

The Bozo Bus Tribune

Volume 28 No. 1: Friday PM

Welcome!

Welcome to Minicon!

You're reading this hot off the presses, so you must have made it to Minicon. We welcome you and hope that you have a wonderful time. There are a few things you should know to start off:

Read your Program Book. Many people don't, but it contains lots of useful information, including the Programming Schedule, bios of the Guests of Honor, the names of the convention committee and much much more.

Refer to the Pocket Program for the final Programming Schedule.

Minicon has two cable television channels piped to every television in the Radisson. Channel 3 is the Information Channel, and will have the Programming Schedule and other useful and last minute bits of

information. This channel is also on the television monitors. Channel 10 will broadcast events live from the Great Hall, and will rebroadcast some of those events, and perhaps broadcast events from other locations, at times to be announced later.

The Information Table is located near the top of the escalators across from the Bloomington Room. They will be happy to answer any questions for you, especially if you're willing to take "I don't know" as an answer.

Always know where your towel is.

Do not overcrowd the elevators. Please don't break our hotel.

And remember, If you have any problems call the Bridge in Room 215 (phone 7215).

Volunteer Report

Everyone who works on Minicon is a volunteer. We do it for the fun of it, for the warm glow of doing our bit to make the world a better place, and of course for the nifty keen volunteer bonus items (t-shirts and more!). Volunteer at the recruiting table near the Info Desk, or find someone wearing an important looking badge and offer to help!

The paper plans to list the volunteers who have accumulated the most hours as info becomes available to us throughout the convention.

The Bozo Bus Tribune is looking for newshawkers to distribute our Saturday morning printrun. It's a fast, fun way to earn volunteer hours!

Personals

If you see Zen Jim on the road, hug him!

Registration Report

As registration opens on Friday afternoon, we have 2064 fully-paid pre-registrations, 800 supporting memberships, and one at-the-door.

The Sound Under Channel 3

The Sound Track playing under the schedule is SHOCKWAVE broadcasts and other science fiction radio, says Jerry Stearns, co-Producer of SHOCKWAVE.

Overheard At The Con

"Crayons, kids and toasters — they just don't mix." — Garth Danielson, 4/8/93

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Dark Star Performance Schedule

Friday

- 8:30-9:30 Bob Berlien
9:30-10:30 Dandelion Wine (Dave Clement +)
10:30-?? Open Bardic Circle

Saturday

- 4:30-6:00 Stevie and the Belles, opening for...
Sneaking Suspicion (Bucklin,
Emerson, Jensen, Schaffer)
6:00-8:00 Possible appearance by Music GOH
8:00-9:00 Decadent Dave Clement
9:00-10:00 Flash Girls (Bull, Garland, Martz,
Menton)
10:00-11:00 Sneakers (Bucklin, Emerson,
Jensen)
11:00-12:00 Steve Brust and Friends
12:00-1:00 Gallowglass (Larson, Matheny,
Russo)
1:00-?? Open Bardic Circle

BBT Editor Inspires Poem

In the course of a typical pre-con party conversation, GOH and noted Poet-About-Town John M. Ford spontaneously produced the following minor masterpiece:

Shall I compare thee to a summer sausage
Thou art more pungent,
And keepest longer without refrigeration.
Low thou in fat,
Preventing cooking lasagna,
Thy moods defy prognostication.

Your humble editor (S. Kahn) must take credit for inspiring the poet to this metaphoric flight of fancy, as there was nothing else going on at the time that could have provoked him so severely.

He then went on to quote from the little-known original version of Hamlet as written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Programming Changes

New Items

Dave Clement and Friends will give an acoustic performance at 7:30 pm Friday in Atrium IV.

Terry Garey will give a reading at 9:00 pm on Friday in Atrium II.

"**The Morning Show**", a live but not over-the-air radio show by Andrew Rose, Ray Yates and Dan Schultze will take place at Midnight in the Edina Room.

Ann Sbjeste will host "Cosmic Pictionary" at 8:00 pm Saturday in Atrium IV.

Jane Yolen reads Bedtime Stories at 11:00 pm on Saturday in Atrium IV.

Time and Location Changes

"**So You Want To Be A Writer, Part 5**" moves from 7:00 pm Saturday, Atrium III to 11:00 pm Friday, Atrium III.

"**Good Writers Gone Bad and the Readers Who Love Them**" moves from 11:00 pm Friday to Midnight Friday still in the Bloomington Room.

