

Issue 1

Friday afternoon

Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 54

"We're all bozos on this bus!"

Plum convention lilacs nothing

It's Minicon 54! For your mildly synesthetic editor, the number 54 evokes a greasy greenish-blue tower of melting bouillon cubes, but for everyone else, this year's theme is *Purple!* You have been tricked into looking at a purple object right now. Sadly, none of the purple panels envisioned came to fruition, so the BBT chooses to ask you: What does the color purple mean to you? Vikings? Prince? Harold and his crayon? Drop your thoughts in the Submission Box, now outside of **Courtyard 4**, and they'll be included in future issues.

So where is everything this time?

This is our second year at the DoubleTree by Hilton Minneapolis—Park Place. If you're an experienced congoer, you know what that means: the new hotel shuffle. Many things are where they were last year! Here's a list of what's moved:

Art Show and Dealers Room: Now on the 2nd floor where programming was, in Terrace 1–3.

Concerts: Courtyard Ballrooms 1–3, on the 1st floor.

BBT: Courtyard 4.

Science Room: Courtyard 5–6.

What's the Orchard Room? Programming during the day, music circles at night.

And the Spring Room? Oh, that's being used for meetups, conversation and tai chi.

Readings: The Pocket Program says they're in Spring, but they're actually scattered all over like the pollen of creativity itself.

Teen Room: Guest room 223.

What about the stuff that hasn't moved? Don't you have a pocket program?

Mathom: What you don't want but can't throw away

"Just a reminder that there will be a Mathom Table again at Minicon like there was last year. Bring your odd and maybe useful things to get rid of. Perhaps pick out some replacements to take home with you. The table will be set up on Friday, just bring your stuff by at your convenience. On Sunday I'll be clearing off the table about 3:00. If you want to recover your items, come by before then and claim them, otherwise I'll be boxing them up for Goodwill."

—Mark Richards

[Ed. This table is in the 1st floor hallway and is also called Free Will Donation and Fannish Flea Market.]

Additional items for your meetup pleasure

Writer's Meetup

Friday – 9:30p.m. – Spring Room

Discuss writing practice and process, and maybe find or form a writer's group.

Pokemon Go Meetup

Saturday – 2:00p.m. – Spring Room

There will be a meetup for the purpose of Pokemon hunting. Please dress appropriately for outdoors, whatever surprising condition that may be in by the time this event rolls around. Facilitated by Taya Swenson Schmid.

Vote for TAFF!

If you come to tonight's beer tasting at the Bar Annex, not only will you taste some really good beer, you can find out the latest about this year's Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund race and how to vote in it. "Four Great Candidates, One Great Race," says candidate Geri Sullivan. Voting closes 11p.m. Monday; visit taff.org.uk/vote.php to vote online.

A note on pre-reg forms (in Noto Sans)

Your registration envelope contains a pre-printed reg form for Minicon 55! Of course you want to come back—that's not the issue. The issue is that your street address was accidentally not auto-filled on this form with the rest of your info. We still have your address, though, so if your info hasn't changed, no need to fill it in. (If that or anything else *has* changed, please update it.)

Party board!

An intrepid fan has placed a Party Board near registration for the purpose of advertising room parties. Please do so! And also read said advertisements! And act on the information you glean from reading them, even! (PARTY!)

Party correction

The **Karaoke Party** listed in the program book for Room 326 has been canceled. However, the **MarsCon 2020: Visions of the Future** party listed for Room 321 has been moved to 326, and it will *also* have karaoke. Way to presage, futurists!

Michael Hagerman in hospital :-[

From Facebook:

"Michael would be really appreciative of online visitors in Messenger or Discord. I can't be there in person- it turns out he has a C. diff infection which means I have to do some power cleaning at home to prevent reinfection, and he's bored, lonely, and depressed. His Discord ID is Poseidon#8287"

—Ann Totusek

[Ed: You can also send greetings to Michael on an oversized card by Registration.]

Minicon Specials in the hotel restaurant

The Dover Restaurant and Bar is offering these dishes Friday through Sunday...

- **Zeppelins vs. Blimps:** Grain Bowl with Cous Cous, Quinoa and Seasonal Vegetables (\$9)
- **The Dodo:** Chicken Tenders with Tater Tots (\$9)
- **Dino-Noodle Bowl:** Rice Noodle Bowl with Chicken and Seasonal Vegetables (\$10)
- **Arrakis Sandworm Treat:** Giant Pretzel with Smoked Gouda Cheese (\$11)

Frequently asked question

Q: *Where is my easel?*

A: It's with all the other easels, in Park 2.

Q: *Really?*

A: Well, no, not anymore.

From the conchair:

"The plastic on the floor in the bar and consuite is to mark off accessible paths. Do NOT stand still on the plastic."

Cinema Obscura documentary: Neil Gaiman: Dream Dangerously

(Terrace 4, 10:30a.m. Saturday)

"Neil Gaiman is one of the few authors whose persona is closer to that of a rock star rather than a stuffy academic. This documentary follows Neil on his final book signing world tour, and features interviews with such celebrity fans as George R.R. Martin, Wil Wheaton, G. Willow Wilson, the late Terry Pratchett, and more. The film is also biographical, outlining the author's past through childhood pictures, retrospective looks at his accomplishments, and anecdotes from friends. *Neil Gaiman: Dream Dangerously* is one of three documentaries from director Patrick Meaney, who has graciously granted screening permission for these three films at Minicon 54."

—Michael Kingsley



Have an announcement, a news story, a review, a personal item, or anything else for the BBT? Drop it in the Submission Box outside the BBT Office or write to bbt@minicon54.mnsthf.org.

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