

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S ON THE BUS

The Bozo Bus Tribune

Friday, April 13

Friday Afternoon

Volume 36 No. 1

Welcome to Minicon 36 — and, of course, the Bozo Bus Tribune.

(It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood... come and join the fun!)

So, how is this Minicon different from ~~all other~~ last year's Minicon?

Everything (except for one Hospitality suite) is on the 3rd floor. Yup, that's right — just one fun floor of fannish delight...

This year, program items are 75 minutes long (though the program gurus assure us that you really don't have to stay there the whole time unless you really want to...which, by the way, you will...)

There is no central volunteer table — just jump right in and help! (Or, ask at the Bridge.)

But wait! There's more!

The Program Book (which also contains the program, though daily grids will be available as well) has just about everything you need to know about the convention. *Specifics?*

Hours: pp. 72-3

Policies/Hotel Issues/Special Programming information: pp. 74-5.

Please don't carry beverages from the 3rd floor to floors 1 or 2. The hotel also requests that no signs be taped to the walls.

Program items listed in Board Room 3 are actually in Director's Room 1. And (as you might have inferred), Director's Room 1 programs are in Board Room 3.

Roundtable signup is at the Bridge. There are also a few times/spaces available for YOU to schedule a Roundtable on a topic that interests you. Go to Program Prep (Board Room 1) to work out the details.

Advertise your party on the Tower of Parties (in the concourse near the ConSuite) (and make sure the BBT gets a note about it too!)

Call for Junk!

We really do want your junk.

But whether you can give us junk or not, we'd like you to sign up for *Junkbox Wars* (Saturday from 2 pm to closing). You can sign up 3-person teams, or as individuals (and we'll team you up with others). Bring your sense of humor,

technical expertise, imagination...and tools, if you have them.

(And remember, if you bring us your junk we won't make you take it back. Honest!)

Call for BBT material!

The BBT will be your guide to news, parties, program changes, weird events, and other things that might help you enjoy Minicon 36. We need help (Boy, do we need help....)

If you have any information or material you think should be run in the newsletter, you can drop it off at the Bridge. We would love to have some art and color commentary (humor, articles, trivia, restaurant review, etc.) to enliven each issue (but please note that ye editor reserves the right to reject or edit submissions, and will *not* run anonymous material under any circumstances).

The BBT will be available at Registration, and in other places around the convention.

Convention Specials

A lot of neat things are available at the sales table in front of Registration.

Material honoring all three Guests can be had for a mere pittance. *Poetry and Polemics*, a chapbook by Writer Guest Ken MacLeod will be sold for \$5.00. Fan Guest Jo Walton's *Muses and Lurkers* is the same price. A 133-page songbook (*The Incomplet eslie Fis*) in honor of Musician Guest Leslie Fish is on sale for \$10.00.

And, of course, there are T-shirts (\$18.00 and up) and polo shirts (\$21.00 and up).

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at the moment?



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Program Changes

Lisa Eisenberg is actually Lise Eisenberg. And Melanie Orphen is really Melanie Orpen.

new item: Friday 5 PM, Board Room 3, *Roundtable: Human Footnotes* — Jo Walton, Elise Matthesen, John M. Ford, Teresa Nielsen Hayden et alia.

Fri. 5 — Add Brenda Clough and Janice Bogstad to *Fantasy: The Long and Short of It*.

Fri. 5 — Add Ctein to *Mistakes I Made When I Was a Neo*. (with apologies...the funniest line in this edition of BBT?)

Fri. 5 — (also) Add Heather Ann Nicoll to *Mistakes I Made When I Was a Neo*.

Fri. 8 — Add Christopher Li, Julia Li, Denny Lien, and Elise Matthesen to *Opening Ceremonies*.

new item: Friday 10, Salon E, *Filk Memorial to Gordon Dickson* (featuring songs written by and about Gordy)

Sat. 9:30 (AM) — Add the usual suspects to *Round Robin Poetry Reading*.

cancelled: Sat. 11, *Convention Fears and Fantasies*.

Sat. 11 — Add Tom Womack to *The Year in Science I*.

Sat. 11 - Add Patrick Nielsen Hayden to *Tam Lin*.

