



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:

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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

Moving to Sacramento

SAM Assembly 72's meeting last month was a lot of fun! We had a relatively large turn out, about eighteen people in attendance; a great workshop on card splitting presented by our Vice-President, **Leland Eiben**; and an impressive line-up of performers who showed us how to create magic with a simple length of rope.

Our business portion of the meeting topped the evening off with a discussion on the prospects of relocating SAM Assembly 72 to a new venue closer to downtown Sacramento. *We have decided to host a special meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd* at this new location so members can see for themselves what advantages there might be to relocating. After everyone has seen the new meeting site, we will vote on whether to relocate or not. This subject will be further discussed at our next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 26th.

Assembly 72 is planning to hold a special workshop on *Stage Technology* during our April 26 meeting. Everyone is encouraged to come and share in the fun. Bring your personal experiences and knowledge on this important subject. Discussions might range from stage equipment (i.e., lighting and sound systems) to theatrics (scripting, staging, timing, assistant management, etc). This is an open-forum style workshop where everyone in attendance is encouraged to participate. If you have a unique story to tell or know how to create a stage act, you should plan on sharing your experience during this workshop. All the world is a stage, and we all could do with better lighting.

The **Aldo Colombini** lecture held on March 23rd was one of the best lectures we have hosted in months. Aldo was quite the entertainer with lots of quips and stories, well constructed magical sleights and routines. He put on a great show and proved to us that card magic, in the right hands, can make for a full evening's entertainment.

This event was especially pleasant because it was held in the home of the **Dale and Elaine Lorzo**. There were approximately forty-five people in attendance. The three magic clubs sponsoring this lecture, SAM Assembly 72, IBM Ring 192 and the Magic Circle of Elk Grove, profited from this event. A special thanks to Dale and Elaine for allowing us to host this lecture in their home.

March 2006 Minutes

By David Wright, President

Eighteen magicians attended this meeting. The meeting started with a workshop on Card Splitting conducted by our Vice-President, **Leland Eiben**. Leland demonstrated that this skill is not difficult to master. He showed us the steps necessary to complete the task, the types of tools needed, how easy it is to get started, and some good examples of final products. Everyone in attendance found this workshop very interesting.

The performance theme for this meeting was **Rope Magic**. Nine performers signed up to show off their skills.

First to perform were **Leroy and Lynn Goodenough**, who did a multi-phase cut-and-restored rope routine followed by a series of rope maneuvers where by knots magically appeared and disappeared from a length of rope.

Second on stage was **Genny the Genii** who showed us her *Bowman's Knot* and cut-and-restored rope routines.

Third up was **Joe Chez** performing a series of rope effects, including a the magical linking of two short ropes into one long one; a three rope sucker effect where spectators got the chance to pick the rope attached to a \$5 bill (not surprising, Joe got to keep his money); and finally, a Gypsy Thread routine using Dental Floss.

Next up was **Ven Mendoza** who showed us a Ring and Rope routine that culminated with the ring floating on the rope ala Zombie-style.

Following Ven was **David Wright** who performed a Ring and Rope routine called Full Circle followed by Rope Through Body.

Next, **Terry Robinson** took the stage with **Coco**, his puppet bird. They performed a Rigid Rope routine. Next up was **Leland Eiben** who showed us his versions of the cut and restored rope and *Daryl's Amazing Acrobatic Knot*.

Last but not least was **James Johnson** who performed *The Grandmother's Necklace*. The awards for the night's Best Performers went to **Joe Chez** (First Place) and **Terry Robinson** (Second Place).

We conducted the business portion of the meeting last. The only issue for discussion this night was the prospects of moving the club to a new meeting location.

SAM 72 has been offered a new meeting location that is closer to downtown Sacramento and conveniently located near two freeways. It is the **Ronald McDonald**

