

MINICON 8

APRIL 12-14, 1974
SECOND PROGRESS REPORT

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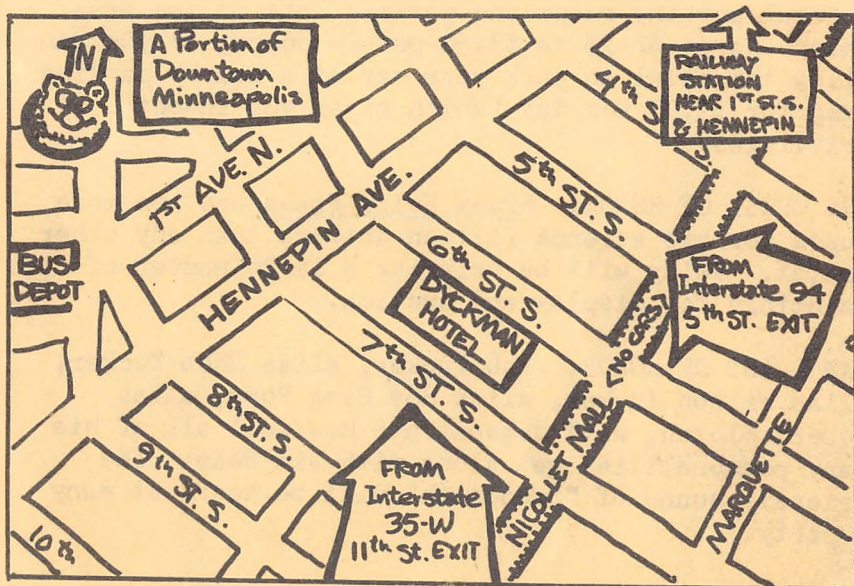
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Greetings from those Crazy Minneapolis Fans! Minicon 8 (April 12-14) will be held at The Hotel Dyckman in Downtown Minneapolis. Registration is \$3.00 in advance or \$4.00 at the door. Supporting memberships are \$1. Checks should be made payable to Minicon and sent to Bev Swanson, 2301 Elliot Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404.

The Hotel Dyckman is a medium sized hotel located at 27 S. 6th St., half a block off Hennepin Ave. There are two major paperback book stores with large science fiction selections within a block. The hotel has the Chateau de Paris French restaurant, a coffee shop, a bar, and a liquor store. Within a few blocks are large numbers of eating establishments of various price ranges, bars, theaters, and the top department stores of Minneapolis. Both the train station and the bus station are within 5 blocks.

The rooms at the Dyckman Hotel have recently been redecorated. Singles start at \$13.00, doubles start at \$17.75, and twins start at \$19.00. \$4.00 per extra person. We will send you a hotel reservation card when we receive your can registration. There are several parking ramps and parking lots in the area which charge \$2.75 to \$3.50 per 24 hours; or you can allow the hotel to park your car at a nearby parking ramp for \$3.00 per day (which gives you in-out privileges).

PRO GUEST OF HONOR: Frank Kelly Freas has won more Hugos for his science fiction artwork than any other artist. Kelly will be bringing a large number of his paintings for display and auction.

FAN GUEST OF HONOR: Bob Tucker, alias Bhub Tucker, alias Wilson Tucker, alias Hoy Ping Pong, alias Robert Blotch, will demonstrate how well all of his many personalities get along with Jim Beam. The friendly sound of "Smoooooth" will be heard at many a party.

TOASTMASTER: Ben Bova, editor of Analog, will once again demonstrate his fannish good humor after the banquet, as well as at the parties. He will also participate in panel discussions with Gordy Dickson, Cliff Simak, and other of our notable guests.

LESTER DEL REY

The banquet Saturday evening will be proceeded by a cocktail hour so that we won't have to chase all the pro's and fans out of the bar when the meal is served. The menu consists of:

Tossed Salad

Chopped Sirlion Steak with Mushroom Sauce

French-style Green Beans

Baked Potato

Creme de Menthe Ice Cream

We must let the hotel know a day in advance how many people will attend the banquet, so to be sure of getting a banquet ticket, send \$5.00 to Bev Swanson, 2301 Elliot Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404.

If it looks like a significant number of people will be staying over to Monday because of no gas on Sunday, we are prepared to continue the con party all night Sunday. Of course, you can expect the famous Minicon parties to be great as usual on Friday and Saturday nights as we continue to bid for Minneapolis in '73!

Our Art Show will require an entry fee of \$.25 per entry. We will be giving cash prizes in several catagories. Any and all media will be accepted provided it has some relevance to science fiction, fantasy, or the fandoms thereof. All entries will be handled with tender loving care, but please accept responsibility for pick-up and delivery. Art may be mailed to the Art Show director or brought to the convention. Entries can be sold through the Art Show at our regular auction rates. For info or entry, write to Dick Tatge, 3755 Pillsbury Ave. A., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55409.

The auction will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday. The money received will be divided ~~25%~~/75% in the donor's favor. Label your auction entries with a minimum bid (especially Art Show entries). For info, write to Denny Lien, 2408 Dupont Ave. S. #1, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405.

