

# Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 52

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

## Added concert right now!

Music is adding a new concert: **James Kuehl** will play tonight in Bloomington at 7 p.m.

## You call that a lead story?

That was only two lines long. Weak! Let's see if we can do better. Ooh! Does your copy of this publication feel faster in your hands, as if possessed of a greater than usual sense of urgency? That would be due to the new MN-Stf laser printer debuting this year! It's quite a bit speedier than our old dino-box, but it is a monochrome, which means your editor may have to discontinue his improvident habit of bathing every issue from margin to margin in 100% toner coverage and start buying colored paper instead.

## Vatican review

"Life and Work in an Absolute (Benevolent) Monarchy", featuring Science GoH **Brother Guy Consolmagno**, was packed with both people and content. Here are some paraphrased snippets:

"When you're an elected leader, you will never be easily deposed because the people under you depend on you for their own status. But the people who do the day-to-day work are the only ones who know how to do their own jobs. So a leader can't be easily deposed but can be easily ignored."

"Being successful in power is all about personal connections, but it's also about knowing the unwritten rules, and when to use certain allies for certain tasks, so you have to know how to effectively utilize your support network... You can't believe your own hype but you can never forget you're a celebrity."

In fantasy that Brother Guy reads, he's most interested in religions that give you a reason to put up with their negative aspects.

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"We Suck: The Importance of Failure" was the funnest panel I have ever been to. Thank you to all the guests of honor who made it possible.

—*Deedee Lessinger*

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## The Very Last Quote From That Panel:

Brother Guy: "Someone asked me whether I ever felt like I didn't fit in in Africa. And I said 'Yes, but at least in Africa, I knew why.'"

## Trailer Park trails (but not off)

"Fastner and Larson's Trailer Park of Science Fiction & Horror" began with a heaping helping of technical difficulties, prompting the film department to send for Science head **Ben Huset** not once but twice to whip the computer into shape. This fortuitously led to an entertaining half hour, however, in which **Steve Fastner** entertained the crowd by discussing, among other things, the duo's work on paintings for underground comic book covers, their involvement in fan apas with cartoonist Ken Fletcher, the movie career of Jim Young, the pleasure of visiting the famed Bozo Bus Building for which this publication is named, and *King Kong vs. Godzilla*. The crowd joined them in loose discussion until the show started.

They began with a slideshow of their B (or C, or C-minus) movie-inspired art, then played a series of trailers for movies from the halcyon age of horror, introducing them or giving context—The Earth Dies Screaming, for example, could be seen as a precursor to Night of The Living Dead (or an amusing running joke), and Brides of Dracula was cool because in it the vampire gets killed by the shadow of a windmill.

## We'll Send the Foxes

i suggested that when the aliens come to Earth

we should send our foxes to meet them  
not as a joke  
so much  
on our visitors  
but because they are closer to being typical creatures  
of Earth than we are.

"So they'll give the aliens a sense of what they can  
expect  
before they have the greater shock  
of meeting us?"  
asked the premier.

"Yes, but," I said with a smile.  
"What I am really looking forward to  
is listening in and hearing  
how the foxes  
try to describe us."  
—Thorin N. Tatge

## Klingon lights

Your humble bar staff would like to thank the  
crew of the IKV Rakehell for once again  
providing the structural framework to support  
our canopy of shiny shiny lights. 'IwlIj jachjaj!

## Sunday party

Ladies' Sewing Circle: 2–5p.m. Sunday in  
Room 206. —Laura Krentz

## Help Minicon reconstruct the past!

If you've been coming to Minicon for a while,  
consider filling out the attendance survey at  
<http://mnstf.org/minicon52/regsurvey.php>. It  
will help MN-Stf's archivists reconstruct lost  
registration information for older Minicons.

The italicized word you are about to read *now* is no  
longer as self-referential as it was a moment ago.

## Medallion Hunt =DODEX= TALES FROM THE HUNT

3. This one was hidden on the North side of the  
eastern stairwell near Plaza 5 between the first  
and second floors. It was found Friday night by  
Corwin, Johanna, and Rune. Due to some

confusion, this medallion was thought to be a  
prank decoy but turned out to be a different  
medallion than the one being sought.

\$. Rune Dykstra also navigated the grid of magic  
and solved “Oops” puzzle #48.

**CORRECTION:** Medallions 7 & 9 were found  
by the bar crowd's **Stef** and **Diane**, not just Stef.

10. Stef did find this one, though. She went back  
into the exercise room to get a handwipe after  
checking dirty stairwells, and then thought to  
check behind the big “fluffy mirror,” which led  
her near the free weights. And then “it just  
clicked”: Medallion 10 was under the 5LB free  
weight on the far left side of the rack.

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## CLUES: ROUND 3

4. May have been found, here's a clue just in case:  
Bill Engvall says what?
5. My covering is not very warm. I'm not near any  
bed but, the moon tucked me in the last two nights.
6. Do you want to play a game? Give it a shot and  
you'll find me.
8. I hear echos and splashes
15. I pay by Mastercard. My visa's what's keeping  
me here.
20. Everyone needs a little help sometimes. Look  
for something which will help those who need it  
all the time.

**Q:** What do you call 4 mariachi players in quicksand?  
**A:** Cuatro Cinco.

The Cluemeister's next Hour of Redemption will  
be **10– 11p.m.** in the Minicon Bar. (If you don't  
want to go in, just call “Hey J!” from the door.  
And don't forget about Bar Trivia at Midnight!)

*Have an announcement, a news story, a review, a  
personal item, or anything else for the BBT? Drop it in  
the Submission Box outside the Green Room or write  
to [bbt@minicon52.mnstf.org](mailto:bbt@minicon52.mnstf.org).*

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