



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
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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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Magic with Rings

By David Wright, President

Have you browsed the S.A.M. national web site lately? You can find it at <http://www.magicsam.com>

The S.A.M. web site has made a transition to new servers. In addition, it now has a new *Member's Only* area where, with the password, you can access information not available to the general public.

Any member-in-good-standing can get into the *Member's Only* area. All you need is the password that can be found in your M-U-M magazine in the M-U-M Publisher's Info Box (usually on the Editor's Notes page.) Lots of good stuff there!

I wasn't able to attend last month's SAM 72 meeting but I heard it was a great success. **Leland Eiben** presided over the meeting's activities and a good time was had by all. Check out the minutes elsewhere in this newsletter to see what I missed.

Terry Robinson, lead for our Banquet Planning Committee, has been busy checking out possible halls where we might hold our *20th Anniversary Banquet*. Terry has some great ideas which he will brief us on at our next meeting. Please come prepared to help us decide when and where we will host this special event this summer. Also, if you have any ideas who you would like to see headlining our banquet show, please let us know.

The theme for this month's meeting is **Magic With Rings**. Building on last month's workshop on the Linking Rings, this month's performance theme offers you a chance to shine with your favorite Finger, McAbee, Ninja, Linking rings or Hoola Hoops. Alternatively, you may want to perform your favorite ring-and-rope routine or a trick that uses the ringing of a bell? Wring out your imagination and sound off at this next meeting. You may win the prize for Best Performer.

Our workshop this month will be an open discussion on **The Magician as M.C.** This topic has always been of special interest to me. What qualities are needed to be a good Master of Ceremony? Should the M.C. of a show perform his/her own magic between acts? How does one prepare for introductions of other performers? There is little written information on this important topic. So come to our meeting prepared to give your own opinion on the role of the Magician as M.C. This discussion should be of interest to all.

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SAM 2007 Magic Calendar

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

Date	Performance Theme	Workshop Subject
March 28	Magic With Rings	The Magician as M.C.
April 25	Rope Magic	Magic Which Needs Help
May 9 (IBM Meeting)	Annual SAM/IBM Close-up Competition	
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 February, 2007 Meeting

Thank you to **Leland Eiben** for taking notes for the Minutes of this meeting.

At 7:00 PM, the meeting was then called to order by **Vice President Leland Eiben**.

Old Business – The Banquet Committee, headed by **Terry Robinson** reported that he had checked out two possible sites. The first was the Citrus Heights Community Center which has no curtain, and a small household stove for cooking. The Fair Oaks Community Center was also checked, and it has a commercial kitchen and a stage with a curtain.

The New Member Recruitment Committee did not make a report this month. If you have any ideas for attracting new members to our Assembly, please talk to **Richard LaVergne** who has volunteered to head this important committee. The only way to keep Assembly 72 alive is to attract new members to replace members we lose, as well as help our membership grow.

Treasurer Allen Greenberg reports that we have \$3,449 in the bank. When asked how many members have paid their 2007 dues, Allen reported that only 12 out of 30 members are current with their dues. *Please pay your dues by the of March!*

The move to the Ronald McDonald House and our problem with obtaining liability insurance is still looking for a resolution of some kind. There was no news this month.

New Business – We were asked if we were interested in having a lecturer come in in late April, but no lecturer was mentioned by name in the notes. There was little interest without a specific lecturer offering to come to our area.

The Annual SAM/IBM Close-up Competition will be held Wednesday, April 11th during the IBM meeting. Gift certificates from **Murphy's Magic Supplies** will be awarded with trophies. First Place will be a \$100 gift certificate from Murphy's and a golden statue. Second Place will be a \$75 certificate and a silver statue. Third Place is a bronze medallion and a \$50 Gift Certificate.

Performances – This meeting was held on a dark and stormy night and only eight members braved the weather for the sake of Magic. **Rick Hill, Joe Chez, Lloyd Rich, John Iacono** and **Tim Walker** volunteered to perform this evening.

The performance theme was My Favorite Trick. **Rick Hill** began with his version of the *Crazy Man's Handcuffs*. Rick demonstrated that he can escape from the linked rubber bands, and the second time he did it, he asked **Tim Walker** to hold one of the rubber bands. Rick magically melted it into the second one, thus creating only one band! Rick says it is his favorite because, you can perform it almost anywhere at any time.

Next was **Joe Chez**. Joe treated the "storm-soaked" crowd with a joke, and then showed us two decks of cards and a 8x10 inch picture frame. Inside the picture frame was a picture of an Ace of Diamonds. He asked **John Iacono** to choose one of the cards and after a series of counts, he then revealed John's card. Joe took the second deck and asked **Allen Greenberg** to choose one of those cards. As Allen was looking at his card, Joe walked around and showed everyone else that all his cards were the same, (The Ace of Diamonds) which happened to match

the card in the frame – (the A of D). Unfortunately, Allen's card was a Queen of Diamonds. It was the only one that was in the deck. Joe apologized that he was not able to reveal the right card, but then took the Ace out of the frame. As he did, it turned into a Queen right in front of everyone!

