

# Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 49

*"We're all bozos on this bus!"*

## Hugo nominee highlights

### Best Novel (1595 ballots)

- ◆ *Ancillary Justice* by Ann Leckie (Orbit US / Orbit UK)
- ◆ *Neptune's Brood* by Charles Stross (Ace / Orbit UK)
- ◆ *Parasite* by Mira Grant (Orbit US / Orbit UK)
- ◆ *Warbound, Book III of the Grimnoir Chronicles* by Larry Correia (Baen Books)
- ◆ *The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson (Tor Books)

### Best Novella (847 ballots)

- ◆ *The Butcher of Khardov* by Dan Wells (Privateer Press)
- ◆ "The Chaplain's Legacy" by Brad Torgersen (*Analog*, Jul-Aug 2013)
- ◆ "Equoid" by Charles Stross (*Tor.com*, 09-2013)
- ◆ *Six-Gun Snow White* by Catherynne M. Valente (Subterranean Press)
- ◆ "Wakulla Springs" by Andy Duncan and Ellen Klages (*Tor.com*, 10-2013)

### Best Short Story (865 ballots)

- ◆ "If You Were a Dinosaur, My Love" by Rachel Swirsky (*Apex Magazine*, Mar-2013)
- ◆ "The Ink Readers of Doi Saket" by Thomas Olde Heuvelt (*Tor.com*, 04-2013)
- ◆ "Selkie Stories Are for Losers" by Sofia Samatar (*Strange Horizons*, Jan-2013)
- ◆ "The Water That Falls on You from Nowhere" by John Chu (*Tor.com*, 02-2013)

—The nomination of the entire *Wheel of Time* series surprised some who would have expected its final installment, *A Memory of Light*, to receive that honor instead. A Hugo nomination rule states that "a work appearing in a number of parts shall be eligible for the year of the final part", but has never been exercised on this scale before.

—Theodore Beale, who writes under the pen name Vox Day and has been accused of numerous acts of bigotry, received a nomination for his novelette "Opera Vita Aeterna". The nomination has been met with accusations of 'ballot-stuffing' and 'trolling'.

## Stationgazing!

About 20 fen braved a cold wind at 10p.m. Friday in hopes of seeing the **International Space Station**. As we peered up into the sky, a few fen joked that the crew might be testing its cloaking device. Suddenly, someone yelled, "There it is!" Everyone shouted and cheered as the bright light moved steadily from the northwest until it was almost directly overhead, then disappeared. How many cons start with an ISS flyover on the first night?

*-Jeanne Mealy*

## Have a memorable con?

RUNE, the Mnstf clubzine, will be publishing an issue this spring and would like your Minicon report. Send it, or a note saying you intend to write one, to [rune@mnstf.org](mailto:rune@mnstf.org).

## Notifications

- > The **Ladies' Sewing Circle** will meet Sunday at 2p.m. in Room 206.
- > A list of the shows recommended at the "Anime for Speculative Fiction Fans" panel will be available at <http://www.skjam.com> (SKJAM! Reviews) in the coming week.

## Good show, Consuite!

A deluxe baked potato bar after Opening Ceremony, roast beef around 10, a wide assortment of breakfast foods Saturday morning, matzo ball soup during the day, and hot dogs in the evening? All capped off with a bravura turkey carving by last year's fan guest of honor, clad head to foot in stunning orange? This year's consuite lived up to the fabled consuites of old!

## Midnight trivia in the Inn of Four Ravens

Your editor had the serendipity for the first time this year to take part in the Bar's midnight trivia contest. His team tied for second with 18 out of 25 correct. **Team Kobayashi Maru** took the first prize of five Dealer Dollars with 20 correct answers.

## Nerf battle results

Hello folk!

Matt McMillan from Gaming and Delia Ihinger from Minicon The Next Generation have teamed up to provide an exciting event this year – Nerf War.

Event is in three rounds: Free-for-All, Team Elimination, and Team King of the Hill.

