

Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 47

"We're all bozos on this bus!"

Minicon Wins Hugo Race

At 3p.m. Saturday, Minicon became the first convention to announce the 2012 Hugo Award nominees. We edged out four other simulcasting cons by a matter of minutes:

- **Norwescon 35** in SeaTac, Washington
- **Leprecon 38** in Tempe, Arizona
- **Marcon 47** in Columbus, Ohio
- **Olympus 2012 (Eastercon)**, the British National Science Fiction Convention

This is reportedly the first year in which three names will be appearing on the Hugo ballot four times each. The list of nominees was printed as a BBT Special on bright green paper and can be found at the reg desk or in the consuite or bar.

The Mystery of Affi Komen

This late at-the-door registrant is the proud winner of Medallion P and enjoys swimming through concrete. Can you find the matzo and keep Closing Ceremony from being ransomed?

Krushenko's Annex Sunday

Sun, 7:30p.m. – late: A Party for Readers and Viewers
Sponsored by **Second Foundation**, a Twin Cities speculative fiction book discussion group since January 1983, whose members are also film buffs. The party will probably combine conversation with a couple of viewers' choice films, and probably some gaming.

Registration check

At-con Registration Head Carol Kennedy reports that as of 10a.m. Sunday, Minicon 47 had drawn an impressive 99 at-the-door memberships, give or take. (The BBT counts that as two and a half figures.) Together with 364 preregistrations, 12 of which weren't picked up, that gives our convention 463 total registered members and 451 warm bodies (up 18 from last year).

4a.m. Pulse Check

Consuite: 5 • 8th floor lobby: 2 • Stairway: 2 • Bar: 8
Outside bar: 9 • Seamstress' Guild: 6 • Atrium 2: 8
Total: 40

New RUNE on the horizon

The RUNE editors are looking for submissions for the next issue. We welcome submissions of writings or art on whatever topic you'd like. The audience will be Minnstf members and a variety of other fans scattered around the region and the world. Send to mpls2073@mnstf.org or RUNE, Minnesota Science Fiction Society, P.O. Box 8297, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Programming Reports

Filk by Committee

The "Filking for Fun" workshop on Saturday afternoon successfully generated several new verses for "The Transporteers" and "The Birthday Dirge." It also composed a collaborative and topical song to the tune of "Yellow Submarine." Look for them as a BBT Special!

Suessian Opposites

From "The Science Fiction of Dr. Seuss":

- On *The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins*: "Well, that's a Freudian nightmare, isn't it? It's like the opposite of showing up with no clothes."
- On *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*: "It's the opposite of King Midas!"

Drawing Dragons (and girls too)

As is usually the case, the youngest artists drew the cutest ones. It was a lot of fun for grown up kids too and believe me, the little girls drew much better than I. Thanks to Frank and his lady for such a fun time.

—Susan Cox

From "The Doctor's Wife and Kids":

"I like strong male companions." —Rob Callahan

"Me too!" —Audience member

From "Hectograph to Podcast: An Introduction to Fanzines":

- "SF fans have the attention span of cats." —Chris Garcia
- "Poker, porn and pizza." Chris Garcia said this loudly and someone in the hall abruptly turned and came into the room.

Personals

Missing: Black Nintendo DS, gray charger and DSi games. Last seen in gaming room, noon Saturday. If found, call 612-483-6834 or return to Lost and Found.

Nick Faller (consuite staff) seeks a roommate for Chicon 7. Quiet, mature male. Hoping to arrive on Tuesday and stay a day late. Contact at nfaller@charter.net or 906-482-1773.

Fanfare: With trumpets, pennywhistles, and a Brustian backbeat, we welcome back Emma and Will! Thank you. —*Stephen Borer* <stephenborer@gmail.com>

It's not news, but...
Clay needs points.

BBT SPORTS

...Paper airplanes? From the bar railing? ...I don't even.

Costume contest winners

Couture Villainesses (Emma Frost & Poison Ivy)—Best Home Sewn

Beo the Wolf—Judges Choice

Steampunk Winged Angel—Judges Choice

Mr. Tumnus—Novice Category

Cyborg—Youth Category

Congratulations to **Team Steam** for their unassailable victory in the Singularity Pub Quiz. (“A” is for Adipose.)

The Hold'em tournament in the Bar was won by its organizer, one **Cliff Goldstein**. **Ken Konkol** wishes it to be known that he finished third, even though it was good for absolutely nothing.

In other news, **Cally Soukop** became a Zar Master this weekend by defeating **Clay** twice in the same convention. Maybe he doesn't need points after all.

Amusing Medallion Stories

2. *Penny 2 is Penny Wu!* Frank and Brianna were given a penny of their own to hide after they heard about the Medallion Hunt Thursday night. They chose to plant it under the turtle sculpture in the bar and to allude to it through references to the theory that the world is flat and rests on a great turtle's back. (The final clue would have been “All the way down.”) It was found by **Alec P.** with help from **Lisa F.** Funny story: The Cluemeister had originally chosen this very location for #6, and had to move it to a nearby spot after learning of the Wus' choice!

3. This medallion made its home at the heart of the armillary sphere (or spherical astrolabe) mounted under the escalators. Congrats to **Andy H.** for the find and the

term 'armillary sphere'. Honorable mention to **John S.**, also on the trail.

4. This penny's fate was obfuscated out of relevance through a chain of miscommunication suitable for the name of the game whose box it was intended for: Chaostle, by Chivalry Games.

9. This one was spotted and left behind by **Joe P.** (who reports a facility with Paint-By-Number puzzles) earlier in the con. He later reported it missing...but it eventually found its way to the BBT Office in the hands of **Lisa F.**, who found it while looking for #6. The two split the prize.

15. While **Lisa F.** and **Steve G.** made inroads toward the solution, it was **Andy and Joe** who tracked down this medallion, hidden in the seat drawer in the alcove where the brochures are kept. The trail starts with hidden text in the pocket program map—further details at the Dead Dog.

20. **Andy and Joe** also claimed the Big Kahuna on Saturday morning! They deciphered three fourths of a verbal rebus for the phrase VISTA CONFERENCE CENTER SIGN. After scouring the hotel for every conference center in sight, they eventually discovered #20 on a sign at the entrance to the 22nd floor.

H3. The final Hangman medallion was approached by a crowd of five Saturday afternoon. Most of them guessed a letter, but only **Andy E.** took a full guess, edging out the competition to identify the word CRYPTOGRAPH.

CLUES: ROUND 4

5. On wood, at knee level.

6. See Penny Wu (but not Penny 9).

7. Two B's in a minirebus. Let us direct you there.

10. Enter from the East, circle clockwise, move up or down five as applicable. Let the pardoned men show you where to start.

DD. Further details about this year's Medallion Hunt will be able at the Cluemeister's Dead Dog Party denouement!

No more official **Hours of Redemption**—you'll have to catch the Cluemeister in his office or on his way to/from the Mega Moneyduck Presentation or Closing Ceremony.

That's it for this year! Don't ever be a dodo!

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