Friday afternoon

Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 52
"We're all bozos on this bus!"

Hello from the Green Room!

Welcome to Minicon 52! First things first—your uprooted editor greets you from the perpetual hubbub engine that is the balcony of room 201, also known as the Green Room, a hospitable place for people on programming to come and discuss their events before (and perhaps after) they occur. Due to a prior conflict, the BBT is not in the Normandale Room for now, whatever the program book and pocket program may perniciously claim, although we may reoccupy that august space late on Friday. The Submission Box is in the hallway outside. Feel free to visit!

New leadership in the Rumpus Room

Due to an emergency appendectomy, Rumpus Room head Bonnie Somdahl will be unable to run children's programming this year. However, we're happy to report that the surgery went well and she is at the con, under doctor's orders to take it easy. Meanwhile, Josh More was able to secure a lastminute replacement, one Taya Ellingworth, who will do her noble best to keep the room afloat. Volunteers for the Rumpus Room, especially on Saturday, will be very appreciated!

It is with an extremely heavy heart that we announce the death of Marian Turner, long active in MN-Stf and Minicon and for many years the head of children's programming, of a long-standing heart condition. Together with Michael Kauper, she ran the M&M Daycare in Southwest Minneapolis for 18 years. Marian dearly loved Minicon. In accordance with her wishes, her body will be donated to the University of Minnesota's medical facilities. She will be missed.

Are you on programming?

You may be wondering that! E-mails were sent out couple of weeks ago to programming participants; however, for an unknown reason, not all of them got through. To confirm which events you volunteered for are actually happening, consult the label on the back of your badge.

Cosplay patterns on display!

Costuming head Melissa McConnell has been in contact with the McCall Pattern Company regarding their new line of cosplay sewing patterns. Come by the costuming table near Registration and she'll be glad to show you a couple she's brought along (and pictures of the rest). Enticed? The costuming table has info sheets with an exclusive Minicon coupon code! And don't forget to sign up for the costume contest, Saturday at 5p.m.

NextGen levels up

NextGen (teen space) has moved this year to the larger room below the Consuite. NextGen head Bolding Ely McConnell reports that the room has acquired Composition Mother/child a PS4 with games, along with several older donated game systems. There will be a Dungeons and Dragons session Friday at 8p.m. and the usual pizza and movie party at 5 on Saturday.

Corrections

- · Author Dean Lappi has had to cancel and won't be joining us this weekend.
- Ctein's reading has been moved from 2 to 4:30p.m. Saturday.
- Fan GoH Mark Oshiro will be signing materials outside the Edina room at 2p.m. Saturday.
- · The Mega MoneyDuck Reveal has been moved from Veranda 3/4 to Grand Ballroom East.
- Eleanor Arnason's name was misspelled in the program book and pocket program.

Music schedule

The schedule of concerts is yet to be finalized, but according to Music head **Chas Somdahl**, there are four we can count on:

- **Leprechaun Pirates** perform Friday at 8...
- **Riverfolk** performs Friday at 9...
- Adam Stemple performs Saturday at 8...
- and **Teresa Chandler** and the Mumble-somethings go on Saturday at 9.

Film schedule

Contrary to the pocket program, which lists only one event, there is a full film schedule! You can get it at the info desk or film room, but tonight we're getting *Charles Beaumont: The Life of Twilight Zone's Magic Man* at 5:15 and *Logan's Run* at 8:15.

Parlez party?

Are there room parties at Minicon? Yes! But we don't have anyone in charge of listing them this year. Boo! We suggest looking on the low-numbered side of the poolside area, floors 1 and 2. But meanwhile,

Krushenko's is in its usual place; **Shannon and Laura's birthday party** is is room 117 (Friday only, starting at 6); and Matt Lauer is holding a **Bourbon and Board Games** event in Room 203 from 6 – 8 Saturday night. If you're running a party Saturday, let us know!

Medallion Hunt =DoDEX=

I am honored to continue as the Cluemeister and to welcome you back to The Annual Minicon Medallion Hunt, round 12. For those who just boarded the Bozo Bus, 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 (or equivalent), which can be spent in the Art Show or Dealer's Room, and a healthy dose of pride with a side order of gloating. Anyhow, here be the rules! Pennies with letters or other symbols earn you miscellaneous prizes instead of Dealer Dollars. These medallions are earned by the first person who solves puzzles located in the BBT Office. As always, any item without a penny near it is intended for fun. The office is usually open during Hours of Redemption and at other times as advertised. Check the outside of the BBT Office for details. You'll also get the saga of your quest published for all to see in the next issue of the BBT, which happens to be precisely where the clues are printed!

The clues can be anything from straightforward obfuscation, to puns, codes or puzzles that involve math, science, pop culture references, or pretty much anything else the Dungeon Master, I mean Game Keeper, contrives. To redeem any 'medallions' you find, track

down the Cluemeister or visit the BBT office during his scheduled Hours of Redemption.

As in past years, all pennies have been hidden in public places within the hotel. No pennies are hidden in restrooms, shops, or anywhere in the Art/Dealers/ Science Room. All pennies will be accessible for at least 2/3 of each day. When found, please leave the blue tape behind so others know they have found the correct place but that medallion has been claimed. Please be respectful and quiet when searching outside of convention space. Take care when searching not to disturb hotel guests or set off any emergency alarms. As an additional hunting aid, there will be a sign outside the BBT Office tracking the status of the various medallions. We're all Bozos on this bus and once you're on, it's too late to get off. Strap in and enjoy the ride!

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CLUES: ROUND 1

- 1. Many will near me but none will beer me
- 2. Look at you, look at me, those who look are all I see
- 3. The clue here ran away, can you find it
- **4.** The Bozo Bus is this way
- **5.** "Halfway up the stairs is a stair where I sit"
- 6. Don't be an angry bird
- 7. Small, round, centrally located
- **8.** I love hanging out
- 9. I'm sitting somewhere cool
- **10.** I'm carrying a heavy burden
- **15.** Something old, something new, something borrowed
- **20.** We welcome all, we include all
- *. The Star on a Ring puzzle; get the riveted metal stars off of the ring.
- ^. The '80s Pyramid. You must beat level 4 of this game.
- >. Beat the high score of 34 on Lightspeed (Blue) Rubiks Revolution.
- @. Get all the Buckyballs into a single 5x5x5 cube.
- !. Solve the Rubiks Pyramid.
- **\$.** Solve any Red level puzzle in the "Oops" game.

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 BBT Office or write to bbt@minicon52.mnstf.org.

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