

# BOZO BUS' Tribune



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## Minicon Starts With A Bang

Although Minicon doesn't officially commence until Friday evening's Opening Ceremonies, this year's con got off to an unprecedented early start with *Working Without a Net: An Evening with Harlan Ellison*, an electrifying multi-media event featuring our inimitable GoH. This event, although sponsored by Minicon and MinnStf (Minnesota Science Fiction Society) and free to all our members, was also open to the public for a \$10 admission fee. Harlan was in fine form and the audience responded enthusiastically. Review follows.

## Harlan Ellison fails to offend Minnesota audience, but has a great time anyway

--- Dave Romm

Thursday, April 13, 2006CE. The evening started with a Sci-Fi Channel documentary on the life and times of Harlan Ellison. The half-hour show was wide ranging providing an introduction to a man who brags, "I love what I do." Harlan breezed in, comfortably took the microphone from Minicon 41 Chair Greg Ketter, and didn't stop talking for more than five hours. Harlan spoke to the audience off the cuff, for two and a half hours. The crowd of 200 didn't leave until it was all over. Many of them stayed for Harlan's book signing and gabfest, which went on for another three hours.

Harlan was bouncy and recursive and very ad lib. He immediately launched into an epic elevator story ("Free the Ellison Nine"). He took questions. One story would digress into another which digressed into another which then bounced back out to pick up the threads of a previous digression, eventually looping all the way back to the original story. Twenty minutes later, Harlan would ask, "Did I answer your question?" He always had.

The story of his 4 hours of employment at Disney took at least an hour, what with explaining Yiddish words to the *goyim*, telling dirty jokes to 12-year-olds, recounting a completely unrelated story about a particularly exciting movie expedition with J. Michael Straczynski and desperately trying to insult every ethnic, racial or political group he could think of (with little success – his audience steadfastly refused to be insulted).

### Hot Tips!!

- Watch the bulletin board outside the Consuite for additional events!
- Check out the Source section of today's Strib! Bloomington becomes a "sci-fi hotbed," indeed.

## First Annual Minicon Medallion Hunt Win Dealer Dollars!!! Help us go back to 1973!

This year, the Bozo Bus Tribune is excited to announce its sponsorship of the First Annual Minicon Medallion Hunt! Want to solve riddles, win Dealer Dollars and be honored by the BBT? Read on for details.

Twelve shiny 1973 pennies have been hidden throughout the hotel! Each bears a sticker, a number, and a prize amount. Clues for the whereabouts of 11 of the pennies are given below; the 12th clue is **secret**. Upcoming editions of the Bozo Bus Tribune will bring you more clues and list the winners so far. A handful of additional clues are also hidden in other locations, so be alert!

Pennies 1 through 9 are each worth \$5 in Dealer Dollars. Pennies 10 and 11 are worth \$15 Dealer Dollars, and Penny 12 is worth **\$25 Dealer Dollars**. Found pennies are to be turned in to the Bozo Bus Tribune office, located in Plaza 3.

**Important! No pennies are hidden in the art show<sup>1</sup> or dealer's room, in any of the hotel's stores or restaurants, in places off-limits to the public, or in restrooms. Take care when searching not to disturb hotel guests and not to set off any emergency alarms.**

### Happening Tonight!!

- Friday night specials in the Singularity will be : Cider, Newcastle Brown Ale, Summit Great Northern Porter
- Room Party: Rm 131 – ongoing
- SFA Party (Carleton College) Rm 107

### Volunteers Needed!

**Hospitality** needs you!!! Fun jobs, great benefits! Check with the Volunteers Desk near Registration, or go straight to the consuite to offer your services. You'll be glad you did!

