

Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 45

A Magnanimous Welcome

Last year, the rapacious hordes who march under the banner of the 1973 penny* overwhelmed the Bozo Bus and reupholstered its spacious interior according to their diabolical tastes. Now, your editor, his velutinous burgundy boots disgracing the venerable tome of archives, his flocculent hair inflicting innumerable lacerations against the headrest of the official editor's chair as he tilts himself unconscionably far back in decadence, sits dictating effortlessly, his eyes as far closed as his bushes of briery eyelashes allow, his words transcribed faithfully by the benevolent gremlins who in prior times dwelt in the Bus's tenebrous undercarriage and maintained its sporadic functionality. From this easy position he welcomes you to Minicon—may it sate all your senses, low and high, inside and out.

Let's start out with some...

Program Book Errata

- * "Invasion of the German Games" will take place at 10p.m. on Friday, not 5:30 on Saturday.
- * The Costume Workshop will take place in Grand Ballroom A.
- * Brandon Sanderson's reading and signing will take place in Veranda 1.
- * Replacement badges now cost just \$1, not \$5.
- * There is no registration box in the Consuite; to pre-register for Minicon 46, go to Registration.
- * Registration will be open until 4p.m. on Sunday, not 11a.m.
- * The Concom page should list Kelly Strait, not Shaun Kelly, under Pre-Con Registration. Patricia Zetelumen, not Kelly Strait, should be

* Bearing three stripes—tarnished, non-tarnished, and untarnished.

listed under Volunteer Wranglers.

Panelist Changes

- * Lisa Frietag and Pat Scaramuzza have been added to "Ask a Scientist", on Friday at 5:30.
- * Diane Stewart has been added to "Recursiveness In Science Fiction That's About Recursiveness."
- * Pat Scaramuzza will not be appearing on "The Space Program in the Obama Years".

Hungry?

Dinner expeditions are to meet at 6:30 at the Registration Desk, and leave at 6:45.

The Fifth Annual Minicon Medallion Hunt—adding a little color to your con!

As is well known in all the fashionable salons since the conquering hordes rewrote its history, the BBT exists for the sake of the Medallion Hunt, and the Medallion Hunt exists for the sake of the BBT, much like various other codependent dyads. We are therefore proud to announce the fifth year of the Minicon Medallion Hunt!

There is a theme to the clues this year, and that theme is: **COLOR!**** Some of you may recall that last year, the Cluemeister tossed three Easter eggs into the pool at pre-appointed times according to a color-based code. This code, derived from the colors of solid pool balls, went uncracked, and as a result the prizes went to random swimmers. Now, if the Medallion Hunt operates by any principles at all, one of them must be that *if the people don't figure out a clue, hammer them with it next year!!* That's how our tradition began of including an alternative-base arithmetic clue every year, and that's why color—and in particular, color-based codes—are this year's theme.

** If you don't see the vibrant display of color, your issue of this newsletter may be broken. Try shaking it!

RULES OF THE HUNT:

Sixteen specially marked 1973 pennies (or 'medallions', *a la* the St. Paul Winter Carnival) have been (or will be) hidden throughout the Sheraton Bloomington. Clues to their locations will follow. Your task is to find these medallions and bring them to the BBT office in the Normandale Room, whereupon you will be rewarded with Dealer Dollars or other assorted prizes. Each medallion's number is its value in Dealer Dollars, which can be spent in the Dealer's Room or Art Show; those with letters are good for other prizes instead.

All medallions are hidden within the hotel, and are not located in any shops, restaurants, restrooms, or areas off-limits to the public, nor in the Dealers' Room or Art Show. Some may be hidden in non-convention space, but when searching these areas, be considerate of hotel guests and keep noise to a minimum.

Medallions may be redeemed whenever you can find the Cluemeister, but he is guaranteed to be in the BBT office (located at the end of the 2nd floor foyer, opposite the Coat Check) during scheduled Hours of Redemption, which will be listed in these newsletters. Additional issues of the BBT will contain clues for those medallions that remain undiscovered, as well as additional Hours of Redemption.

Additionally, a sign placed outside the office will provide updates as to which pennies have been found and which are still at large. It will also provide other information, such as future Hours of Redemption and estimated release times for further issues of the BBT.

CLUES: ROUND 1

1. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, brown, black, gray, pink. You needn't look far.
2. That yellow egg's going back in the pool, but this time it's how the other half roll! Calling this one for Friday, yellow-brown in the post-mer.
3. A squat X-Men symbol, wrought in metal.
4. You *will* check the little outlet door near the elevators on Floor Red, at brown-black-green-violet in the morning. Resistance is (not) futile!!
5. This medallion can be earned only by seeking out a smart-aleck known as the Coinmaster and completing his challenge.
6. Great poem; six signs: first part, seventh line.

7. Seven above; seven below. Sound and light behind me; nowhere to go!

8. From relative value in a Moorish palace to numbers to letters: Brown, Blue, Purple, Green; Purple, Blue, Brown, Blue, White, Green. On the left..

9. From chemicals to numbers to collectible critters to letters:

TICRSIV MNAMTCHS PRKMDTB NHECUGD

10. Boise, Nampa, Honolulu, Dover, Denver, Indianapolis, Omaha, Little Rock, Colorado Springs, Oklahoma City, Fort Wayne, Atlanta, Fargo, New Orleans, Meridian, Evansville, Anchorage, Pocatello, Augusta, Portland.

16. Start with a submarine and take away a great pair of lips. Raise to one half and divide by the other. Then get a room.

20. Taran, Bombadil, Radcliff, Agrajag, Valentine, Jubal, Alaric, Deckard; Ain, Snowball; Humfrey; Mavin, Calvin, Vorkosigan, Ged, Marm; Van Winkle, Hindmost; Raoden, Dumarest, Belgarath, Fogg, Faelamor, Bastian; Stonebender, Skeeve, Jakkin, Protagonist.

A. A is for Alcatraz! Come to the BBT office and escape from it.

B. It starts and ends with this—a piecemeal mystery.

D. This one is a Double Dipper connected to Medallion #10.

H. Last one! Black, khaki, green, robin's egg, peach, orange, crimson, silver, gray, wasabi, tan, violet, ash, purple, rhubarb, fuchsia, lavender.

Hours of Redemption:

The Cluemeister's first three office hours are:

1p.m. – 2p.m. Friday

5p.m. – 6p.m. Friday

9:30p.m. – 10:30p.m. Friday

Have an announcement, a news story, a review, or a personal item for the BBT? Drop it in the Submission Box at the end of the Grand Ballroom Foyer, outside the Coat Check. Pens and paper are provided.

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