

# Mpls in 2073 Progress Report 12: July 2024

## Party Report, again!

We went to back-to-back cons in July 2023, first Diversicon and then Pemmi-con, that year’s NASFiC.

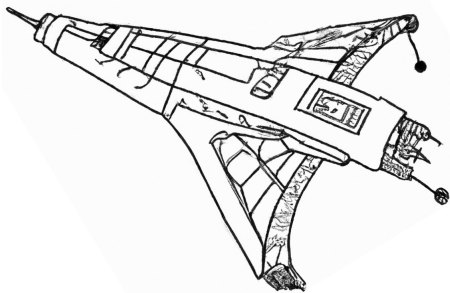
The party was a success, both partywise and financially! We had planned to run a party on the regular party floor Friday and Saturday, but various restrictions imposed by the hotel led to a completely accidental course of events in which we ended up, instead, throwing the party in the consuite Friday, Saturday, *and* Sunday nights. This turned out to be the perfect space for us; we couldn’t have planned it better on purpose. It was a medium-large suite with a main room of perhaps 500 square feet, a side room for sleeping (primarily used by the head of consuite for that purpose, but also used by us for storage), and a outside patio shared with four other rooms, with pool access. We put the bid table in the back of the room along with the blog bowl, and had activities in the front half, including coloring Minneapolis in ’73 Zeppelins to hang on the wall, making paper airplanes for a video to be included in an Ig Noble Award ceremony, and playing games. Jettisoned ideas included having party goers carve miniature butter sculptures, like at the Minnesota State Fair.

At Pemmi-con, we got 38 new members and 12 upgrades (see below). Cathy Coulson is our 73rd blogger! We got nearly as many new members as we got at last year’s *Worldcon*, where we had a two-night party. The NASFiC crowd is eager to support us! We do plan to repeat this party at the Buffalo NASFiC next year. Hope to see you there.

It was our negative 50th anniversary! And of course also the positive 50th anniversary of the 1973 Worldcon, the target of MN-Stf’s original, originally serious, Worldcon bid. Yes, that bid was serious from at least June 1968, when it is mentioned in Rune #7 that they were placing an ad in that year’s Worldcon (Baycon) program book, to December 1970, when Rune #19 announced that the club was withdrawing themselves from consideration, saying “The reasons are various; primarily, though, the general decline in the economy has forced us to tighten our collective belts and weather the recession without a worldcon bid. We hope to bid again in a few more years.” Well, it took us until 2009 to launch a new bid — for a con in the *future*, anyway — but we did! As far as bidding for a con in the *past*, we started that up at the Worldcon in 1973, Torcon II, where Minnstf threw a Minneapolis in ’73 party, despite it being 1973 already. This was apparently the second Minneapolis in ’73 party held at a Worldcon. As reported in Rune 33 (November 1973), “since Minneapolis had a successful ‘Minneapolis in ’73’ party at St.Louis in 1969, I [Chuck Holst] decided to give it a try at Torcon. I announced my intentions at a club meeting, Caryl Bucklin suggested spending \$50 of treasury money on it, and the club concurred, making it an official ‘Minneapolis in ’73’ party. It ran for three nights and could have run for two more if we had had the money and the will, but Bev [Swanson] and I closed it up the last two nights and went to other people’s parties, instead. I am happy to report that it was one of the most popular parties at the con.” Buttons were the popular thing back then, not ribbons, and they indeed had Minneapolis in ’73 buttons.

Back to 2023, thanks to Karen Schaffer and Mike Ward for joining in as party runners, arriving with a variety of decorations and activities, and providing much support for our room and food costs.

We advertised our party as the “50th anniversary, we’re not saying which way”. While this was the positive 50th anniversary of 1973, of course the original bid started before that. In fact, Jim Young started Minicon, first run in January 1968, with the express goal of building Minn-stf up to be a club that could run a Worldcon; he had just been to NyCon 3, the 1967 Worldcon, and was pumped to run his own. MNSTF itself had been founded by Frank Stodolka, Al Kuhfeld,



Ken Fletcher, and Nate Bucklin in September 1966, and made somewhat more official in November 1966, “with no specific purpose”, as per the Minicon 3 program book.

