

# Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 47

*“We're all bozos on this bus!”*

## Tidbits from Opening Ceremony...

*or “Hell is the absence of Ted Chiang”.*

- Con chair **Joel Phillips** claimed to have a Playstation 9, by virtue of owning three Playstation 3s. **Brianna Spacekat Wu** countered that, by that logic, she owns a Playstation 20.
- **Rob Callahan's** poem about an ersatz “nerdy Aphrodite” received the loudest applause of the ceremony.
- For the first time, Minicon is selling microfiber cloths along with T-shirts and traditional souvenirs. The black cloths feature a dragon drawn by **Frank Wu** and cost \$5.
- The *afikomen*, a Jewish Passover matzo, has been hidden in the hotel—or rather, a badge bearing its name has been. Keep an eye out—we can't conduct Closing Ceremony without it!

## Party reviews from a traipsing minion...

*MarsCon 2013*

Snarky the green alien and a slideshow in the hallway make this party impossible to miss, and the food and projected movies make it impossible to leave. Play classic NAMCO video games on a huge screen! Features the most filling food of any party: sloppy joes, pasta, tacos and salad.

*Kansas City 2016 (not a bid party)*

Jeff, Ruth and Diane (a.k.a. Team LOL) keep the freewheeling conversation lively “until the booze runs out or the redheads get bored”. The former is more likely, once word gets out about their stock of marshmallow Peeps and full-flavored beers. Try a Tangra IPA before I've drunk them all.

*Terry Pratchett's Seamstresses*

Officially a-okayed by Pratchett, this not-for-profit party with a hedonistic bent will give all donations to Alzheimer's and orangutan charities—once expenses are met. This noble goal was jeopardized when I ate

my own weight in high-proof Jell-Os shots, washed down with undiluted and expensive Jägermeister. An impressive bar, plush couches, faux candlelight and witty Pratchetty entertainment make this the best party at which to get drunk, provided you follow the posted rules of etiquette.

*-Kurt P.*

## Saturday at Krushenko's Annex

**Sat, 8:30PM - 2:00AM: Bandana Square Cons Party**

Hosted by three cons to be held at Best Western, Bandana Square, St. Paul this year:

- **Con-Sarnit Five**, a Western convention celebrating Western Icon Randolph Scott (1898-1976) and author Frederick Manfred (1912-1994), June 1 & 2;
- **Diversicon 20**, a multicultural speculative fiction convention, August 3-5, With Guests of Honor Steven Barnes and Tananarive Due;
- **Arcana 42**, a horror fiction-and-film convention, October 19-21, with Guest of Honor S.T. Joshi.

## Sweepstakes for Spider's daughter

Minicon 47 is holding a sweepstakes to benefit **Terri Luanna DaSilva**, daughter of beloved SF author **Spider Robinson**, in her fight against metastatic Stage IV breast cancer. The prize, which can be seen hanging behind Registration, is a 2' by 2'6" canvas print by **Frank Wu** called “Fundamentally Challenged”. Tickets are \$1.

## Sweepstakes for a movie

One of the more exciting items on the Freebie table is a list where you can sign up for a chance to attend a free pre-screening of the upcoming SF movie *Lockout*, made by the producers of *Taken*. The pre-screening will be this Tuesday. Posters are also available at the Freebie table. Codes for downloading passes are also, incidentally, available for Medallion Hunt winners.

## In the Singularity tonight:

8p.m.—No Limit Texas Hold'em poker tournament!

Midnight—SF Trivia Contest!

On the wall—A Frank Wu slideshow.

On tap—Schell's Dark, Woodchuck Cider, and a number of homebrews:

Dark Wheat ◦ Cream Stout ◦ Liberty Cream Ale ◦ Black Dog [by Aaron and Emily]

Rouchbier ◦ Belgian Blonde ◦ Alt Hoppy [by Scott]

(The Singularity Bar is located in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor Club Lounge.)

## Party Correction

The Bozo Bus continues its tradition of getting the location of the **Ladies Sewing Circle** wrong. The party will be in **Room 671** on Sunday at 2p.m.

## Panel enrichment

The 2:30p.m. Sunday programming item "Fantasy Art Through Time" will also include discussion of Final Fantasy as it relates to the topic.

## Be True to Who QR

Have you spotted Meow-Mix-looking jumbles of black and white squares adorning the walls? Those are QR (quick recognition) codes which, when scanned, will send your smartphone a color-coded programming grid that indicates which items feature guests of honor and ASL-interpretation. There are six codes—one at Registration, one in the bar, one outside Krushenko's, and one near each of the three large programming grids—which are, incidentally, on the walls on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors and in the consuite.

## Draft Magic tournament?

Gaming head Matt McMillan reports: If eight or more players show up in Plaza 1 looking for a *Magic: the Gathering* draft tournament, he'll sanction one on the spot! Tell your friends!

## And to see Matt's convention photos...

Check out his Facebook account...and feel free to friend him! He likes friends.

## Redeemed Medallions: Aces and Eights

1. This penny was attached to the illustration of a stick figure descending a staircase surrounded by a plume of flame near the second floor elevators in the

south tower. "In Case of Fire, Use Staircase." It was found through the diligence of **Alec P.**

8. The text denoting this penny's location was THE SHIP IN THE CONSUITE. The letters were each spelled out, and then *these* letters were spelled out. (Who doesn't love the letter 'aitch'?) Congrats to the crack penny-finding team of **Andy and Joe** for beating a teenaged team of seekers to the prize.

**H2. Andy E.** also snagged this prize, guessing the ten-letter word CHANDELIER from only four letters.

## CLUES: ROUND 3

2. The underbelly of Pratchett's cosmology.

3. An arrow pierces the way.

4. Unicorns and castle paths—it's a party in a box!

5. Below the **H3** of **10**.

6. From Childhood to eternal repose.

7. Not actually in the bar. Sorry—hotel guests only!

9. Note the second color—it makes the puzzle easy. Also, expect a vertical stretch!

10. Don't get hung up on mediums—they do nothing.

15. To be more specific, look for the tiny text in the pocket program. The next step begins: FIF...

20. Yes, it's a big, nested verbal rebus. The slashes give alternate solutions, so you don't need to interpret every single piece.

**H3.** There is a certain *tendency* in these words...

**DD.** You know what they say about double D's...

## Hours of Redemption:

The Cluemeister's next three office hours are:

3:30p.m. – 4:30p.m. Saturday

8p.m. – 9p.m. Saturday

12:30a.m. – 1:30a.m. Sunday

*Have an announcement, a news story, a review, a personal item, or anything else for the BBT? Drop it in the Submission Box on the chairs outside the BBT Office (Atrium 5). Pens and paper are provided.*

## The Bozo Bus Tribune

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