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Minicon

Suite, Savage, Minicon

**April 9th - April 11th,
Nineteen Hundred &
Ninety-three**

**Radisson Hotel South
Bloomington, MN**

**Editor Guest of Honor
Susan Allison**

**Bless His Sweet Heart Guest
Don Fitch**

*Other Guests of Honor
to be announced!*

Pre-registration: \$20

(The pre-registration postmark deadline is February 28th, 1993.)

Supporting: \$5 (Pay additional \$15 at-the-door, total \$20.)

Child (under 12): \$10

At-the-Door: \$50

Any check masquerading as a rubber ball will be fined up to \$20!

Making Contact

By Mail

Minicon 28

P.O. Box 8297

Lake Street Station

Minneapolis, MN 55408

By Phone

Jerry Corwin / Channeler

#(612) 338-4728

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The Grand Triumvirate; Whozzat?

Hi! We're the Grand Triumvirate; Margo Bratton, Polly Peterson, and Victor Raymond. We all make great chocolate chip cookies, we have all been longtime Minicon attendees and volunteers, and we all have a sense of humor (Margo laughing her head off, Victor chuckling and Polly's dry smile). We have all filled enough positions to have a history of knowing what works and what doesn't. That's what qualifies us to run Minicon 28; Suite Savage Minicon.

Why Are We Doing This?

Because we like *you*, the Minicon fan. No, seriously, it's true. We want Minicon to live up to its promise of what it can be for you: a get-together of 3000 of your best friends, some of whom you haven't met yet. To do this, we are prepared to rise to our Peter Principle positions, so why don't you line up, sign up, and register again today for Minicon?

Just What Sort of Minicon Are You Planning?

Besides a *fun* convention, we're open to ideas. We'd like a convention where fans could see what fandom is all about, even if we sometimes disagree about it. We'd rather let people with great ideas shape the convention, instead of trying to determine it all in advance ourselves. So long as our philosophy doesn't get forgotten, we want to encourage a plethora of ideas and activities at the convention; "sensawonda" doesn't come in cans, you know.

Besides that, we still need to have a giant milk carton boat race entry, with warp nacelles provided by the USS Phoenix, Nokomis and other local Trek groups, a ghoominton tournament at the convention itself, a ConSuite contest for the Most Interesting Use of Lime Jello in the Strategic Defense Initiative (or Elsewhere, For That Matter), and a demonstration of the esoteric art of creating illos directly on mimeo stencils and how it relates to tattooing, among other things.



Minicon Encounters of the First Kind

Hello. I am Jerry Corwin, channeler. As channeler I'll be the first person you, the Phan, Pro, Huckster, Neo, and Most Blessed Volunteer, will contact regarding Minicon 28. I'm the one who can point you in the right direction. If you've got a question I'm the one who knows where the answer can be found.

Many of the people that you may need to contact are within the pages of this PR, but they're shy folk who closely guard address and number. So, if you need to make contact, are having a difficult time contacting, or you're not sure who to contact, I'm your handyman. All you need do is write or call:

Minicon 28
Jerry Corwin / Channeler
P.O. Box 8297, Lake Street Station
Minneapolis, MN 55408

#(612) 338-4728

The Grand Triumvirate and their Department Directors want to have the best communication possible, both internally which you (hopefully) won't see and externally which (again, hopefully) you will see and will make you say to yourself, "Self, these dudes are really on the ball and gosh what fun and interesting times I'll have at Minicon!". As channeler my job is to provide the framework for that communication.

Speaking of communication, let us know what you would like to see, hear, feel, smell, touch, and sense at Minicon 28. Write us a little note, write us a long letter, and send it along with your registration form. If you have attended Minicon before, tell us what was done right. What was done wrong? I cannot promise that we will act on every suggestion, BUT will promise that all suggestions will get due consideration. I refuse to dismiss an idea or criticism out of hand. So send them in and let us take a look!

So I'm the guy to come to first and the one to go to in last resort. Jerry Corwin, channeler, handyman, and corresponding secretary. Remember! "I know where they live".

Tell Us How To Do It

The Grand Triumvirate will be hosting Open Forums on Minicon 28 so that you can give them your GREAT ideas face to face.

With one exception, all of the Open Forums will be held the last Sunday of the Month on the following dates at the:

Roger Imme Center
Whittier Park
2600 Grand Ave. So.
Minneapolis, MN.

3:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

1992

10/25

Open Forum

Topic To Be Announced

1993

01/10

Open Forum

Topic To Be Announced

02/28

Open Forum

Topic To Be Announced

Call the Minn-STF Hotline
(612) 824-5559
or Write the Minicon P.O.
Box for Open Forum Topics.



Writer's Workshop?

Interest has been expressed in having a writer's workshop at Minicon 28. Before committing limited resources to doing a workshop, however, the Grand Triumvirate needs to find out how much interest there is among the attendees. Will there be enough people willing to participate in the workshop so that it makes sense to devote some time, money and floor space to it?

Write us if you:

- are interested in participating,
- have any ideas,
- want to help, or
- have warm fuzzies to pass along.

Minicon 28 / Writer's Workshop
P.O. Box #8297

Let There Be PROGRAMMING!

Of course there will be the usual

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Panels and Discussions

the Minicon Masquerade

Filmeo

you know, the usual. If you don't know, come and find out.

We may just surprise you.
We might even surprise ourselves.



Have you got a good programming idea?

We want to hear about those exciting programming ideas. Write to us in care of the Minicon P.O. Box. The deadline is Sunday, January 31st, 1993. *The earlier the better!*

The Fan Room

by Jeff Schalles

The Fan Room is sort of like a fannish play room, or rumpus room, where fans can roll up their sleeves and engage in some serious fanac. Wear old clothes. We are going to mess around with mimeographs. No computers will be allowed! Re-live the days of yesteryear, before VCRs, cable TV or videogames, when we were all typing maniacally onto wax

stencils until 3 A.M. An electrostenciler will be on hand for artwork, as will be mimeoscopes, lettering guides, styli and shading plates. Bring your ideas. Come and learn how fandom began, at the handles of countless mimeographs, spirit duplicators, and hectographs.

The countdown is on once again, and here I am trying to come up with something worth saying for PR1, last minute of course. The question is not "will we ever learn?" but, "will it never end?". I'm asking myself this and it's only July. What will the future (that great black gaping abyss of Minicon 28) hold?

V. Ellen Starr

Art Show, Director



Artist: TBA

Most certainly (so they tell me) - an Art Show & Auction, and that's why I'm sitting here in my dismal office typing into my PC on a glorious summer day when I'd rather be . . . well . . . doing just about anything else. So far, there isn't much to say, except "I need HELP!". I am looking for volunteers to help before and throughout the convention. Please let me know if you're interest in helping by marking "Art Show" on the Minicon Volunteer Form and sending it with your Registration.

Artists

Yes, you need to contact us this year.

If you are an artist wanting to put your artwork in the art show please request additional information by marking "Art Show" on your Registration Form. Information about art show registration and set up will be mailed to you. If you have unanswered questions or concerns please write to the Minicon P.O. Box number.

There will be some changes from the previous years, though what they will be is still being negotiated. Stay tuned to your bat channel for further updates.

All mailed-in art should be sent to me at the following address:

V. Ellen Starr c/o Ickler Bearing & Machine Co.
2832 South First Street
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Again, don't forget to request additional art show information on your registration form so we can send you artist registration forms and rules. Well . . . the sunshine is beckoning and so I must bid farewell. Until next time . . . th-th-that's all folks.

Spending the Night?

Hotel: Kathy Marschall & Karen Johnson

DEJA VU, almost. Minicon is returning to the Radisson Hotel South in Bloomington, Minnesota, and your Hotel Reservation Form can be found within the pages of this PR.

Negotiations are in progress for an overflow hotel; we hope to have that information in the next PR. You'll be delighted to find the same room rates at the Radisson Hotel South as last year:

\$ 48 Room - Single, Double, Triple, & Quad

\$ 59 Poolside Cabana - Single, Double, Triple, & Quad

\$ 99 One-Bedroom Suite/South Tower

\$139 Two-Bedroom Suite/South Tower

This year **all** rooms, cabanas, and suites within the Radisson Hotel South are being allocated through the all-powerful Suite Ghods. If you are reserving a room at the Radisson be sure to read the next page for additional information regarding room reservations and allocation.

NOTE: If you have special room requests, such as being on a specific floor, indicate your request by contacting the Suite Ghods through the "Room Request Form".

The Radisson will honor our convention rates for the day before the convention, Thursday, April 8th, 1993.