## Reading Schedule (Atrium 5)

### Friday

4:30pm Katherine Sullivan  
 8:30pm Tyree Campbell  
 9:30pm Michael Merriam (1/2 hour)

### Saturday

11:30am S.N. Arly (1/2 hour)  
 12:00 noon C.J. Mills  
 1:30pm Adam Stemple  
 2:00pm Naomi Kritzer  
 3:00pm Twin Cities Speculative Fiction Rapid Fire Reading (1 1/2 hours)  
 4:30pm Laurel Winter  
 5:30pm Pamela Dean (1/2/hour)  
 7:00pm Melinda Kimberly Melin (1/2 hour)  
 7:30pm Angela Albee  
 8:30pm Jason Whitman (1/2 hour)

### Sunday

11:30am Marissa Lingen Gritter (1/2 hour)  
 12:00am Susan Hastings (1/2 hour)

## Signing Schedule (Plaza Atrium)

### Friday

8:30pm Harlan Ellison

### Saturday

11:30am Pamela Dean  
 1:30pm R.M. Meluch  
 3:00pm John Picacio (in Art Show)  
 4:30pm Harlan Ellison  
 7:00pm Angela Albee/Tyree Campbell

### Registration update (4:15pm)

PreReg about 400

At the Door about 50

Reg Head says:

- 16 minutes after we opened registration we had 20 at-the door registrations.
- It's nice to see so many young people registering this year.

## Mini Restaurant Commentaries

Ctein says, "The Navigator Bar will give you a good burger and you get both fries and fried onion rings." He also notes that the 'Chill and Go' is the test restaurant for DQ. They test new product ideas there, so if you're feeling adventurous and like fast food, check it out. You may come across something there that you'll never find anywhere else.

H. Leibowitz says, "Caribou Coffee is still across the parking lot (West Atrium exit) near the huckster room. Take the ideal bean test. They gave me ice water. I like them.

## Medallion Clues, First Round

1. First work hard, then cool down. Drink your fill and reach around.
2. The story of the old shell game, writ anew in colored plastic.
3. In a hallway high was this one grown, near a vista never known. Look for treasure in the space underneath its three-side base.
4. Go to the leading number's floor—What could that furniture be for? You needn't pull a single door—Simply open the bottom...
5. There's an unexpected way out, not far from the dark lord's third part. Not understanding? Scour the top landing.
6. Do you recognize this face from the program book? If so, take a look behind his little nook.
7. Sit shyly; look for bubblegum in the perfectly numbered Atrium. If you'd go back, you're right.
8. Not bow, nor stern, nor front nor rear, the signs instead direct you here.
9. If you go making merry in the squat north tower, and take your ease not too far from a plastered bower, things then are in 'accord': you've sat on your reward!
10. Either visit the floor that isn't in the south tower, or look in a middling wardrobe for the clues to the combination lock on the safe in the consuite.
11. For visually rendered tactile clues, check under a winding northern staircase.

## State of the Con Report

-- Laramie Sasseville, roving reporter

Friday (noonish): Minicon is gearing up for action. Programming has yet to begin, the exhibitor functions are not yet open, the Con Suite is being prepared for its glorious future: there are some oranges and apples there, and a few drinks available for the thirsty, but tiny robot dogs dominate the table. Party volunteers tell me that "there are more cooks stirring the pot than ever before" - referring to the large crew busy hauling in tubs of supplies.

At this time the hub of social activity is the Atrium area around Registration, outside the Art Show and Dealer's Rooms where vendors and artists are busy preparing their displays.

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 Friday Morning

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## Minicon Medallion Mania

Rumors and speculation were running wild Friday night, as frenzied searchers scoured the hotel for the precious Minicon Medallions. Our intrepid cluemeister checked a few locations and confirms that there are still several unclaimed medallions out there, so don't give up! Clues on the next page are for the remaining medallions only, including #8 which has been returned to the wild under a catch and release program. As we go to press, we have the following winners.

- #3 (\$5)      Some wizard (didn't get the name)
- #4 (\$5)      Richard Tatge
- #6 (\$5)      Rosie Konkol
- #7 (\$5)      Jason & Kate
- #8 (\$5)      Karen Cooper\*
- #9 (\$5)      Jory Phillips & William Ketter
- #10 (\$15)    Team Kid (Rosie, Rand, Neysa, Tanner, Alec, Tristin)
- #11 (\$15)    Same wizard
- #12 (\$25)    Joanna Robson

\*Karen Cooper, noted philanthropist, was gracious enough to donate her winnings back to the Medallion Prize Pool, so #8 is rehidden

### This Just In!!

The Medallion Hunt has been so much fun, and the Fearless Medallion Hunters so relentless that only a few medallions are left in the wild. Good news! The con chair, Greg Ketter, has authorized the release of more Dealer Dollars for prizes! There should be a completely new set of hidden medallions and clues by the time the evening edition comes out.

