

BOZO BUS TRIBUNE

Are we, in fact, all Bozos on this bus?

Issue
number 1

All the news that's on the bus.

Friday morning
April 9, 2004

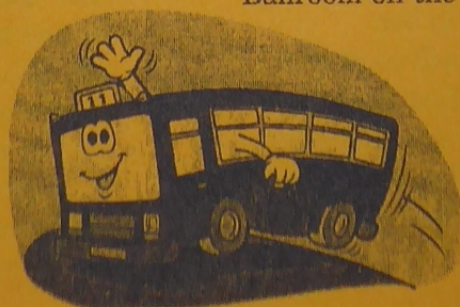
WELCOME TO MINICON!

This is the 39th Minicon held since the first Minicon. There are people here who helped run that first Minicon, just as there are people here who can explain the numbering.

We want to say to you, "Buy our chapbooks, buy art, buy trinkets, buy, buy, buy," but, Minicon is not just about buying. We hope you will buy our chapbooks, buy paintings, and buy from the dealer's room, but what we want you to have goes beyond things: friends and memories that outlast stuff. Time spent in the dome watching the sun set, watching the fog, watching lightning, watching the moon rise. We want you to talk to writers, editors, artists, musicians, gamers, scientists and other fans of what is past, or passing, or to come.

On the other hand, Minicon is a fund-raiser for MNSTF, the Minnesota Science Fiction Society, Inc. We hold it each Easter to fund the club's meetings and expenses for the year. So, do buy, but buy wisely. Eat, drink and be merry, and remember that for one brief weekend a year, there is a place and time that is known as Minicon.

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FRIDAY PARTIES!

Attention Families! We're have a special family pool party from 4-6pm on Friday. Good Humor ice cream treats will be served. Bring the kids and meet us at the pool.

Karaoke in the Dome from 9pm until?????? (You have been warned.)

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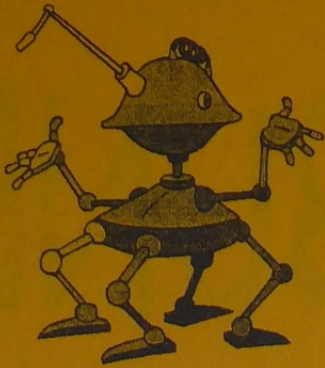
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FRIDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

Don't miss opening ceremonies! We'll introduce you to our Guests of Honor and who knows what else may happen! Opening Ceremonies will be held at 8pm in the Ballroom and will be followed, as always, by the ever popular Ask Dr. Mike. Don't miss it or you'll be sorry!

PROGRAM BOOK CORRECTIONS

The Green Room is Avenue 2 not Avenue 5.
The Middle Earth Room is the middle section of the Forum Ballroom on the first floor.



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The Minicon Howler

Bozo Bus Tribune for kids makes its debut The Minicon Howler is seeking reporters! Kids of all ages (especially kids from 8-14) are invited to participate in the newsletter. Editor-in-Chief Dave Romm will meet with any interested parties on the Lower Level, at the bench under the stairs, before Opening Ceremonies. Get your reporter's notepad and assignments. We hope to have one and maybe two issues out for the convention!

BANQUET TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

The Registration Table still has Banquet Tickets available for \$30. The hotel has canceled its Easter Brunch this year so this is your only chance for a festive Easter meal at the hotel. Oh, um, the Banquet is Sunday at 1pm.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Keep your Programming Head happy! Please try to report to the Green Room 15 minutes before your panel. Find out important stuff. Get a soda to help keep your throat wet while you talk. Meet other panelists.

The Green Room is located near programming in Avenue 2. It is open to panelists and other program participants most of the hours programming is running. Drinks and light snacks will be available.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Hotel rooms are still available at the convention rate. If you've spent too long in the Singularity or just stayed up until you're bleary eyed, it's a lot easier to get on the elevator and go to your room than to drive all the way home. Your action will benefit Minicon as well. We hadn't made our room block as of Wednesday which means we will have to pay the hotel more money if we don't get some more room nights. So not only do you make your life easier, you get to do a good deed too. How often does an opportunity like that come along?

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ADVANCE

JANE YOLEN CANCELS

Alas, Jane Yolen will not be with us this weekend. She has a health problem, not terribly serious, but the doctor has forbidden her from traveling this weekend. She is most regretful and threatened to get on the plane anyway. Saner heads prevailed.

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Tales of the Unanticipated Not-a-Publication-Party 9pm-2am, Krushenko's, Suite 1201.

Japan in 2007, 7-10pm, Room 867.

Convergence 2004, Room 764, no date nor time given.

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5PM Three Pints Gone
(break)
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QUOTABLE NOTABLES

"You have to have fingers to make sweet rolls," says FGoH Deb Geisler. Deb will be doing roll playing (no, that's not a typo) Saturday morning at 10am in the Singularity.





