



Sacramento Area Magicians

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Magic Flash

Newsletter of the Society of American Magicians Assembly 72

Presidential Thoughts

by Rick Hill

Remember, we are still offering new member free local dues for 2005. And whatever member brings in the most new members this year will get their local and national SAM dues paid for 2006!

We need performers and volunteers to help with September Mission Oaks magic show, so please help out if you can. Let any board member know you are interested. If you want to help plan this event, let us know.

We are co-hosting another lecture on July 7 with IBM 192, The Magician's Circle of Elk Grove and the Sierra Sorcerers. This lecture will be FREE for members! Look elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

Finally, we want you to share your expertise and experience! Please consider hosting a workshop at one of our meetings. Teach an effect. Share your interest in magic. Remember, if you present a workshop, you get a \$25 gift certificate to boot. So, if you have a workshop idea, let a board member know.

Harry Allen Lecture

Date: July 7

Co-sponsored by S.A.M. 72, I.B.M. 192, Magician's Circle of Elk Grove and the Sierra Sorcerers



Time: 7-10 pm

Location: 9275 East Stockton Blvd, Room 100, Elk Grove CA

Cost: Members of sponsoring clubs: free, immediate family of members: \$5, general admission: \$10

Harry Allen has performed his intriguing magic lecture throughout the world. He has been featured on many television shows including the TNN Network show, "Nashville Now" with Steve Warner. He has also performed on NBC "Nightly News" "good Morning America" Entertainment Tonight" and CNN. Because of his expertise in the field of magic and entertainment, he is consulted by leading manufacturers of magical apparatus for his advise. He was hired to perform for David Copperfield and his staff, and received a standing ovation for the material he presented to the "greatest living star" in the industry. Harry is one of the most sought-after entertainers and magic dealers by magic and clown conventions. His magic and wit

have been featured at The Magic Castle, Texas Association of Magicians, Pacific Coast Association of Magicians, Columbus Magi-Fest, The Florida State Convention, The New York Magic Symposium, and many others too numerous to mention. Harry has six books on comedy currently on the market. Their titles are, Sleight of Tongue, Sleight of Tongue In Cheek, Sleight of Foot in Mouth, Sleight of Lips Sleight of One Liners and Sleight of Mouth. Harry also has many original effects on the market. He has been published in The Lost Pages of Kabbala and Magic and Monsters. The best recommendation of Harry Allen is his work. His Lecture on Impromptu Magic is intermingled with a dealer show featuring some of Magic's latest new effects. The lecture consists of demonstrations for the beginner to the expert. Harry prides himself with bringing to your club a "MAGIC SHOP ON WHEELS" with literally hundreds of items manufactured by his partner, Irv Cook, and from their two-thousand square foot Daytona Beach Magic Shop, THE LARGEST MAGIC SHOP IN THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES.

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 across from Frontier office. Parking is next to the building and at the next group of offices. Parking is free at night.

By-Laws Update

Dick Lavergne

Due to an editing error on my part, it will be proposed that the Assembly By-Laws document that was approved at the May meeting be reopened and corrected at the June meeting. As had been discussed and practiced in the past, the President and Secretary do not pay local Assembly dues for all of the hard work they do. That had been included in one draft version of the by-laws, but inadvertently left out of the version approved last month. It should only take a minute or so and there may also be a minor unrelated technical amendment due to a change from SAM National. I'm still researching the latter item. Thanks and mea culpa.

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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:

Allen Greenberg

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Each member must pay \$12.00 for membership to Mission Oaks in order 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!*

SAM 72 Meeting

May 25, 2005

Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order at 7pm by President Rick Hill
- II. Attendance:
 - a. Officers present: President and Treasurer
 - b. Guests: Aiden Mendosa (Ven's Mensdosa's son), David Johnson, Erma Hill
 - c. Members: 8
- III. Reminders:
 - a. Pay dues and Mission Oaks fees
 - b. New members get free local dues
 - c. Members bringing in the most new members gets local and national dues paid for 2006
- IV. Announcements
- V. Old Business
 - a. By-Laws
 - i. Final presentation of the new by-laws made. Vote called. new by-laws accepted.
 - b. Library
 - i. Rick Hill passed out list of new tapes and DVD's purchased from the estate of Lee Forrester.
 - ii. ~128 new items purchase at a cost of less than @2.50 per item
 - iii. All of these library additions items will be labeled as coming from Lee's estate.
 - iv. Club had authorized \$150 to be spent on new library material in March. Total cost was \$300. Motion made to approve the additional \$150 from the library budget item (rather than the contingency fund). Motion passed.
 - v. IBM 192 turned over all of the SAM specific and commercial material from the former joint SAM/IBM library fro inclusion in the SAM library.
 - vi. Library to be made available on the web site and hard copy catalogs at meetings once all material cataloged.
 - vii. Currently, Rick Hill will function as librarian.
 - c. All-Clubs BBQ
 - i. Attendees were reminded to RSVP Allen Greenberg by June 10 for this Sat, June 18 event.
 - d. Troy Hooser Lecture Results
 - i. The May 17 lecture cost \$289.48. \$200 for the lecture + 89.48 for hotel room.

