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Saturday noon

# Bozo Bus Tribune

**The Official Organ of Minicon 46**

*"We're all bozos on this bus!"*

## And we're off!

Opening Ceremonies was well-attended and well-paced. Music GoH Chas Somdahl treated the audience to a heartfelt rendition of Pat Donahue's "Would You Like to Play the Guitar?" and John Scalzi flexed his twin guns of humor and wit in recounting the story of how he came to be "Charles Stross's sloppy seconds". He's on a ton of panels, folks—see them!

## A Minnesota Room Block at Chicon?

Con co-chair Joel Phillips is interested in negotiating a room block at Chicon, the 2012 Worldcon, for Minnesota fans. "Maybe half a floor," he said at Opening Ceremonies. The reason? Community, but also so that those who want to stay up so late it's early can do so without worrying about keeping up the rest of the world's less nocturnal fans. If you might be interested in this, track down Joel and give him your e-mail!

## Craft Swap: Give and Take!

Besides children's programming, costuming, and open music, Grand Ballroom East A is home to the Craft Swap, a place where makers, tinkers, crafters, costumers, etc. can donate their excess craft materials and find things for their own use in exchange. Nothing to contribute this year? Just take what you've got your eye on and bring a little something next year.

## "Encore" game correction

If you're looking for Becca or Graham Leathers to submit your name for the Encore game show Sunday at 1p.m., you can find them at *any* of the concerts at Stevie Ray's, as they're running sound. They will also be at tonight's late-night music circle.

## "Early night" music!

"If you like to listen to and/or sing music—especially as related to fantasy/SF or its many tentacles, please join us in Grand Ballroom East A for the Early Night Music Circle."

## If there's one thing everyone should do...

...it's decorate a cardboard zeppelin, according to Children's Programming Head Marian Turner, speaking at Opening Ceremonies. The zeppelins, cleverly made from the removable flaps of tissue boxes, can be found at Registration. Available for honoring this bygone transporteer's dream are paint, crayons, snippets of fabric, and more.

## New Art Show Treasures

If you have not visited the Art Show, please do! Even without an artist GoH, there are many treats for your eyes. Minicon Artists of long standing have new art for you to admire. See Laura's amazing new puppet scarf! Bonnie's headwarming new felted creatures! Laramie's tantalizing new book-garters, Lisa's Not-A-Scarves, and much, much more.

## Freebie Table Perusers Lament:

Little Tiny book maker—we miss your little tiny books!

--Freebie Table Perusers

## Looking for T-shirts?

They're being sold in the Art Show, right inside the entrance.

## Bob Tucker Memorial Smoooooooooth

9:15 tonight in the Garden Court! A fannish tradition that makes everything go down easier.

## Fun in the Bar Tonight

Poker Tournament (Texas Hold 'Em): 10p.m.  
SF Trivia Contest: Midnight!

## Friday Registration Count

At the close of registration Friday:

Total registrations: 423

Warm bodies: 366

### LOSE SOMETHING?

Registration is the convention's Lost and Found.

### Friday Night 4a.m. Pulse Check

Bar 12    Con suite 4    Seamstress' Guild 2

Goddess Party: 3    Gaming: 1    **Total:22**

[Ed: A quiet Friday night for Minicon, as those of us who went to bed at 3a.m. observed.]

## Deflation

The smaller pennies have been returned to the wild, but now they're finally rolling in...

1. When this penny was behind the Programming correction sheet on Veranda 1, it was discovered and returned to the wild by Lisa F. When it was moved to the *front* of the sheet (in order to make it more 'anterior'), it was finally brought in by Ben "Moonwatcher" Huset.

3. This penny's original clue is in 1337, or leet, an internet dialect used by the cool kids (h4xx0rz) to confuse people, basically—the highest purpose of any dialect! Letters are replaced by numerals and punctuation that resemble them, and thus "5E 7|-|3r|\|0\$747" stands in for "SE Thermostat". The penny was on the thermostat in the southeast airlock, and while it has yet to be redeemed, its pin in the status board was mysteriously moved to "Missing in Action." Bring it in soon, finder!

4. Planted on the fourth of the ten candle-shaped lamps near the Navigator's Lounge, this penny was finally cashed in by Lisa F. in an act of mercy—"So that you won't have to write another clue for it."

5. Camouflaged by the head of the male figure on the Men's restroom plaque on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the north tower, this penny was found serendipitously by one Awesome Andrew.

A. This penny was placed "{O/I}n the boundaries of size, space, and science." Put another way, it was on the boundary between the Minnesota Space Frontier Society party (Cabana 108) and the rest of the con,

which is to say in the patio area near the wall. As for the size thing, and being dreadfully late? The penny was hidden in an old software container disguised as a copy of "Through the Looking Glass." It was found by Moonwatcher, who simply happened to notice an unusual object blending in with the tiles.

## CLUES: ROUNDS

O. O where could Cabanas 101-119 be?! -->

2. You needn't stray far to unlock this mystery.

7. Amass the most ability to manipulate all the money.

8. Only the capital letters matter, but how many can participate?

9. Time to get your Babyl on, Mr. King!

10. All the strokes must be just so for these letters to make sense, Best Beloved.

20. I. Between three and four hundred. II. THIS! IS! ALPHABETIZATION!! III. Six pours will give each family five cups, but we can do better...or worse. :( IV. Saturn's moon Titan is the most atmospheric. V. Monday's child is fair of face. VI. With endless boxcars and good timing, you may as well be playing alone. VII. It's a shifting cipher for the nameless nine!

**B1, B2, B3.** Come to the soma cubes at midnight, and compete or cooperate for a prize!

K. A table that could be set with cheese and macaroni.

R. R is for Random! The Cluemeister's assistant will deposit this penny in a random party tonight! Now you have a *motivation* to have a good time!

**Z3.** Surely by now you've gotten the point!

## Hours of Redemption:

The Cluemeister's next three office hours are:

**7:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. Saturday**

**10:30p.m. – 11:30 p..m. Saturday**

**11a.m. – Noon Sunday**

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