

Bozo Bus Tribune

MINNESOTA SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY

Medallion Update

The pennies are pouring in!

D If Bloomington is south of Edina, what if you hang your hat in Minnetonka?

Likewise, the Bloomington room is south of the Edina room, and this medallion was in a wardrobe west of there. The prize, a card game about donuts, went to John Stanley.

2 This notched arrow is one of the farthest from the outside world; the notched arrow is formed by the negative space between two letters.

Found by Lisa Sanders and T.J. Neumiller, this penny was lurking between the E and X of the EXIT sign between the pool area and the Navigators club.

5 1411 31114 11 11 141 11311 13113311 318, 11 141 31111312, 11 141 31111111 213112 1111; The alphabet: 1332142418513113T11114484T.

Carol Kennedy cracked the alphabet code from the second clue. Kelly Strait figured out that the numbers assigned to each letter were taken from the tile values in Scrabble. Carol had already figured out part of the message, which, in its entirety, reads: "This penny is in the Super Scrabble box, in the scorepad, in the Consuite gaming area." Apologies for the typo replacing '13111313' with '31111312'. Once the hunters realized they were looking for a Super Scrabble set, the rest was easy. William Ketter and Jory Phillips actually retrieved the medallion and claimed the prize.

7 Peer behind the frame, not into the infinite hallway (where Medallion 0 should have been last year)

Found by John Stanley, this penny was behind the frame of the second floor hallway mirror closest to the lobby area, one of two pairs of large mirrors on opposite ends of the hall.

9 Push the button of the letters in the choice of a new generation; when you gotta have it, reach in and feel to the left...just be sure you're on the right floor!

Hidden in the dispenser slot of a Pepsi machine at the back of the 5th floor of the small tower. 'Pepsi' contains five letters. Found by Rob Ihinger.

Fun fact: one of the helpful strangers mentioned in the last edition was Mark Richards, last year's con chair.

Additional challenge: One dedicated treasure hunter found four medallions, but generously left three in the wild for others to find. Can you guess who that was?



Minicon Medallion Hunt

Clues, Round Three

8. The key is simply to leave a winning combination of three numbers after each turn. The obvious winning combination is 0-0-0, and the others can be worked out backwards from there.
10. It's Dinotopian footprint code!
15. Minicon 43: This time, it's quaternary! (Better put all the clues together and hurry, folks—this penny expires at 1am!)
20. The key here is the pennies that *aren't* dated 1973. They'll lead you to a new four-digit number! **If you have one of these strange pennies, get together with others who have found them, or leave them at the BBT office for public inspection!**

Don't Forget

Don't forget to register now for Minicon 44 at the absolutely lowest rate that will ever be available (\$30). Use the form you got when you arrived (more available at Registration) and put them in the box at Registration or in the consuite.

Registration update (Saturday 5pm)

PreReg	330 (289 picked up)
At the Door	95
Total Registrations	425
Total Warm Bodies	384

Don't Miss the Open Music Circle

Tonight in Grand Ballroom East B (across the interior hallway from the Veranda Rooms). Music starts at 9:30, goes on until everybody falls over.

Revised Krahn-Gahlen 4am Pulse Check (actual)

Consuite: 12

Film room: 2

Wandering Medallion Hunter: 1

Census takers: 2

Total warm bodies: 17

* No sign of Gahlen, understudy Kevin Austin called into action

PERSONALS

Thank you Alioter for explaining pulsars and battleship turrets. I hope you don't have to do it 30-40 times!

The Order of the Ink-Stained Hand awarded to KGA for heroic labours in the Aegean Stables of the Bozo Bus Printing Office. -- *ed.*

Could this be the usual "hi to Will and Emma" entry? Sure!
-- *submitted by someone who is tired of snow*

Overheard in Con Suite

My Dad's specialty was cockroaches -- he worked on them for 30 years. -- *anonymous*

BBT Editor Falls Sanity Roll

Apparently driven mad by the incessant skittering of the tiny feet of Minicon Medallion treasure hunters, the BBT editor-in-chief used a picture of herself to fill up empty column inches at about 8pm Saturday night. She is expected to make a full recovery in time to put out a Sunday edition.



Blinded by Moondust

Sharon Kahn

"All these years I had such a distinct memory of what was in that time capsule... only to find that it's the wrong Apollo!"
-- *Karen Cooper, at the opening of her 1969 time capsule*

Minnstf Flyers and Business Cards Now Available

Looking for official Minnstf info to hand out at cons, room parties, Minnstf meetings? Kevin and Laurel have printed up a bunch of nice blue flyers and a batch of business cards. Limited supply now available in the BBT office.

Minnesota Science Fiction Society
aka MnStf

"meetings" generally 1st and 3rd Saturdays monthly
Minicon every Easter weekend

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*by "meetings" we, of course, mean parties
with about five minutes of business meeting
see Einblatt! for more details and other events
<http://www.mnstf.org/>

Corrections (Program Book)

Eric Coleman's name was misspelled in the program book and in the pocket program. We regret the error, but applaud our own consistency.

Corrections (BBT)

In the story about the Australian Ambassador, "Zolo" should have been 2010. We regret the error, but do not take responsibility for it. When submitting hand-written copy, please try to write or print legibly, bearing in mind that the text may be deciphered by a bleary-eyed editor at 3am.

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