- ii. \$190 taken in admissions at the door.
- iii. SAM, Elk Grove, IBM cosponsored the event, so cost to each club was \$33.

e. Bob Sheets Results

- i. The May 23 had only moderate attendance.
- ii. Lecture cost ~\$550. \$250 for the lecture+\$200 for the lecture room + ~\$100 for hotel room.
- iii. SAM and IBM split the lecture. Guessing it will cost each club ~\$200-\$250.

f. Banquet

- i. Dale Lorzo out of town until June

g. Mission Oaks September Show

- i. SAM and IBM representatives (Pam and Larry Impson, Rick Hill) met May 2.
- ii. Pam Impson of IBM will coordinate the event.
- iii. Need performers and volunteers to help setuip, tear down and work concessions.
- iv. Ask that those interested in performing contact a board member by end of June.

h. Treasurer's Report

- i. Allen Greenberg reported we have \$2,456.59.

VI. New Business

a. Harry Allen Dealer Lecture

- i. Lecture would present 20-25 new effects in a performance manner, limited explanations, effects for sale.
- ii. Cost of lecture just one night's hotel. Assuming we can locate a free venue, cost will be ~\$90.
- iii. IBM and Sierra Sorcerers have agreed to cosponsor. If Elk Grove also sponsors and can provide the free venue, cost to each club would be less than \$25.
- iv. It is proposed that members would get in free (clubs cover the cost)/. Family and non-member pricing to be determined by the sponsoring clubs.
- v. Members expressed interest in the event as proposed.

b. Tardy Newsletters

- i. George Westwood requested that newsletters be sent in a more timely fashion. They should arrive a few days prior to the meeting.
- ii. Rick Hill said that he would work with Secretary Viktor Berry to resolve this issue.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Performances

The theme for the evening was mental magic and two performers presented effects. Charlie Fass handed a sealed prediction to member of the audience to hold. Charlie then fanned three jumbo cards, two blue-backed and one red backed. The red backed card also was marked with a dot on the back. The faces of the two blue cards were the same value, 8 of clubs, and the face of the red card was a different value, nine of diamonds. Charlie then mixed the three cards, backs toward the audience, and asked the audience to select the different card. The red back card was selected but it now was Jack rather than a nine! Charlie then offered to show how it was done. He showed that one of the cards was a flap card, an eight with a nine flap attached. The Jack was inserted under the flap and the other regular eight covers the portion of the Jack not covered by the flap. When fanned, it appears to be two eights and a nine. Then, when the nine is chosen, the Jack is slid out of the flap and displayed. Then regular eight is repositioned to cover the nine flap, and the flap card and eight can be shown as two eights. Charlie repeated the effect, removed the odd card, showed the blue backed cards consisted of an eight and a flap card. However, when Charlie showed the “odd” card that should have been the Jack, it was now an ace! And the prediction? It described what happened and predicted that the audience would applaud for this great effect, which they did.

For Charlie’s second effect, he had a deck of ESP cards shuffled. Two spectators select a card. Each concentrated on their cards. Charlie wrote a prediction on a piece of paper for each and handed it to them to hold. The spectators opened the predictions and found that they matched the their selections.

The second and final performer of the evening was Rick Hill, who also presented two mental effects. First, he displayed six colored cards made of poster board about the size of regular playing cards. Each of these cards were a different color from the others and each was the same color on both sides. Rick dealt the cards out on to the table, turned his back and had a spectator turn over any number of cards so all could see colors (if any) were selected. Then, the spectator stacked all of the cards in a pile. Rick picked up the cards and held them behind his back but with his back to the audience (so they could see the cards and his hands but he could not). He proceeded to correctly identify the cards selected. The cards were examined by the audience. Rick then shared the secret and construction of this effect.

For his final effect, Rick demonstrated an impromptu book test. The method was shared and the group spent some time discussing the method and presentation.

Charlie Fass was awarded a gift certificate for his performance.

Workshop

Following the evening’s performers, Joe Chez presented a workshop on performing for children in a hospital setting, sharing insights he has gleaned performing for children at the Shriner’s Children’s Hospital in Sacramento. If you missed this lecture, you might want check out the DVD of the May meeting. Joe did a great job.

SAM Assembly 72 • 2005 Magic Calendar

Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 PM

- June 18 Summer Barbecue - RSVP to the Greenbergs at (916) 483-4345
- June 22 Meeting Theme - Rope and String Effects
- July 1 Please volunteer to perform at the Mission Oaks show by this date.
- July 27 Meeting Theme - Impromptu Magic
- August 24 Meeting Theme - Make it move or float
- Sept. 19 Annual Magic Show at Mission Oaks - Please volunteer to work!

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



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Next meeting:

June 22nd • 7:00 P.M.

Rope and String Effects and
a workshop