

# Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 53

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

## Czech-style Easter eggs are a hit!

Excited congoers in the Rumpus Room crowded around a table Saturday to craft **Kraslice**, or Czech



Easter eggs, under the instruction of first-time Miniconer Roman Ženka. The eggs are made by painting them with protective hot wax (melted in a cleverly unhinged pie maker), then dying them, optionally repeating the process, and finally removing the wax to

reveal a multicolored egg. All three dozen farm-fresh hard-boiled eggs were transformed into objects of beauty, with varying degrees of success. Rumor has it this event will return next year!

## Review of Mark Ferrey's "What's in the Water"

"This was a very informative and scary presentation. Ferrey, who works at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, brought lots of information regarding things we humans do that are causing changes to both plant and animal life as well as to the environment in general. It is amazing how small an amount of some substances can wreak havoc on life in the water. From the pharmaceuticals we use to the use of antibiotics in the agricultural sector, changes are happening. Most people are unaware that it's not just where water is treated but in more remote parts of the world.

"Mark's big takeaway is that what goes down your drain matters."

-Scott Lohman

## So where do the gamers go?

Since the lower atrium is being brunched in (maybe you should go!), the **Terrace 1** room is being opened up for general gaming. The mostly triangular upper atrium is also still available. The **At Con Post-Mort** scheduled for 2:30 will move from Terrace 1 to Terrace 2.

## Items about items

- Any pieces of art bid on but not picked up by the end of the con will be auctioned off at Closing Ceremonies.
- Don't forget to check out the freebie table on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, by registration!

## Things we learned from the Pedantry panel:

- When Adam Stemple wants to get rid of someone, his methods are not especially subtle. ("GIF is a peanut butter, you gack-ass!")
- "With all due respect" does not denote any level of respect toward the subject. "Oh bless your heart" denotes even less.
- Those erroneously credited as being their sons' wives cannot directly correct Wikipedia; they are clearly biased and must employ a third party.

## Tidbits from "Superheroes on Screen"

"On one side you have the genre of superheroes without tights. On the other side are tights without superhero powers."

"Critics are useful. There is however a difference between being a critic and being a dick."

"The best villains are unfortunately dead."

"Watch Legends of Tomorrow. The time travel is so fast paced, you will no longer care about continuity."

-Roman Ženka

## Hugo finalists named!

The finalists for the 2018 Hugo Awards (and the 1943 Retrospective Hugos) have been revealed! As a sample, here are the nominees for Best Novel:

- *The Collapsing Empire*, by John Scalzi (Tor)
- *New York 2140*, by Kim Stanley Robinson (Orbit)
- *Provenance*, by Ann Leckie (Orbit)
- *Raven Stratagem*, by Yoon Ha Lee (Solaris)
- *Six Wakes*, by Mur Lafferty (Orbit)
- *The Stone Sky*, by N.K. Jemisin (Orbit)

To see the rest, visit [www.thehugoawards.org](http://www.thehugoawards.org)!

### Overheard in the consuite

"It's not a case of him needing someone to carry the other end... it's more that he needs someone to carry both ends so he can pretend to carry the middle."

### And in the science room with regard to global warming:

"This is definitely the *Back to the Future 2* bad timeline."

"The bad Biff timeline."

## Music and parties: Rocking too hard?

Music head **Beth Kinderman** failed utterly in her inaugural attempt to schedule a scaled-back, low-key music program. Minicon featured ten awesome concerts this year, plus the instrument petting zoo. For shame! Speaking of tens, we also had ten rocking room parties, thanks to new Party Liaisons **Don & Sharla Stremski**. Hey guys, next time set the bar lower!

## Tiangong-1 chooses not to attend Minicon

According to The Aerospace Corporation, the defunct Chinese space station "Tiangong-1 is currently predicted to reenter the Earth's atmosphere around April 2nd, 2018 00:10 UTC ± 2.5 hours," thus subtly sidestepping any impish newspersons tempted to make an April Fools joke out of it.

## Registration count

As of 8p.m. (close) on Saturday, we had 501 pre-registered members, 539 warm bodies, and 566 total memberships.

## Krahn/Gahlon 4a.m. Pulse check

Seamstress' Guild: 10 Bar: 9 Railing people: 2 Poker: 6 Roving: 5 Party: 9 **Total: 41**

## Pub quiz results

**Atomic Statfish** came in 2<sup>nd</sup> with 11 points. But in first place, unseating them from their three year streak as champions, was **Team Kobayashi Maru**, with 11 ½!

## Medallion Hunt =TRISKAI=

Many have been within one meter of The Big Kahuna multiple times. Even more people have been within one meter of 15 multiple times! Those who haven't redeemed your medallions yet, please do so! The Cluemeister can be found in "Lady Poetesses from Hell" in the back and from 12:30 – 1 in the BBT Office.

## Tales of Redemption

3. Found by **Michael T.** under the lip of the Business Center Desk. After the most recent clue referenced doing work at a con, "business" came to mind.

5. Found by **John S.** underneath the push bar to the double doors leading into the Programming area.

## CLUES: ROUND 3

15. Con is almost over. When it ends, I fly the coop.

20. The scientist might be called Albus, but he does science, not magic.

*Remember to rarely, if ever, be a dodo. Until next year!*

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