Things you really don't want to miss:

(about which there will be much much more in later issues)

The Rocket Garden (throughout the incredible concourse)... The Con Suite(s)...Greg's rocket —

ETA, 6 PM, in front of the hotel. (See it and understand)

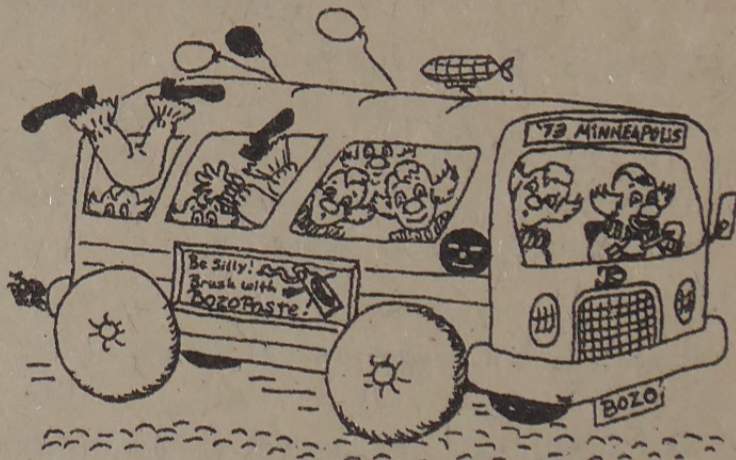
Opening Ceremonies (far more than yadda yadda...) — The general introductions will segue into an incredible slide show by Denny Lien detailing (in a most unique way) a history of Minicons...and that will lead to the incomparable *Ask Dr. Mike*. Be there...

(and planning further ahead)

Tam Lin ...Junkyard Wars...Trivia Bowl...
Gordon Dickson Memorial....

Quote of the day: "Martin sez Charlie sez our bheer's back. That's all I know at this point." — Scott Raun, hotel liaison.

(And that's the way it is.....)



YOUR BADGE COLORS: WHAT THE HECK DO THEY MEAN, ANYWAY?
PINK (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH FUSCHIA) = CHILD
BLUE = GUEST OF HONOR
REMAINING COLORS = YOU TELL US!

The Snark Has Landed
photo by Andrew Bertke

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And the Bozo Bus Tribune continues its journey (and what a trip it is...)

Corrections (and apologies)

So much for perfection...

The Friday 5 PM Program item was a poetry reading featuring Graydon Saunders and Jo Walton.

The *Human Footnotes* Roundtable is actually on Saturday at 8 PM (Board Room 2). Remember to sign up (at the Bridge).

Remember when we said that Board Room 3 and Director's Room 1 program items were switched... well, we *meant* **Director's Room 3**. (In other words, Director's Room 1 is really Director's Room 3...)

Everyone clear on that? (asks jeff, who isn't...)



Friday PARTIES

Midwestcon: 7-10 PM (room 945)

(yes, that's the only posted party as of 6:31 PM, I just took a last look at the party board - jeff)

ConSuites will be running into the wee hours — build up your endurance for *When Weirds Collide* by practicing partying tonight.

3rd Floor: Duluth (non-smoking) and Salon G (smoking)

24th floor: Presidential suite

There may be more in a bit — check the Tower — and remember to get your party notices in to the BBT (early and often!)

We want *YOU* to give us articles and art (and chocolate, while you're at it...)

Special Filk Memorial to Gordon Dickson

10PM Friday, Salon E

Featuring both songs written by Gordy and songs about Gordy.

(More Saturday) Program Changes

new item: Sat. 12:30 — "Alternate History" (Salon A) with Jim Rittenhouse, Steven Silber and Mark Tiedmann

Sat. 2 — Add Brenda Clough to *Fraud on the Internet*.

Sat. 3:30 — Add Moshe Feder to *How e-text Won't Change Publishing*.

Sat. 3:30 — Add Emmet O'Brien to *The Year in Science II*.

Sat. 5 — Add Mary Kay Kare to *Remembering Gordon R. Dickson*.

Sat. 5 — Drop Peter Hentges from *What's the Matter with the Comics Industry?*

Sat. — The Trivia Bowl moves from 8 PM to 8:30 PM.

Quote of the day: "Have fun, but please don't scare the horses." — ye editor.