Lloyd Rich was next and took out a dollar bill. He began reciting a story about George Washington as he folded up the bill and then unfolded it. When he unfolded it, it was mis-made! He refolded it again, and it was whole again! Lloyd then took out two coins. One of the coins had a long oblong hole in it and somehow he was able to pass one coin through the other one. No one could believe their eyes!

John Iacono presented a very clever effect called *Dial X*. It consisted of a small watch dial encased in a plastic box in which a person sets a time and returns dial back in the box. Without looking, John was able to reveal the time chosen! Then John took a pack of cards and asked someone to choose a card. After a series of cuts, John correctly revealed the chosen card. John closed with a great sponge ball routine.

Tim Walker took a length of rope, a small chain and a ring. He asked Leland Eiben to thread the rope thru the chain. Tim then tied a knot to the chain and suspended it behind Leland's back. Leland kept the ends of the rope in his hands while Tim was behind him freeing the chain and replacing it with the ring! When the rope was shown again, the rope was threaded through the ring and tied.

A vote was taken to choose the crowd's the favorite performer of the night. **Lloyd Rich** that took First Place, **Tim Walker** took Second, and **John Iacono** took Third Place. Lloyd will be awarded a gift certificate from **Murphy's Magic Supplies**.

The Magic Workshop this evening covered *The Linking Rings*. **Leland Eiben** started out by reading several points by **Lewis Ganson** in his book *Routined Manipulation, Part 1*.

Ganson states that he had six ideas that routine should include:

- 1) Establish that the rings are separate.
- 2) Join a few and give them out for examination.
- 3) Give demonstrations for joining and separating close up.
- 4) Collect all the rings and make a few figures.
- 5) Join all the rings on one ring.
- 6) Shake off the whole lot.

With this in mind Leland performed a routine found in the book, *The Big Book of Magic*, by **Patrick Page**.

This routine uses all eight rings. Leland then showed another routine using four inch rings. They are smaller than the Ninja Rings that are now out on the market. Leland asked **Rick Hill** to help out, so Rick showed several different sizes of rings that he owned and talked about what they were made up. Some were carbon steel that were chrome, some were stainless steel tubes.

Rick typed out a huge list of references that could be found on the Assembly 72 web site.

Rick then showed his version of the rings by performing *Dai Vernon's Symphony of the Rings*. Dai's routine uses only six rings. It was very well thought out and very clean as well to be expected from **Dai Vernon**.

Thanks to every one who came out and participated on a rainy night. Rick and Leland, thanks for helping out with the workshop!

Next month on March 28th our performance theme is Magic with Rings and the Workshop is on "The Magician as M.C."

2007 Table Hopping Close-Up Competition Rules

On Wednesday, May 9th (during the IBM meeting) SAM Assembly 72 and IBM Ring 192 will participate in the annual Close-Up Magic Competition at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, in Carmichael. This year, the format will be Table Hopping. Tables and chairs will be provided.

Because of time limitations, we can only accommodate eight contestants, so if you wish to compete, you should notify Larry Impson before 7:30 PM at the April 11 meeting, (one month prior to the competition.) Members of IBM Ring 192 and SAM Assembly 72 will have first access to the eight positions in the order that they notify Larry Impson. Members of The Magic Club of El Dorado County and The Magician's Circle of Elk Grove who have already informed Larry of their desire to compete may then take any of the eight positions left in the order that they informed Larry of their desire to compete.

In order to compete, contestants must be present for a drawing to take place at 7:30 PM on the night of the competition for the performance order.

Your routine should run between six to ten minutes to qualify for judging. There will be a signal (hopefully in-audible) at the six minute mark, and at the nine minute mark. At the end of ten minutes "Time" will be called and contestants must stop

performing to remain qualified.

No fire effects are allowed.

Contestants should be prepared to perform the same routine a maximum of five times (although they may not need to) with a two minute break between performances.

Judging will be by IBM Ring 192 and SAM Assembly 72 members in-good-standing who have seen every contestant's complete routine. Voting will consist of a single vote for First Place. The magician receiving the most votes will take First Place, and so on.

Non-magicians are invited to attend, so no magic will be exposed! All attendees will be invited to complete feedback forms for the contestants covering subjects such as their Appearance, Entertainment Value, Audience Appeal etc.

First Place prize is a gold (colored) wizard trophy and a \$100 gift certificate donated by Murphy's Magic Supplies; Second Place wins a silver (colored) wizard trophy and a \$75 gift certificate donated by Murphy's Magic Supplies; and Third Place wins a medallion and a \$50 gift certificate donated by Murphy's Magic Supplies.

There must be a minimum of three contestants in order to hold the competition, and at least four contestants in order to award the Second Place prize. Board members of IBM Ring 192 in attendance will be the final arbiters of any disputes.

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Next meeting is this week!

March 28 • 7:00 P.M.

Theme – Magic with rings

Workshop – The Magician as M.C.

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