



Magic Flash

Newsletter of the Society of American Magicians Assembly 72

Notes from President Rick Hill:

Troy Hooser lectures on May 17th

The Michael Ammar lecture was a huge success! We had a full house and we did better than break even. Both SAM 72 and The Magician's Circle of Elk Grove made money on the event; about \$85 each! Plus, we had some old members looking at rejoining our Assembly and some potential new members showing interest as well. Next up will be the **Troy Hooser lecture on May 17**. This event is being sponsored by IBM 192, the EGMC and SAM 72, which means that costs to each group are going to be small. Given Troy's reputation, the fact this will be his first appearance in this area and our wide-spread advanced advertising, we plan on more than covering costs again. I hope you will all be able to attend and see some innovative coin and card work.

On June 18, SAM 72 and IBM 192 will host an **All-Clubs Barbecue** for the Sacramento area magic groups. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter. RSVP by June 10 so we can order food for everyone. It will be loads of fun so bring some food, your family and some magic!

On September 17th we will once again join with IBM 192 to present the **Annual Mission Oaks Show**. We are still looking for performers and folks to volunteer to work to setup, stage crew and tear down. There is a committee forming to discuss the show and it will be composed of a few IBM and SAM members. It's already April and the show is only about five months away. Seems like a long time, but consider we normally meet only two times a month (between SAM and IBM). So, if we just use our normal meetings to work on this, that's just 10 meetings away! The committee has yet to meet, but I'm guessing we need to have

interested performers commit by the end of June. So, please, if you are interested in performing or helping in any way, please let me know. Remember, this event provides us with some performing experience, advertises the club, makes us a bit of money and helps Mission Oaks as well.

Last month, the membership voted to maintain the Assembly's lending library, to include commercial as well as club-produced videos and DVD's and to spend some of our treasury to expand the library this year. We are negotiating with IBM to retain all of the commercial items in the former joint library in the "new" SAM library. In addition to club purchases for the library, members can also contribute directly to the library. You can do this in two ways. First, you can make an outright gift of material to the library. Second, you can loan your materials to the library for checkout to SAM members. If you ever want your materials back, just say so and we'll return them. We will be creating a members-only area of the SAM 72 web site at <http://magic1.org/sam72> where we will list the contents of the library and post instructions for checking items out. We will also have checkout information in the newsletter and at meetings. By the way, if you have a suggestion for something the club should purchase for the library, let me know. The Board will be creating a list of what to buy and your input is welcome. We will consider not only adding videos and DVD's, but also books and e-books as well. Another benefit of being a SAM 72 member!

As you know, we have been working to recreate a Constitution and set of By-Laws for the group. Dick Lavergne has done a great job creating a draft. It is up to us to refine these documents and adopt

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them. At our last meeting the first draft was presented and there was a little discussion. We asked members to review the draft and give us input so we can have some more directed discussion this meeting with the hopes of getting a final draft ready by the May meeting. Although I realize this is an important topic, I will stand by my promise to keep the business portion of the meeting to 30 minutes (well, OK, it did run 35 minutes last time). What this means is that if the discussion on the Constitution and By-Laws looks like its going to run long at the April meeting, I will close discussion and set up a separate meeting for those interested to continue the discussion.

Finally, on a personal note, I have been reading the new book *The Magic of Ascanio: The Structural Conception of Magic*. As many of you know, I like reading magic theory as much as performing. I believe that by thinking about your magic and its presentation, you will be able to advance your performance and improve your art. This book contains nothing but theory. Not a trick in it. For some, that may mean its a no read. For me, this is a must read. The book contains transcripts of lectures by and interviews with **Arturo Ascanio**, Spain's Dai Vernon. I hope to do a better review of this book either in the newsletter or at a meeting when I finish it. It's taking a while. I read a little and absorb for a while. Then I find myself pulling out other books that are referenced like Stars of Magic and The Dai Vernon Book of Magic rereading passages and effects with new eyes. It has made me seek out works by Fred Kapps (not as much as you would think) when I find he inspired a younger Ascanio. So, until I can do a better review, I will encourage those who think about their magic, want to improve their performance and who think of magic as an art and not just tricks – go out and get this book. Oh yes, this is the first of four volumes of Ascanio's work to be released in this series. The next three *DO* include magic effects.

