

In keeping with the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday (it will be the recent Thanksgiving holiday by the time you read this), our theme for the month was "Turkeys". This was an opportunity to reach into that drawer full of effects (or roomful for some of us...) that, when we bought the trick, it seemed like a great idea at the time, but didn't exactly turn out as we hoped. Performers for the evening included Don Engstrand, Richard Mancini, Bruce Schneider, Kevin Rhodehouse, Vinny Moccia, Don Burger aka "the Great Dondini", and our host for the evening Nicholas Paul. We found that it wasn't the tricks that turned out to be the turkeys, it was the magicians! Throughout the evening after nearly every performance, the cry from the audience was "so why is that one a turkey?" Note that I said nearly every performance... Yes, there were a few real gobblers thrown in there, such as a card effect with 52 outs that failed to work in 5 attempts. Man, when that happens, it's time to find a new hobby. But, as they say, one magician's trash is another magician's treasure! A highlight of the night was when Vinny Moccia awarded a free turkey dinner with all the fixin's to one of our spectators. On behalf of Ring 244, I would like to wish everybody out there a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!