

# Minicon 10

Science Fiction Convention  
Third Progress Report



April 18-20, 1975  
Downtown Holiday Inn, Minneapolis

Yes, those crazy Minneapolis fans are at it again. Minicon 10 will be April 18-20, 1975. (Note: This is not the Easter weekend. Easter 1975 comes near the end of our blizzard season, so we had to postpone the Minicon a few weeks.) Registration is \$4.00 in advance or \$6.00 at the door. Supporting memberships are \$1.00. (All classes of membership includes a year of Rune, along with your convention privileges.) Make checks payable to Minicon and send them to Bev Swanson, 2301 Elliot Ave. S., Minneapolis, Mn. 55404.

Minicon 10 will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown, a modern medium-sized convention hotel. The Inn has a swimming pool, a sauna, a coffee shop, a restaurant, a showclub, and a quiet lounge with floor to ceiling wine racks and colorful stained glass. There is an attached parking deck, with free parking for members of Minicon. Ice and soft drink machines on every floor.

All rooms at the Holiday Inn have two double beds. Our special convention rates are \$19.00 for one person, \$23.00 for two persons, \$3.50 per additional person. Suites are \$65.00 per night. The only way to get a reservation is to either use a specially stamped reservation card (which we will send to you when you register for the con) or ask us to make a reservation for you. The hotel has notified us (and proven to us beyond any shadow of a doubt) that they are totally incapable of handling phoned-in reservations in a competent manner. They have also refused on at least one occasion to accept a mailed-in reservation that was not on the proper card--in spite of the fact that less than 10% of the rooms had been rented at that time. If you have made a reservation without using the reservation card, please let us know so that we can check to make sure they have not lost it. The Holiday Inn accepts the following credit cards: American Express, Bank Americard, Diners, Gulf, and Master Charge.

PRO GUEST OF HONOR: Poul Anderson started writing while an undergraduate at the University of Minnesota. He has written more than fifty books and more than two hundred short pieces since then, picking up four Hugos and two Nebulas along the way. He is a former



president of Science Fiction Writers of America. We are very happy to have him return to Minneapolis.

**FAN GUEST OF HONOR:** Redd Boggs became active in the Minneapolis Fantasy Society in the early 1940's. He has set a high standard of quality for fanzine writing since his fannish beginning here in Minneapolis. This will be his first return visit to Minneapolis in far too many years.

**TOASTMASTER:** Lester del Rey grew up in southern Minnesota. He has written more than twenty novels and dozens of short stories. We are happy to welcome him back to Minnesota.

**Attention former MFSers:** We would like to see as many former members of the MFS as possible return to Minneapolis for this Minicon. We plan to have a small Appropriate Ceremony for Cliff Simak, first president of the Minneapolis Fantasy Society. We would also like to have a panel discussion with MFSers talking about the earlier years of Minneapolis fandom.

The banquet Saturday evening will consist of:

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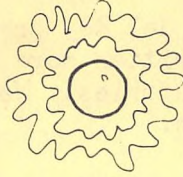
We must give the hotel a guarantee on the banquet three days in advance, so you must let us know in advance if you wish to attend the banquet. A banquet ticket will cost you \$6.25. (We are slightly subsidizing the banquet to encourage people to attend.) Send your check to Bev Swanson.

There will be a costume ball Saturday evening, with music, dancing, and costume display. We will be giving fannish (rather than cash) award, so don't go overboard on expense. Try to come up with something that can be danced in. Costume will not be necessary for attending the dance, but it is encouraged. If you think you would be interested in the costume display, please let Bev know in advance so that she can plan for enough time to display costumes.

