



Magic Flash

Newsletter of the Society of American Magicians Assembly 72

From Dream to Reality, The “Real” Part Two: A Magical Journey to Assembly 72

By George Westwood

Editor's note: In the May, 2005 edition of the Magic Flash, George Westwood wrote about how and when Assembly 72 was formed. Last month, in the July issue, I accidentally gave you what was supposed to be Part Three. This is the “real” Part Two – July's story is really Part Three! Sorry! Viktor Berry

November 1987

Allen Greenberg was able to find us a new meeting place. A much larger and more centrally located at the **Glendale Federal Savings** building on Watt Avenue. **Leo McCauley** became our scribe in order to assist our secretary.

December 1987

Although attendance was small at our December meeting we had a wonderful get together with good tricks and tips on performances. Guest **Steve Ehlers**, home on leave from the U.S. Air Force, entertained us with some great Dice Stacking routines. **Richard Kowaleski** and Steve contributed to a mini lecture on what to do when things go wrong.

January 1988

Leo McCauley dubbed our newsletter *Spectra*. This name would remain in effect until November 1989. **Terry Sandbek** received his membership card and pin. The meeting was attended by 10 members; **Bill Etgen, F.E. Gregory, Art Gross, Richard Kowaleski, Dale Lorzo, Leo McCauley, Ken Pearce, Terry Sandbek, Armida Westwood, and George Westwood.**

February 1988

Our February meeting was held on Feb. 9th due to the **George Sands** lecture on the 23rd. The theme was *Rope Magic*. Five new guests attending the meeting were **Shawn Carrano, John Gates, Mr. Black, Bob Raker, and David Thurston.** We look forward to seeing them at the next meeting.

March 1988

We had 5 new attendees at the March meeting: **Ben Holt,**

Jessica Korn, Nick Lasalle, Diane Nevens and Todd Rich.

April 1988

At our April meeting President **Art Gross** presented **Todd Rich** his membership card and pin. **Armie (Armida) Westwood** provided Punch and cookies.

May 1988

We had a great turn out for the **Absolon** Lecture. The members thanked **Bob Brown** for bringing us another great lecture. This will be our last meeting at the Glendale Federal Savings.

June 1988

In June we broke our attendance record with 25 members and guests.

July 1988

George Westwood and **Dan Carter** agreed to form a Video committee to see about taping our meetings.

August 1988

Our August meeting welcomed new members: **Jason Cecchetti, Ralph West, Tom Turk, John Heinen, and Kevin Kelber.**

September 1988

We had problems with our September meeting because of a lock change at our meeting hall. After a somewhat informal business meeting in the parking lot some of the members went to **Allen Greenberg's** home for the entertainment portion of the meeting. We welcomed a potential member **Pamela Mitchell.**

October 1988

We had a good turnout for our October meeting. The club thanked **Dan Carter** for arranging the trip to Reno and the great **Tutacko** show. **Allen Greenberg** reminded us that we promised a show to **California Federal Savings**, which supplies us with a

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place to meet each month. **Wilmer Hornbostel** reported Woodland Opera House would pay us to put on a *Magic Show* on a Saturday. A date is yet to be set! The nominations for 1989 officers were voted on and passed. The results were as follows: **President: Dale Lorzo, Vice President: Roy Profido, Treasurer Allen Greenberg, Secretary: Tom Turk.** Dale Lorzo is asking for volunteers to form a three-member board to help in policy and handling meetings when necessary.

February 1989

Members who paid local dues in January got a \$2 break. Local dues are now \$12 instead of \$10. **Wilmer** noted that the **Woodland Opera House** only had June 3rd and 24th as usable dates for a public magic show. It's official – **Wilmer Hornbostel** got his Pin, Membership Card, a photo opportunity, President **Dale's** handshake and a warm welcome from the members. **Bob Brown** hosted a lecture at his home on the 24th of February for **David Harkey** with reservations at only \$7.

March 1989

Prez Dale handed out a bunch of membership interest survey forms. By learning more about what interests we share and those that are overlooked the Assembly can be made even more interesting.