### Belated Attribution

An alert reader, Stephen Borer, points out that we forgot to mention that the Minneapolis Zeppelin in our masthead was designed by the wonderful Ken Fletcher, one of the Floundering Fathers of MinnStf.

Oh, and hello to Will and Emma!!

### Announcements

Parties on the cabana level—please leave your back doors open for wheelchair access. Thanks. --- *The Mgt*

### Saturday Parties

Marscon Party		4pm-2am
MISFITS	103	8pm-midnight
Krushenko's Annex	104	8pm-2am
Chicago in 2008	106	9pm - ???
SFA (Carleton)	107	
Denver in 2008	125	
It's a Bad Party	131	
LiveJournal Party	205	8:30-???
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### Karaoke Contest Tonight!!

The Marscon Party Room will be hosting Karaoke Joe's Café tonight. Open mike karaoke is open to all. The contest is open to all also, but slots are limited so please sign up in advance at the Marscon room (from 4pm on)

Open Karaoke	7pm-10pm
Karaoke Contest	10pm on

### We Want Your Blood

The Heinlein Memorial Blood Drive is running noon-4:00 in the main lobby of the hotel. This is a long-standing tradition at science fiction conventions, a chance for even the most penniless fan to give a little of themselves.

### Registration Report (11 a.m.)

Pre-reg (estimate)	400
At-the-door (adult)	83
At-the-door (kid)	11
At-the-door (1day)	19
Total (estimate)	513

### Krahn-Gahlon 4am Pulse Check

Sadly, by the time 2am rolled around it was clear that no researchers would still be awake by 4am to perform the traditional warm body count. However, Mr. Gahlon reports a count of 69 at 2am, and your intrepid editor counted about 30 at 3am.

## Programming Updates

- John Picacio Signing in the Art Show at 3:00 (new)
- John Picacio's 4:30 Slide Show **moved** to Atrium 8
- BladeRunner showing moved to 11pm in Krushenko's Annex (poolside room #114)
- Greg Ketter will interview Harlan, as the scheduled interviewer had an unfortunate encounter with a deer on the way to the con. (She is unhurt, but her car was not so lucky).
- Jason Burnett is not attending Minicon this year.
- Jeanne Mealy has been added to "Zines and Blogs"
- Ben Huset is now on to "How to Destroy the Earth"
- Linda Lounsbury has been added to "RUR to Roomba"
- Phyllis Eisenstein will substitute for Naomi Kritzer on "Publishing 101A"
- Alex Eisenstein added to "Forbidden Planet Discussion"

## Reading Schedule (Atrium 5)

### Saturday

- 1:30pm Adam Stemple
- 2:00pm Naomi Kritzer
- 3:00pm TCSF Rapid Fire Reading (1 1/2 hours)
- 4:30pm Laurel Winter
- 5:30pm Pamela Dean (1/2/hour)
- 7:00pm Melinda Kimberly Melin (1/2 hour)
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- 7:00pm Angela Albee/Tyree Campbell

## Saturday Music in Atrium 2

- 2-3pm Adam Stemple
- 3-4pm Howard Ashby Kranz
- 4-4:30 Floyd Henderson
- 4:30-5pm Laramie Sasseville
- 5-6pm Howard Harrison
- 7:30-8pm Doug Wickstrom
- 8-9pm David Perry
- 9-10pm Nate & Louie Bucklin

## Medallion Clues, 2nd Round

2. Zap! Zap! Pbff. Zap! Zap! Pbff. Pbff. Zap!
5. Is this medallion on the third floor? Kind of! But it's not Vader, it's Revelations.
6. This penny is unaccounted for and presumed dead! If you have it, turn it in by tonight or risk your Dollars!
8. (new location): Sulphur, gold and sodium should get this egg boiling!