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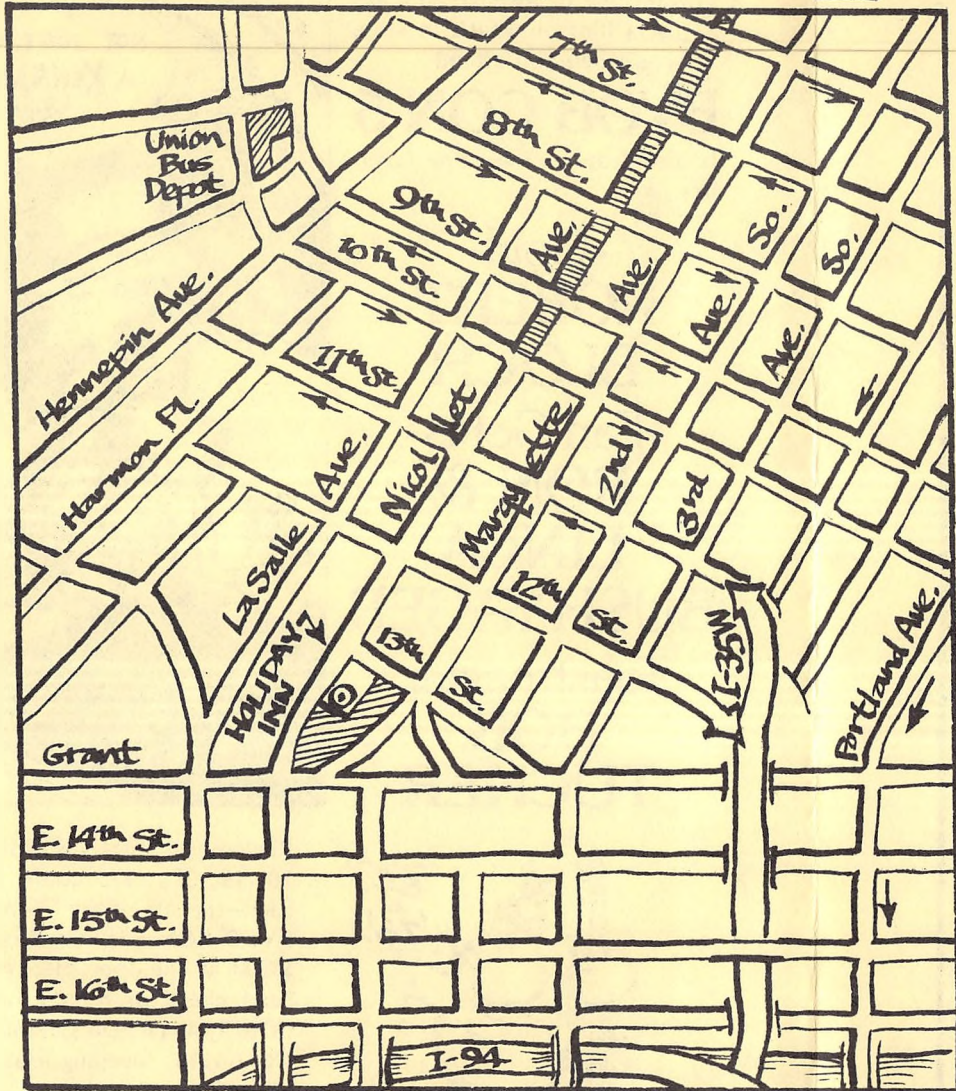
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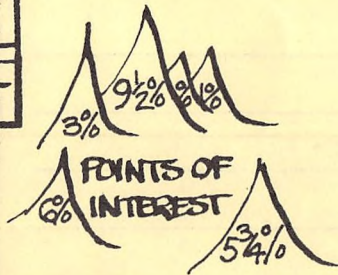
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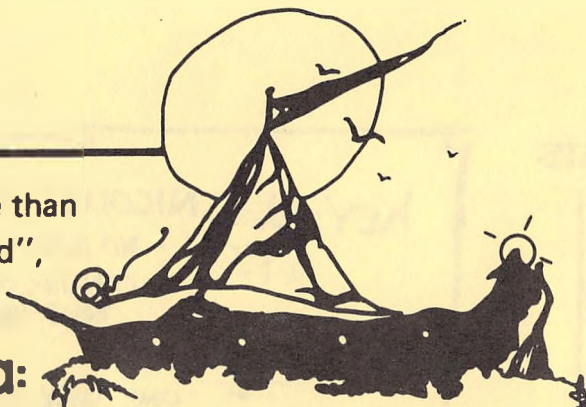
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Attention comics fans: Minicon is a science fiction convention. If you are also a science fiction fan, you will probably find many things of interest, but if you are not interested in science fiction, you will find nothing of interest to you. So, if you are not a SF fan, you would be better off to save your money for the next comics convention.

