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April 2015

Next Meeting is April 15, 2015

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Workshop starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. This month: Dealing with Hecklers plus learn a bonus magic effect

Open magic performance and discussion starts about 8:30 p.m. and meeting ends by 10:00 p.m.

Survey will be distributed regarding professional lectures.

A Message from Your President

Exciting Times!

by Larry Wright

We are looking for ways to make your membership in SAM#112 more valuable to you. Your Board Members have been pulling together some coming attractions that they believe will increase your enjoyment as a member, and that will add valuable experiences to those who attend meetings and our special events. Here are a couple of examples of things that are being planned.

Beginning at the April meeting there will be some high quality magic props and publications which are being made available for sale to our members who attend that meeting. These items will be offered at a FRACTION of their current value. We have received a donation of some top quality items from a former Bay Area magician, and we will sell these at absolute bargain basement prices to generate funds for our treasury and for the S.Y.M. treasury.

These items will be sold using a silent auction sheet. You must be a paid up member to participate in the silent auction. You will write your name and the amount you want to bid on a sheet of paper. At the end of the evening, the high bidder will take home the prize. Each item will have a minimum bid to start things off. There will be four or five items available each month.

Here are two examples which will be available for inspection and sale at the April meeting: **The Tarbell Course in Magic** Volumes 1 through 8 currently sells for \$220 retail from several magic dealers online (not including the shipping costs). We will be selling this complete set in outstanding condition for a starting bid of \$55. (No we won't break up the set and sell individual volumes.) Also available will be a set of three beautiful solid brass Cups and Balls (and one of the cups is a Chop Cup) with a starting bid of \$40.

If you will miss the April meeting, don't worry. We will be able to have four or five of these high quality items available for sale for the next few meetings. So bring cash or a check to the April meeting. There are stage and close-up effects as well as published masterworks available in this collection. Remember, all proceeds benefit SAM#112 or the Loren Lind Society of Young Magicians Assembly.

We will be soliciting interest in where you might like to attend a party to celebrate our 40th Anniversary this Fall. Three ideas currently under consideration by the Board include:

- **Playland Not at the Beach** (<http://www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org/>) which is located in Richmond, CA.

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- Attendance of a special performance at the **Marrakech Magic Theater** to see Peter Morrison perform his award-winning show (<http://www.sanfranciscomagictheater.com>)



- A field trip to the Shuffles Magical Ice Cream Shoppe in Santa Rosa to see a show made for us in an ice cream social setting.

Our workshops before the regular meetings have proven to be very popular. We have noticed, however, that one of the most popular facets of those workshops where we hold a discussion about "Magic Theory" has been when an actual effect is presented and explained. In the future, we will be teaching at least one magic effect as a part of each monthly workshop. In April you will have a chance to learn how to use a "mental amplifier" to enhance the transmission of a simply thought-of-card from a spectator to the magician.

Another feature of membership in SAM#112 will be our mentor program. A package of materials to facilitate linking members who want to learn some facet of magic with a more experienced member willing to teach is in the final stages of completion. Under the Mentor Program we hope to connect mentor and student(s) who want to learn OUTSIDE of our regular meeting night. These sessions will be set up between the student and mentor on a periodic schedule in a location to be determined by the participants. This new program should meet a "need" consistently expressed by members who are looking for opportunities to expand their magical knowledge and explore new specific fields within the universe of Magic.

If there are things you would like to gain from membership in SAM#112 that are not mentioned in this column, please tell any of the Board Members. We are aiming to please and make our club thrive as well as expand our membership. If you know of anyone who should be a member, please invite them to attend a meeting and find out what we are all about. Together we can build the kind of organization to be proud of that puts some magic into the World.



Meeting Report

By Bill Marquardt

A magician should always "Be Prepared." He (or she) might be asked to "do something" at anytime once it is discovered that he is a magician. This was the theme of Roy Porfido's workshop at our March meeting, all about impromptu magic, or magic with commonly available objects.



Even old standards like the coin from a kid's ear, or the rubber pencil can be effective for an audience that hasn't seen the trick before. Roy demonstrated the linking paperclips and a variation of that trick with a rubber band.



Borrowing a deck of cards is usually easy to do, and knowing simple handlings like the Hindu Force allows the conjuror to do a large number of simple effects. Card magic is always a bit more impressive if done with a borrowed deck.

If you know a few rope tricks and there isn't a piece of rope around, how about using a shoelace or even a lady's scarf? A number of impromptu effects can be done with objects found at a dinner table. A fork can be that special item that turns a biscuit into a "zombie ball." A table knife and a few moist bits of paper napkin provide all you need for a short routine using the



Nate Wilson managed to pull a lady's scarf through his neck

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“paddle move.” A plastic drinking straw makes a good prop for a demonstration of psych kinesis (PK) if you know the secret. Don't forget the famous salt shaker through the table trick.

