



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 PM (business meeting) and 7:00 PM for magic. We meet at the Ronald McDonald House, 2555 49th Street in Sacramento (behind the UCD Medical Center). Prospective members are encouraged to visit us anytime!



WRIGHT WRITES

By: David Wright, President

Comedy, a Liability?

Is comedy-magic an oxymoron? Do comedy and magic have conflicting objectives, one detracting from the other? Or do they complement each other?

Performing comedy magic is no joke. It requires an understanding of acting, timing, tension and release. Neither is a substitute for perfection. The magic has to be strong before the comedy can be successful. And the comedy needs to be delivered at just the right moment and in just the right way or it becomes a distraction to a magical climax.

Comedy magic is the performance theme at our next club meeting. You can check out how well our performers do on this entertaining subject by just showing up. And should you choose to perform, you could win our award for best magician of the evening, a gift certificate from Murphy's Magic Supplies.

In addition to comedy magic, we will be taking time at our next meeting to discuss children's magic. How does it differ from other types of magic? Are there specific subjects or themes that typically go along with children's magic? Our workshop for this meeting will focus on this topic. It will also be a prelude and warm-up for our April club magic performance theme.

***Raymond Lee** is our newest member of SAM 72. He joined the club last month. If you haven't met him yet, please take the time to introduce yourself and welcome him to our club.*

So, whether you want to socialize, be entertained or learn something new about magic, the SAM 72 club meeting is the place to be. Come to our next meeting and share the magic.

And remember this: A magician's greatest asset is his lie ability!

February Meeting Minutes:

- Old business – There was some clarification as to how the gift certificates would be handed out. The decision is that on odd months the certificate would go to a performer who is a paid member of the club. The decision would be either by vote or random draw at the president's discretion. On the even months the certificate will be awarded to a paid up member in attendance determined by a random draw.
- The roster was reviewed and corrections were made where appropriate.
- New member Raymond Lee was welcomed into the club. Raymond, it's nice to have you and we look forward to seeing more of you in the future.
- The treasurer reported that we had \$4031.07 in the bank. Up \$120.00 from last month.
- An article about one of the earliest writings about a performance of the "Cups and Balls" was read. This was sent in by Rick Hill, who was not in attendance.
- We had a visiting magician, Joe Carroll, from the Sierra Sorcerers.
- The meeting was then adjourned.

Performers for the evening: (Theme: Balls)

Before the performances **Leroy Goodenough** hosted a "Teach a Trick" session. It was appropriate for the evening's theme in that it was a one cup and three ball routine. Leroy was kind enough to supply all those in attendance with the necessary supplies so that they could follow along and then go home with what they needed to do the trick. Too bad it wasn't a miser's dream routine☺! Leroy did an excellent job and the club thanks him for going the extra mile on this one.

First up was **Gary Berard**, who performed a miniature chop cup routine that ended with the production of two golf balls. Gary has rarely finished a round of golf with the ball that he started with, so producing two was appropriate.

Ely Baily was up next with a nice trick where a selected card appeared between the two red aces. Then in the blink of an eye the red aces became the black aces.

Ven Medoza did his best Lawrence Welk Show impression by blowing many little bubbles that filled the front of the room. He then blew a slightly larger bubble and caught it only to have it turn solid. He then vanished the solid bubble.

David Wright closed the performance section of the evening with "Technicolor Balls". A nice three ball routine with multi-colored balls that kept returning to his hand only to vanish at the end.

As always, thanks to all the performers.

Next month the theme is **Comedy Magic**.

The Murphy's certificate was awarded to a paid member in attendance (this being an even month). The winning member was Ven Mendoza. Congratulations Ven. It pays to show up (at least on the even months).

Members socialized for a little while before everyone headed home after a wonderful evening of magic and camaraderie.

Until next month...

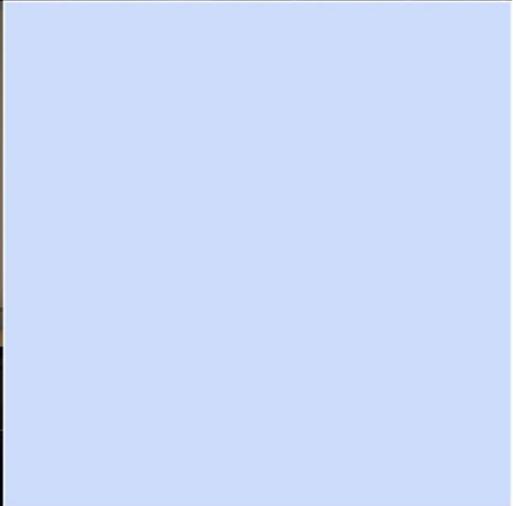
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2009 Magic Calendar

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Performance Theme</u> | <u>Workshop Theme</u> |
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| Jan. 28 | <i>My Favorite Trick(s)</i> | <i>Social Mixer</i> |
| Feb. 25 | <i>Ball Magic</i> | <i>Teach - A - Trick</i> |
| Mar. 25 | <i>Comedy Magic</i> | <i>Magic Themes for Kids</i> |
| April 22 | <i>Children's Magic</i> | <i>Social Mixer</i> |
| May 27 | Annual IBM / SAM Close-up Competition | |
| <i>June TBD</i> | <i>Annual IBM / SAM Barbecue & Auction</i> | |
| June 24 | <i>No Sleight Card Magic</i> | <i>False Count Card Moves</i> |
| July 22 | <i>Money Magic</i> | <i>Teach - A - Trick</i> |
| Aug. 26 | <i>Mentalism</i> | <i>Social Mixer</i> |
| <i>Aug. 12</i> | <i>Annual IBM / SAM Stand-up Competition</i> | |
| Sept. 23 | <i>Rope Magic</i> | <i>Magic w/ Everyday Objects</i> |
| <i>Sept. TBD</i> | <i>Annual Mission Oaks Community Show</i> | |
| Oct. 28 | <i>Magic that Tells a Story</i> | <i>Historical Memorabilia</i> |
| <i>Oct. TBD</i> | <i>PROPOSED: Community Show at Other Location</i> | |
| <i>November - No meeting(s) this month.</i> | | |
| Dec. 9 (2nd Wed.) | <i>Silk/Handkerchief Magic</i> | <i>Social Mixer</i> |
| <i>Dec. TBD</i> | <i>Annual RMH Toy Run - Strolling Magic</i> | |
| <i>Dec. TBD</i> | <i>Annual Dale & Elaine Lorzo Holiday Party</i> | |