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**S.A.M**  
Assembly 170

The Society of  
American Magicians



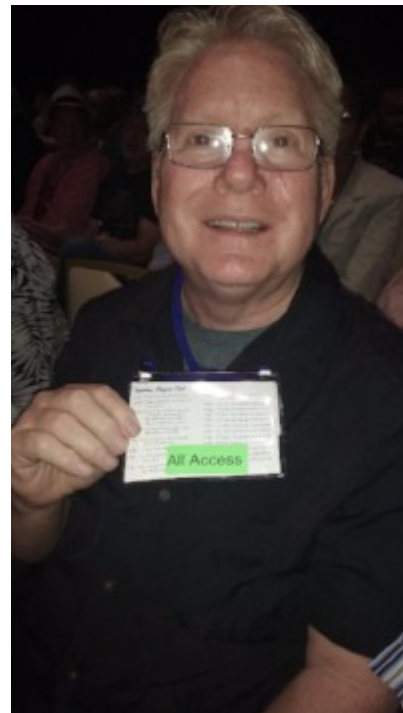
**September Program:**

**End of Summer Picnic**

**Tuesday Sept 12, 6:15**

**Our President, Jason Gunnels, is being deployed to Africa, and this will be his final meeting for 6 months. Jeremy Chisum will step in at the helm till the end of the year, but we need to send Jason off with a bang. So this Tuesday, join us at a NEW time and NEW location for a free magic gathering and picnic open to all and their families.**

**We will be at the brand new Colorado Springs John Venezia Community Park on Briargate and Union. It has a huge playground and lots of space for us. Main course of pulled pork will be provided by Jason, but we ask everyone to contribute**



**Member Jack Hart  
Magic Live 2017**

**We understand Jack Hart was granted special access during the recent magic Live convention. Other members were overheard calling him by his new nickname, "All Access Jack."**

**Sounds like a story to be told at our next**

something for the dinner:

last name starts with A-F: bring a salad or chips, G-R: bring drinks, S-Z: bring dessert.

And, how about some magic? Since we are outdoors, you are welcome to share some magic that can be difficult to perform indoors - FIRE! WATER! ICE! JUGGLING TORCHES and KNIVES! CROSS BOW ANTICS! Bring something to share and lets have fun with our fellow members.

**Tuesday, 9/12/17 at 6:15**  
**Venezia Community Park Pavilions**

Briargate Pkwy and union Blvd. - take I-25 to Briargate exit and go 3 miles east.

<https://goo.gl/maps/ME2UVSN6byk>

In case you need help, call Mark's Cell: 719-338-2054

Weather should be great, but in case of rain, meet at our usual location:

Sand Creek Police Station Community Room, **4125 Center Park Dr**

**Colorado Springs**



**October Lecture**

**Nathan Kranzo**

meeting!



**The S.A.M. at MagicLive**

A year ago, I mentioned to Stan Allen, the producer of MagicLive, that if ever a booth in his dealer room became available, let me know. The SAM has been a regular advertiser in the old Magic Magazine, so the SAM could qualify. At the IBM/SAM Combined Convention, I got a call from Stan - "we had a cancellation." With only weeks to plan, we quickly planned what we could do to sell SAM memberships and promote the SAM Orlando 2018 convention.

Our lovely National Administrator, Manon Rodriguez would man the booth. She took the backdrop we use at our conventions that is a huge photo taken in 1909 at the first S.A.M. banquet. Many dignitaries can be seen (Houdini, Thurston, Kellar, Sargent). She recreated the table settings from the photo so people could sit at the table and take a black and white photo, and it looked like they were at the banquet. Brilliant! Many took photos, including Amazing Jonathan, Stan Allen, Marvin Roy, Mat

**Oct. 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

Join us for a magic Lecture by Nathan Kranzo. Most recently Nate was a consultant for Penn and Teller's NBC special: Off The Deep End. Kranzo's original magic creations have been published in Magic Magazine, Genii Magazine, The Penumbra, Antinomy, Channel One, and The Linking Ring Magazine. Kranzo has also been a columnist for M-U-M Magazine for the last four years. Nathan has performed and lectured all over the United States as well as Canada, Mexico, France, England, Holland, and Japan.

From among his many masterpieces, Nate will be teaching the "real work" on his best-seller "No Smoking Zone", Voodoo Card, Mean Coin Routine, Mene Teckel Miracles and many more. Plus tons of insight on theory, walk-around, and comedy.