Following Roy's presentation, audience members also performed some of their favorite impromptu effects. Tricks include an animated zipper from a plastic baggie, a torn and restored dollar bill, several rubber band tricks, the disappearing knot and more. Of course, it doesn't hurt to always carry one or two small props when you leave the house, such as a bent coin or a color-changing knife, to show an effect that looks genuinely impromptu.



Chris Throop created “Mr. Zippy,” a dancing ziplock zipper, by cutting the top off a food storage bag.

There are numerous books on the subject, including *Impromptu Magic* by Martin Gardner, and *Magic with Everyday Objects* by George Schindler. By using a little ingenuity, advises Roy, we can do the things we already know how to do by using objects that are all around us. Never use the excuse “I don't have my props with me.” One or two quick tricks in the right place might even land you a paying job!

Following the break, it was time for a few announcements. Be sure to read the President's column in each issue of *The Conjurer* to keep up to date on the goings-on. One important thing mentioned in last month's column is to look through your magic collection and see if you can contribute something for the monthly raffle, or perhaps to volunteer to provide snacks at our regular meetings.

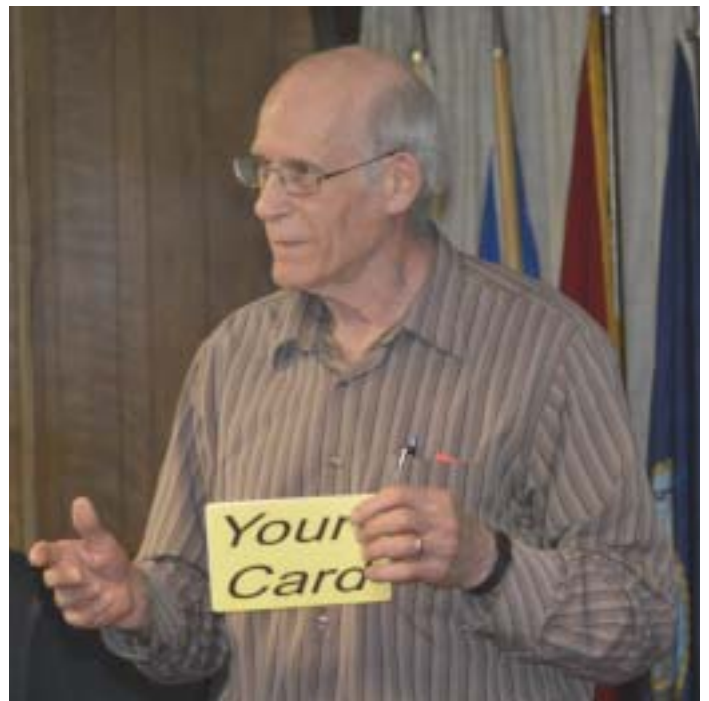
Yours truly kicked off the performance section of the evening with a quick presentation of a trick called Volunteer Swindler. In this effect, a \$5.00 bill cut and folded to appear as two bills is changed into a \$10.00 bill when the magician/swindler is caught red-handed trying to pull the con.



Zeb Dunit followed with a great variation of Eye of the Tiger, a trick we learned at a previous meeting. It seems Zeb has a bit too much magic going for him and when he completes the magical pass through the loop of a rope his wedding ring mysteriously ends up on the center of the rope.

Up next was Zappo who brought volunteer assistant, Nate up to help. In a two-phase mental effect, Zappo first was able to name a card mentally selected by Nate. The card's name was Andy. You see, each card in the deck had a name written on the back, and sure enough, the selected Three of Spades was named Andy. When Nate chose another card by its written name, it turned out to match Zappo's prediction card that had been in full view from the start.

Not to be outdone, Bob Holdridge asked volunteer Ian to select a card from the deck and told him, “I have a prediction here in an envelope with your card on it.” Sure enough, when revealed, the prediction read “Your Card.” Of course that was a gag, and when the prediction paper was further unfolded, it correctly named the chosen card.



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It was then Ric Ewing's turn to entertain with a comedy egg bag routine. Ric vanished an egg for the audience, and then proceeded to teach how to do the effect. Or did he? I am not sure that reaching into your sock to grab a previously vanished egg while "nobody is looking" is exactly the way to go. Of course the "lesson" was all part of the fun.



For the final presentation of the evening, Jose Rodriguez brought out a beautiful wooden box with a hole in each side. Assistants tied two ropes around a magic wand and its ends were placed through the back and front holes of the box. Two solid metal rings were strung over the ropes, one from each end, and the rope ends were then tied in a knot around the rings and inserted through the side holes of the box. The rope was tied one more time outside the box. In spite of all this, with the assistants holding onto the ropes, Jose was able to pull the closed box free of the ropes and rings in a penetration effect worthy of Houdini.