We had a lot of exciting play with a great group of our youth. We are hoping to have a more refined version for next year. Scores below are for participants who finished the whole event:

Final Results	
Name	Score
Tristan Legler	20
Nick Christ	14
Theodore Alexander	13
Ian Alexander	11
Isaac Schneider	11
Leo Muller	8
Domenic Brack	4
Dominic Schneider	4
Michael Hagerman	3
Rand Phillips	0

-Matt McMillan

## Krahn/Gahlon 4a.m. Pulse Checks

### Late Friday

Consuite: 5 • Bar: 10 • Gaming: 9

*Native Silver* release party: 12 • **Total: 36**

### Late Saturday

Music: 14 • Gaming: 3 • *Native Silver*: 6 • Seamstress

Guild: 10 • Bar: 12 • Consuite: 3 • **Total: 48**

## Registration tally

### Close of registration Friday

Warm bodies: 438 • Total: 503

### Close of registration Saturday

Warm bodies: 517! • Total: 544!

## My Ghod, how the booty rolls in!

2. The problem with the easiest pennies is that they tend to be more visibly hidden, which means they're at risk for being taken by mundanes. This is probably the fate that met Medallion 2, which was stuck to the baseboard of a big yellow chair in the Concierge Lounge, and went missing.

5. This one was on the inside of the one of the eyepatches in the Seamstress Guild party. It was found by **Jack M.**, who remembered seeing the eyepatches on the table with the candles Friday night.

7. Up after 3a.m. in the Gaming area, the son of an otherwise anonymous member of **Amalgamated Spleen** was searching for candy. He discovered a tube of plastic eggs, opened one,

and, disappointed with the banana Laffy Taffy within, passed the egg along to his mother, who discovered it was the very receptacle that con chair **Joel P.** had chosen for Medallion 7!

8. This penny's initial clue was a grid full of letters. The vowels running along the outside defined a shape that **Chase M.**, with her eidetic memory, remembered as the new bank of red seats on one side of the pool area. The square marked with the 'y', which is only sometimes a vowel, marked the seat under which this penny was hidden. It took Chase and **Lisa F.** multiple searches to finally find it, but Chase got it in the end.

20. The Big Kahuna, found! Its first clue was a mathematical formula with several pieces. The number of steps in the south tower staircase, top to bottom, is 381. The light fixtures by the elevators would have 81 beads if they were undamaged, not counting the fobs on the ends. And the theme of the hunt, as previously noted, is squares, so we're talking square grams, whatever those are.  $0.04 \text{ roentgens times } (381-81) \text{ divided by } 6 \text{ moles times } 11 \text{ square grams yields } 22 \text{ Rg}^2/\text{mole}$ . But the second clue refers to the dalton, or unified atomic mass unit, equal to grams/moles and expressed simply as 'u'. Replacing g/mole with u yields the result '22 Rug'. Now, **Rob I.** had his qualms with the math involved, but he realized from the third clue that the Big Kahuna was likely to be in the stairwell—where else would he have been forced to search? He therefore started from the top and when he got to the 22<sup>nd</sup> floor landing and saw an old ratty rug, figured it was his weekend for flipping rugs—recall Medallion 6—and there it was!

B2. This Black Box challenge went faster than the first. With nine pieces of information and two balls certain, **Joe P.** figured out that a rotationally symmetrical layout of balls would be consistent and aesthetically appealing. He was right! This layout was actually taken from the Black Box rulebook, and stymied the Cluemeister utterly in solo play.

B3. The third and final Black Box layout involved a marble on each edge and one in the middle. A fortunate guess soon exposed the shy middle-dweller, however, and **John S.** eventually fought off **Rob I.** for the prize.

## FINAL CLUE: ROUND 4

15. "Tote" is sufficiently alliterative. Who is 2 Down talking to? 5 Across is also a GAMES Magazine Game of the Year.

*The Cluemeister will be near his office until 2p.m. Sun.*

*Got material for the BBT? Drop it in the Submission Box on the Coat Check near the Normandale Room at the end of the Grand Ballroom Foyer. Pens and paper are provided.*

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