And that's the way it (still) is....

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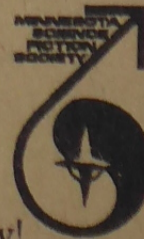
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Sleep? We don't need no steenking sleep!

Registration

Minicon 36 has *about* 550 members

Who's responsible for this?

Minicon is brought to you by Minn-StF. To find out more about us, you can check the Web Site (www.mnstf.org) or the Events Hotline (612-824-5559). Or, ask at the Bridge!

Corrections/Changes

One more time...?

Director 1 = Board Room 3

Board Room 3 = Director 3

(enough already?)

And Steven *Silver* is on the *Alternate History* panel (not Steven Silber, whoever that is)

Another *change* we forgot to mention...

The Art Show is behind the Huckster's Room (Salon D), *not* in a separate room.

Bid early, bid often!

(The Art Auction is Saturday, 6-8 PM, Salon C)

more Program Changes

new item — Sat. at 10, Board Room 3 —

Roundtable: *X-Files Story Session: The Truth Has Gotta Be Around Here Somewhere* (Let's try to dig Chris Carter out of the hole he's in) — Laurel Krahn, Sharon Kahn

Sun. 2 — Add Erik Baker to *Minicon 37*

Kickoff Meeting

Things to Come

When Weirds Collide!

Saturday, 8 PM, (Duluth) ConSuite kicks off: Mardi Gras meets the Minnesota State Fair... discover more things-on-a-stick than you (possibly?) wanted to know about. (And some of them are even edible!)

The Hallelujah Chorus: rehearsal (10:45 Sat., Board Room 2) 15 minutes after the Leslie Fish concert — Performance (3rd floor lobby) about a half-hour thereafter (11:15 PM) — Filthy Pierre Strauss conducting

Sun. 2 — The Furby Dance (II) — with Jeff Schalles and a cast of furbies!

Flash!

Beth Friedman (stringer) reports that Jo Waltons' Barrayan version of *Tam Lim* was a great success (and had the highest attendance of any program item yet this convention. (Long live the classics!))

Restaurant Reviews by Jeanne Mealy

"Naked Meat" or "Hold the Sauce"

For those who appreciate good smoked barbecue flavor without having to wade through sauce, go to the Market Bar-B-Que. Just a short distance from the hotel is this Minneapolis landmark, popular with locals and visiting celebrities. Naked barbecue, good selection and service, open late: This is a Good Thing!

"Ichiban's: Japanese for 'Chef Juggling hot meat, vegetables and utensils'?"

The whole peeled onion lay sizzling on the grill. This was just the beginning of (mostly) graceful motions as our young chef chopped and cooked vegetables and meat for 10 people, juggling and clanging utensils as he worked to fill our plates. OK, so he occasionally dropped something, and people ducked when he threw rice from one bowl to another, but overall it was impressive. And tasty. Teppanyaki cooking tends to be on the expensive side, so go for the Early Bird Special if you can (\$19 from 4 - 6 p.m. for certain menu items).

Overheard:

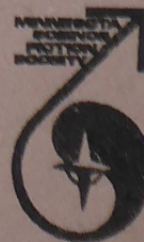
"You didn't need those brain cells — they were old and tired anyway."

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EARLY listing (for obsessive planners) — Saturday PARTIES

(complete listing in evening edition)

Hey, people! We notice that lots of information about parties gets put up on various signs throughout the concourse — but if you want to *ensure* that it gets into the Party list tonight — make sure info gets to the BBT! There's an in-box on the bridge, or stop by Registration — we hide out in the back of the cloakroom.

Krushenko's Open House — room 1001,
Sat. noon — 6 PM

Boston in 2004 9:30 - ??? (room 1045)

TOR 10 - ??? (room 1836)

Diversicon 9 PM - 2 AM (room 1001)

And, of course, the ConSuites...

Overheard Saturday night

by Jeanne Mealy

"Mine's longer than anyone's because it's old."

— *Mike Dorn about his cell phone. We think.*

"I had to help with my own root canal."

— *Mike Dorn, with way too many details.*

"So here we are at Minicon, *watching* music."

— *Dave Crawford about a program that displays patterns in reaction to music.*

(Potential passerby to hall party occupants):

"Which party is this?"