Our meeting concluded with some further commentary and discussion on the future of our club, including the possibility of sponsoring lectures by professional magicians. I will let President Zappo fill you in on the details. **(Editors Note: We are conducting a survey to determine lecture preferences from all members.)**



Our Loren Lind Chapter of the Society of Young Magicians would like to welcome FRANCINE who took her Oath in February. The SYM continue to have fun, learn new effects and take home 2 to 5 items for their magic apparatus collections. In March, three more youngsters received their pins with Rick Allen administering the Oath. Congratulations to BELLA, SANJAY and KARLINA.

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The team of Cesar and Eddie followed with a demonstration of mentalism. While Eddie faced away, Cesar dealt nine random playing cards onto a table and asked for volunteer Ian to pick up one of the cards, show it to the rest of the audience, and then replace the card onto the table. Eddie then turned

around and came to the front. After a moment or two of reading Ian's mind Eddie correctly divined which card had been chosen.

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Due to our growth, we have added an Advanced/ Teen class which meets at 6pm. CHRISTOPHER, a professional magician, who assisted JERRY teaching the junior magicians in 2013 is the Leader. Some former SYM, now teens, have reactivated their membership. Welcome back DANNY and JACK.

ALEGRA the teenage sister of SYM DIEGO has also joined this new group. This advanced group meet weekly.

All S.A.M. Members are welcome to stop by to see the fun and maybe perform a trick or two for the entire SYM class any fourth Monday at Denny's on Willow Pass Road at Diamond Blvd in Concord. If you would like to give a lecture, workshop or presentation to the Teens, they would love to see you about 7:30 any Monday...check ahead with our coordinator, Jerry Barrilleaux.

Do you have any family/friends in the age group 7-17 who might like to join us? Contact Membership@sam112.com for details.



Coming to California Magic Club



April 10 and 11 Christian Cagigal and Jack Alexander

April 17 and 18 Comedy Imaginator Eric Buss

April 24 and 25 David Hirata and Zappo the Magician

May 1 and 2 Ron Saylor and Gerry Griffin

May 8 and 9 Joseph Bartholomew and John Gardenier

May 15 and 16 Peter Samelson and David Hirata

May 22 and 23 John Gardenier and Joseph Bartholomew

May 29 and 30 Comedy Magician Justin Rivera

June 5 and 6 Comedy Juggler Daniel Rasyini

June 12 and 13 Celebrating the 1,000th show at California Magic will see a variety of performers on stage

June 19 and 20 Hank Morfin and Gerry Griffin

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2-drink or food purchase minimum per person.
Order tickets online at: <http://bpt.me/1336742>

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October 16, 17 & 18, 2015

Announced performers include: Wayne Houchin, Ariann Black, Jay Scott Berry, Dirk Losander, Mario Morris, Hank Morfin, Paul Draper, Al Skinner, Jack Alexander and Jack Fowler (the latter two have been members of our SYM group.)



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both his life and others.

Join us for the Phil & Phil Show in Mountain View. Enjoy the tasty cuisine that's all Morocco's. After dinner it's 75-minutes of magic, comedy & music featuring Bay Area's best entertainers. This show is for mature adults and not for children. Order tickets online in advance for priority seating.

Sunday, June 21st
Doors Open 5:30PM
Dinner: 6:00PM
Show: 7:30-8:45PM

Click on performer's name to read more about them.




Morocco's Restaurant
873 Castro Street, Mountain View
650-968-1502

Cover Charge
\$25 + two-drink or food purchase minimum per person. This show is rated PG-13 and is not for children.

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Sunday, May 17th
Doors Open 5:30PM
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Show: 7:30-8:45PM

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Coming Attraction:

Our own David Facer is hoping to open soon at the Chancellor Hotel in San Francisco off Union Square in his one man show. Watch for an announcement soon!

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Scheduled Meetings through December 2015

- January 21 -- Cut and Restored Rope Part 2 Workshop at 7:00p
- February 18 -- Children's Magic
- March 18 -- Impromptu Magic
- April 15 -- Dealing with Hecklers -- Panel Discussion
- May 20 -- Acting for Magicians
- June 17-- Money Magic
- July 15 -- Full Stage Contest
- August 19 -- Holiday Magic
- September 16 -- Flea Market
- October 21 -- Game Night
- November 18 -- One-Shot Close-Up and Close-Up Full Act Contest
- December 16

SAM#112 meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Pleasant Hill VFW Hall

Directions to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall:

From Highway 680, turn west on Oak Park Boulevard; when you get to Wendell Lane, turn right; Veterans of Foreign Wars is the second building on the left side of the street.

Address: 1919 Wendell Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA



Time to pay your dues

Dues for 2015 have remained at \$25 a year for local assembly membership and \$5 more for a spouse of a member. If you have not paid your 2015 local dues, your name has been dropped from our listing of active members effective with the March 18, 2015 meeting. Please remit right away so that we can continue to keep your membership active.

Please send your dues to Treasurer **Jerry Barrilleaux**, 2724 Richard Ave, Concord, CA 94520.



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