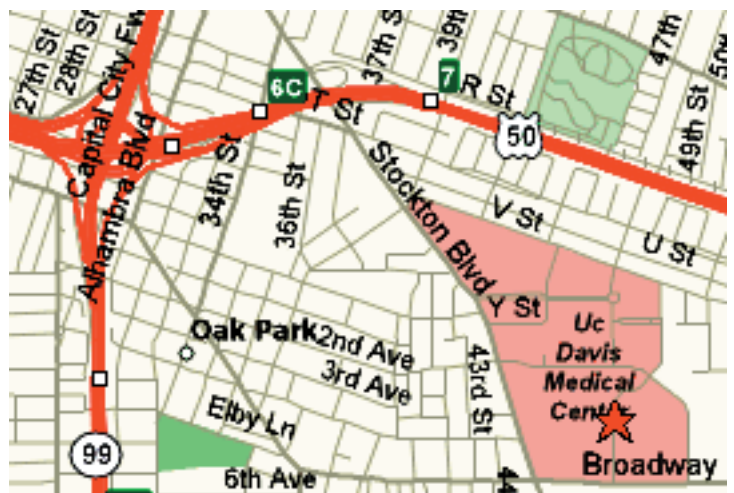


The Ronald McDonald House

House, located at 2555 49th Street in Sacramento. It is located behind the UCD Medical Center on Stockton Blvd. on the *old* California State Fairgrounds.

The main reason for considering this move is threefold:

- 1) To better distinguish SAM 72 from other magic clubs in the area.
- 2) To more centrally locate the club for better access to freeways and other amenities (i.e., restaurants,) to establish a unique neighborhood from which to solicit new members, and to provide greater opportunities for club exposure.
- 3) To reduce annual membership fees – the new venue will not require rental fees. The club voted to meet at the new location at our earliest convenience to test the waters, so to speak. **This mock meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd** and will afford members of Assembly 72 the opportunity to see the new venue before making the final decision to move or not. The final vote will be made on Wednesday, May 24th.



Close-Up Competition • May 10, 2006

IBM Ring 192 Close-up Competition Rules May 10, 2006

General: The purposes of this competition are to have fun performing in the contest environment, test and evaluate performers' skills in front of an audience, and recognize outstanding performances. The contest environment is not necessarily 'real world' consisting of just a lay audience, but rather an environment in which your compeers judge each other. (*Change 04/17/06*) This competition is open to any member in good standing of their local club in the Sacramento area. This includes the IBM Ring 192, SAM 72, Magicians Circle of Elk Grove, Sierra Sorcerers, and the Nevada County Magicians Guild (*end of change 4/17/06*).

Close-Up Magic Defined: Close-up magic is magic done for smaller audiences, typically using smaller props such as (including, but not limited to) cards, coins (money), sponge balls, etc. Close-up magic is typically performed either with an audience volunteer seated next to the performer or where the magic is done in the hands of an audience volunteer or within very close proximity of the audience. The use of audience volunteers is up to the individual magician and is not a requirement of the competition.

Performance Environment: Performers must bring their own tables, props and any other equipment (e.g., portable music player) needed to perform. The venue has standard card tables and chairs which can be used if so desired. For this competition, a backdrop will be set up to give the performers an area to set up their tables and props behind the performing area. The community center is divided in two rooms that can be opened as one room. Typically the larger room is occupied until 7:30 P.M. When we have access to the larger room, we will open the divider and the audience will be take seats facing the smallest of the divided room. The performing area will be in the smaller room with the backdrop set up lengthwise to this area, thereby dividing the room in half. This will allow for easy access to the backside of the backdrop for the next performer to prepare for his or her turn on stage. Each performer is expected to be ready to start performing within one minute after their name is called.

Performing Rules:

1. Your act must be between six minutes and ten minutes in length. If your act runs under or over this time frame, judges may subtract points from your overall performance score. If your act runs under or over the allotted time frame by one minute, you may be disqualified from the competition altogether. Performers will be provided a signal at the nine-minute mark to signify they have 60 seconds remaining.
2. Before the start of the competition, performers will draw a card to determine the order the acts will be presented in the competition (Ace – 1st, Two – 2nd etc.).
3. All performers will be allowed pre-show time before the competition to set up their acts. However, once the competition begins, there will be only a short transition time between acts. Any equipment set up (or take down) for your act must not impede other performer's acts. Be prepared to start your performance when your name is called.

SAM 72 • 2006 Magic Calendar

DATE	PERFORMANCE THEME	WORKSHOP THEME
April 26	Card Magic	Stage Technology
May 23	Meeting at Ronald McDonald House 7:00 PM	
May 24	Teach-A-Trick	John Ramsey Night
June 9	Mark Mason Lecture	Details TBA
June 28	Close-Up Magic	Books vs DVDs
July 26	Magazine Magic	Mentalism

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Next meeting:

April 26 • 7:00 P.M.

Card Magic!

Stage Technology Workshop