Issue 3

Saturday afternoon

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"We're all bozos on this bus!"

Celebration Check-In

Parties are on the 2nd floor this year! What did this change bring for Minicon?

- ➤ The **Ephemeral Party** featured a quiet room in which people sat and discussed things that, in keeping with the theme, will not be reproduced here. Photography and video recordings were not allowed. "You can take all the notes you like," I was told, "but why would you want to?"
- ➤ The **Karaoke Party** would very much like to know who Alice is. (A neighbor of 24 years, moving away without ever learning how much you love her, ftr.)
- > The **Minicon 58** party was, at one point, deserted, with a sign explaining: "We're at parties." Well, naturally!
- ➣ "I would like to give a shout out to the Happy Beholder room party for outstanding room décor, prizes & an all around excellent party—great job!" — Crystal Therese

Kevin Sonney helps us make use of our time

In **Kevin Sonney's** Saturday morning "Productivity Alchemy" discussion, he discussed his long-running podcasts, revealed that he's been getting into laser engraving and mini-airbrushing, and took audience questions about productivity. Sonney recommended trying to identify the correlations between one's practices and moods—for example, if missing your gym workout affects your well being.

Asked whether getting a cat could help someone build a routine, he pointed out that "cats" are agents of chaos," but agreed that pets can be good for establishing structure in a person's life. Keeping chickens, he said, gave him better regular exercise than owning a treadmill, because it got him out of the house and he had to care for them.

For those facing the prospect of losing themselves in retirement, he suggested setting limits on the internet, and using a timer to do so at first until it's a habit.

Asked about to-do list techniques, he recommended basic "bullet journaling," but warned against letting it veer into the realm of art journaling by getting too fancy.

If he could keep only one productivity tool, it would be learning. "Never stop learning. Learn, learn, learn; learn from everything."

Reminder to remember

David Dyer-Bennett would like to remind all who may be interested that a memorial slideshow of departed fans will be shown in the Bar tonight at 7:30, not to be confused with the slideshows currently on display in the Consuite. In addition, his refurbished video of **Denny Lien's** memorial will be shown in Park 2 tonight at 9p.m.

What could it mean?

The Info desk, whose sign reads "INFO," knows a lot of things, but would like to know why its name has an apostrophe. Wild theories flew this morning, but what do you think? Drop your explanation in the Submission Box for next issue.

Interested in helping **Build-a-Blinkie** return to Minicon next year? They need volunteers! Talk to them if you'd like to help out, here or at other events.

Tax Tip for Map Fans

The only bid for Andre Norton's two Witch World map prints is from **Jeremy Brett**. But—if someone were to bid \$100 (or \$1000) for the maps and then donate the apps to Brett's archive at Texas A&M's Cushing Memorial Library, the donor could deduct the cost from their taxes as a charitable donation.

-IANAL

Actual 4a.m. Pulse count

7 gaming 13 in bar 1 in BBT office

5 parties 2 wandering Total: 28

EXTRA, EXTRA, Medallion Hunt

<=LAST PRIME BEFORE LEGAL=>

Greetings my fellow Minicon attendees! It is I, J, your Cluemeister here again for this, the 17th year with the now-thankfully-post-pandemic edition of the Minicon Medallion Hunt. For those who are new, the Medallion Hunt is a treasure hunt for shiny 1973 pennies squirreled away throughout the hotel. Once found, please bring your penny to me (J), the Game Keeper, around the con or at the BBT Office (Courtyard Room 4) & exchange it for a prize & a healthy dose of pride with a side order of gloating. You'll also get the saga of your quest published for all to see in the next issue.

Last year, at Minicon 56, in 2023, Bob DeMers made a beautiful sign for tracking the status of the various medallions. You will find this sign outside the BBT Office. The clues can be anything from straightforward obfuscation, to puns, codes or puzzles that involve math, science, pop culture references, or pretty much anything else the Game Keeper – uh... Cluemeister contrives.