To Contact The Radisson Directly, Write or Call:

Radisson Hotel South & Plaza Tower
7800 Normandale Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55439-3145

Phone: #(612) 835-7800

Live a Life of Luxury in Your Dream Vacation Home!

...or at least get a room with two beds.

a message from the Suite Ghods (The Minicon Housing Authority)

Kevin Matheny

Christina Mastro de Danann

Who or what are Suite Ghods?

Suite Ghods are mysterious yet benign elder beings who toil long hours to give fans the rooms they want and deserve.

How do they do this?

They take requests from people who want rooms and try to give them what they ask for. This is for everybody, not just suites or room parties. So check the box on the registration form if you want to get a room request form.

Who is this program for?

Everybody. Really. We will be allocating all of the suites and the cabanas, mostly for parties, but even if you just want to be sure that you will have a room with two beds, let us know.

What does this mean to you?

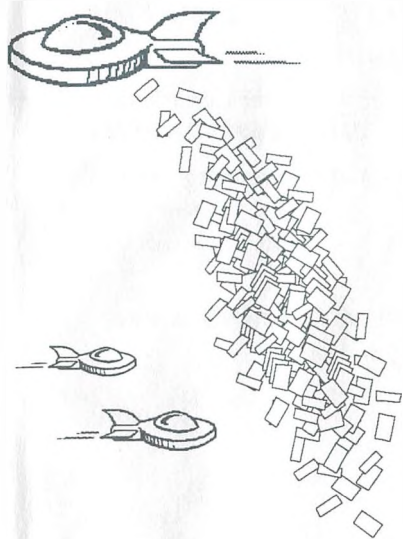


Our system of allocating rooms overrides the Radisson Hotel South.

This means that requests made through the hotel *may or may not* be honored. Requests made through the Suite Ghods will be honored and confirmed. We may not be able to give you exactly what you want (if we run out of poolside cabanas, for example) but we'll get you as close as we can, and mail you a confirmation form before the convention.

Well, how do I work this?

1. Reserve a room at the hotel by mailing the Hotel Reservation Form enclosed with this PR or phoning the hotel directly. Get a reservation number.
2. Request a form from us when you register for Minicon.
3. Fill out the form. You will need one reservation number for each room you are requesting. (Suites are 3 rooms)
4. Wait for your confirmation card.



Dealer's Room

Kelly O'Donoghue

Looking for an old SF book?
Need a new dragon t-shirt or silly
fannish button? Well start saving
that hard earned cash because
the Dealer's Room will be open
for business at Minicon 28.

Dealer's

We will not be using our previous
mailing lists so please request an
application by marking "Dealer's
Room" on your registration form
or write to P.O. Box #8297. Your
dealer's application will be mailed
to you.

DO NOT SEND MONEY!

Your application should be
returned to us by October 1st,
1992 for priority consideration.

Our Weapons Policy

Operations: Cat Ocel

Really the whole policy boils down to
"Don't be stupid," but there are those
who prefer more explicit guidelines.
With those folk in mind here goes,
and remember that for the purposes
of this policy, photons are waves.

1. Above all, use good judgment. If
your gear would be unsafe, while
complying with the remaining
guidelines, please don't use it.
2. No projectile weapons of any sort.
These are devices that throw
particles or substances, or are
thrown themselves. Squirt guns
with liquid are projectile
weapons and should not be
carried. An unstrung bow or
crossbow with no arrows
is not a projectile weapon.
3. All weapons must be carried in a
sheath, sling or container of some
sort at all times. Peace bonding is
strongly encouraged.
4. Only Class II lasers or lower are
considered safe and acceptable.

For the purposes of these guidelines,
"weapons" encompasses: actual
weapons (they do what they look like
they do), facsimile weapons (close
copies of actual weapons), anything
actually used as a weapon (please
don't), and anything an otherwise
ignorant observer would have
reasonable grounds to think was a
weapon.

If you are still in doubt, write to:
P.O. Box #8297.

WANT ADS

We're Looking For A Few Good Badges

Registration is soliciting your artwork for Badges. Of course we'd prefer your creations to fit this years theme - **Suite, Savage, Minicon** - or be applicable to our Guests of Honor (so far : Don Fitch as "Bless His Sweet Heart", and Susan Allison as "Editor").

The badge size is rectangular:

3 1/2 inches by 4 inches

and requires space for the badge name

(2 1/2 inches by 1 1/2 inches)

and badge number

(1 inch by 3/4 of -an-inch).