Performers and Volunteers Needed

On Saturday, September 19, SAM will join with IBM 192 in presenting our annual magic show to benefit the Mission Oaks Community Center. The show provides funds to help support the Center. In addition, the clubs share a percentage of the profit. A monetary benefit for all! This event has been well attended in the past and has provided a performance opportunity for SAM and IBM members. We are in the planning stages NOW!. We are seeking interested performers. We are looking for family oriented stage acts. We also have openings for stand-up performers to do magic before the main show and during intermission. Finally, we need volunteers to help man the ticket and food sales counters and to help set up and tear down. Please contact a board member and let us know how you would like to help. We need commitments by performers by the end of June or early July.

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If you have not paid your local dues for 2005 yet, PLEASE pay them as soon as possible. You can pay at the meeting or mail a check for \$20.00 to our treasurer:

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Each member must pay \$12.00 a year for membership to Mission Oaks in order for us to use their meeting facilities. Please show your receipt to Allen Greenberg.

Monthly Meetings

Assembly 72 of the Society of American Magicians meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00P.M. at Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District Senior Citizen's Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., in Carmichael. Prospective members are encouraged to visit us anytime!

Troy Hooser

Tuesday, May 17 • 7:00 PM



The Society of American Magicians,
Sacramento Assembly 72,
The Magician's Circle of Elk Grove,
and The International Brotherhood
of Magicians Ring 192

proudly present

Troy Hooser

**Admission:
\$20.00**

Members of sponsoring clubs \$5.00
Their immediate family members: \$10.00

**For more information call:
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Troy has been a well-kept secret among many of today's top professionals. Why? Because Troy's routines are high-impact, visual, and audience-tested.

"When Troy performs, it looks like real magic! I admire and respect Troy's creativity, subtleties, misdirection, and routine construction. I'm thrilled that Troy has decided to share several of his most valuable secrets." - **Daryl**

"I'm really sorry to see some of the best underground material surface for everybody's eyes. Troy has been one of the best-kept secrets in magic for years. I've been using these routines in my professional shows...they kill!" - **Bob Kohler**

9275 East Stockton Blvd, Rm 100, Elk Grove

Directions: 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 Boulevard. The venue is a one-story building across from Frontier office. Parking is next to the building and at the next group of offices. Parking is free at night.

SAM ASSEMBLY 72 ♦ 2005 MAGIC CALENDAR

Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

- April 27** **Theme - Sucker Tricks - Workshop by Bill Brooks and Dale Lorzø on the history of some of their magic props.**
- May 5** **Oz Pearlman at Grand Illusions**
- May 15** **Last day to RSVP for the workshop with Bob Sheets**
- May 17** **Troy Hooser Lecture – Live in Elk Grove**
- May 23** **Bob Sheets Lecture at the Clarion Hotel 7:00 PM**
- May 25** **Meeting Theme -- Mental Effects – Workshop by Joe Chez on performing for special-needs audiences.**
- June 18** **Summer Barbecue – RSVP to the Greenbergs at (916) 483-4345**
- July 1** **Please volunteer to perform at the Mission Oaks show by this date.**
- Sept. 19** **Annual Magic Show at MissionOaks**

Find our Assembly activities in the Sacramento Bee's web site at <http://ourtown.sacbee.com/SocietyofAmericanMagiciansAssembly72>