April 1989

Prez Dale smiled the meeting open and welcomed our **National President Bob Steiner** and his entourage to the meeting. **President Bob Steiner** presented us with the Official Charter to replace the working model charter we had, the new one had a Gold Seal on it. We were then let in on some of the workings and not-workings of the National Organization.

To be continued next month

Magic & More at the State Fair

I just wanted to bring some of the State fair entertainment to your attention. **Bill Devon** will be performing 3 shows per day for three days during the fair. Performances on August 24 & 30 are at 3, 5 & 8 PM. On September 2 the performances are at 2, 6 & 8 PM. His wife **Francine** will also be doing a Lei Making demonstration on August 21 and a Hawaiian Cooking demonstration on August 23. **Dale Lorzo**

Annual Show debuts September 17th

On Saturday, September 17, SAM 72 joins with IBM Ring 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, both clubs share a percentage of the profit; it's a monetary benefit for all! This event has been well attended in the past and has provided a great performance opportunity for SAM and IBM members. We are in the final planning stages and **we need volunteers to help** man the ticket and food sales counters and to help set up the stage and chairs and then tear down and cleanup afterwards. Please contact a Board member and let us know how you would like to help. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and your help will be greatly appreciated!

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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
5500 Oak Hill Court
Carmichael, CA 95608-6644

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!

Thoughts from the President

By Rick Hill, President

Not much to report this month. We had a great July meeting! Good attendance. Good performers. Several guests. *And* a couple of new members (well, their applications are in process!) Remember, bring in new members and you may get your local *and* national SAM dues for free next year.

The new library made its debut and attendees made immediate use of some of the new video materials. Plus, at the meeting we added our first two book titles to the library as well, thanks to a great price offered us by **Mark Duva** of **Murphy's Magic**. Mark has offered to keep an eye out for similar items that Murphy's could offer the library at reduced prices. Great! We raffled off some card decks from Lee Forrester's estate. This meeting we'll give away some more decks, this time both regular and gimmicked decks will be available!

A reminder that in September, we will be accepting nominations for officers for next year. Elections will be held in October (since, due to our meeting day, we conflict with Thanksgiving, & the winter holidays so we have no meetings in November or December –something we hope to change in the future.) *Consider becoming more active in our Assembly. Run for an office! You can nominate yourself!* I know that folks who have held office in the past will continue to provide new officers their active support. Its just hard to expect the same small group of folks to bear the responsibility of guiding the group year after year. Not sure? Talk to some current and past board members and let them know you are interested. The upcoming August meeting will be a great time to ask, so you can mull it over some more prior to the September meeting.

The annual Oakland Magic Circle Interclub Competition is coming up in early September (more information elsewhere in the newsletter). It is a stage competition and we can send someone to represent us. I know, late notice, but we only heard about it on August 6 and the newsletter publication date and our meeting day made getting the word out earlier a bit problematic. If you are at all interested in competing, let the board know at the August meeting!

Finally, I was on the road a lot this past month. One of my stops was Chicago. I took the time to visit Magic, Inc. and I will share a bit about that experience after the performance portion of the August meeting. See you there!

We will have FREE refreshments at the August 24th meeting!

Oakland Magic Circle Interclub Stage Competition

The Oakland Magic Circle is pleased to announce the

Annual Interclub Stage Competition
Tuesday, September 6, 2005

All Bay Area Magic Clubs are cordially invited to send a contestant!

1st PRIZE - \$100.00
plus an opportunity to appear on the
O.M.C. 2006 Installation Banquet Show

The competition will be preceded by
our **Traditional Sphagetti Dinner**

BJORNSON HALL
2258 MacArthur Blvd.
Oakland, California

Doors open 6:00 PM ADULTS: \$10.00
Dinner served: 6:30 PM KIDS UNDER 12: \$8.00
Competition begins: 8:00 PM

As we reduced our price, there will be no show-only tickets.