**COST:**

**\$15 for members of any Front Range magic club**

**\$30 for non members.**

**But wait. The \$30 fee will include a Free 2018 membership to the PPP. And, members can get in for only \$10 if they bring a new member!**

**Location:**

Sand Creek Police Station  
4125 Center Park Drive  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80916  
*(just east and south of the Academy/Fountain Blvd. Intersection)*

Franco, Homer Liwag, and pictured above, David Copperfield.

~ Mark Weidhaas



Hurricane Harvey slammed Texas last week. In an effort to help our fellow magicians who likely had big losses, Christopher Weed embarked on a campaign on FaceBook. With the help of many magic dealers, groups, and individuals, over \$6,000 worth of stuff was made available. For a chance to win the stuff, a \$10 donation to the SAM Magic Endowment Fund for Disaster Relief was to be made. Prizes include several magic tricks from Dick Bowman and an SAM Orlando Convention Registration. Almost \$10,000 was raised over the weekend.

Now, Florida is in the sights of Hurricane Ira. The MEF fund is being depleted and could use your help. In case you did not know about this wonderful program the SAM provides, here is some more info:

The Society of American Magicians Magic Endowment Fund assists magicians who have suffered losses from national disasters such as earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and fires. The Disaster Relief Fund is supported by donations from the magic fraternity and



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**PPP End of Summer Picnic**

Tuesday Sept. 12, 2017 at 6:15

Colo. Spgs. Venezia Community Park,  
Briargate and Union

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**MHMS magic competition**

Thursday Sept. 14, 2017

Riverpointe, Littleton

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**Peter Samelson**

Sept. 15 and 16, 2017 at Theater of  
Dreams, Castle Rock

Sept. 19, 2017 Lecture, Fort Collins

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**Keith Fields**

Oct. 6 and 7, 2017 at Theater of Dreams,  
Castle Rock

Oct. 9, 2017 - Lecture at MHMS

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**Nathan Kranzo**

others. Recent disasters have reduced the coffers and we need your help.

Our existing funds will not be enough cover the estimated losses and needs of magicians and allied artists affected by the recent Texas and Louisiana storm disasters. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. This solicitation is the only one presented by the S. A. M and all monies donated will go directly to the Disaster Fund.

The Society of American Magicians Magic Endowment Fund encourages direct donations earmarked for DISASTER RELIEF. Mail checks to : S A M. Magic Endowment Fund at 18 Stoney Creek Road, Hilton Head SC 29928 or contribute on line via [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) to [SAMadminstrator@magicsam.com](mailto:SAMadminstrator@magicsam.com) (message DISASTER).

Applications for assistance are listed at [www.magicsam.com](http://www.magicsam.com).



**S.A.M. Annual Convention  
Orlando 2018  
by: Mark Weidhaas - Conference Executive**

We have started taking registrations for a

Oct. 17, 2017 at PPP Sand Creek Police Station

Oct. 18 at Mile High Magic Society

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### CHAMPIONS OF MAGIC

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017

Union Colony Civic Center, Greeley

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### Norman Beck

Nov. 11, 2017

Theater of Dreams, Castle Rock

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Please forward events to PPP Secretary, Mark Weidhaas [mark@magicsam.com](mailto:mark@magicsam.com)



### WIZARD CAMP in Castle Rock

By Dr. David Wintermute

A new class of wizards has been released into the world. Wizard Camp is an annual summer tradition at the Theatre of Dreams Arts & Event Center ([www.AmazingShows.com](http://www.AmazingShows.com)), 735 Park St. Castle Rock, CO 80109.

very special convention. We have read the member surveys, and we have heard the requests for a less expensive experience but with all the amazing programs you expect. We are very excited about this convention and have the following to share:

- This will be a 3-day convention, Saturday – Monday, but come early for the Early Bird event Friday night. Fewer nights = Cost savings.
- Orlando! This is a family magic vacation. The magician can attend the convention while the family enjoys the Parks. We will even open registration on Thursday evening so the entire family can enjoy a day at Wizarding World of Harry Potter on Friday.
- Many acts have been confirmed: Peter Samelson, Leland Faulkner, Damien, David Penn, John Bundy, Michael Menes, Sean Heydon, Tom Wright, John Kimmons, Edge and Selkii, Jay Mattioli, Mark Horowitz. Many more still to come.
- Convention Honoree still to be announced
- British Invasion Close-up and “magic product review” Live with David Penn
- Banquet with the Stars plus Copperfield Prize plus the Restaurant Workers Championship
- SAM Contest of Magic Experience
- Lecture Showcase
- Card Throwing Contest



For the past several years, Joe and Carol Givan have been teaching kids how to perform magic. It is a Monday through Thursday day camp for kids 7 and up (at one point I was the oldest “kid” there at 65 years young). The camp teaches “kids” both the theory and practice of stage magic and culminates in a Thursday afternoon professional recital stage show for their families and friends. All supplies are provided, so the campers just need to bring their enthusiasm and willingness to learn.

