



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!*



Wright writes ...

Taking Care of Business

By David Wright, President

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

To better manage our club meetings and return the focus of the night to *MAGIC*, the Board is considering a few changes on how we do business. We are proposing do one of the following, either hold a Board meeting every month starting at 6:30 PM with the main meeting to start at 7:00 PM, no business being conducted during the main meeting, or starting the main meeting at 6:30 PM with the Board meeting starting at 8:30 PM to deal with the club's business.

In either case, the main meeting will primarily focus on *MAGIC* with a brief time out for announcements and the occasional vote on crucial issues requiring a majority rule of the assembly members present to pass.

Both options provide club members the opportunity to avoid the drudgery of club business, which has too often dominated past meetings. In this way, the business of the club will be managed by the Board, either before or after the main meeting each month. Any member is welcome to attend the Board meeting if he/she wishes to be a part of the decision making process. But no one need sit through a business meeting if he does not want to.

It has been proposed that the responsibility of managing *Murphy's Magic Company's* gift certificates be shifted from the Assembly President to the Treasurer. The logic for this action is based on the fact that greater accountability is needed to better manage this financial asset, and the Treasurer is the appropriate officer to take over this task. This shift in responsibility would mirror the decision recently made by IBM Ring 192 to shift these responsibilities from President to Treasurer in their club.

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

2008 Magic Calendar

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Date	Performance Theme	Workshop Theme
Mar. 26	Original Routine with Standard Effect	Coin Magic Clinic
April 9	SAM 72 / IBM192 Annual Table Hopping Competition (IBM meeting)	
April 23	Rope Magic (String, Ribbon)	Building Suspense
May 28	Theatrical Impossibilities	Social Mixer
June 22	Annual SAM / IBM Barbecue and Auction	
June 25	Bag Night (Egg, Change, Gag, etc)	Ambitious Card Clinic
July 23	Cabaret Magic	Winning Strategies for Competitions
Aug. 13	Annual SAM / IBM Stand-up Competition	
Aug. 27	Silk/Handkerchief Magic	Social Mixer
Sept. 13	Annual SAM / IBM Community Show	
Sept. 24	Card Routines (2 - 3 tricks)	Rope Routine Clinic
Oct. 22	Houdini Night (or magic from long ago)	Holiday Magic Clinic
Nov. 26	No Meeting Scheduled this Month – Happy Thanksgiving!	
<i>To Be Announced</i>	Annual Ronald McDonald House Open House and Toy Drive	
Dec. 3 (1st Wed.)	Holiday Magic	Social Mixer
Dec. 10	(IBM Meeting)	Open Magic
Dec. TBD	Annual SAM / IBM Holiday Party	

Wright writes ... *(Continued from page one)*

The February meeting was held without any club officers being present. Although no minutes were kept of this meeting, those in attendance had a great time.

Remember that the **Table Hopping Competition** will take place on April 9 during the IBM Meeting. Plan to attend and see who is performing from SAM. It will be a lot of fun.

Dale Lorzo has agreed to serve as Vice-President while **Leland Eiben** is unable to attend meetings.

Our March meeting performance theme is **Original Routine with Standard Effect**. This topic should prove to be a fun challenge for any performer. I look forward to seeing what everyone will do. In addition, our next workshop theme is **Coin Magic Clinic**. So, bring your coins and your original routines to our March meeting and be prepared to be amazed.

Work Your Way Out Of A Speeding Ticket!

A Kentucky State Trooper pulled a car over on I-75 about two miles north of the Kentucky/Tennessee State line. When the Trooper asked the driver why he was speeding, the driver answered that he was a magician and a juggler and he was on his way to Lexington to do a show that night at the **Shrine Circus** and didn't want to be late.

The Trooper told the driver he was fascinated by juggling, and if the driver would do a little juggling for him then he wouldn't give him a ticket. The driver told the Trooper that he had sent all of his equipment on ahead and didn't have anything to juggle.

The Trooper told him that he had some flares in the trunk of his patrol car and asked if he could juggle them. The juggler stated that he could, so the Trooper got three flares, lit them and handed them to the juggler. While the man was doing his juggling act, a car pulled in behind the patrol car. A drunken, good old boy, from Tennessee, got out and watched the performance briefly. He then went over to the patrol car, opened the rear door and got in.

The Trooper observed him doing this and went over to the patrol car, opened the door and asked the drunk what he thought he was doing.

The drunk replied, "You might as well take me to jail, 'cause there ain't no way on Earth I can pass that test."

The Pandora Experiment: Magician's world

By Reyhan Harmanci, S.F. Chronicle, 3/20/08

Chris Cagigal has been interested in magic since he was 10 or 11 years old - old enough to know that he could get positive attention even while remaining a self-described nerd. He scoured bookstores and libraries for magic books, and stayed up late at night teaching himself sleight-of-hand maneuvers. But it's been hard finding a place in the field.

"The main venues for magicians are parties, corporate events, Vegas and cruise ships," Cagigal says. "I have friends who do them, and do them really well, and I respect them and they're really excellent at those things, but (those venues) are not for me."

Now, Cagigal feels he has hit his stride as the originator of the innovative magic show "*The Pandora Experiment*," now in its third run in a bigger space. His work lies somewhere between traditional magic practices and the psychologically driven mentalists, whose effect is very close to mind reading.

"I got into art and theater in college, and took some time away from performing to not be a performer, but I always knew I'd come back to it." Eventually, he says, "it became about something else for me. It wasn't about leveling out social anxieties. It became about the unknown and being OK with the unknown."

"*The Pandora Experiment*" is broken into two 45-minute acts. Cagigal is loath to say much about it - a magician, after all, never reveals his secrets - but he does offer a tease. "There's a box that knows your secret wish, a toy car that knows what you're thinking, and a toy doll that communicates with the audience using quotes from Shakespeare."

Cagigal inherited the doll in question from a grand uncle, a Spaniard who had fought as a rebel in the Spanish Civil War. He says weaving personal history into "*The Pandora Experiment*" is important to him. "I've always loved storytelling. It harkens back to good old days, shaman, not to say I'm on the level of shaman, but also sitting around the campfire." In the end, however, Cagigal says that what sets him apart from some of the showier contemporary magicians (think Criss Angel and David Blaine) is his emphasis on audience participation and connection.

"It's like, can I bring people in to a fantasy world for a while," he says. "The more we hurtle forward today, the more we desperately need that - to be in a magical world."

8 p.m. Fri.-Sat. Through April 12.

\$12-\$20 sliding scale.

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Seen around town – Who is the lucky magician to snag the license plate that every California magician would love to have?

Our new Vice-President, Dale Lorzo!

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Our next meeting is Wednesday,

March 26 • 6:30 PM

at the Ronald McDonald House!