Reservations to:
O.M.C. P.O. Box 179, Canyon, Ca 94516

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The latest news, library lists
and newsletters!
www.magic1.org/sam72/
and www.magicsam.com

SAM Assembly 72 • 2005 Magic Calendar

Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

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| August 24th | Meeting Theme – “Make it move or float.”
Free Refreshments! Check out our new library! |
| September 17 | Annual Magic Show at Mission Oaks - Please volunteer! |
| September 28 | Officer Nominations. Children’s Magic (Back to school.) |
| October 26 | Election. Meeting Theme – Spooky magic |
| November | No meeting - Happy Thanksgiving! |
| December | Date TBA – Holiday Party |
| December | No meeting - Happy Holidays! |

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

The Magic Flash

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Next meeting:

August 24th • 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Theme -

Make it Move or Float
and Free Refreshments

July 27th

Meeting Minutes

SAM 72 • July 27, 2005 Minutes

I. Meeting called to order at 7pm by President **Rick Hill**

II. Attendance:

- a. Officers present: President, Secretary, Treasurer
- b. Guests: 11 Members: 9

III. Reminders:

- a. Pay dues and Mission Oaks fees PLEASE!
- b. New members get free local dues this year
- c. Members bringing in the most new members gets

Local and National Dues paid for 2006

d. We are seeking members to present workshops at future meetings. Earn a Gift Certificate to Murphy's Magic Supplies

IV. Announcements

V. Old Business

a. *Library*

i. **Rick Hill** presented an update on his work on the library and items were available at the meeting for checkout.

ii. Between a quarter and a third of the library items have been moved to DVD format for checkout.

iii. The checkout procedure was described:

1. To use the library, members in good standing will sign a document stating they will not copy commercial library items. This only needs to be done once a year.

2. Library items will be available at each meeting.

3. Members who have signed the loan agreement can checkout two items out for a month at a time and renew for an additional month unless another member has reserved it.

4. A question was raised about a charge for damaged or lost items. \$25. would be charged for lost DVDs and \$5 will be charged for damage to DVDs.

6. Rick said that the library contents would be posted on the web site in a Members-Only area by next meeting. Contact Rick Hill or Viktor Berry for the password. The list of library holdings was passed around at the meeting and everyone was excited to see all of the new items we have available to SAM members.

7. If an item is checked out, a member can reserve it for the next month, and if it is checked out by a member, it must be returned. It cannot be extended for another month

b. *Banquet*

i. Dale Lorzo is the coordinator and we are thinking about October for Magic Week. Talk to Dale if you have any suggestions for venue or other details. The theme will be *Honoring Long Time Members*. Open to non-members as well. Tell your friend!

c. *Mission Oaks September Show*

i. Date is September 17. Please join us and tell your friends! It is always a lot of fun.

ii. We need volunteers to help setup, tear down and work concessions. Please consider helping out!

d. *Treasurer's Report*

i. Treasurer Allen Greenberg reports that we currently have \$2,436.59 stuffed in our mattress.

VI. New Business

a. *Promotion*

i. **Dick Lavergne** has been pursuing new avenues to promote membership in the group. Please let Dick know if you have any ideas we can try.

1. Community calendar announcements in the Sacramento Bee have not been printed by the Bee yet.

b. *Raffle Tickets* were passed out to give away Gift Certificates and decks of cards from Lee Forrester's family. Lee had collected hundreds of decks over several decades. Phil Stillman gave a short talk about Lee Forrester and what he had done in the magic world.

c. *Mark Duva*

i. Mark Duva, from Murphy's Magic Supplies came to the meeting to introduce himself to the club and to let him know he will be our contact with Murphy's. He talked about what it was like to work at the world's largest magic wholesaler and brought in a pile of books that were the current best sellers to magic dealers around the world. Mark also brought in three great books which he offered to the library at a steep discount because they were slightly dinged. It was motioned and seconded to buy the books and they are being added to the library.

d. *Summer Barbecue*

i. Allen reported that about 30 people attended the Barbecue this year. Everyone thanked him for hosting the party and providing all of the meat, utensils and drinks! Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg!

e. *Paul Gordon Lecture*

i. Paul Gordon let us know he will be in our area in early 2006 and would like to present his lecture to us. It was tabled for action later in the year.

f. *Elections*

1. We will start taking nominations at the September meeting. We need some more members to nominate themselves as Officers. Secretary will be vacant, maybe others, too. Please consider taking a more active role in 2006. Election will be held in October.

g. *Visiting Lecturers*

Lloyd Rich said lectures are welcome to stay at his house to save the club from paying for hotel rooms.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.,

July Magic Performances

It could be said for SAM Assembly 72 that July was Magic Month. The performances, and the number of them in July was very impressive. The theme for the evening was *Impromptu Magic*, but the magicians were so practiced and used such ordinary props, that I suspect that all of the tricks we saw could have been done at a minute's notice, using anything within arm's reach!