(Hall party occupants): "The Gauntlet Party!"

"You have macho feet."

"Boy, you really know how to pick your Doc Martens."

"Hail, frogs!"

"We belong to the amphibian coven."

"Your nametag says Harold. Who IS that?" "I don't know."

"You have to tell her that story about RCG."

"How I was kicked out of the coven. Oh, noooooo."

"OK. You're Deanna Troy, not Jennifer Lopez. I'll tell Captain Kirk where you are!"

Ask Lyda about her felonious behavior in a library. (It's OK: she threw the books back in the window when she was done. She *says*.)

And, by others, in passing

"OK, the third year makes it a tradition: Hi Will! Hi Emma! And Leslie Ball owes you several hugs." (Stephen Borer — "an old balding guy")

"Thanks, Geri, for letting me store the snake eye tapioca in the Presidential Suite" (Judie Cilcain)

"You know, the buy whose name we don't know whose wife is a lizard."

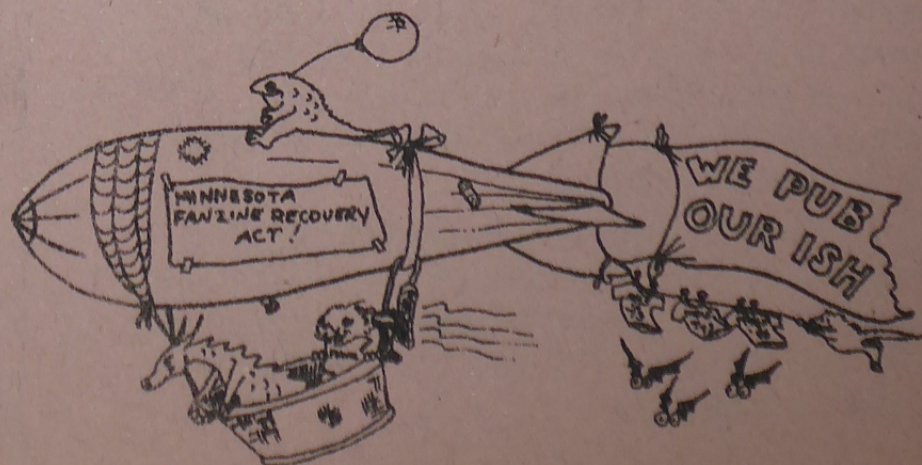
"You know, I think the people in the room next to us have a sewing machine."

Minicon 37 will have its kickoff meeting (Sun. at 2, Salon A) Join early (and often?) and help define the future!

Ask Brenda Clough about her hand-knitted uterus.

Who knows what silliness lurks in the heart of fen?

The BOZO n/o/s/e knows!



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TONIGHT ONLY
CONSUITE, 3RD FLOOR
 MINNEAPOLIS HILTON & TOWERS

Better coffee, and more of it.

Regarding proofreading: Hey, ye editor's degree is in Zoology (so I only know how to spell in Latin...)

Corrections/Changes

Although $A = B$, and $B = C$ usually implies $A = C$, Director 1 is *not* the same as Director 3...

<sigh>

Some **DUFF** material will be (has been?) in the Art Show Auction.

We've been informed by a reliable source that late-breaking program changes can be found on a sign in front of the Program Prep room (Board Room 1). So, check it out...

Lady Poetesses From Hell — drop Jane Yolen, add Rebecca Marjesdatter and John Rezmerski.

Things to Come

Trivia Bowl (8:30)... Bedtime Stories with Auntie Jane (9)... Leslie Fish concert (9)

(more) Restaurant Reviews

D'Amico Cucina (by Brenda Clough)

An expensive and elegant Italian restaurant with divine food. Do not fill up on bread and salad — save room for dessert! Dress us, because the other patrons will be on dates and wining and dining clients. Wouldn't walk to the restaurant, so instead went down to the hotel lobby and took a limo for

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And, of course, the ConSuites...and *Mardi Gras!*

\$10. Alas, there was no photographer from *Locus* to take the photo of the opulent writers going out to dinner...

