

Issue 1

Wednesday midnight

Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 50

"We're all bozos on this bus!"

Minicon: Gold Edition

Welcome to Minicon 50, an unprecedentedly four-day convention in honor of the fact that if we were a Roman numeral, we'd just be an L. In addition to an extra day, the fiftieth Minicon features six returning guests of honor whose original appearances spanned the decades. There's also a historical display planned with memorabilia from Minicons past and other MN-Stf-related goodies. Look for it on the tables against the walls just inside the Art/Dealers/Science room.

Looking for a music circle?

Musicians are invited to form a circle in the **Rumpus Room** (Bloomington) each evening after children's programming is done. Late night music circles are encouraged to form in **Grand Ballroom A** after concerts are done for the night—around midnight. "Chas expects jams"!

Triad—you might like it!

If you enjoy jumbo-sized board games, you should check out the **Triad** set in the Garden Court. Invented and lovingly crafted by former fan GoH **Richard Tatge**, all are welcome to play this quick abstract board game for two. The rules can be found on a sign nearby.

Next Generation Lounge

The Teen Lounge, hosted this year by **Rhi McConnell**, is now known as **The Next Generation** and is located in cabana room 106. It offers a place for teenagers to hang out at Minicon. Board games and movies will be provided, and there may be a special event or two.

Next Gen will be running a **Disney movie marathon** starting around **1p.m. Friday** and running until **whenever**. It may include such features as *Alice in Wonderland*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Lion King*, and *George of the Jungle*. Teens only please!

Nate Bucklin's Kickstarter a success!

Locally legendary songwriter and musician **Nate Bucklin** has produced a new album, *My Favorite Whirlwind*, thanks to a successful Kickstarter campaign run by **Jeff Schalles**. The **Nate Bucklin Band**, which besides Bucklin and Schalles includes **David Emerson**, **Felicia Herman** and **Jason Becker**, will perform from the new album in a concert at **4p.m. Saturday**. The Kickstarter also allowed Nate to release his first three albums—*The First Overnight Guest*, *Resolutions*, and *Butter Side Down*—for the first time ever on CD. All of his albums will be available for sale at the concert.

Consuite says:

Please volunteer to help in Consuite!

Signage rules

This year the hotel will let us hang signs anywhere on the walls in the pool area or the 2nd floor, plus on bulletin boards they will provide. We have to use **3-M blue painter's tape**—available in the Consuite and Bar!

Corrections

- For his **6:30 Saturday** concert, **David Perry** will be joined by his bandmates **Amy McNally** and **Kurt Griesmer**. Together, they form **The Tooles!**
- The name of **Laura Krentz** was misspelled in the listing of "What's New for Middle Grade Readers" (3:30p.m. Thu.)

Are you being harassed?

If you feel that you're being harassed or that someone is acting inappropriately, you can reach the Code of Conduct Committee at **(612) 405-3713**. This number is also on the back of your badge. Alternately, ConSuite staff can provide a safe space and contact the committee for you if necessary.

One Last Golden Hunt for '73

The Tenth and Final Annual Minicon Medallion Hunt is upon us! Why Final? Mainly because the Cluemeister is running out of ideas and hiding places here in the RadiShTree. Why Tenth? It has something to do with what comes after the number nine, but don't ask for details. Why Annual? Well, statistically, there are rarely more than one or two Easters a year, but now you're just being silly.

The Medallion Hunt is a treasure hunt for 1973 pennies squirreled away throughout the hotel. These pennies are good for their clue number in Dealer Dollars—which can be spent in the Art Show or Dealer's Room—as well as a dollop of pride. Lettered pennies earn you miscellaneous prizes instead. You'll also get the tale of your discovery written up in this publication, which happens to be precisely where the clues are printed! Some clues are straightforward obfuscation, but others involve codes and puzzles. To redeem any 'medallions' you find, track down the Cluemeister or visit the BBT office during his scheduled Hours of Redemption, listed below.

It's fair to conclude that this year, the Cluemeister will be upending his scrapbag of glittering ideas and attempting to make use of everything he has left. With twenty-five unusually golden medallions and an Ultimate Kahuna worth thirty Dealer Dollars, it'll be the biggest Medallion Hunt of all for the biggest Minicon yet!

No pennies are hidden in restrooms, shops, or anywhere in the Art/Dealers/Science Room. Please be respectful and quiet when searching outside of convention space. Tripping alarms is right out. As an additional hunting aid, there will be a sign outside the BBT Office tracking the status of the various medallions. It will also be used for general BBT updates.

CLUES: ROUND 1

1. Funny stack. Open space. Plant in pot on bench on base.
2. Blue wall in the lights.
3. Two half tails held high.
4. If we are molecules, this is Maxwell's Demon. Not far from hospitality.
- 5, 10, L, N, T. Coming tomorrow!
6. If someone tells you to get a life, where do you go?

7. ●-●-● or o-o-o ; Behind the explanation.

8. A playground diversion affixed to a geometric primitive.

9. BENSTW are the internal directions. Enter 1 room and look for the full...

15. The 1st K has been swept under a rug.

20. Keanu Reeves, Alec Guinness, Linda Hamilton, Nathan Fillion, Rene Auberjonois, Jennifer Lawrence, Johnny Depp, Zoe Saldana, Ian McKellan, Sam Neill, Sarah Michelle Geller, Ivana Baquero, Emily Browning, Christopher Lloyd, David Duchovny, Mary McDonnell, James Franco, Peter Cullen, Harrison Ford, Sigourney Weaver, Garrett David-Lloyd, Charlton Heston, Emma Watson, Robert Downey Jr.

25. Check out the (v-)d(n-s)f r(o-m)CuV bn s (v-)aS (v-)ap (n-o)FuV (v-)ap near the (v+)lf (n-c)(n-f)uV (v+)ap cFuV (c-m)brV (n-c)(n-b)V (v-)vp obrV an (v-)lf rs s an (v-)aS room.

30. The Ultimate Kahuna's clue will have to wait for issue 2. (There wasn't space to put it through.)

C. Can you square the colorful city? Come to the BBT Office and try.

H1/H2. Also at the BBT Office—test your ability to balance things on top of (not) other things!

\$D. At what time did Gary Gygax sit thoughtfully while his typewriter of doom accidentally destroyed the Earth? Got it? Now double it!

O1/O2/O3. Come to the BBT Office and restack a jumbled magician.

P. ...Or roll a ball to where it needs to go.

Hours of Redemption:

Your first three scheduled chances to redeem medallions and play with the Cluemeister's toys:

◆ 4p.m. – 5p.m. Thu.

◆ 9p.m. – 10p.m. Thu.

◆ 10a.m. – 11a.m. Fri.

Got material for the BBT? Drop it in the Submission Box at the Coat Check near the Normandale Room at the end of the Grand Ballroom Foyer. Pens and paper are provided.

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