"**The Achievement of Fritz Leiber**" at 11:00 pm Friday moves from Atrium III to the Bloomington Room.

"**Formal Critical Schools**" at 11:00 pm Saturday moves from Atrium II to the Edina Room.

"**Minicon 29: A Look Ahead To Next Year**" at 1:00 pm Saturday moves from the Great Hall West to Atrium II.

"**What Do Writers Want**" at 1:00 pm Saturday moves from Atrium II to the Edina Room.

Ignore This Change

"**Time Travel Feasibility: NASA or NEA?**" has been moved from 1:00 pm Saturday at Minicon 28 in the Bloomington Room to 2 pm Sunday at Minicon 27 in the Boulevard Room.

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Well, you made it through one night.

Dealers Room Thievery

An unidentified teenager stole a dagger from the Dealers Room at approximately 3:30 Friday. A witness reported that a young man was seen to pick up the weapon and quickly walk off with it. Extra security has been added to the Dealers Room to prevent further occurrences of this nature. Customers and dealers are urged to be more aware that this type of behavior has come to Minicon.

There is a reward for the return of the dagger, or information leading to the return. Contact Gary or Suzy at Omega Artworks in the Dealers Room or call 488-3701.

Review: Shockwave

by Sharon Kahn

Due to my intense discomfort in pressing crowds, it has been years since I have been able to watch the Shockwave portions of Opening Ceremonies. I tried to watch on MTV the last couple of years, but little technical glitches (like no sound, and long fuzzy video shots in shades of pink and yellow) made this impossible. Well, this year, it worked! Dave, I was doing the Wave along with you this year, safely ensconced in the side room of Dark Star. With the exception of one bad mike during the first half, the sound was clear, if a little uneven in volume. The camera work was great, especially the closeups! Watching Denny Lien's expressions and gestures as he slipped from character to character, getting more and more engrossed in the parts as the show went on, was the highlight for me. When he lost control of his personæ in his final voiceover, I just howled! Other favorites for me were the Trailer Reviews ("It's A Big Red Wonderful Life" *hee hee*), Schroëdinger's Pet Store, and all the news of the future. I also chuckled at "Little House on the Surface" and the soap operas, where babies are not just switched at birth, but erased by traveling back in time to kill their parents. I think I laughed the loudest at the ISO standard for malls (finally complete after 40 years), which just goes to show that the best joke isn't necessarily the funniest, just the most relevant. Or something.

Mayhem Averted In Parking Lot Incident

Margo Bratton, a member of the Grand Triumvirate, was walking back to Minicon from a local restaurant when she heard two non-fans squaring off for a fight in the parking lot. Still in Minicon-running mode, she yelled at them to stop in her best Bene Geserit voice. Of course, they did. Good going Margo!

Express Elevator A Success!

Yes, there is now an express elevator to the 22nd floor! The rightmost elevator in the South Tower now has an operator during peak hours to take it nonstop between floors 2 and 22. After years of unmanaged crowds at the elevators, the new idea has proven successful. The crowds seem less, and the trip is shorter (in time, if not in space).

Hours of operation are 3 pm to 2 am.

Programming Report

"I just spent the funniest hour of my life," reports Thorin Tatge. "I now know who Ted Davis is. I am enlighTed." Thorin apologizes if he is not yet worthy to speak of The Ted and hopes to achieve True Teddiness some day.

Latest Registration numbers

Estimated count, as of close of registration, Friday. 3000 registered (including supporting memberships) 2200 warm bodies. "It's hard to keep an exact count. They keep moving." — Linda Lounsbury, 1:00 am Saturday

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Dark Star Reports

"Accounts of the espresso machine's death are greatly exaggerated" — Tom Grewe

Noonatal Nec-fan Award

The front-running nominee for the youngest attendee is Fiona Renée Ihinger born March 30, 1993, attending her first convention with her mom Peg Kerr and her dad Rob Ihinger. Can anyone beat that?

Personals

Scott K. Jamison is proud to announce the June publication of his Champions RPG supplement

Allies

To Dæmon Spawn: Happy Anniversary from the Question King.

If the person who stole the Gameboy, game cartridges, battery pack, 4-way adapter and rechargeable batteries from Room 862 returns everything the matter will be dropped. Reward for information.

