

Issue 2

Friday evening

Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 45

Guests of Honor Excited to Meet Their Fans!

We already knew that Brandon Sanderson—our Author Guest of Honor—and his editor, Moshe Feder, love getting the chance to meet and mentor bright new writers, but it wasn't until Thursday's pre-con party that we realized just how interactive they want to get!

The Brandon/Moshe Reality Show

Following the 4p.m. event “Brandon Sanderson Talks to Authors About Writing”—which should feature some lively Q&A of its own—Moshe will join Brandon at the head of the room, and the two of them will welcome book pitches from aspiring writers! (We assume it's just an exercise, but you never know!) YOU have five minutes to convince Moshe to buy your book, after which he'll give you his honest, uncut initial response. Brandon, in turn, has offered to play Paula Abdul to Moshe's Simon Cowell, reacting from the standpoint of a fellow artist.

Oil Painting with Dan Dos Santos

You also won't want to miss Artist GoH Dan Dos Santos earlier on Saturday as he creates an oil painting from scratch! At 1p.m., Dan plans to set up between the Art Show and Dealer's Room and give an introductory talk that may run twenty minutes or so. He'll then get to work on an original creation. Feel free to stroll by, watch for a spell, or strike up a conversation as he works; he, too, is happy to interact with fans. The event is officially listed from 1-2, but chances are he'll be there for two or three hours.

Party Guide

As night falls, be on the lookout for parties in various first- and second-floor cabana rooms! Descriptions follow; hours may vary.

107—MISFITS/Geek Partnership Society Party

109—Goddess Party, hosted by Sarah Richard (Saturday only)

110—Krushenko's Annex (see below)

114—Marscon party, hosted by Ben Ellis (Saturday only)

205—LiveJournal Party (Saturday at 8p.m.)

206—Ladies' Sewing Circle (Sunday only)

207—Baron Dave's Birthday Bash, with Dave and Ethel Romm

208—Madcon 2010 party, hosted by Jon Manzo

209—Texas in 2013 bid party, hosted by Kurt Baty

210—SF Contraries, hosted by Diane Lacey

About Krushenko's

Krushenko's (Veranda 7/8) and its sometime partner, **Krushenko's Annex** (Poolside 110) are spaces that encourage conversation about science fiction and fantasy at SF conventions. Krushenko's, named after a Manhattan bistro in Larry Niven's novel *Ringworld*, started at the 1983 Minicon, where Niven was Guest of Honor. Krushenko's now travels to MarsCon, WisCon, CONvergence, Diversicon, and Arcana. In recent years the Minicon Krushenko's has served up a lively assortment of panels and discussions about science fiction in literature and other media, and speculative science, in daytimes and early evenings, while Krushenko's Annex offers conversational parties hosted by SF-related fan and pro groups in mid-to-late evenings. "Krushenko's is accustomed to serving alien guests!"

-Eric M. Heideman

Friday in Krushenko's Annex (Poolside 110):

7:30 – 8:15p.m. Arcana Meeting

Come and learn about this Convention of the Dark Fantastic!

8:30p.m. – 2:00a.m. Tales of the Unanticipated #30 Recent Publication Party

Warm off the presses! Come and get acquainted with the latest issue of this Twin Cities speculative fiction magthology.

New concert!

Stop by Stevie Ray's Saturday night from 11:30 to 12:30 to enjoy the Spanish guitar of **Gabriel Hilmar**.

Smoooooooooth

Nick Faller is orchestrating a Bob Tucker Memorial 'Smooth', to be held in the Grand Ballroom Foyer at 4:00p.m. Saturday. Be there!

Other Updates

- The Blood Drive will take place Saturday from noon to 3, not from 8 – 2 as printed in the pocket program.
- The registration box will be available in the Bar after Registration hours are over.
- Name tent corrections—”Brad Beader” should read “Brad Bender”; “Rachel Kronik” should read “Rachel Kronick”.
- Lisa Freitag was unable to Attend “Ask a Scientist” as reported, but Lisa Freitag heroically arrived to take her place.

Medallion Hunt Goes Top-Heavy!

