

MINICON

#17 PROGRESS REPORT 2



MINICON 17

APRIL 17-19, 1981

The Radisson Downtown Hotel will play an important part in some peoples lives again this year. MINICON returns to one of it's favorite hotels. Come, stay up late, have a good time, spend your money, etc.

The usual stuff once again.

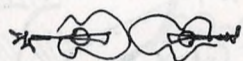
GUESTS of HONOR

Jack Vance **PRO**

Jerry Boyajian **FAN**

Kathy Marschall **ARTIST**

Reed Waller **MUSIC**



Registration

Supporting	\$3
Child	\$4
Converting	\$5
Pre-registration	\$8
At-the-door	\$15

We will be accepting pre-registration from January 1 through March 31, 1981 onlyonlyonly you.

A supporting membership purchased before March 31, 1981 can be changed to an attending membership at the door for the \$5 converting rate.

Send your checks (payable to MINICON) to:
MINICON, P.O. BOX 2128 LOOP STATION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, 55402.

Remember close off for pre-registration is March 31, 1981. Please check your mailing label and let us know if it's wrong in any way.

Banquet

- Rule 1: No Banquet.
- Rule 2: No Nukes.
- Rule 3: No Banquet.
- Rule 4: No Grain-silos.
- Rule 5: No Banquet.
- Rule 6: There is no rule 6.
- Rule 7: No Banquet.

NO, NO, NO. We aren't going to have a banquet.

Programming

NOBODY COMES TO MINICON FOR THE PROGRAMMING, BUT IN 1981 YOU'LL THINK YOU DID. SEE THE ELEVATOR THAT MOVES UPSIDE DOWN! SEE THE TIME STORM STRIKE THE ST. PAUL SPACEPORT. SEE MAGIC TURN TO TECHNOLOGY BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES! PLAN TO COME TO MINICON 17. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CHANGE YOUR PLANS... WE ARE CONTROLLING THE VOLUME... WE ARE CONTROLLING THE CONTENT... WE HAVE MET THE PROGRAMMING, AND IT IS US!

Party Out of Bounds

Not at MINICON. Whipeeee!

Motion Pictures

Steve Glennon, the guy who's in charge of some of this sort of thing tells me that this year they are going to really have a science fiction film in the program. I told him he was crazy, who'd want to see that sort of thing. I mean, really.

HOTEL INFORMACIÓN

Rates



Single	\$28.50
Double	\$31.50
Suite (one bedroom)	\$42.50
Suite (Deluxe)	\$57.50

Your hotel reservation card should be enclosed with this Progress Report. If it has somehow vanished or you've been left out in the cold, you can actually write to the hotel and they will make a reservation for you. Their address is:

The Radisson Downtown Hotel
45 S. 7th Street.
Minneapolis, Minnesota
55402 or call
612-333-2181.

Be sure to mention MINICON.

Check-in time is normally 3 pm, though you can check in earlier if rooms are ready. Check-out time is 1 pm everyday. Checkout time will be extended on Sunday April 19, 1981 to 5 pm. For this one day only.

Someone thought it was wise to mention that there are a combined total of 10% in taxes added to your bill. We are paying for a domed stadium.

Credit cards accepted: Master charge; Visa, American Express, Carte Blanche, and Diners Club.

How to get to the hotel

From highways to the west (including I-94) take 94 to Highway 12. Head downtown and take the Hawthorne Avenue exit. From Hawthorne turn right onto N. 10th Street, following the few jogs it takes to become S. 10th St., and turning left onto Marquette, and left again on S.7th St. to the Radisson Hotel or the parking ramp of your choice. (See the map.)

On I-94 from the east, take the 11th St exit, following 11th until you turn

right onto Marquette, a left to S. 7th St., and a quick left jab into the Solar Plexis of the Radisson!

I-35 from the south is an Instant Replay of the above paragraph.

I-35 from the north requires taking the 11th Avenue exit; at the top of the ramp, take 11th Avenue to the right, and then take a left onto South 7th St. This should take you to the Radisson. (Take care: the street numbering on 11th Ave. jumps from 14th to 8th.)

The bus depot is 4 blocks from the hotel, one block northwest of Hennepin Ave. on N. 9th St. The Amtrak railway depot is in the Midway District between Minneapolis and St. Paul. Taxi Service is available. The Twin City International Airport has bus, limousine and taxi service.