Our Art Show will require an entry fee of \$.25 per entry. We will be giving cash prizes in several categories. 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. You may make arrangements with the Art Show director for mailing art, or you may bring it to the convention. Entries may be sold through the Art Show at our regular auction rates. For info or entry, write to Ken Fletcher, 341 E. 19th St., Minneapolis, Mn. 55404

The auction will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday. The money received will be divided 80%/20% in favor of the donor. Label your auction entries with a minimum bid (especially Art Show entries). For info, write to Denny Lien, 2408 Dupont Ave. S. #1, Minneapolis, Mn. 55405.

The Bookdealers and Hucksters will have a lockable area. Tables will be \$5.00 for the duration of the convention. We advise reserving tables in advance by sending a check for \$5.00 per table to Bev Swanson, altho there might still be some tables available at the con. (We are discouraging strictly comic hucksters --this is a science fiction convention.) Huckster set-up will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday, and the room will open to the public at noon Friday. For more info, write to Gerry Wassenaar, 1261 Olson Highway, Minneapolis, Mn. 55405.

When you reach the hotel, you should come to room 1169 (11th floor). Registration will open in this room at noon Friday. (To speed up registration, please bring along your little blue card if you registered in advance.) You can also find out about food, parties, programming, book stores, etc., as well as complaining about any hotel problems you might encounter.



Our tentative programming schedule, subject to change, goes like this:

- Fri. 10:00 Huckster Room Set-Up Begins  
12:00 Registration Opens (Room 1169)  
Huckster Room Opens to the Public  
6:30 M.F.S. Panel-- on the history of Minneapolis  
fandom  
7:30 Film Panel-- S.F. films and Alexander  
Nevsky to be discussed  
8:00 Films: The first feature will be Alexander  
Nevsky. The second feature will be The  
Bed-Sitting Room, a funny British film  
that was on the Hugo ballot at Heidelberg,  
but that has rarely been seen in the U.S.  
Because of a number of shorts we plan to  
show (including a newsreel of a zeppelin  
race), Nevsky will begin about 9:00 and  
Room about 11:00.  
8:30 Huckster Room Closes  
Party Suite Opens
- Sat. Noon Registration Opens (Room 1169)  
Huckster Room Opens  
Art Show Opens  
12:30 Panel on Construction of a Flitter Ship  
1:30 Panel on S.F. Market Conditions  
2:30 Fantasy Panel  
3:30 Auction  
5:00 Cocktail Hour  
5:30 Huckster Room Closes  
Art Show Closes  
6:00 Banquet  
9:00 Costume Ball Begins (Until Midnight)  
11:00 Party Suite Opens
- Sun. Noon Huckster Room Opens  
Art Show Opens  
1:00 Auction  
2:00 Worldcon News and Bidders' Plugs  
2:30 Artist's Panel  
3:30 Audience suggests ways to improve the  
Minicon  
4:00 Huckster Room Closes  
Art Show Closes

Quite a bit of our programming will be video-taped by a member of the committee, including the costume ball. If you do not wish to have your costume video-taped, please notify the committee in advance.

Autograph hunters should have a field day. We know for sure that Poul Anderson, Gordy Dickson, Cliff Simak, Harry Harrison, Lester & Judy-Lynn del Rey, Don & Elsie Wollheim, Bob Tucker, Joe Haldeman, and Phyllis Eisenstein plan to attend, and we are hopeful of also seeing Phil Klass (who writes as William Tenn), Fred Saberhagen, Roland Green, Gene Wolfe, and George R. R. Martin. Unfortunately, Kilgore Trout will not be able to make it this year.

Ads for the program book will cost \$7.00 per page, 5 1/2" by 8 1/2" (including margins) photoready. We would like to receive ad copy by April 7, 1975. Please make your check payable to Minicon. Send the ad and check to Don Blyly, c/o Uncle Hugo's SF Bookstore, 2002 4th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55404. (It is less likely to be bent at this address.)

For more information about Minicon 10, contact Don Blyly, 343 E. 19th St., Apt. 5B, Minneapolis, Minn. 55404. Phone 612-333-3820 (home) or 612-874-9118 (bookstore).

**The Minicon Committee:**

Don Blyly--Cochairman (hotel & publicity)  
Jim Young--Cochairman (programming)  
Bev Swanson--Registration & Costume Ball  
Jan Appelbaum--Treasurer  
Jerry Stearns & Al Kuhfeld--Party Supplies  
Ken Fletcher & Dick Tatge--Art Show  
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See you at Minicon!



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