## Party at Windycon

We also threw a party both nights at Windycon. We introduced our new Smoooooooooth member level, which costs \$73 eeeeeeeeven (no fudging). When someone joins or upgrades at the Smoooooooooooooooooth level, we do a smooth, in the style of Bob Tucker. [Some here will be baffled, and I don’t know how to unbaffle them.] Unfortunately, it is impossible to do a smooth in the proper old way, because Beam’s Choice is now a “legacy spirit.” In other words, they don’t make it anymore. We decided that Jim Beam Double Oak was a reasonable equivalent.

Interestingly, we had as many people upgrading their membership as getting new memberships.

At regional cons, people aren’t as familiar with Worldcon as at Worldcons and NASFiCs. Now that we’re getting so close to the voting in 2071, more people are asking about the details and about what other cities are in the running.

## Denny Lien

We celebrate the life of the original post-supporting bid chair, Denny Lien, who passed away this last spring, shortly after Minicon 56. Denny was a core member of MN-STF and also a pre-supporter of Minneapolis in 2073. He made the effort to *mail in* his pre-support back in 2017, and we are happy to have him as a member, in memoriam.

## New and Upgraded Members

Since our Progress Report 11, we’ve gotten 59 new members, 38 of them at Pemmi-con. Welcome!

Alan Fleming	David Nordley)	Melody Sheldon
Allan Dyen-Shapiro	Gordon Dundas	Michael Taylor
Autumn Tannhauser	Helen Gbala	Mike Tannhauser
BJ Allan	Irradiate Space	Patrick Blum
Cambria Karpen	Jack Glassman	Patrick J Connelly
Chip Morningstar	Jerry Lohr	Pauline Walsh
Chris Marble	Joann Lawler	Raynard
Connie Embury	John Cholewa	Richard Ault
Coohi Lumsden	Joshua K Culver	Richard Bartrop
Craig W Stanfill	Karen Shaffer	Richard Man
Darian Briskman	Kariso (Chris	Robert Fischer
Dave Laderoute	Willrich)	Sandra Bond
David Wyatt	Kathleen Sloan	Sharon Stanfill
Don Schers	Kevin Lowel	Snail Scott
Ed Buchan (Ed Wil-	Kevin Nickerson	Susan Culver
son’s Pen Name)	Larry Blake	Susan Spitzberg
Eva Witley	Larry Waltsman	Tommy Kucera
Evelyn Bogie	Laura Herzing	Wawaru
Finley Roman	Lincoln Peters	X
Garth Spencer	Linda Deneroff	Yoel Attiya
Gerald D. Nordley (G.	Lisa Wiedemann	

Thanks also to these members upgrading to (or within) the Blogger, Smoooooooooth, or Peep levels:

Allen Tipper	Janet Dornhoff	Michael Haynes
Cathy Carlson	Jason Spitzer	Nicholas Johnson
Clay Harris	Jay Denebeim	Richard Price
Denny Lien	Jill Mitchell	Sharon Price
Eric Cutler	Jim Young	Susan Philbrook
Eric Gilbertson	John Wardale	• LillySong Watson
James Wilson	Lisa C. Freitag	

We have **1090 pre-supporting members**, including 382 Dodos, 614 at the standard level, 88 Bloggers, three Smoooooooooth ones, 2 Peeps and one Troll.

## Financials

We went through the non-fungible treasury bucket. A few questionable items turned up as probably fungible. First, a Euro cent. Yes, fungible, but also connected to a specific story: Bill Higgins paid \$2.06 and this Euro cent, which at the time was worth very close to 1.3 cents, making the “exact” \$2.073 for a standard membership. Second, a 20 Euro cent piece. Certainly fungible, but mysterious. There’s no record of any specific member paying it, but it has been listed as received in 2017 since 2017. It must be preserved for the mystery!