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PROGRAM CHANGES

MOVED

Naomi Kritzer's reading FROM 10am TO noon, Saturday, in Avenue 3.

NEW ITEMS

Young Writers Workshop with Kathryn Sullivan, 3-4pm, Saturday, in Avenue 4.

Walter John Williams signing, from 4-5pm, Saturday, outside the Dealers' Room.

ADDITIONAL PANELISTS

JIM FRENKEL to Year in SF panel, 11am, Saturday

PHIL KAVENY to Why You Don't Want to Own a Bookstore panel, noon, Saturday

DELIA & FIONA IHINGER to Just Us Kids panel, 2pm, Saturday

JIM FRENKEL to the Phil Dick panel, noon, on Sunday

Somebody should come up with a nicer word than euphemism.

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SILENT AUCTION

We're having an auction for the benefit of MinnStf. Check out the items available for this auction in the Art Show. Among other items we have a small quilt made by Hugo Winner Nicki Lynch and a jar of sour cherry jelly made by Wilcon mom Joni Stopa. Bid early and often!

WORLDCON MEMBERSHIPS

There will be Worldcon memberships for Noreascon 4 (2004 in Boston) and Interaction (2005 in Scotland) available for purchase during Minicon. Look for the fan table with Worldcon decorations. Please stop and talk - we're more than willing to answer questions.

RANDOM NEWS

There are actual anthropology students onsite observing us. Be entertaining!

David Levine has just learned he has sold a story to an anthology entitled *All Star Zeppelin Adventure Stories*. I am not making this up.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 8-10 are the 100th anniversary of Aleister Crowley writing -- or 'receiving' -- *The Book of the Law* in Cairo Egypt. He was there on his honeymoon.

Bidding in the art show ends at 6pm on Saturday. The auction is that night at 10pm. Be sure to stop by.

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HUGO NOMINEES!

Once again Minicon's Guests and friends have made an impressive showing. This year's GOH, Walter John Williams, has been nominated in the Novella category for "The Green Leopard Plague". This story is contained in the Minicon chapbook for sale on The Bridge. Last year's GOH, Robert Sawyer was also nominated in the Best Novel category for *Humans*. Lois McMaster Bujold, a local author and favorite has also been nominated in the Best Novel category for *Paladin of Souls*. The short story "A Study in Emerald" by local guy Neil Gaiman has been nominated as well. David D. Levine, in attendance both this year and last year, is also nominated in the Short Story category for "The Tale of the Golden Eagle". David is also nominated for the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer and is in his second, and last, year of eligibility for that award. Finally, last year's Artist GoH, Sue Mason, has once again been nominated for Best Fan Artist.

Your Gentle Editor would just like to note she is delighted that Charlie Stross has been nominated in 2 categories and that Kage Baker has also received a nomination. The wonderful SF TV show *Firefly* had 2 episodes, "Heart of Gold" and "The Message". I liked "Trash" better than "The Message" but hey.

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IN OTHER NEWS

Hugo-nominated author and incredibly modest guy David Levine will read his Zeppelin story on Sunday, 11am, Avenue 3.

A yo! to the still-out-of-towners, Emma and Will!

Noreascon has also announced the nominations for Retro-Hugos for 1953. The novel and short story categories are incredibly strong. These nominations and the complete nominations for 2003 are available at the website www.boston2004.org.

Minicon would like to thank and nominate as Heroes of the Revolution all the members who helped move stuff from the storage locker. Including, but not limited to, Jeff Schalles, Martin Summerton, Bill Christ, Greg Ketter, Catherine Crockett, Diane Lacey, DD-B, Joel Phillips, Mishalak, Larry Sanderson, John McKane, Keith Malgren, Ctein, Lynn Calvin, and Carol Kennedy.

Only 13 banquet tickets left, get down to Reg and buy!

Pre-registration for this iteration of Minicon was 417.

LOST: small black leather travel purse. Barb Jensen rm 311, home phone 822-9172.

Restaurant recommendation: Lotus (Vietnamese). Big menu, good food, decent prices & portions, very nice staff. Open until 9:30pm Sat. Closed Sun. No MSG. (Jeanne Mealy)

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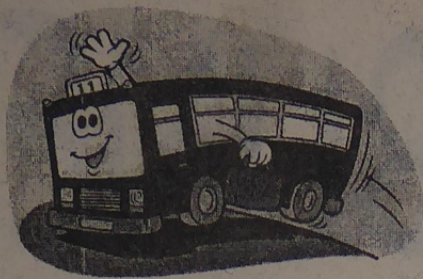
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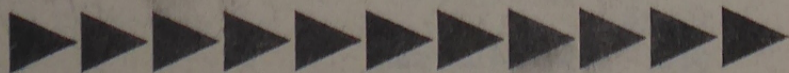
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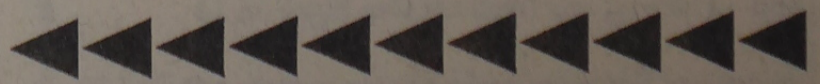
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KRAHN-GAHLON PULSE CHECK REPORT FRIDAY NIGHT