## Volunteer Perks

Volunteer a few hours to help us run our little convention and you will have fun, meet people, make the convention a little better for everybody. As if that weren't enough, the Volunteers Department will show their appreciation with some delightful con souvenirs just for volunteers!

4 hours	5 Dealer Dollars
6 hours	T-shirt
8 hours	5 Dealer Dollars and T-shirt

We particularly need volunteers for Consuite and Badgers. Sign up at Volunteer Desk near Registration, or go right to Consuite and talk to the people in charge.

## State of the Con Report — Sharon Kahn

Minicon Friday has been low-key and mellow, with occasional minor disturbances in the force as Harlan steamed past, scattering little vortices of energy in his wake. About 1am "mellow" crossed over into "sleepy" and with 3am approaching, even the music circle in the next room is pretty much out of steam.

Everything seems to be flowing like water – plenty of food and good cheer in the consuite, good beer in the consuite bar, and programming off to a good start with a well-attended and lively Opening Ceremonies.

The 1<sup>st</sup>-floor atrium in the North Tower was quite a lively scene during the daytime and early evening with people hanging out in the conversation pits and streaming in and out of the art and dealers rooms. Every now and then someone would sit down at the grand piano and fill the air with music (thanks, David!).

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Saturday Afternoon

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## Minicon Medallion Mania

### Medallion Clues, 3rd Round

4 - (new location, \$5): I'll give you x: -x- --

I could give you y, but I won't.

I can't give you z.

7 - (new location, \$5): I have a code, and it's time for a code check. \*sniff\*

9 - (new location, \$5): Money at the base boundary between land and sea.

10 - (new location, \$15): 3mf g;ppt. F1;9t. (-\$. Ytsdj.

13 - (\$15): Journey to the floor of the whatchamacallit--E-something. Continue upwards, right to an invisible nautilus. When it's not dangerous, open whatever stuff is likely lucrative. Actually, you can pretty much ignore the last two sentences.

### Think you're smart, fan-boy? (all genders welcome)

Head over to the Consuite Bar tonight for the Minicon Pub Quiz and prove it. (Fun for all – fame and fortune not guaranteed).

### From Publishing 101B:

Harlan Ellison: "Ignore your audience. Even when they're publishers. Publishers are some of the biggest whores in the world, and I do not use the word in the kindly sense."

Adam Stemple: "I come out of the music business, so to me the book business seems positively aboveboard and straightforward."

### From At the Movies with Fan GoH Doug Friauf:

"The water fell out of the pool."

"Bad sci-fi is better than no sci-fi."

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\* Room locations incorrectly reported in previous edition. To play it safe, go to both.

### CHAIRMAN BLEEDS FOR CONVENTION

Minicon XLI Chairman Greg Ketter, along with 20 other convention attendees gave blood at the Robert A. Heinlein Memorial Blood Drive. Due to new rules regarding foreign residency, some potential donors were unable to give. Thank you all for showing up and sharing the gift of life. A good response for a good cause.

### Registration Report (7:50 p.m.)

"Oh, God! About 535-540 people."

### ROBOT OBSERVATIONS – Saturday afternoon Music Room

The Howard Harrison/Harlan Ellison performance was a great success. Well attended and upbeat, we were instructed to be oblong and have our knees removed along with other advice for cautious living. Howard was determined to "give it to Harlan," which he did by making the poor man come up onto the stage accompanied by another hapless "virgin" and sit there while he commenced to render his infamous "Birdie Song," aka "The Reincarnation Song." A good time was had by all, even though, as a group, we have heard said song approximately 4,736 times.

### Help Wanted:

There is a mysterious green object in the hotel. At the main lobby in front of the orange cover, on the coffee table, under a dome, is....what?

It's green. It's kind of fuzzy. But what is it? Bring your answer to the Bob Bus Tribune.

-Marilee L.

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### T-Shirts! MINICON XLI 2006

Elegant and tasteful - Art by John Picacio Only \$20.00

Sizes available: S-M-L-XL-XXL-XXXL

Fastner & Larsen Art - 2005 - \$20.00

### Saturday Music in Atrium 2

9-10pm Nate & Louie Bucklin

### COMIC POSTINGS:

*Red and Rover* Science Fiction

*Piranha Club* - Political digs

Taped up on the bulletin board.