Art Bears

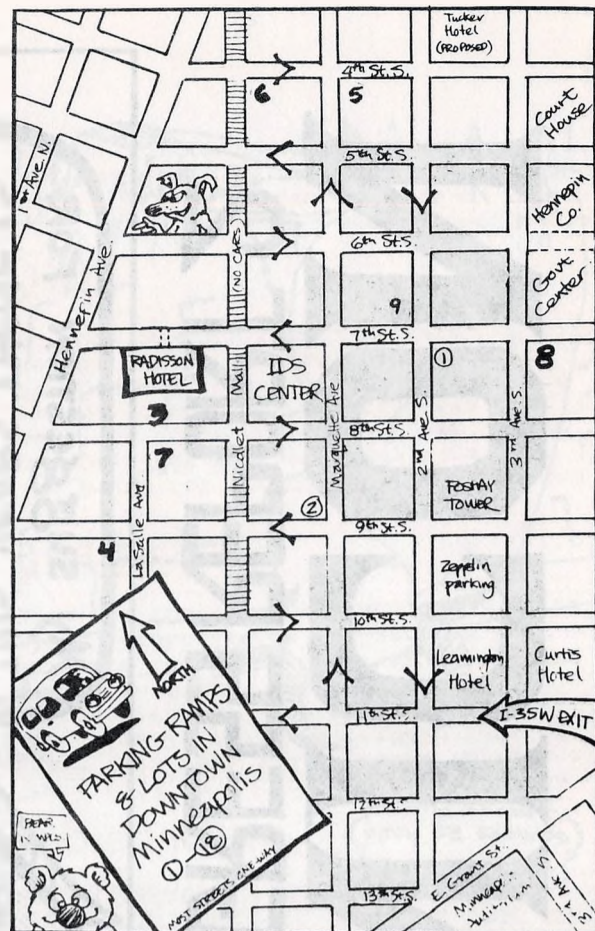
The art show goes on as normal and the rates will be similar to last year... 50¢ for each item. The sketch table is free for items that are less than \$15.

Our commission is 15% on items and 10% for the sketch table.

More information can be gleaned from Artshow C/O MINICON P.O. BOX 2128 LOOP STATION, MINNEAPOLIS, MN., 55402

Capitalists

There will be a large, secure, area for the book dealers and other hucksters. A six foot table costs \$10 for the duration of the convention. Tables can be reserved by writing Greg Ketterer C/O MINICON, P. O. BOX 2128 LOOP STATION, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, 55402 and sending a quantity of money, in some manner. Checks payable to MINICON. Please note: All hucksters must be registered members of the convention. Huckster should get directions before unloading so they don't have to carry all of their books around with them, lost. Please indicate whether or not you want to be in the smoking or non areas.



Parking

- Allied Parking 220 S.7th St. Friday \$4 Sat and Sun \$1.50
- Allied Parking, 922 Marquette Ave. Friday \$4 Sat \$2.85 Sunday 75¢
- Dayton-Hudson Ramp, 24 S. 8th St. Friday \$4.50 Sat. \$2 Sun 75¢
- Downtown Auto Park, 910 La Salle Ave \$3.75 a day.
- Downtown Auto Park, 4th St. & Marquette Friday \$5.25 Sat. \$2 Sun 75¢
- Downtown Auto Park, 413 Nicollet Ave. Friday \$5.50 Sat. \$2.25 Sun. 75¢
- La Salle Court Ramp, 811 LaSalle Ave. \$4.50 a day.
- Loop Parking, 301 S. 7th St. Fri. \$3.50 Sat. \$1.25 Sun \$1.25
- Northstar Ramp, 110 S. 7th St. \$5.75 a day

You can get in-out privileges from the Dayton-Hudson Ramp with a free pass from the Radisson Hotel.

Babysitting

Anyone interested in helping or using the babysitting facilities at Minicon, should contact Bev Elmshauser, C/O MINICON.

Advertisers

There is space available in the MINICON 17 PROGRAM BOOK. The charge is:

Fan \$15
Pro \$50 per page.

Copy must be 7 by 11 inches including a one half (1/2) inch margin. The copy must be camera ready (half-tone illustrations must be screened.) Copy must be received by March 10, 1981, and be accompanied by payment. As usual, make checks payable to MINICON, care of the usual address. MINICON, P.O. BOX 2128 LOOP STATION, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, 55402.

