey Night
June 9	Mark Mason Lecture	In Elk Grove
June 24 (Sat.)	Annual Barbecue	Dick LaVergne's home
June 28	Close-Up Magic	Books vs DVDs
July 26	Magazine Magic	Mentalism

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## ***The Magic Flash***

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**Next meeting:**

**May 24 • 7:00 P.M.**

**John Ramsay Magic!**

**Teach-a-Trick Workshop**