The Cluemeister appears to have misoverunderestimated the puzzle solving abilities of Minicon fen—an easy thing to do, perhaps! For whatever reason, the higher-numbered medallions are falling first this year, despite the fact that they were numbered in supposed order of difficulty. He was even informed that one medallion had been found that he hadn't even put out yet—such are the reality-twisting skills of our fhannish brethren.

REDEEMED ALL TOO SOON

8. This one's clue referred to the board game Alhambra, whose six building types are ranked in order of value as follows: blue, red, brown, white, green, purple. If these colors are assigned values from 1 – 6, and the numbers are then changed to the letters they correspond to, the clue's text yields: CAFE FACADE. The penny was affixed to the iron gate of the hotel coffeehouse. Interestingly enough, this location and ciphertext (though not the coding mechanism) were used last year by Minicon 44 co-chair Matt S., who inserted the clue furtively into the pocket program in the form of various absurdly inappropriate vowels in “Guerilla Programming.” Even more interesting is the fact that it was Matt's wife, Kelly S., who unraveled the code and found the medallion. *Is the fix in*, as they say? Apparently not, as she was unaware of the clue's history.

20. You've got to be kidding us! The Big Kahuna, found already?! And not by lucky happenstance, either, but by the intended method. The Cluemeister might have known better than to challenge SF fans to identify the sources of a list of characters from science fiction and fantasy books. The authors who created these characters, respectively, were:

Lloyd Alexander, J.R.R. Tolkien, Harry Turtledove, Douglas Adams, Orson Scott Card, Robert Heinlein, Phyllis Eisenstein, Philip K. Dick; James Tiptree, George Orwell; Piers Anthony; Sheri S. Tepper, Isaac Asimov, Lois McMaster Bujold, Ursula K. LeGuin, Harlan Ellison; Washington Irving, Larry Niven; Brandon Sanderson, E. C. Tubb, David and Leigh Eddings, Jules Verne, Ian Irvine, Michael Ende; Spider Robinson, Robert Asprin, Jane Yolen, Neal Stephenson.

The last initials of these authors spell out the solution:

ATTACHED TO A TABLE IN STEVIE RAY'S. It was a team of dedicated solvers in the Dealer's Room who cracked this code, including Lisa F., Kelly S., Denny L., and pretty much the collective consciousness of all fandom. The actual prize was bequeathed to Lisa's son, Will K.

(Fun fact: The Cluemeister originally used the ciphertext: THE CHECKERBOARD TABLE IN STEVIE RAY'S. He was dismayed to find that the table in question had been removed since the pool party, which led to a bit of a scramble to modify the puzzle. Authors L. Ron Hubbard, T. S. Eliot, Arthur C. Clarke, Franz Kafka, Joel Rosenberg, Christopher Rowley, David Brin, and Rose Estes had to be cut accordingly.)

CLUES: ROUND 2

1. You *will* submit to your destiny!! *P.S. The purple is missing.*
- 2 & 4. Be patient, my pretties, and bide.
3. This one is in the North Tower.
5. Look for the youthful sage with Coinmaster on his badge, and flex your knuckles!
6. *q.v.* Susan Cooper, Johnny Cash.
7. This poor lonely penny adorns a set of sweeping curves.
9. FOUND! at press time; story to follow.
10. Unlike in #20, there is a system to the entries on this list.
16. Colors are not this year's only theme. There's also lists (obvious) and something else (slightly less obvious). But why is this one not #15?
 - A. This penny can be found in the BBT Office.
 - B. This one skirts one of the Hunt's rules—but that's what you'd expect from the dangerous sort.
 - D. Seek the palindromic connection!
 - H. H is for Hemi (and something else, too!)

Hours of Redemption:

The Cluemeister's next four hours of redemption will be:

9:30p.m. – 10:30p.m. Friday

1a.m. – 2a.m. Saturday

11a.m. – noon Saturday

2:15p.m. – 3:15p.m. Saturday

Bring submissions to the Submission Box on the Coat Check counter at the end of the Grand Ballroom Foyer. Pens and paper are provided.

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