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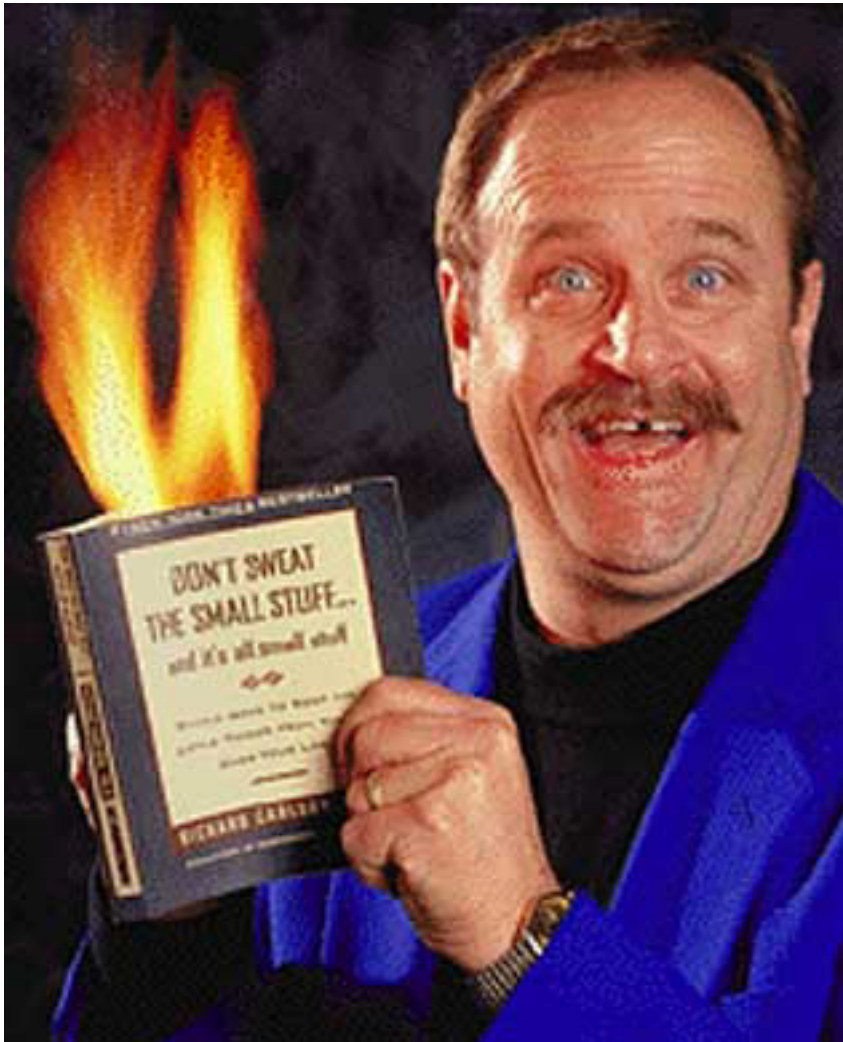


Next meeting:

April 27rd ♦ 7:00 p.m.

Sucker Tricks and a workshop by Dale Lorzø and Bill Brooks

The Society of American Magicians, Sacramento Assembly 72,
and the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 192 present
a Magic Lecture and Workshop conducted by



Bob Sheets

Passion, Performance, and Prowess

Monday, May 23
Lecture 7:00 to 9:00PM
Workshop 9 to 10:30 PM

Clarion Hotel
2600 Auburn Blvd.
(At Auburn & Watt Ave)
Sacramento, CA

Bob Sheets first performed at Hollywood's legendary Magic Castle at an age when most kids were content with designer jeans and a "C" in Geometry. It was just the beginning. Over the next ten years, Sheets toured the country, polishing his art on the streets, in the circus and on the stage, refining his mastery of the amazing and developing his own audacious brand of comic showmanship.

A tidal wave of standing ovations and rave reviews followed Bob Sheets. His reputation as a "Magician's Magician" grew. In 1972, Sheets combined his talents

with the restaurant business. Sheets mastered magic bartending – a rollicking blend of up-close-sleight-of-hand, expert mixology and side-splitting patter.

