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The Oakland Magic Circle

meets the first Tuesday of every month except July at
Bjornson Hall, 2258 Macarthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602

Doors open at 6:30 pm

July 2008

President's Message

The OMC is DARK for July, but we had a group together for opening day of the Alameda County fair. Friday, June 20 was opening day and at 9:15 pm (approx.) they had grand fireworks show. More to be reported by Byron.

August 5th will be our Intra Club Stage competition to see who will represent us in the Bay Area Interclub Stage Competition.

So, to all you stand up performers, get your act together so once again our club can be well represented.

And finally, a reminder to everyone who was emailed, please go online and complete the club survey as this is YOUR CLUB and we want to know what you want to see happen during the rest of the year.

Magically,
Scott Alcalay

Minutes of meeting 3 June 2008

The meeting was called to order by our President Scott Alcalay at 7:35 PM. Our visitor Mike Della Penna of San Francisco introduced himself. Mike performs kid shows and close-up.

Scott announced that Friday June 20th will be the OMC night at the Alameda County fair. A special gambling demonstration will be given for us.

Gary told us the code for the \$10 discount tickets for Darren Romeo in San Francisco.

Dagmar translated the German effect in the June Newsletter and we found that it is a rising card trick.

Gary Meyer discussed the Marin County fair and told us that Dr. Solar (Terry Robinson) will be performing there.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM
Byron Walker
Secretary, OMC

Oakland Magic Circle Close-Up Magic Competition

After the business meeting the annual OMC intra-club close-up contest was held, with 4 contestants. This year first prize was a check for \$50, a trophy, and 2 tickets to see Darren Romeo (Courtesy of Gary Meyer). Second prize was 2 tickets to see Darren Romeo, again courtesy of Gary. Third and fourth prizes were a tee shirt with a magic scene, again donated by Gary. All 4 contestants were winners:

First prize – Gregg Keeling
Second prize – Steve Nelson
Third prize – Fred Casto
Fourth prize – Rene Castillo

We thank the four performers for their entertaining performances and Gary Meyer for his thoughtfulness in providing suitable rewards for their efforts



The OMC Goes To The Fair!

Friday, 20 June 2008 was declared Oakland Magic Circle Night at the Alameda County Fair by President Scott Alcalay. A small but enthusiastic group braved the warm weather of Pleasanton to meet the entertainers and sample the delights of this old-fashioned event. After entering we met up with Tom Jorgenson, magician, artist & designer from Southern California. Tom was the founder of the Lulu Hurst Society, dedicated to preserving the memory of "The Georgia Wonder", who used resistance secrets to become a sensation in the late 1800s. Tom described some of his upcoming projects and promised to keep your secretary informed via email.

At 6:15 we met Ernie Guderjahn, who led us to a quiet area of the Beer and Wine garden. There Ernie gave us a gambling demonstration and exposé. Ernie then gave each of us a copy of his booklet, "Gambling Secrets of the Old West".

Following our dinner of Fish and Chips, Pizza, etc. we met Dennis Forel, the Fair's Balloon Guy. Dennis was off duty for the day so he was free to give us a private demonstration of his skills. Dennis can make more than 100 different animals and figures from a single balloon. He gave Dagmar private instruction, including how to pinch off a balloon bubble and insert it back into the original balloon forming a balloon ball on the inside of the main balloon!

Dennis found us a good spot to sit while waiting for the 9:15 fireworks display. Fortunately, we had time for our president to buy a round of ice cream sundaes for us before the action began. The pyrotechnic display was spectacular and we left the fair tired but happy.

Byron Walker
Secretary, OMC

Upcoming calendar:

August 5: Intra Club Stage competition
September 2: Inter Club contest and Spaghetti Dinner.
October 7: To Be Announced
November 4: Nominations of Officers for 2009
December 2: Election of Officers for 2009
January 6 2009: To Be Announced
February 3 2009: Installation of Officers and Dinner Show

Darren Romeo

The Darren Romeo show at the Post Street Theater in San Francisco is closing Sunday 30 June 2008, two weeks earlier than previously announced. Your secretary as well as other OMC members and local magicians saw a preview show on Monday 9 June. His closing effect, The Floating Light Bulb, (ala The Blackstones) was the highlight.

PCAM Convention

The 2008 PCAM Convention will be held in Monterey on 10-13 July. This is the first PCAM Convention to be held within driving distance for many years so don't miss it. For information, go to www.PCAM2008.com

Auction and Flea Market

SAM Assembly 94 in Palo Alto will have their auction and flea market on Monday, September 8th. Their president, Kim Silverman, will give us more information at the August OMC meeting.