Joe and Carol Givan, who own the Theatre of Dreams and host Wizard Camp, are both award winning, full time, professional magicians. Together they teach the theory and practice of magic. They tell of their own experiences and drill the students in the three rules of magic: 1) Don’t tell how the trick is done. 2) Don’t repeat a trick for the audience. 3) Practice, Practice, Practice. All the students even sign a secrecy agreement (modeled after David Copperfield’s “non-disclosure agreements”) to provide a reason and excuse for the students to never tell their friends how a trick works. But mostly Joe and Carol tell the campers to have fun and freak them (the audience) out.

Many of the campers are repeat attendees so Carol and Joe divide the class between them, according to the student’s skill levels. Carol takes the beginning students while Joe concentrates on advanced and repeat students. Over the next three days they teach a variety of tricks. The beginners learn and practice simpler tricks, like “Jumping Rubber Bands” and “Black Magic” Mentalism. The more advanced students work on cards and forces, such as the PATEO. One of the benefits of the advanced class is that many of

- 7 Lectures; 2 Gala Shows and 1 Contest show
- SYM Fun Run and SYM special events held concurrent with convention.
- Magic Museum display of Thayer Magic.
- Florida Resort Hotel: no elevators to wait for. 2 pools, free parking, wifi and shuttle to Universal, tons of dining options within walking distance, \$125/night
- Best for last: \$249 early-bird registration (guaranteed reserved seating). \$50 discount for SAM members (\$199). \$100 family member registration.

**REPEAT: \$199 registration for SAM Members! and \$100 Family member Registration!**

Register now before rates go up and to assure best theater seating:  
[www.SAMconvention.com](http://www.SAMconvention.com) or email:  
[Registrar@samconvention.com](mailto:Registrar@samconvention.com)



**The Time Has Gone So Fast - It has been a real honor and pleasure to serve as your I.B.M. TVP, but my two years are up and now it is time for me to pass the reins to a brand new TVP! Who, might you ask, will this be? Well, this new TVP could be YOU! If you are interested in the position of TVP,**

the students already know a few magic tricks. They often spend time teaching and learning from each other. At the end of the camp, the students are given paper instructions on their tricks so they can more easily practice them after the day camp ends.

Throughout the teaching of tricks, an emphasis is placed on performance and presentation. The patter or story associated with any trick make it much more entertaining and this is illustrated by Carol and Joe in every demonstration they do. They encourage the kids to come up with their own stories and presentations for each trick. Joe and Carol tell each of them to practice, practice and practice. The students are encouraged not to show their magic to family and friends until Carol and Joe see that they can perform the magic well. Badly performed magic embarrasses the magician and disillusions the audience.

Dexterity, coordination, creativity, and self-confidence grow quickly in the budding magicians throughout these days. Within a few days they may have learned a dozen tricks and can adapt them to tell a story. While the standard day goes from 0930 to 1200 noon, the final Thursday is spent rehearsing for the afternoon show and learning stage presence. Students practice their stage entrance, their magical presentation, and then their exit. Many wear costumes to better represent their characters. I've seen witches, gangsters, Jedi, and top hat magicians. Each student sees how others approach the stage and learns from their peers.

At noon Thursday, the final day, Wizard Camp is officially over, but the doors open to

**you will need to consider the following: The line of TVPs who came before me includes Ed Hurtubis and Lindsay Smith. Both set the bar very high while they were in office and I was expected to do the same. That said, the next TVP will need to follow suit. If you are sincerely interested in being the next TVP for Colorado-Wyoming, please send me an email with the following information:**

