



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!*

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:

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We are also updating our Roster.

Please email your current email and mailing addresses with your phone number to Viktor Berry at viktor2@mac.com or leave a message at 916-362-8355. Thanks!

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Wright writes ...

Lots of plans for an exciting summer!

By David Wright, President

Plans for our *20th Anniversary Banquet* are evolving nicely. SAM Assembly 72 is set to celebrate its two decades of existence on Sunday, August 26th at the **Coloma Center** at 4623 T Street in East Sacramento. In addition to celebrating our own milestone, we will be honoring the magical life-long career of **Bob Brown**. Our headline act for this event is **Manuel Muerte**, a German magician and a two-time FISM winner. Manuel will also be lecturing for the Sacramento Magic Community that same weekend. You can find out more about Manuel's magic by checking out his web site at <http://www.manuelmuerte.com>.

Last month's club meeting, our second at the **Ronald McDonald House**, appears to be a great success. I'm sorry that I wasn't able to be there. Several new and returning members came to check out our new digs. Apparently there were so many performers that night there wasn't sufficient time to conduct the workshop. It's nice to know that membership is up and our compeers are rallying behind the relocation through increased participation.

Last month's proposed workshop, *How to be Funnier* never took place because we ran out of time. For those of you who would like to know more about this intriguing subject, you should check out **Jay Sankey's** article, *Beyond Secrets*, in the June issue of MUM magazine. Jay presents some thought provoking ideas on how to properly mix comedy with magic by using tension and release timing. Jay points out that comedy and magic can, at first glance, appear to be odds with each other in that one requires the audience to believe, while the other requires it to suspend belief. Many magicians effectively combine magic with comedy by watering down the magic, often reducing it to the butt of jokes. This, according to Jay is not what we should be doing. We should try to marry the two with timing, allowing the act to breath and flow with tension and release tactics.

After reading Jan Sankey's article, apply your skills by attending our next meeting and performing on the magic theme, **Comedy Magic**. The workshop theme for this next meeting is **Book and Movie Reviews**. See you there!

SAM 2007 Magic Calendar

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

We are now meeting at the **Ronald McDonald House**, 2555 49th Street in Sacramento (located behind the UCD Medical Center on Stockton Blvd.) **at 6:30 PM**

Date	Performance Theme	Workshop Subject
June 27	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 25 (Saturday)	Lecture by FISM Winner Manuel Muerte	
August 26 (Sunday)	Assembly 72's 20th Anniversary Banquet	
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>.