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## Howard and Harlan, Part 2

--- Your humble on-the-spot reporter, Jeanne Mealy

The Howard (Harrison) and Harlan (Ellison) Show recurred on Saturday night, this time at the tail end of the Obscure and Marvelous panel. Howard came into the room and was commanded by Harlan to do the "Birdie Song." Howard replied with various invectives as Harlan ushered him to the front of the room. Harlan then asked for two people for Howard to sing to: one beautiful, one stupid. He picked a man from the audience and asked that his wife, Susan, come in from the hall. Howard sang, the audience roared with laughter, and Harlan listened raptly, often collapsing against the wall as he laughed. Thanks to Howard and Harlan for another Memorable Minicon Moment.

## Medallion Winners

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1st round of hiding places
- #1 (\$5) First one found, but did anyone ever turn it in?
- #5 (\$5) Indiana Lisa and The Boyz
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> round of hiding places
- #4 (\$5) WHO??
- #7 (\$5) Indiana Lisa and The Boyz
- #9 (\$5) The Girlz: Fiona, Delia, Neysa, Rachel R.
- #10 (\$5) The Boyz: Jory, Willam and Tanner
- #13 (\$15) WHO?????? WHO?????

## The Medallion Chronicles

*There are a million medallion stories in Minicon City. These are some of them.*

### Medallion #1. The Easy One

*First work hard, then cool down. Drink your fill and reach around.*

This is the type of clue that sucks you into the game. When Houghton John's eye first fell on this clue his face lit up. He dropped the cheap tabloid paper like it was red hot and made a beeline for the door, certain of victory. But his quest ended in disappointment. He wasn't the only one. How much brain did it take to see that this clue referred to the water fountain next to the fitness center? Somebody got there before him, and that was that. But once the sickness takes hold, there's no getting away from it. Next time I saw Houghton, he had two

more almost-wins under his belt and had already sunk to the level of medallion mercenary, doing someone else's work for her. Poor sap.

### Medallion #4. The Family Connection

*Go to the leading number's floor—What could that furniture be for? You needn't pull a single door—Simply open the bottom...*

This medallion was found not 50 feet from the Cluemeister's sleeping place, by the Cluemeister's own father. They say no foul play was involved, and it wasn't. But it helps to know how the Cluemeister thinks. And the sleeping room was assigned after the medallion was hidden. Weird, huh?

### Medallion #5. The Heartbreaker

*Clue 1. There's an unexpected way out, not far from the dark lord's third part. Not understanding? Scour the top landing.*  
*Clue 2. Is this medallion on the third floor? Kind of! But it's not Vader, it's Revelations!*

The last of the first set to be found, this one had developed a cult following by the time it was finally run to ground by a combination of cunning, persistence, study of ancient texts, and sheer obsessiveness. No single mind could have cracked the code. Frankly, I still don't understand it, and two different teams tried to explain it to me. Something about the Number of the Beast, but divided by three, and possibly taped to the inside of the top of the building? But if you obsessively scoured the top landings of every staircase in the hotel, the exact directions for finding the medallion were posted on a little sign on the door to the roof one floor up from the 22<sup>nd</sup> floor of the south tower.

### Medallion #6. Serendipity

*Clue 1. Do you recognize this face from the program book? If so, take a look behind his little nook.*

*Clue 2. This penny is unaccounted for and presumed dead! If you have it, turn it in by tonight or risk your Dollars!*

Originally tucked into a purple plastic egg behind Doug's photo collage, this clue rolled under a bed in the Consuite when somebody innocently moved the collage. Little did the Cluemeister know when he typed that second clue that nothing is really lost when large numbers of kids are looking for it. This is the only medallion that was found purely by chance.

### Medallion #2. The Survivor

*The story of the old shell game, writ anew in colored plastic. Zap! Zap! Pbfft. Zap! Zap! Pbfft. Pbfft. Zap!*

The only medallion not found! Hidden under a row of 3 of the colored space ships in the Consuite. Replace "zap" with 1 and "pbfft" 0, the 2<sup>nd</sup> clue spells 217 in binary.