- 1. Tell me why you are interested in the TVP assignment.**
- 2. List your qualifications, such as the number of years you have been a member of I.B.M., (membership to which is required for this position.)**
- 3. Let me know any local I.B.M. offices you have held and/or any other club activities that you are involved in.**
- 4. Tell me why you want me to consider you as the next TVP.**
- 5. There is a long-standing tradition among the local TVPs to write and maintain a monthly article. This is now a requirement. Your writing and communication skills should be excellent and represent the I.B.M. well.**
- 6. Please send me a writing sample. Pretend you are the next TVP and give me an example of what you would write as your monthly column. A single page, double-spaced is perfect. Please save your submission as a PDF and include this in your email. (You will need some basic computer skills, because your column is submitted as a PDF to the newsletter editors.)**
- 7. You will need a Facebook account, as this is now a requirement for all TVPs. There is a private Facebook page devoted to information and announcements for**

excited parents, friends, and siblings. The real show is about to start. The performers (students) have rehearsed and are ready to perform for their family and friends on the stage at Theater of Dreams. After the audience is seated, Joe and Carol greet them and quickly explain what Wizard Camp was all about. Then Joe announces the first performer and the show begins. One after another, the students slip back stage through a hidden hall to enter the stage as they are introduced. Each greets the audience, makes their magical presentations, and thanks the audience as they leave down the main aisle to congratulations of their fellow magicians in the back of the theater.

As a final wrap up of the show, Carol and Joe, call each of the young magicians up to the stage and present them a diploma showing their completion of Wizard Camp. Their diploma proclaims them an “Apprentice of Wizardry” and specifies their “level” of excellence. With all the young wizards on stage, in front of their family and friends, an official Graduation Picture is taken along with many proud family photos. Before the kids leave the stage, the kids huddle and shout the Wizard Camp motto: FREAK THEM OUT.



**TVPs only.**

**The deadline to send your application is October 31, 2017, a perfect date, as this is Houdini’s date of passing and a super spooky holiday made for magicians. Please send your application and writing sample to: [magic@magicmorningstar.com](mailto:magic@magicmorningstar.com) Please call or text me (303-551-5026) to confirm receipt of your application if you do not receive an acknowledgement within 48 hours of your email.**

**One Final Thought – Thank you for your patience, your kindness, and your devotion to the art of magic. Never ever give up your dream to be GREAT! The only limit you have is the limit you put on yourself. Challenge yourself and step out of your comfortable shoe. Please let me extend my personal invitation to attend my Works in Progress to help you enrich your performance. Your show will continue to grow if you set the bar high for yourself. Whenever you find yourself bored or feeling a bit melancholy about your show, just remember the amazement you felt when you saw your first magic trick. Let that amazement grow, taking your magical inspiration to even greater heights. Never forget that real magic exists. Be wonderful and be grand, but always be humble and kind. You never know whom you may inspire.**

**“My mom said:  
‘Don’t put your finger in your brother’s ear! If you want to know how that quarter trick is done, go ask the magician.’ So I tugged on The Great Arturo's pant leg until he finally taught me how.  
That was my first magic trick! I was five**



### Further Reading Links

Follow this Pinterest Link to view some very famous classic magicians. How many can you name?

<https://www.pinterest.com/intervalmagic/gr eat-magicians-of-yore/?lp=true>



### 2017 PPP Officers

[Bill Wysong](#) (Member-at-Large)  
[Jason Gunnels](#) (President)  
[Mark Weidhaas](#) (Secretary)  
[Jeremy Chisum](#) (Vice President)  
[Dick Bowman](#) (Sgt-at-Arms)  
[Lisa Bischoff](#) (Treasurer) not in photo



### PPP Election of Officers

In September, the nominating committee is to announce who they are recommending for

years old.”

**Autumn Morning Star - I.B.M. TVP,  
Colorado-Wyoming**



**Your Future Looks Bright with the SAM!**

### Club Information

If you are truly interested in magic as a performer, a collector, or a creator or magical effects, you are invited to attend a meeting of the Pikes Peak Prestidigitators (PPP) as our guest.

Generally, We meet at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month\*

### Location:

Sand Creek Police Station  
4125 Center Park Drive  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80916  
(just east and south of the  
Academy/Fountain Blvd. Intersection)

Click [here](#) for directions.

Our Society of Young Magicians (SYM), for those under 16 years old, meets at the same location on the 1st Friday of each

the 2018 year. If you are interested in serving, please contact an officer and let them know.

At our October meeting, additional nominations from the floor may be made. This will compete our ballot

At our November meeting, the ballot will be voted, with the new officers taking place in January.

**month at 6:30 PM.**

**Benefits of membership include:**

- Camaraderie with other magicians
- Lectures by world class magicians
- Public shows
- Instruction in magical effects and showmanship
- Joint membership in the oldest magic society in the world
- Monthly periodicals
- Insurance programs

**\* Subject to Change.**

**SYM Society of Young Magicians**

**Remember the SYM meets at 6:30pm on the first Friday each month at the same location. Contact Dick Bowman at professor1@higginsmagic.com for more information**

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