Bid Revenue	Memberships	Donations	Ribbon Sales	
2009	\$312.00 <sup>*</sup>	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2010	\$443.46 <sup>†</sup>	\$39.95	\$36.50	
2011	\$340.01 <sup>‡</sup>	\$149.45	\$47.00	
2012	\$490.74 <sup>§</sup>	\$165.46	\$52.50	
2013	\$87.14 <sup>  </sup>	\$52.81	\$67.50	
2014	\$193.81 <sup>¶</sup>	\$47.83	\$100.22	
2015	\$314.11 <sup>⌘</sup>	\$73.92	\$152.50	
2016	\$234.68 <sup>*</sup>	\$80.86	\$97.57	
2017	\$78.58 <sup>◇</sup>	\$39.50	\$15.50	
2018	\$280.57 <sup>↓</sup>	\$153.97	\$36.00	
2019	\$353.70 <sup>↑</sup>	\$127.51	\$19.50	
2020	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2021	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2022	\$666.37 <sup>↑</sup>	\$225.20	\$33.00	
2023	\$484.33 <sup>#</sup>	\$136.43	\$10.53	
To date	\$4459.40	\$1306.83	\$715.82	

Expenditures	Parties	Printing/mailing	Ribbons	Misc
2009	\$0.00	\$1.36	\$110.00	\$0.00
2010	\$400.09	\$55.99	\$130.00	\$21.38
2011	\$320.96	\$77.93	\$120.00	\$46.28
2012	\$355.15	\$401.06	\$0.00	\$30.00
2013	\$35.84	\$62.53	\$0.00	\$0.00
2014	\$113.75	\$62.93	\$120.00	\$0.00
2015	\$98.33	\$93.86	\$234.00	\$35.80
2016	\$245.51	\$30.71	\$0.00	\$100.09
2017	\$234.09	\$5.62	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018	\$181.02	\$115.73	\$0.00	\$0.00
2019	\$647.76	\$19.14	\$0.00	\$0.00
2020	\$0.00	\$−2.93	\$0.00	\$0.00
2021	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2022	\$835.95	\$7.52	\$508.95	\$0.77
2023	\$329.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.83
To date	\$8322.04	\$1032.71	\$1222.95	\$238.15

**Total in: \$6,482.04    Total out: \$6,315.85**  
<sup>\*</sup>Also a French Franc, a small rock, coupons with cash value 0.3 cents, 2 half dollar chocolate coins, an uncashable check for exactly \$2.073, and tuppence.

<sup>†</sup>Also a very short story on a business card, a peanut M&M, a Taiwanese dollar, a penny cut in rough thirds, and a gram of silver.

<sup>‡</sup>And 25 Iraqi Dinars. Also \$1 to be divided in thirteenths for 13 people who want to complete \$2.073. We are still holding \$4/13 of this in escrow.

<sup>§</sup>And 8.02 Shekels, 2 Pfennig, a button, and a rock from the southernmost point of Canada.

<sup>||</sup>And a Luna City or Bust medallion and a Euro cent (about 1.3¢ US).

<sup>¶</sup>And a silver quarter. <sup>⌘</sup>And a silver dime and another silver quarter.

<sup>\*</sup>And about 5 g of silver wire. <sup>◇</sup>And ~40% of a penny and 0.20€.

<sup>↓</sup>And five Heinlein ribbons, purported to be worth \$4 or a majority thereof

<sup>↑</sup>And a tablet of chewing gum <sup>†</sup>And 10 Turkish Lira <sup>#</sup>And a Minneapolis bus token

### Other Minn-stf Events

On Easter weekend 2025, April 18–20, we will hold Minicon 58 (mnstf.org/minicon58). Minicon is a general-purpose science fiction and fantasy convention and our biggest event of the year. We have author guest of honor Wesley Chu and music guest of honor The Faithful Sidekicks (Eric and Jen Distad).

Besides cons, Minn-stf also holds (very roughly) bimonthly parties. For some reason, we call these “meetings”. They do have a 5-minute “business meeting” at which the dates of the upcoming parties are announced. (Theoretically business could be done, but in practice it never is.) As a lingering effect of covid, many of these continue to be picnics or otherwise outdoors. For dates of upcoming meetings/parties, see the calendar on the homepage of mnstf.org.



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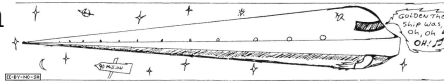
- ☐ Dodo: −1 ribbon (we give you a ribbon)
- ☐ Standard: \$2.073 (fudge it), 40 mg gold, or 3 g silver—you also get a ribbon
- ☐ Blogger: \$20.73, 0.4 g gold, or 30 g silver—as above+option on future t-shirt+pick badge number (integers < 2<sup>31</sup>)
- ☐ Peep: \$207.3, 4 g gold, or 300 g silver—as above+ converts to attending membership when Minneapolis is selected

*Name*

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