If you wish to submit artwork, send it to our ever popular P.O. Box #8297.

Joyce Scrivner Registration Dept. Dir.

Commonwealth Fan Fund

We are working on trying to get a fan from the Zoryany Schlyah SF Club in Kiev, Ukraine, as a guest at Minicon 28, and **we need your support**. Costs are currently estimated at roughly \$2,000. We are going to have a number of fundraisers throughout the year - please contact Minicon 28 through the P.O. Box for details. Or, you can send a direct donation to: Minicon 28 Commonwealth Fan Fund, c/o the Minicon P.O. Box #8297.

Any amount will help!

WANTED

Suite, Savage, Creations in Black & White

Experience the egoboo of seeing your imagination paraded up and down the halls of the Radisson Hotel South. Have everyone looking their fannish best long after Minicon in a t-shirt (*we're also looking into offering sweatshirts, tote bags, etc*) with art designed by you. Send us your submissions. Don't put it off and miss this opportunity!

**Deadline for submissions is:
November 30th, 1993.**

Royalties will be paid for the art selected for use on Minicon 28 merchandise.

Your art work must be camera-ready (black & White), and sized to fit the front or back of a t-shirt. Our theme - Suite, Savage, Minicon - is a guideline for inspiration, but not required. Let your creativity and imagination explore the realm of science fiction and fantasy. Send us your t-shirt art! Send it to Minicon, P.O. Box #8297, don't delay.

If you want your artwork returned, included a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your submission. Save the postage, send us a good quality copy.

We will be advertising t-shirts for pre-con-sale in a future Progress Report.

What would Minicon be without a souvenir!

LIVE LONG AND VOLUNTEER!

Minicon is a wonderment!

Wond•er•ment \ n (1535)

1 : ASTONISHMENT, SURPRISE

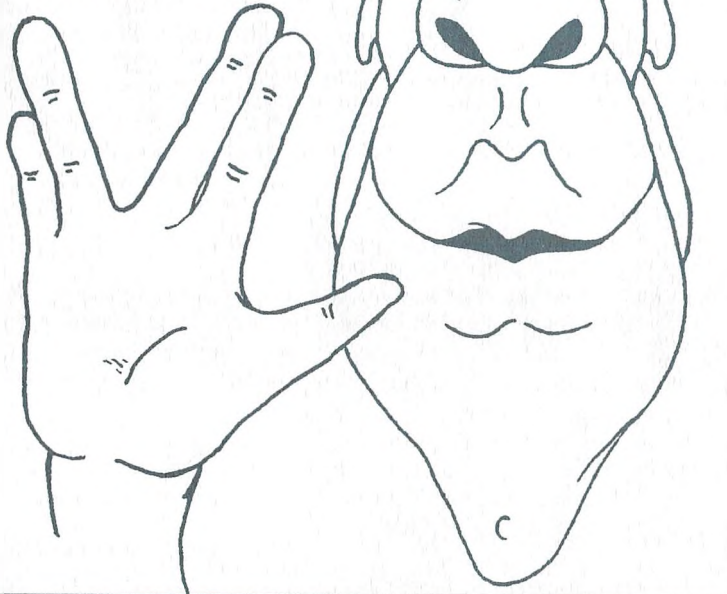
2 : a cause of or occasion for wonder

3 : curiosity about something

A weekend of wonderment. A wonderment, because thousands and thousands of little things come together to create Minicon and breathe life into it. The fun, the creativity, and the silliness are created each year through magic, the magic of **participation**. Fans and would-be fans volunteer their time and energy to pull all those little things together and bring you a science fiction convention.

Volunteer and experience
the magic.

Help us create a Suite, Savage,
Minicon.



Your Suite, Savage, Volunteer Form

(Please Print)

Name #1: _____

Address: _____

City State/Prov. Zip

Phone; Home: () Work: ()

Name #2: _____

Address: _____

City State/Prov. Zip

Phone; Home: () Work: ()

WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE / BE ABLE TO WORK?

#1 #2 BEFORE the Con (Now thru April 7th, 1993)

DURING the Con (Th - M April 8-12, 1993)

I will work BOTH before and during the Con

We need help in the following areas. Please number in the order of your preference marking as many as you are interested in.

