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## Recreational Mathematics

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To some people, “recreational mathematics” seems a contradictory idea. To others, recreational mathematics brings to mind a Sudoku or KenKen puzzle. In this talk we show that recreational mathematics is an age-old idea where fun problems coming from many different directions can lead to serious topics. Here we will talk about camels, pancakes, playing cards, and more. Bring a deck of cards and be prepared to participate!

Robert Vallin earned a PhD in mathematics in 1991 from North Carolina State University. His mathematical interests follow a crooked trail, from real analysis to topology to Cantor sets to KenKen Puzzles to card tricks and more. After more than 20 years in Pennsylvania, Dr. Vallin escaped to the warmer climes of Southeast Texas and Lamar University where he has so far had only one encounter with an alligator in the wild.

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7:00 pm via Zoom

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