

Issue 1

Thursday midnight

Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 59

"We're all bozos on this bus!"

Save the Rebel Alliance in the dark!

Friday slots are filling up fast for the **Star Wars Escape Room** run by **Randy Holland** in the Rumpus Room! But Saturday slots are wide open. Groups of 4 to 6 are welcome to thwart a fiendish imperial biological warfare attack. Your editor had the privilege to participate in the Thursday night trial run, and was caught cheating by spinning corners he shouldn't have!

Remember: the password is: I have friends everywhere.

Brawlspace and Grillspace

Gaming is no longer in the Minnesota Room! This year it's all in the **Garden Court**, some of which has been designated as the **Brawl Factory**, which offers a variety of crispy games and explanations thereof. See page 11 of your program book for details.

Also consider visiting the husk of the former **Nine Mile Grill** for a quiet space with jigsaw puzzles. Your editor will make sure it is not insufficiently supplied with glossy cardboard bits that fit together into Hogwarts-style castles.

In addition, due to a surplus of free things, supplies of **free clothing and costume accessories** are being collected at the Nine Mile Grill (rather than the Free Will Table). Come and take some! Further donations are welcome!

Sign policy

Signs and posters (advertising your group or party, for example) hung with low-tack blue tape are allowed in the Garden Court/cabana area, meaning everyplace in the giant room containing the pool and the hallways surrounding it. Don't post signs anywhere else! (Printed signs on convention easels may be allowed; check with the info desk if you really need to.)

Corrections & emendations

- ♦ Two items were left out of the pocket program: "You Got Your Fantasy in my Science Fiction" (8:30p.m. Fri.) and "3D Printing: Hobby or Wizardry?" (1p.m. Sat. See your program book for details.
- ♦ "Lightsabers & Cosplay Tips" (10a.m. Saturday) is canceled, as presenter **Tyler Bloom** was unable to attend Minicon. Stay tuned in case another presenter chooses to run Lightsabers & Origami instead.
- ♦ There is no costuming in the Garden Court this year, but the **Costumer's Conclave** will attempt to pick up the slack with in-room microprogramming, such as costume presentations and sewing tips, at **2p.m. Saturday**. NOTE: The Conclave has been moved from Room 107 to **Room 110**.
- ♦ Mr. Garner is sick, meaning that the **Karaoke & Desserts** party scheduled for **Room 118** is canceled. Using the big room instead, however, is the **Ben Lessinger Memorial Karaoke Party** originally booked into **Room 114**. So you may not notice the difference!

Please note:

Due to persons with allergies, attendees are urged to keep peanut products and visiting dogs away from the Vendors and Authors Area.

Con rate triumphant!

"If you are staying here at the RadiShTree, you should see a reduction in your room rate, at least down to \$129 for Thursday and Friday nights, possibly down to \$127 for all nights, or something in between. This is because our contract states that if the hotel offers lower rates to the public than the Minicon rate, the Minicon rate becomes that lower rate. And they did. Neat."

—Con chair Matt

"Big thank you..."

...to Douglas Van Dyke, Jr. for his calm help tonight with Roger's emergency. Also a huge thank you to Natasha Krentz for taking up the reins in the Dealers Room and keeping it all together."

Our community is so supportive! Thank You everyone!"

—Jean Mlynyczak

Pool is very open!

In case you've noticed signs in the elevators informing us that the pool is closed this weekend for a special event—WE are that special event! Feel free to use the pool all you like.

In Memoriam

Fan **Matthew Gress** (b. 1969) died April 19, 2025. Matthew and his wife Missy celebrated Terry Pratchett's work by hosting Seamstress Guild parties at Minicon. Matthew was gregarious, burned bright, and is much missed by his family, including his honorary sister Hershey Harris.

Author **Barry B. Longyear** (b. 1942) died May 6, 2025. Barry was Minicon 24 GoH in 1989. Barry published the novels *City of Baraboo*, *Kill All the Lawyers*, and *Elephant Song*. His novella *Enemy Mine* won a Hugo and Nebula and was turned into a film. He also wrote *Saint Mary Blue*, which was published by SteelDragon Press in 1988.

Author **Peter Morwood** (b. 1956) died May 9, 2026. Peter was Minicon 28 Author GoH in 1993 with his wife Diane Duane. Peter published the Horse Lord series and the Tales of Old Russia trilogy. He also wrote several novels with Diane, including the Space Cops series.

Filker **Tom Jeffers** (b. 1960) died August 6, 2025. Tom was a Minicon regular in the late 1980s and 1990s. He performed with Decadent Dave Clement (Special Guest, Minicon 25, 1990) in Dandelion Wine and as a duet for many years. Eventually Tom and his wife Sue formed Stone Dragon. Tom was named to the Filk Hall of Fame in 2012.

Author **Chelsea Quinn Yarbrow** (b. 1942) died August 31, 2025. Quinn was Pro GoH at Minicon 18 in 1984 as well as being a guest of honor at many, many other conventions including World Horror Con in 1991, World Fantasy Con in 2015, and Worldcon in 2018. She was best known for the Saint-Germain Chronicles and associated novels. She received multiple genre lifetime achievement awards.

Fan, author, and poet **Terry A. Garey** (b. 1948) died October 6, 2025. Terry was a Bay Area fan until she and Denny Lien fell in love in the early 1980s and she moved to Minneapolis where they were together until his death in 2023. We remember her well from The Lady Poetesses from Hell readings here at Minicon. Terry edited two

anthologies of speculative poetry, *Time Frames* and "Time Gum," the latter with Eleanor Arnason. She also wrote a nonfiction book, *The Joy of Home Winemaking*. Terry won 2 Rhysling Awards and was Special Guest at Diversion 22 in 2014.

Filker **Leslie Fish** (b. 1944) died November 29, 2025. Minicon 36 Musician GoH (2001) plus a GoH at 22 other conventions spreading over 29 years, including LoneStarCon III, the 2013 Worldcon in San Antonio. Widely known filker, inducted into the Filk Hall of Fame in 1985. The induction citation said her song "Hope Eyrie" was "the single best known and best loved space filksong," "widely considered the filkers' anthem," and affectionately called her song "Banned From Argo" "the most notorious Star Trek song written by anyone."

Fan **Charmaine Parnell** (b. 1972) died December 6, 2025. Charmaine served a long time on Minicon and then became a mainstay of CONvergence, serving on the Board as well as running several departments for the convention over the years. Charmaine was a dear, supportive friend who provided companionship and guidance to many Minicon regulars, including Corwin Brust, Joelle Phillips, and Lisa Sanders.

Fan **Arthur Hlavaty** (b. 1942) died December 9, 2025. Arthur was Fan GoH at Minicon 37 in 2002 and seven other conventions including DetCon 1, the 2014 NASFiC. Fanzine publisher and a serious apahack, Arthur was a long-time member of Minneapa as well as at least 15 other apas. Best Fan Writer Hugo finalist for 12 consecutive years, 1980–1991. (Coincidentally, Arthur mailed Geri Sullivan the first fanzine she ever received and was deservedly proud for having done so.)

Fan **Steven Bond** (b. 1953) died December 25, 2025. Steve was Minn-StF member from the 1970s. He was a collector and former comics shop owner. Steve worked on Minicon for many years including serving on the Exec for Minicon 14 and Minicons 16–21. His character Kragar in Steven Brust's role-playing game became a regular in the long-running 'Dragaera' series.

Long time Minicon member **Michael Kacner** died December 25. "Do not mourn me. Celebrate my life and yours always. With cherished memories."

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@minicon59.mnsth.org.

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