The evening performances began with **Lloyd Rich, MD**, better known as *The Physician Magician*. He asked **Mark Duva** from **Murphy's Magic Supplies**, to come up and give him a hand.

Lloyd showed us three different colored packets of sugar and artificial sweeteners and correctly predicted which packets Mark would choose! Then, **Joseph Robson** came up and Lloyd performed the same trick using different colored hard candies. Once again using totally different props, Lloyd correctly predicted which candy pieces Joseph would choose! Lloyd showed us how the trick could be performed *without* using any ESP, and that any magician, with very little experience, could correctly perform this prediction trick.

Next up in the program was **Joe Chez**. Joe surprised everyone by telling a few jokes before he performed his first trick. Once again **Mark Duva** was called up to the stage to assist, and he was instructed to write down three large numbers. He asked an audience member to choose any number between 1 and 20 and to then double that – and then to add 10 – then to divide that number by 2 – to subtract the original number – then add 75 – and add another 800 – then to subtract 100. Joe then asked Mark if there was a 7 in the number? How about a zero? Was there an 8? Joe then correctly announced that the number was 780!

Charlie Fass was next on the program. Charlie pulled out an ordinary black colored cloth bag and then brought out an egg and showed both to the spectators. He put the egg in the bag so the egg would not break and then asked several people in the audience to see if they could feel the egg in the bag, but it had disappeared! My notes do not say if he ever found the egg again, but I am willing to bet he probably did.

Phil Stillman was the next magician on the list. Phil pulled out a silk and twisted it into a long tube. He tied a knot into it and asked **Allen Greenberg** to blow on the knot which immediately disappeared!

Phil also showed us a striped silk. He rolled it up and when he showed it to us – the stripes changed from horizontal stripes to

vertical stripes!

We had a LOT of magic this evening! The next magician was **Dave Yost**. Dave asked the audience for a large paper currency, preferably a \$100 dollar bill. He finally settled for a \$10 and a \$1. He rolled the bills up together, with the \$10 on top, "increasing the molecular surface area." He rolled them up like a soda straw – and when they were unrolled, they had changed positions!

Leland Eiben, the newest member of SAM Assembly 72, got up and performed a trick with his Chapstick®. I'm going to have to find out what he did because I can't read my writing. I was watching and writing at the same time because I always have a Chapstick® with me and I knew I would not forget what he did. But I did. Forget that is. Sorry!

Rick Hill was last up and gave us a lot of ideas for restaurant tricks. "Give me two rubber bands," is his usual reply to "Do a trick!" He showed us a couple of rubber band tricks and then mentioned a newspaper trick he likes to perform. He also demonstrated a smooth way to "lose" a coin when you need to. Drop it on the floor and then pretend to pick it up but leave it behind – no one ever looks!

The winner off the vote for the night was **Rick Hill!**

"A Magic Journey" Sked for Sept. 17th

Final preparations for the Annual SAM/IBM Magic Show have begun and many members are rehearsing their acts for the big day, Saturday, September 17th. Doors will open and strolling magicians will start at 6:30 PM, and the show is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM. The show is scheduled to run until 8:30 or 8:45 PM with a brief intermission about halfway through.

The theme for this year's gala is *A Magic Journey*. Before the show begins, we still need volunteers to help set up the chairs and stage, and to man the Concession Stand. It is not hard work, but we do need help, and the evening is always fun.

The audience will be greeted and entertained before the show by strolling performers. Members volunteering as strolling magicians are **Rick Hill, Tom Allen, Phil Stillman, and John Robertson**.

Stage performers this year will be **Steve Johnson, Mary Mowder, Ed Middleton, Dan Kirk, Kevin Warren, Charlie Fass, and David Wright**.