As in past years, all pennies have been hidden in public places in the hotel, but not within restrooms, shops, or anywhere in the Art/Dealers or Science Room. All pennies will be generally accessible each day. When found, please bring the medallion to J, but try to leave the piece of blue tape in place to signal to other seekers that a penny was there. The game will continue until the beginning of Closing Ceremonies on Sunday, which will include a brief Medallion Hunt Recap.

All persons participating in the Medallion Hunt-whether seeking Medallions or helping others who aremust be registered attendees & members of Minicon. Please be respectful and quiet when searching outside of convention space. Take care when searching not to disturb hotel guests or set off any emergency alarms.

Four (4) of the Medallions will be in roving locations. For any such Medallion, seeker(s) must directly, verbally state the exact Medallion they seek and ask the carrier if they are carrying that specific Medallion. Upon correct request, the carrier will surrender the Medallion.

As always, I am honored to serve as your Game Keeper / Cluemeister and hope you enjoy Minicon 57!

CLUES: ROUND I

- 1. I'm somewhat sandwiched between 2 hard working surfaces. You might not be likely to pass me often unless you are specifically in my area. I'm on a surface that is often in shadow. I cling to this surface for, if not, I will fall. Wherever I am, I'm not on the floor.
- **2.** I wasn't found last year so I'm back again (though my number is almost certainly different). I am hanging on a flat surface which is a multiple of my shape.
- **3.** I'm buried but not very deeply. I'm not in a grave but I am under flowers which won't die. It won't cost you much to dig me up.
- **4.** I can see all the groups gather before heading out for sustenance. I'm laying low so you won't see me unless you know where to look.
- **5.** If you don't hydrate, you die-drate.
- **6.** Take a chance, roll the dice, try to find me. I'll be plaguing hide & seek, awaiting you.
- 7. Anyone can find me, but no one has in at least 1 or 2 years, in this same spot. Many, many attendees pass me, but no one notices. I'm in a pretty central location.
- **8.** Some Medallions, including this one, are not in the main con areas. You may have to go outside the con, but you will not have to go outside of the building. I'm not in plain sight, but I'm visible from some angle.
- 9. Some Medallions, including this one, are not in the main con areas. You may have to go outside the con, but you will not have to go outside of the building. I'm also not in the middle of the con, but I am where I can see the sun when it

is out.

- 10. Some Medallions, including this one, are not in the main con areas. You may have to go outside the con, but you will not have to go outside of the building. I'm in a place not many will venture. All are allowed but almost no one will enter.
- **15.** Many of you will pass right in front of me though I'm rarely in the same place twice. I'm always near someone who is throwing a party at Minicon.
- **20.** I'm on the move too and making a real rumpus. Wherever I go, my carrier is nice to everyone we meet.
- **A.** I hide near things anyone can have, however, I'm also near things that only some can have.
- **B.** I'm hanging around but not in plain sight. To find me, try as you might, to check all over, even places you might not need to go but others may. Often, you'll only visit me for a little while. You won't see me right away, but if you adjust one thing, you can see me.
- C. I may flip and flop around, allowing some to Sea me while others cannot. My carrier will Volunteer me only if you ask.
- **D.** If it gets too hot, you might come towards me, though it will not be me you seek then.
- **E.** Ordinarily, I'm in a place where many want to hang out, but if it gets loud near me, you won't want to be here.
- **F.** Give a little, take something cool.
- **G.** I'm near some dry things and something wet, but I won't get splashed, you can bet.
- **H.** I'm just off the path many of you will walk. I hang on a rounded surface, far taller than I am.
- **I.** I'm hanging out on a bed of stone. I'll stay here until someone finds me. You may have to look high and low.
- **J.** I'm reclining, hope I don't fall. I'm feeling pretty green from hanging out like this.
- **K.** I'm under something that uses gravity for fun. Good luck attaining the objective. It's harder than it looks.
- L. I'm hanging out, near where the Cluemeister sleeps. You may sit for a while and chill, near where I'm hiding. I'm not initially in plain sight.
- π . Once you collect this Medallion, you must recite Pi to as many decimal places as you can when turning it back in to J. I will likely not be visible. What do all these things have in common: Pullman, beer, a particular airline, and an Amtrak attendant?

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@minicon57.mnstf.org.

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