

Every December, we put on our Holiday Show. This year's edition was hosted by Wayne Haarhaus and Wayne challenged each of the performers to weave one of the season's holidays into their performance. Our first performer was Don Engstrand. Don is into cards and mentalism. He has written a few books and he demonstrated some original effects from his writings. Wayne then produced his Thanksgiving dinner from a dove pan – a chicken, of the rubber variety. Bill Krupskas followed up with a nice sponge ball routine and a torn and restored newspaper. He closed the Magician's Christmas Lottery where a child could win one of five prizes like an I-Pad or an I-Phone but, instead won a nice Christmas stocking filled with goodies.

Mike Goldman was next and he performed a nice routine based on some Kwanza traditions. Nick Paul next performed a coincidence type of card effect the pattern of which was based on O. Henry's "Gift of the Magi". Magic Al Garber was next with a vanishing whiskey (egg nog) bottle routine followed by some stuff with balloons. The next performer, Terry Oberman, put a mini Christmas tree and a menorah on the table so he could fulfill Wayne's request and then performed a routine about trying to match pairs of socks. Next he demonstrated Larry Becker's version of Room Service.

Wayne Haarhaus was back with an item where he used the power of imagination to move a pencil. Bill White, with the assistance of the Moron Tabernacle Choir, closed things with a rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas. He had twelve different props used by magicians on a table that he picked up and displayed as the choir sang the song. Needless to say, as the choir sang the song, they picked up speed as they progressed through the days and as you can imagine things got pretty funny.

Well that wraps up another year in the life of Ring 244. We now look forward to an even better 2012.