

Bozo Bus Tribune

MINNESOTA SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY

Where's Wayne?

Unfortunately, our Artist Guest of Honor was forced to cancel at the last minute. In his own words...

"It is with the utmost regret that I find that I will not be able to fulfill my role as Artist Guest of Honor at this year's Minicon. When first approached to come to Minnesota, I agreed to attend with the nervous proviso that, at a moment's notice, I might be called upon to work on some media-related, time-sensitive project that, given the vicissitudes of free-lancing and the needs of employers, I would be unable to turn down. Sadly, just such an event has taken place. Because of the uneven way in which I get employed, I do relatively few cons; Minicon was to be the first in quite a few years and, admittedly, it was a risk to agree. It weighs heavily upon me that I have let down anyone who was traveling to the convention with hopes of bumping into me and, reciprocally, I regret not having the opportunity to get to meet those same people. To all of the attendees and the very hard-working Minicon staff - especially Keith and Andra - who worked with me over the year, the only thing I can say is that I am truly sorry."

--- Wayne Barlowe

Looking for a Dinner Expedition?

This year we have included a dinner break in our programming schedule from 6-7pm. Folks looking for a congenial group to eat with should meet by the Registration table in the mezzanine at 6:05 pm. Look for the "Dinner Break" sign. We suggest that expeditions leave at 6:10 sharp.

Contests Galore

In addition to the traditional Minicon Medallion Hunt, this year's Minicon features many chances for you to win fame.

- Hall Costume Contest! (Friday and Saturday, all the time)
- Bar Trivia Contest! (Midnight Friday in the Bar)
- Bambi's Nerd Tattoo Contest! (Midnight Sat in The Bar)
- Chocolate for Trivia! (7pm Saturday)
- Predict the future, get published in *The Daily Howler!*
- Spontaneous Bozo Bus Tribune Awards, which may be declared at any time by editorial whim!

Where is...?

- The Green Room? Room 201 (2nd floor cabana)
- The Bozo Bus Office? by the ballrooms, beyond Registration.

Forward Into the Past

When the first moon landing happened back in 1969, Karen Cooper saved the newspapers. The historic time capsule will be opened tonight at 8:30 in Atrium 1 and displayed for the rest of the evening at Karen's discretion.

3rd Annual Minicon Medallion Hunt Now it's a tradition!

The St. Paul Winter Carnival has its Medallion Hunt, and we have ours, with twelve times the fun! Yes, ladies and gentlemen and other sentient beings, the Minicon Medallion Hunt features not just one but **twelve** specially minted and hand-numbered medallions (1973 copper pennies)!

The first round of clues is on page 2. If enough pennies are found early, as they were in past years, bonus medallions may be added at editorial whim. Watch the BBT for updates!

When you've found a medallion, take it to the Bozo Bus Tribune office during working hours (which are sadly unpredictable) to redeem it for Dealer Dollars, which can be spent in the Dealer's Room or Art Show. This year, each penny's value in Dealer Dollars is equal to its number, which ranges from 1-20. If the BBT office is closed, you can also try finding the Editor or Cluemeister to redeem your medallions.

Important! All the medallions have been hidden in public places within the hotel. None have been hidden in the art show, the dealer's room, or any of the hotel's stores or restaurants. Take care when searching not to disturb hotel guests or set off any emergency alarms.

Good luck to everyone (which is arguably another way of saying 'No luck for anyone')!

Confused? Lost? Ask A Concom Member

If you need help or information about the convention, look for wandering concom members wearing bright green or purple badges with hand-lettered messages along the line of "Ask me!"

Yodoo Message Whiteboard

The big whiteboard in the Grand Ballroom Foyer (on the back side of the bulletin board) is available to all for leaving messages for friends or to make general announcements.

Registration update (Friday 5pm)

PreReg	330
At the Door	36



Programming Changes and Corrections

Elise Matthesen's name was spelled incorrectly in the program book description of *The Destruction of Identities in the Future*. The programming goon regrets the error.

Programming Changes – Friday

- There will be a memorial service for Arthur C. Clarke (1917-2008), Friday night Krushenko's (Veranda 7/8) at 10pm, hosted by Steven H Silver.

Programming Changes – Saturday

- Bruce Bethke will be handing out 300 free copies of his novel *Rebel Moon*, and probably other goodies, too. Sat, 2:00-3:00pm, Grand Ballroom East B (Readings room).

Programming Changes – Sunday

- Lois McMaster Bujold's reading will be Sun, noon to 12:30pm in the Grand Ballroom East B (Readings room).
- Lyda Morehouse will not be on *Whose Responsibility Is It To Write For Me?* (Sunday, 3:30pm). Rachel Kronick will be moderator.
- Steven H Silver is moderator of *Worldbuilding: Indulgence or Necessity?* (Sunday, 3:30 pm)
- Karen Cooper's Time Capsule will be in Atrium 1 [yes, in the other wing of the hotel] (Friday 8:30)

Daily Howler Predicts the Future

This year's *Daily Howler* (the Minicon Kids publication) will be devoted to predictions of the future. Submissions will be accepted all day Friday and Saturday for publication on Sunday morning. Submit your stories in the box outside the Bozo Bus Tribune office or give them directly to editor Marian Turner. Art work and illustrations are encouraged, but must be small enough for inclusion in a 2-page publication.

Friday Parties

- 105: MISFITS party – 7pm-midnight
- 106: Trans Galactic InterDimensional Gourmand Society 9pm
- 109: MCTC Science Fiction and Fantasy Club - maybe
- 110: TOTU Not-a-Publication Party -
- 207: OddCon - maybe
- 208: Dreamhaven 9-midnight

Friday Night Concerts

Ship Side Room (first floor, behind hotel bar)

- 8:00 Peggy O'Neill
- 9:00 Decadent Dave Clement
- 10:00 Graham Leathers

Hall Costume Contest

Watch for Roving Judges

Proudly wear your favorite costume as you roam the con, and you may find yourself unexpectedly presented with an award by one of our roving hall Costume Scouts. This qualifies you to become a FINALIST for the Barlowe's Best Costume Contest! If you want to compete, be sure to have your picture taken for the judges. The 8 winners will be featured on the Barlowe's Best Poster of Fame, and announced at Closing Ceremonies.



Medallion Clues, First Round

1. Number one's your choice; thou shalt rejoice—so bring bring along a quarter!
2. This notched arrow is one of the farthest from the outside world.
3. This penny was attracted to a big, black 3 and settled in nearby.
4. Don't remove the box from the Consuite, please.
5. 1411 31114 11 11 141 11311 13113311 318, 11 141 31111312, 11 141 31111111 213112 1111.
6. Go nine miles, turn right, and check out the local flora.
7. This is where Medallion #0 should have been last year!
8. To collect this medallion, you must defeat the Cluemeister at Double Trouble.
9. Push the button of the letters in the choice of a new generation.
10. UDUULDRDRDRDUL
1,DUULDRUD LULDLL
15. BADGE HINTS = 10243 56798
20. Success is the end product of false discoveries.

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