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The Poetry Readings at 1:00-3:00 p.m. will be in Great Hall West instead of the Edina Room.

Cancellations

Fannish Exposure scheduled for 3 pm Saturday has been cancelled.

Heroes of Clarity

'Twas the Friday of Minicon and my attention was perked,
People knew what was up as I walked by and smirked.
I noticed quite quickly as I looked all throughout
That the labelers were back and were running about.
For three years I've seen the work they have done,
Each year more ingenious and pleasantly fun.
So I hunted and searched these chicanerous labelers
Who've been written and sung about by many fablers.
He told me quite simply, their intent was clear
To label everything they saw both far and quite near
Then he left in a blur with more labeling to do
And with this fair note I bid you adieu.

— Reported by Sargon

The Bozo Bus CRIBUNE

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Goodbye!

Child Saved By Friendly Congorars

At approximately 8:20 pm on Friday, Donna M. Strand was carrying her 10-month old child on a pack on her back. "My baby started choking on a cracker", says the mother, "when two men walked by. I asked them if the child was choking. They helped get the child out of the backpack, and one ran to get Life Support while other watched older (4 yrs) child, then helped me to get to the Bridge. Thank you thank you!"

Donna never did find out the names of the two men, but she wishes to let them know that everyone is fine.

Preliminary Registration Numbers

Preliminary count, as of close of registration, Saturday: 2846 attendees (yike!). Approximately 300 badges were not picked up, so we actually had nearly 3100 people registered.

Pet Ferret Lost

Fodo, a small furry animal said to resemble Ferret in Beastmaster (if that means anything to you) was lost in a room on the 14th floor early Saturday afternoon. A \$100 reward is offered for his safe return. If he is sighted, please call the Bridge immediately. He is said to be quite tame, but unless you know how to handle ferrets we recommend that you not try to capture him yourself.

Dave Clomont's Non-Smoking Music Party

A Review by Mostly Cognizant

The music Friday night/Saturday morning was rich. Dave started the evening by saying that the music was by Winnipeg Rules (which is that all songs can be joined in on; no solo performances). Kathy Mac held back most of the time and let others take the show, but when she came in it was wonderful. I wish I could have heard more.

Most of the music was original or non-mainstream, which made for great listening and singing. The evening's music ranged from blues to incredibly silly; from mellow to great sing-along. What was especially pleasing was that there were many new faces doing the music.

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Karen Johnson

Linda Paul

Sara Logan

These are the people whose cards we have already who worked the most hours. (Therefore, it's not entirely accurate; if your name isn't on the list and you have worked oodles of hours, we're most dreadfully sorry.)

If you've got a spare hour or twelve, why don't you try to break the record. Come see us!

— Erik Baker and Betsy Lundgren,
Volunteers Committee

~~Program Changes~~

New Items

Jane Yolen will give a reading at 2:00 p.m. Sunday in the Bloomington.

Clarifications

"Designing and Building Fantasy Castles" Sunday from 1-3 pm in Krushenko's is a children's programming item.

A list of the picture books mentioned in "Books For Little Kids" 4 pm on Saturday will be available on the freebie table and at the workshop on Sunday at 10 am in Atrium III.

"The Validity of the Thorsen Experiment" held Saturday at 8 pm reached no important conclusions.

Ice Cream Social

The Ice Cream Social raised \$312.10 for the Literacy Project. Thanks to all who helped support this cause.

Overheard on the Bridge

"We don't have an alphabetical listing by badge name - you know, from Asshole to Zorba???"

Personals

The Gameboy, reported missing in the previous BBT, has been found. Thank you.

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A stuffed tiger is missing. He is a little over a foot long and was last seen in a bush poolside Friday afternoon. If found, please bring him to the bridge.

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If anyone has my paperback copy of *Princess Smartypants* (or any other book shown at the panel), please return them to me or bring them to the Bridge. — Laura Krentz

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Dr. Grant Thorsen and Ted Davis have combined their talents and will submit a proposal by the end of the summer.

Erratum

Your editor (Sharon, the scatterbrained one), is humiliated to report that she seriously misquoted the poem in Saturday's issue. Lasagne was substituted for lossage, gravely impairing the rhyme scheme of the poem (not to mention making nonsense of the content). Abject apologies to the author. Mea culpa, mea culpa.



Schalles '93

Hey - in
my-day
we walked
10 miles..
through the
snow to get
to Minicon!