Aquavit (by ye editor, who eats real good when not chained to the keyboard)

One of our main (OK, notwithstanding Minicon and in-laws) reasons to venture into Minneapolis at the tail end of winter. Expensive but incredible. Try the taster's menu, featuring such outrageous delights as salmon tartar with cauliflower sorbet, lobster-mint spring roll on corn-salsify salad, buttermilk panna cotta, etc. (though not *ad nauseum*.) This year, however, the taster's dessert was disappointing (though our table-mate's "Arctic Circle" selection was wholly spectacular.)

Overheard ...

(at *Junkbox Wars*) — "Don't stand directly behind it."

overheard cont.

"If you have a good idea, we would be glad to put you in charge of it." (Beth Friedman quoting Jerry Stearns)

"This is not junk, this is a weapon." (Erik Olson, quoting TNH)

And so, to ~~bed~~ **PARTY!!!**

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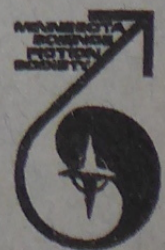
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Continuing to depend on the kindness of ~~strangers~~ really strange people...

"Seaweed and cold tea, and I've only been up for five minutes." — Tom Womack (per Jo Walton)

Things to Come

Ye editor has not been able to discover information about Minicon 36 debriefing. It will probably happen in two weeks (or so.) If interested in participating, check the events schedules (at www.mnstf.org/einblatt or 621-824-5559) and perhaps information will be available, anon.....

Minicon 37 has a kickoff meeting today at 2 (Salon A) — and will presumably have fliers available with more information soon after. (If you haven't already done so, you can join at the Bridge.)



Flash!

Junkbox Wars flies again! — noon-3 PM, Salon E

Plus Ça Change.....

Scott Imes will not moderate the "What Do I Read Next?" panel (Sun. — 12:30)

The Furby Dance (II) has moved to Salon B.

Winners

Junkbox Wars — team of Michael Pins, Todd and Mary Lynn Johnson, and Jeff Larson

Trivia Bowl — (number of uneaten chocolates)

Tom Whitmore - 78

Steven Silver - 66

David Goldfarb - 54

Beth Friedman - 36 (but winner of the warm-up round with 44.5)

Restaurant Reviews Redux

Geri does quotations...

"Want a foot bath? There's a foot spa right behind you." — Geri

"I know. I've moved it twice." — *Charlie*

"The weirdest one was the black vodka and green ketchup" — *Dean Gablon*

"Nobody told me it was after 3:00" — *Kathy Routliffe* (at 5:10 AM...)

"Life is getting longer" — *KR*

"Yes, it is. I think your legs are getting longer, too" — *Fred A. Levy Haskell*

Jon Singer (re. the Brain Crips Dinner) — "But you've been doing it for longer than 2 years..."

Jack Torganski — "Jon, we've been doing it since 1985."

Jon — "Holy #%#&, that's 6 years!"

"That's really scary...9 bottles of grenadine with sticks, with babies impaled on them..."

"It's not that I don't love you, it's that I'm lazy and getting drunk."

(and, with quotes from Eastercon)

"Eastercon is out in the middle of nowhere. There's nothing within walking distance, even if you were allowed to walk."

"There's a statue of Neptune in the lobby that's holding up the ceiling... that's... *different*."

Thanks to all who have made this a successful Minicon!

(Hang in there, it's almost done.....)

And that's the way it was.

All hail the new regime!

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T'was the last day of Minicon
and all through the place
Groggy fans walked like zombies
Disbelief on each face.

Did it all really happen?
Did I see what I saw?
Peeps galore, pickle hats,
State Fair, Mardi Gras!

Puzzles, aliens, and airships
A swimming pool filled with balloons.
Rocket garden, Ferris wheel, MORE Peeps.
And K'NEX to reach Jupiter's moons!

On, panels! On, filking!
On, parties and consuite!
Hucksters and art show and
egg hunt with sweet treats.

Oh, sparkles! Oh, rainbows
on fun, shiny paper.
The things we created.
We cut quite a caper!

Bozo noses, origami,
Dean's drinks — holy cow!
Food (?) on sticks, those darn Peeps.
Next year — hey, it starts now!

Inspirations are welcome;
your thoughts please do share.
Come be here and join us:
A most AMAZING affair!

— Sunday Morning Zombie Poets