### Medallion #7. Really, it just made sense, didn't it?

*Sit shyly; look for bubblegum in the perfectly numbered Atrium. If you'd go back, you're right.*

See, if you're shy, you sit in the back of the function room when you attend a panel, right? And if there's going to be bubble gum in a function room, where else would it be but under a chair seat? In the **back, right** corner of the room, of course.

### Medallion #8. The Mercenary

*Not bow, nor stern, nor front nor rear, the signs instead direct you here.*

Why leave the comfort of the Green Room to work your hunch when you've got a medallion hunting addict to do your dirty work for you?

### Medallion #9. You're Sittin' On It

*If you go making merry in the squat north tower, and take your ease not too far from a plastered bower, things then are in 'accord': you've sat on your reward!*

Amusingly enough, pianist David Emerson was sitting on it when the searchers showed up.

### Medallion #10. The Shortest Distance Between Two Points Doesn't Always Go Through the Train Station

*Either visit the floor that isn't in the south tower, or look in a middling wardrobe for the clues to the combination lock on the safe in the consuite.*

Unfortunately, Team Kid didn't see anything in the rules that said they couldn't just pry the locked suitcase off its hinges, thus bypassing the cleverly constructed set of clues leading to the combination to the lock. The best laid plans...

### Medallion #11. Finders keepers, losers weepers

*For visually rendered tactile clues, check under a winding northern staircase.*

Similarly, the individual who found the piece of paper with the Braille clue just assumed that once he'd found the clue it was his to keep, and it eventually led him to the prize. The other eager seekers who looked for the clue after it was gone didn't see it quite the same way. The writers of the rules are neutral on the topic. The rules mostly amounted to, "Don't break the hotel and don't do anything brings the police." Incidentally, the penny was on the ice machine on the 19<sup>th</sup> floor.

### Medallion #12. The Secret

Was a "secret." We were supposed to need more clues, but nothing can stop kids from just searching at random. Unfortunately the young man who found the little piece of paper taped to the back of the bulletin board in the Consuite immediately read it out loud. Several people found the code embedded in the first 11 clues, "first

story hallway leading out from the rear south tower staircase." The kids were just a few minutes behind when they heard the 'Whoopee' from the finder. *Note to self: next time I learn an important secret, try not to shout it out loudly in a crowded party.*

### Medallion #7 (new location). Sniff

*I have a code, and it's time for a code check. \*sniff\**  
The real clue here is the sniff. You sniffle because you have a cold, and when you have a cold, coat check becomes "code check." Found by The Boyz, with help from Indiana Lisa, who knew where the coat check was, because it used to be registration.

### Medallion #10 (new location). The Quick Brown Fox

*3mf g;ppt. F1;9t. (-\$. Ytsdj.*  
Found by The Boyz with lots of help from Katie Clapham who knew about typewriter codes. Just shift your fingers one letter to the left, and the string of gibberish becomes "2<sup>nd</sup> floor, escL8r, trash."

### Medallion #13 Found? Are You Out There, Winner?

*Journey to the floor of the whatchamacallit--E-something. Continue upwards, right to an invisible nautilus. When it's not dangerous, open whatever stuff is likely lucrative. Actually, you can pretty much ignore the last two sentences. Cluemeister says this one was really hard, involving an acrostic. Did someone really find it?*

### 3am Random Awards

**Best Door Award** – SF3 Party. I'm still not sure what was inside, but that hobbit door is mind-blowing!  
**Lifetime Achievement Award** – Most Consistent Party Host: Eric Heideman (Krushenko's) "First to open and last to close, since 1985." Thanks, Eric

### KRAHN-GAHLON PULSE CHECK – SUNDAY

4:00 a.m.	Music party – 23 Master Gamer Richard – 1 Hallway – 3 Peeps – 1 Consuite – 1 (something ineligible) – 10 <b>Total: 46</b> (where did this come from?)
5:30 a.m.	Music party – still going strong with 20+ people

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