Today, Bob Sheets is a high-energy performer who mixes magic that astounds with nonstop wit that leaves audiences holding their sides.

Bob was awarded the Magic Castle 2005 Best Lecturer Award, recently and his lectures at the Magic Castle are always sell-outs! The workshop will cover Bob's Cups-and-Balls routine.

Admission:

\$ 5.00 – Members of SAM 72 and IBM 192

\$10.00 – Their immediate family members

\$25.00 – All others • *Workshop is \$25 for all.*

Exact change is greatly appreciated!



For more information, please call
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Rick Hill (707) 678-8807
RSVP for the workshop by May 15th

March 23

Meeting Notes

The March meeting turned out to be a lot of fun, and we had a good turnout for it, too.

We had two visitors show up to check out our club – **Ed and Deanna**. (Unfortunately I did not get their last name.)

President Rick Hill showed us the new DVDs he is producing of our members' performances every month. They were very cool and looked like they were professionally produced – with an opening title and music and a way to click to each performance. Rick will videotape at each meeting, giving everyone a great opportunity to watch themselves as the audience sees them.

This meeting was the first where members were able to bring things in to lay out on a table for sale. Because this was the first night, tables were free and **Joe Hogan** took advantage of that by bringing in a box of slightly used magic paraphernalia which sold fairly quickly.

Richard LaVergne has put in a lot of time drafting a set of By-Laws for our Assembly. Copies of the proposed document were distributed to all of the members at the meeting who were asked to read them and bring any comments and questions they had to the next meeting. You can also e-mail **Rick Hill** or **David Wright** with your comments.

The IBM has decided not to keep a library of commercial video tapes or DVDs anymore. We decided that we would continue to keep our library and a vote was taken to use \$150. to purchase some new items for our library – these can be DVDs, books or other items to be decided later.

The business-part of the meeting breezed by in no time at all – and the time for the performances had arrived. The theme for the night was *Money Tricks*.

First up was our Vice President, **David Wright** who performed a trick with some Chinese coins with a ribbon running through them. Using a secret method David said he learned at **Foo Ling U**, he was able to take the coins off of the ribbon while both ends of the ribbon were held tight.

Dale Lorzo was next, and he brought a cer-

tificate from his Money Market Fund. After giving members of the audience a True/False test, the certificate magically turned into a One Dollar Bill! He then changed the bill into a Two Dollar Bill which he placed into a "safe" with four padlocks. People got to pick out four keys, but only Dale was able to open the safe!

Joe Chez took the stage to do a great trick where he made some bills change their position. Joe also taught the audience a trick which makes an ink pen disappear, right in front of their eyes.

Another Joe took the stage after Joe Chez – **Joe Hogan** brought up a bottle that had no openings – it was completely sealed. In no time at all, Joe took an aspirin tablet and a coin and before you knew it, both were inside the bottle which was still sealed!

Last, but not least, **Rick Hill** leaped up on the stage to awe the crowd with his version of *Coins Across*. Rick had coins jumping between his hands,

All Clubs Barbecue Set For June 18

SAM Assembly 72 and IBM Ring 192 have announced that they will host an *All Area Magic Clubs Summer Barbecue* this year. Members and the families of the Magician's Circle of Elk Grove and the Sierra Sorcerers are invited to attend our Barbecue Festivities for the first time.

This first-time event is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, to begin at 5:30PM. So right now, while you are reading this, mark this day on your calendar before you forget.

This year the Barbecue will be hosted by **Allen and Diane Greenberg**. Their home is located at 5500 Oak Hills Court, in Carmichael and is a wonderful site for a party with a swimming pool, and lots of room to grab a chair and enjoy the food and company. I've been to the last three Barbecues and I can tell you they have always been a lot of fun. It is a great way to meet our members and other magicians in an informal setting.

Speaking of magicians, you are welcome to bring a few magic mysteries with you to entertain the families and other magicians.

More details will come out next month.