We found 38 people awake in convention air space at 4am. There were 21 people (and pulses) involved in a moving sing-a-long in the music room. 'Twas a bittersweet tapestry of life itself. One person was in motion near the 14th floor elevators. Eight people were playing cards in the smoking room. The Singularity contained 7 people. Only one person was moving in the main Con Suite and no one was in the dome. A lone tennis shoe was all we could find on L and LL. It did not have a pulse. A worn out, pulseless shoe does not seem a suitable representative for any Minicon we can think of. It would have been cool to have one person awake for each Minicon, for a total of 39, but it was just not meant to be.

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MESSAGE TO MINICON

Sharyn November would like you to know; I was absolutely blown away to be asked to be GoH, and even more so when I was told that my SO was invited, too. So many of my favorite genre writers are from the Minneapolis area, and I so enjoyed WFC 2002. THANK YOU for having me. Also, if anyone ever needs to find me, I am usually smoking outside.

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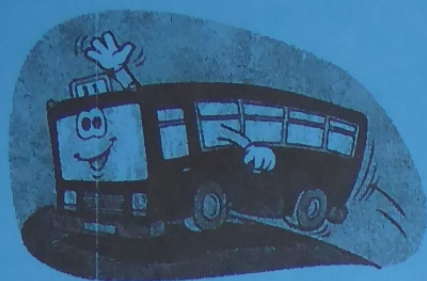
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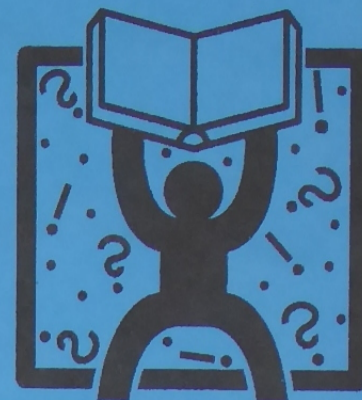


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FOOD FUNCTIONS

Don't miss the Time Traveler's Ball tonight from 8pm-midnight in the done. Wear your favorite Fallen Empire costume. (Your reporter has seen Laura Jean's and you gotta go just to see it.)

Don't forget that the Singularity will be serving chili tonight. Sides of rice and French bread available. Seatings at 9pm and 11pm. They'll have blog from 9pm

The ConSuite will have bagels, fruit, and muffins for breakfast starting around 8am.

"After I change into my pajamas, I'll come back and play with your big pole."

(Karen C.)

"But whether we do it in our room before we tip over or whether we do it with other people is yet to be determined."



"The plural of Chthulu is 'oh crap'"
Marty Bentley

REG REPORT

Before the con started there were 417 people pre-registered. As of noon Sat., 57 badges remained to be picked up. Reg had sold 12 full weekend adult memberships, 1 full weekend child membership, and 6 Sat. memberships. Check back tomorrow for final figures.

TOMORROW (THAT'S SUNDAY)

The extensive staff of the daily zine would particularly recommend Reality and the Internet, 11am, Avenue 4, and the Closing Ceremonies, 4pm, Loring Ballroom. Breakdown follows immediately, please help.

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Priscilla Olson emphatically recommends Hell's Kitchen for breakfast, 89 South 10th Street, from 8am.

Collage Art Therapy was a wild success with 17 talented artists turning out a wide variety of fabulous collage art. Stop by Middle Earth (between Dealers' and the Art Show) and visit the gallery.

Friday's game success was a multiply named game played in the Con Suite. You can see some of the results posted around the suite.

Don't forget the Art Auction at 10pm in Middle Earth.

There are still GoH chapbooks available from The Bridge



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Lots of active and wily people were awake at 4am, making this a more difficult count than usual. We found 15 people in the primary Con Suite, 13 in the smoking room, 3 near the elevators, 1 ducking into a bathroom, 29 in the music party (singing about a brand new pair of roller skates), and 21 in The Singularity. A grand total of 73 people awake in public or con space.

Sharon Kahn and Kevin G. Austin tracked and trailed Gahlon and Kahn to the lower level of the hotel where they joined Kahn and Gahlon in marveling over the number 73 and celebrated the fact that almost 20% of the members of Minicon 39 were still awake.

Krahn later did an unofficial 5am pulse check (sans Gahlon). Would you believe 42 Minicon members were still awake? Yes, 42. The music party ended at dawn. All night fandom lives!

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Dead Dog will begin at approximately 7:30 pm

CORRECTION OFFERED

The Tribune has learned that one of its quotations was incorrectly attributed. Offending parties have been flogged. The quote is offered again with, allegedly, the correct attribution.

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