

Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 50

"We're all bozos on this bus!"

Who needs a lead story? Corrections and emendations for the win!

- ◆ The **Magic draft with Brandon Sanderson** is from **9p.m. Friday to 3a.m. Saturday** as listed in the pocket program's *grid*, not the Gaming schedule. Please arrive at 8 to to purchase your packs (3 for \$9, cash only). Friday's Legacy tournament will be moved to **7p.m. Saturday**.
- ◆ It is possible that the 5p.m. **Munchkin** game and the 6p.m. **M:tG Quantum Leap** game will be slightly delayed.
- ◆ **Frank Stodolka** has been added to "Minicon 1" (8:30p.m. Saturday, Krushenko's). Other who attended early Minicons are urged to attend!
- ◆ **Klatschen Klarification:** For those who have signed up, the round-table discussions are being held in the bar-adjacent room **219**.
- ◆ The Code of Conduct Committee's phone number (612-405-3713) only appears on the backs of the badges of concom members, not the general membership. You can ask Registration for a label with the number.
- ◆ **The LiveJournal (and other Social Media) Party** will be hosted jointly by Laura, Dean, Scott and Irene in rooms 205 and 206. It will begin at 8p.m. Saturday.
- ◆ The **Ladies' Sewing Circle** will run from 2 to 5p.m. on Sunday in room 206 and will be hosted by Laura Krentz.
- ◆ **Nate Bucklin's** concert at **4p.m. Saturday** will double as a CD release party and Kickstarter supporter appreciation event. B-)
- ◆ The **Minicon 26-50 timeline** is now going up in the hall outside the 2nd floor cabanas—please feel free to add your memories to it!

Moneyduck still a thing

Last night, veteran Moneyduckers gathered in the Garden Court to teach first-timers this popular party game. If you missed it, consider adding a drawing or phrase to the **Mega Moneyduck machine** outside the consuite, created by Patricia Zetelumen and now in its fifth year. The scrolls generated during the last four years are on display in the Grand Ballroom Foyer.

From the Speaker to Authors

- ✓ Reminder: the **Terry Pratchett Memorial panel** is tomorrow, Friday, at 7p.m. in Krushenko's.
- ✓ Minicon is opening up **additional signing times** to authors! Interested authors may either sign up in the Green Room (Room 201) or just set up at the table.
- ✓ Reminder: the **MASS SIGNING** is on Saturday from 3:30-5:30.
- ✓ **Jason Glaser** is reading on Saturday at 11:00am. Jason wrote over seventy books of nonfiction and picture books for children and teens before transitioning into fiction.
- ✓ **Joy Johnson** is reading on Sunday at 2:00. She will be reading from her YA Sci-fi work *Smooth*, in which a genetically engineered, genderless sixteen-year-old known only as 31 struggles to choose a gender and find love...

Thanks everyone! Hope you're having a great Minicon!

-Kelly Strait

Laughing at Cats

Tonight's **Cats Laughing** concert will be simulcast on the hotel's closed circuit channel. Tune in to **channel 5** to watch in your room!

In related news, there is a Cats Laughing T-shirt that will probably live forevermore in the ceiling fixtures of the Grand Ballroom. Who knew **T-shirt cannons** had a learning curve?

Notes from the Hotel Liaison

- If your room has pre-existing damage, possibly due to another convention that was recently hosted here, be aware that Minicon has already discussed it with the hotel and that they will be understanding about it. If you want to make doubly sure you won't be charged, however, the Hotel Liaison recommends that you take a timestamped picture if you notice any damage.
- In addition to using only blue 3-M painter's tape (available in the Consuite and Bar), please avoid sticking tape to the blue and gray surfaces in your rooms and on the 1st floor.

Consuite delights

Thursday night's baked potato bar was a big hit! The Consuite wishes to thank the **Brueger's Bagels** on Excelsior Boulevard and **Phelia Foods** for exceptional discounts on bagels and feta cheese respectively.

Also, from Progress Report 4:

- Please volunteer to help in the consuite! (x3)
- The **D.C. 2017 bid** is providing a **specialty dessert** on either Friday or Saturday evening (to be determined) in the consuite.
- **MidAmeriCon II** is providing a **smoked barbecue pork sandwich & sides lunch** in the consuite on Saturday.

Not from Progress Report 4:

- Please remember—no skorking in the consuite.

Dueling Thursday night 4a.m. pulse-checks!!

Gahlon-Krahn: Consuite: 5 Bar: 9 Gaming: 11
Lobby: 1 **Total: 26**

Strait-Kronick: Consuite/Bar: 18 Easter egg in Music
Gaming: 7 None uponacrate (??) **Total: 25+egg**

Verdict: A narrow win for the defending champions!

Tales of Copper Conquest!

3. **Lady Danger** strikes again! This time she sought out objects 'high and swingy' until she espied the Starbucks Coffee sign by the hotel's lobby mini-cafe, then sought out a random tall person to assist her in retrieving the affixed medallion. The Cluemeister is informed that the mermaid logo's history may be even odder than he implied!

15. Remember the very first Big Kahuna? It was hidden at the very end of the mysterious passage leading outside from the bottom of the *rear* North tower staircase, and competing teams raced for it. This year, #15 was hidden in that same hallway under a stub of a rug protruding from a sealed, featureless door beyond which lies Valhalla. Intrepid explorer **Bekah H.** found herself saying, "What is this door?" "I was alone, I was afraid; it was like I was in a cavernous dungeon." But she found the prize, proving that exploring can pay off!

25. Now a fuller answer for #25. The groups of letters stood for articulatory phonetics terms like 'voiceless dental non-sibilant fricative', 'rhotacized schwa', and 'voiced alveolar plosive', descriptions of phonemes which, when strung together, sounded out the location of the medallion: a THERMOSTAT near the VIDEO CONFERENCE ROOM. Was anyone on the right track?

NOTES: Medallion T is for *teenagers only!* If you're not a teen and you find it, please replace it. Thanks to **Bill C.** for contributing to clue 10, and for having the idea for the first Medallion Hunt almost ten years ago.

CLUES: ROUND 3

C, H2, P. These medallions have been attempted by various challengers, but none have yet been won!

L. How else would you know that Lucky the Ladybug needs flowers and doesn't get along with bug-eaters?


\$D. You'll need to scan horizontally and travel vertically in order to find this one. Why is it alphabetized like this?

N. This one doesn't require so much travel; three legs should be enough.

T. When I was young, I wanted to make this two-eyed treasure out of construction paper, and I discovered the merits of 108 degrees! (Though 36 is more to the point.)

5. Found at press time—story to follow!

8. Near the interwubz.

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10. "...That's assuming one tribble," said Spock, "multiplying with an average litter of ten, producing a new generation every twelve hours over a period of three days... modulo the answer to life, the universe and everything, plus the registration of the Enterprise, minus Mr. Lucas's favorite number, minus Mr. Bradbury's attempt to spontaneously ignite paper, minus the number of Cardassian lights. Which leads us, of course, to a unicorn."

20. Found at press time! Story to follow!

30. When a marriage don't STOP, it's gifts 'til you drop! The verses are a pastiche to the original medallion hunt, the St. Paul Winter Carnival's Treasure Hunt (although those are in quatrains). Make sure to start off right, and if you want to keep going, you can: 8104122b177103312. Claiming this penny may require evasive timing.

Hours of Redemption:

The Cluemeister next promises to be in from...

- ◆ 7 – 8p.m. Fri.
- ◆ Midnight Fri – 1a.m. Sat.
- ◆ 11a.m. - Noon Sat.

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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