Reproduction

There will be a Mimeo Room at MINICON again this year and I'm sure to have a good time. If you're a certain type of person then I'm sure that you too will have a good time in the Mimeo Room. Get some cheap mimeo printing and some electrostencils for 75¢ each. A bargain. Do you like fanzines little girl?

The Shirts

The price for the MINICON T-shirts has not been set yet but Ricky says that they should be about \$6-7 We'll see at the convention. As usual the hunt for designs to grace them goes on and we don't even know that they are yet so more on this later. Yes sir.

Pinball

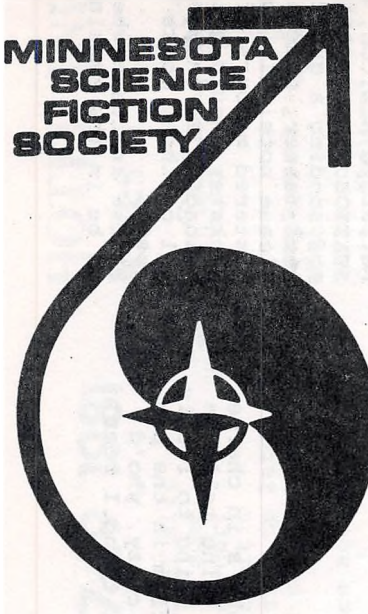
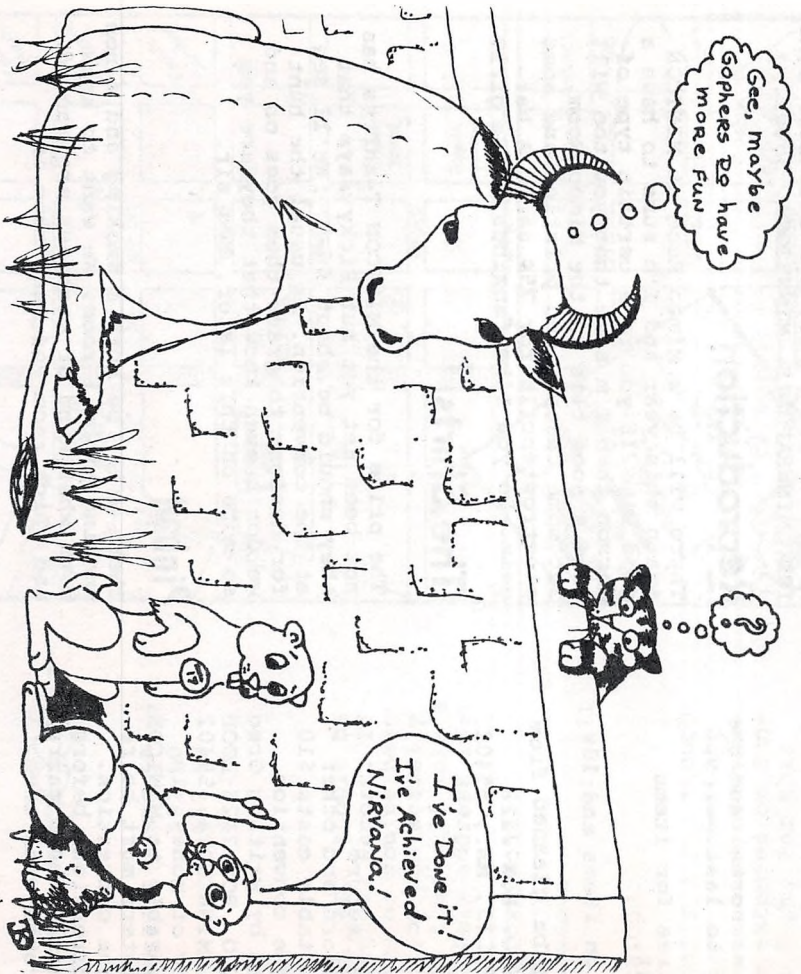
There will be both a smoking and a non smoking pinball room. We want to know both what kind of machines are wanted, and which room you want them in.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A GEJDED WATER BUFFALO?

No? Then take this opportunity to lessen your karmic burden! Act now, before it's too late!

Each hour that you spend working at Minicon 17 lessens your karmic burden in direct proportion to the amount that you dislike it. And if you enjoy it, don't worry! After all, chances are you will come back as a gopher.....

Contact Steven K. Zoltán Brust, care of Minicon 17, for gophers and badgers. Who knows? You may just achieve Nirvana next Easter.



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