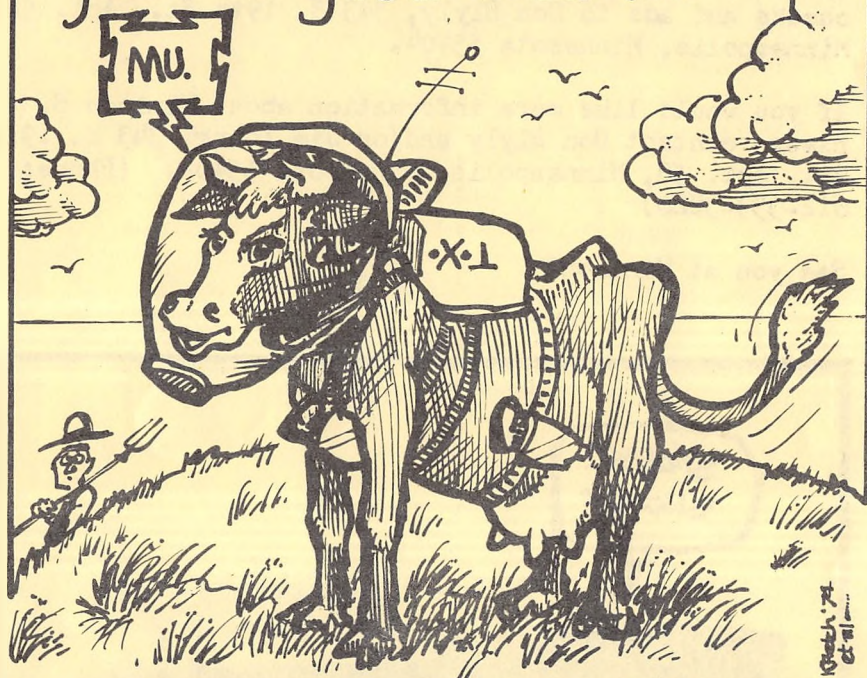
The Bookdealers & Hucksters will have a lockable area. Tables will be \$5.00 for the duration of the convention. Tables may be available at the convention, or may be reserved in advance with a check or money order made payable to Minicon. For more information, write to Gerry Wassenaar, 1123 Olson Highway, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405.

Programming is looking good. There will be at least one major movie, along with some shorts. We have a lot of interesting ideas for panel discussions. In addition to our traditional Artists' Panel were a group of artists create drawings of various strange science fiction ideas before your eyes, we are working on such ideas as a panel on SF art markets, another to create new myths of fannish history, another on the feasibility of private industry in outer space, yet another on how to design a "black-hole" space ship, and several other interesting ideas. We'll see how many we can squeeze in with the movies, the auctions, the banquet, the GoH speeches, and, of course, the famous Minicon open parties.

Because of the gasoline situation, we will be willing to try to help you form car pools. If you are willing to bring riders to Minicon, or if you need a ride to Minicon, let us know when you register and we will try to help you out. However, if you live farther than one tank of gas away from Minneapolis and if you can't stay at the con until Monday, you might want to consider an alternate form of transportation. Minneapolis is well served by bus, train, and airplane.

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Advertising in the third Progress Report and the Program Book will be \$7.00 per page, 5 1/2" by 8 1/2" (including margins) photoready. The third PR will come out around March 15, and we would like to receive the ad copy by March 7. For the Program Book, we must receive the ad copy no later than April 1. Make checks payable to Minicon, and send checks and ads to Don Blyly, 343 E. 19th St., Apt. 5B, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404.

If you would like more information about Minicon 8, please contact Don Blyly and/or Jim Young, 343 E. 19th St., Apt. 5B, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404. (Phone: 612-333-3820)

See you at Minicon!

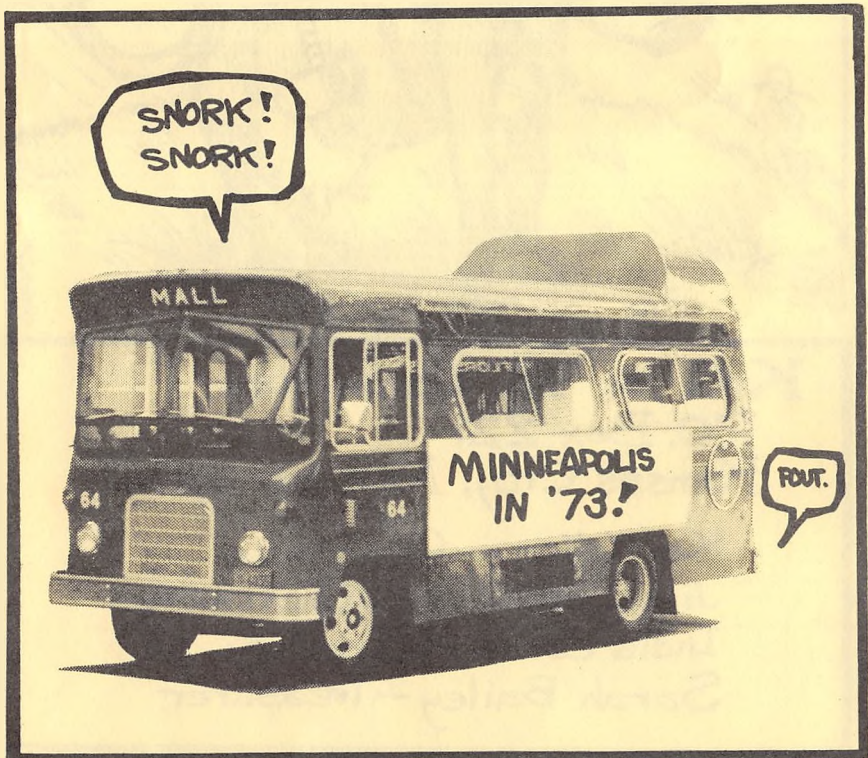


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