

Issue 1

Friday afternoon

Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 51

"We're all bozos on this bus!"

Aragorn meets King Arthur at Minicon!

LARPrunner **Tim Neppel** is bringing an exciting adventure to Minicon on Saturday night. Look for fliers on the registration table and join in:

Adventure Quest: Mounting Pitons to Hold the Grill!

Join the ADVENTURE! Gather 3 of your friends to create a party of 4, or come to the Tavern to recruit or join into a party. Players will choose a character class with unique powers and stats that they will use as they adventure across various locations spread throughout the Confloor. Each party will have a Major Quest and several minor Quests that they are working to accomplish as they play. All parties work on their objectives concurrently, with some of the objectives being cooperative within the gameworld as a whole.

The overall story-arc is a loving homage mashup of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, and *Lord of the Rings*. Perhaps you will face off against the deadly BLACK KNIGHT, or mayhaps you will be entrusted to carry the Ring of Power into Mordor. As you adventure, you will fight monsters, face traps, find treasure and Quest Items. Parties can encounter one another to share information, trade items, or even engage in combat!

Limited to 40 players, 10 parties of 4. Estimated Duration: 2.5 hours.

**** The Questing Begins Saturday, 7:00 pm. ****

If you register as a Party Leader, please come by about 15 minutes early to get a Rules Rundown.

-Tim Neppel

Rumpus Room Craft Swap

Certain tables in the Rumpus Room will be used for a **Craft Swap** throughout its hours of operation. How it works: If you see something you like, take it and leave something of roughly equal value! If you like, you may wait with valuable items you've brought until you're able to get a good deal. As part of some Rumpus Room activities, kids may receive coins they can use to purchase Craft Swap items as prizes.

Changes to film schedule

Due to technical difficulties, the filmmaker was not able to provide a DVD for *Who are You People?*, a documentary about the filming of *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* in Mobile, Alabama.

As a substitution, Frame 29 Films provided a DVD for the upcoming comedy *Nigel & Oscar vs. the Sasquatch*. This independent comedy features the acting talents of Paul Brittain (*Saturday Night Live*), Tim Meadows (*Saturday Night Live*), Christine Bently (*Hot Tub Time Machine 2*), and Neil Flynn (*The Middle*, *Scrubs*) in a story about two brothers on a competitive search for Sasquatch, aided by a skeptical young woman and a woodsman tracker who is... eccentric. This new film will be shown at **noon on Saturday, March 26, 2016 in Atrium 8.**

In addition, the makers of steampunk documentary *Vintage Tomorrows* (3p.m. Sat.) unexpectedly sent us two nice books, also called *Vintage Tomorrows*, to be given away at the end of the screening. Attend for a chance to win one!

-Michael Kingsley

Notes from the Programming Head:

- The program book is a great place to get panel descriptions, but it's less than awesome for schedule accuracy. The pocket program is the correct schedule. It can be found in large form in the Bar and Consuite and near Registration. QR codes are available nearby so that you can view it on your smartphone as well.
- We have some accessibility seating options this year. On the floor in the programming rooms, you'll see signs to designate seating for people who may need a bit of lipreading or close proximity to help them understand panelists. There are also signs for wheelchair seating or walker parking. All of the accessibility seating includes companion seating, because people get to sit with their family and friends, like you do.

-Emily Stewart

Looking for Open Music?

Join us for open music in the Grand Ballroom Foyer area after 9p.m. Friday and Saturday, behind the jigsaw puzzles. (No great skill necessary.)

Programming corrections

- The Pocket program heading that reads “Grand Ballroom A” should actually be “Grand Ballroom West”. (It’s correct in the program book.)
- Joe Pregracke has been added to “3-D printers Don’t Require Special Glasses” (11:30a.m. Sat.)
- Brian LaBounty may also join the panel.

Medallion Hunt =REDUX=

If your copy of this newsletter is suddenly experiencing static followed by the appearance of a mysterious cloaked figure... try giving it a shake!

Happy Minicon everyone! Why is it happy? Is it because Minicon is a great con, a fun gathering of hundreds of friends sharing good conversations, delicious food, and intoxicating drinks? No! Well, ok, not *just* all that but also because The Medallion Hunt has returned!

The Cluemeister thought the tenth Minicon Medallion Hunt would be the final one, but where I, J, hear “final annual Medallion Hunt”, I respond “To Be Continued! James Bond Will Return!” Thus, you are all now at the mercy of a truly warped intellect, MINE! Mwahahaha.

Seriously though, it is my honor as the new Game Keeper to welcome each and every one of you to The Annual Minicon Medallion Hunt, round 11, here in Ye Olde RadiShTree. The Medallion Hunt is a treasure hunt for 1973 pennies squirreled away throughout the hotel. These pennies are good for their clue number in Dealer Dollars—which can be spent in the Art Show or Dealer’s Room—and a healthy dose of pride, with a side order of gloating.

[Legal Disclaimer: Gloating is available in small portions only, not reusable if substituted, not transferable, no refills. Void where prohibited.] There are also several lettered pennies associated with puzzles in the BBT Office. Solve one of these, and you get a prize from the prize table!

Speaking of the “legal”, here be the rules. Lettered pennies earn you miscellaneous prizes instead of Dealer Dollars. These medallions are earned by the first person who solves puzzles located in the BBT Office. You’ll also get the saga of your quest published for all to see here in the BBT which happens to be precisely where the clues are printed! (see Legal Disclaimer on Gloating and portions thereof.)

The clues can be anything from straightforward obfuscation, to puns, to codes or puzzles that involve math, science, pop culture references, or pretty much anything else the Game Keeper contrives. To redeem any ‘medallions’ you find, track down the Game Keeper or visit the BBT office during his scheduled Hours of Redemption, which will be posted outside the office.

As in past years, all pennies have been hidden in public

places within the hotel. No pennies are hidden in restrooms, shops, or anywhere in the Art/Dealers/Science Room. Please be respectful and quiet when searching outside of convention space. Please take care when searching not to disturb hotel guests, set off any emergency alarms, or enter Employees Only spaces.

As an additional hunting aid, there will be a sign outside the BBT Office tracking the status of the various medallions. It will also be used for general BBT updates. Huzzah, we’re all Bozos on this bus!

CLUES: ROUND 1

1. This medallion is hanging out in a place that has been abandoned.
2. Where would you go for a party at Convergence if you found the Garden Court too crowded? The Game Keeper’s favorite number is involved here.
3. It’s near the bottom yet a little more than halfway to the top.
4. H I J, is something you might say here. Note: To claim this prize, you must leave a note close to where the penny was with your name, stating that “The rebels have been robbed and are fleeing into the woods. The Game Keeper needs reinforcements to continue the pursuit.”
5. You can run but you won’t get far.
6. Do you know where the parties are going to be? (*Not released yet!*)
7. This one is hiding well, using an old trick from the book of Han Solo.
8. This one is Serious.
9. You must go where you’re not supposed to but be careful not to go too far.
10. This one is really hanging over the edge like Michael Jackson’s baby. (*Not released yet!*)
15. At Convergence, you can get a ribbon for going to the place where this medallion waits.
20. The Big Kahuna: “Some women are born fabulous, others have to work at it.” Note: Use clues 1-3 to fill in this hint _____
(*Not released yet!*)

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.

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