- | #1 | #2 | | #1 | #2 | |
|-----|-----|---------------------|-----|-----|--------------------|
| [] | [] | Art Show | [] | [] | Insurance |
| [] | [] | Convention Services | [] | [] | Life Support |
| [] | [] | - Badge Art | [] | [] | MTV |
| [] | [] | - Childcare | [] | [] | Operations |
| [] | [] | - Info Center | [] | [] | Parties |
| [] | [] | - Signs | [] | [] | - Subhead |
| [] | [] | - Tech Support | [] | [] | - Twinkie |
| [] | [] | - Gopher | [] | [] | Programming |
| [] | [] | - Badger | [] | [] | - Green Room |
| [] | [] | Dealer's Room | [] | [] | - Masquerade |
| [] | [] | Fan Room | [] | [] | Publications |
| [] | [] | Film / Video | [] | [] | - Restaurant Guide |
| [] | [] | Gaming | [] | [] | Registration |
| [] | [] | Guest Liaison | [] | [] | T-Shirts |
| [] | [] | Hotel | [] | [] | Treasury |

I don't know. Please send me more information.

Comments or Ideas:

Send with Registration Form to Minicon P.O. Box Number

Are you on our guest list?

Here's your opportunity to register (*unless you've already registered*) for the best regional convention in the Upper Midwest. Please join us for the fun and adventure of Minicon 28, April 9th thru the 11th at the Radisson South Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota. Just fill out the Registration Form on the following page and send it to - *Minicon 28, Post Office Box #8297, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408* - along with your registration fee.

Pre-registration: \$20

Pre-registration *postmark* deadline is:

February 28th, 1993

Supporting: \$5

Child (under 12): \$10

At-the-Door: \$50

Please do not send cash. Make your check or Money Order out to "Minicon". We will endeavor to deposit checks within two weeks of receipt. All registration fees are non-refundable. All registrations are transferable before the con - a signed letter is required.

There will be a fee, up to \$20, for each check returned for insufficient funds.

Please provide us with your name, address, and all that other information we're requesting, yes, we use it all. Be sure to mark "Registration Type" and if you were born before April 9th, 1972.

Think you might use our Childcare facilities? If so, let us know by marking the box "I Plan to Use Childcare". Please include the child's age and the name of an accompanying adult.

If you'll be staying at the Radisson be sure to mark "Send Suite Ghods Room Request Form".

If you are planning a room party, need a physically accessible room, or other special need in your hotel room, mark "Hotel".

Don't forget to mark the additional information you'd like us to send.

Back by popular demand

Badge Names!

Clearly print your badge name (just as you want it to appear - up to 30 characters) in the space provided. If your name and badge name will be the same - leave that space BLANK. Contact Registration for Special Badge Requests through the Minicon P.O. Box.

Legal identification will be required at check-in and must match the name on your registration form.

Before you put that pen or pencil down, have you filled out your volunteer form?

Minicon 28 Registration Form

(Please Print Clearly)

If you are registering more than two people, please copy, or send same information on plain paper. Make checks or money orders payable to "Minicon".

Name #1: _____

Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

City

State/Prov.

Zip

Phone: () _____ () _____
Home Work

Recently Moved? Yes No
Were you born before April 9th, 1972? Yes No

Name #2: _____

Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

City

State/Prov.

Zip

Phone: () _____ () _____
Home Work

Recently Moved? Yes No
Were you born before April 9th, 1972? Yes No

#1 Registration Type

- \$20 Adult pre-registration
- \$5 Supporting registration
- \$10 Child registration

Age of Child: _____

#2 Registration Type

- \$20 Adult pre-registration
- \$5 Supporting registration
- \$10 Child registration

Age of Child: _____

Children MUST be accompanied by an adult Minicon attendee.

Name of Accompanying Adult(s) _____

I Plan to Use Childcare

() _____

Phone Number for Adult

Please send more information on:

- Volunteering
- Hotels
- Childcare
- Art Show
- Masquerade
- Dealer's Room

All rooms, cabanas, and suites within the Radisson Hotel South will be allocated through the Suite Ghods. If you plan to reserve a room, cabana, or suite at the Radisson mark the box below!



Send: Suite Ghods "Room Request Form"

Send registration form and check in envelope to:

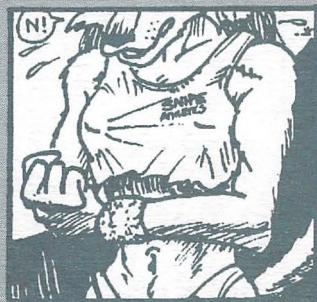
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