

Minicon 30

# The Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act

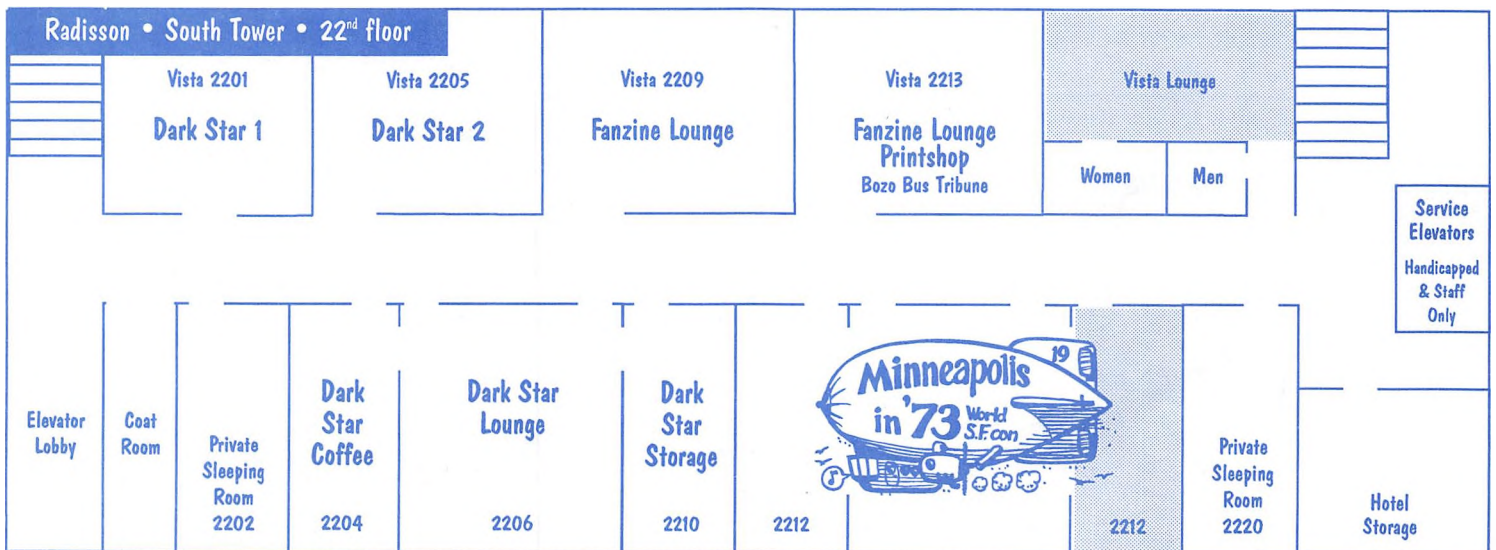
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It has become increasingly apparent in the past few years that, as Minicon attendance has grown, so have the number of attendees who smoke, and the simple fact of the matter is that *this is Minnesota*. There just is not enough open air space in the hallways and function rooms of this hotel to allow everyone who would like to smoke to light up. A number of people, some with major respiratory disabilities, have complained that they are not able to move around freely in the 2nd floor function spaces without encountering tobacco smoke. A few have been forced to stop coming to the convention entirely. So, unfortunately, smoking, which has been restricted indoors to specifically posted areas throughout this state for over 19 years, now needs to be brought under control at Minicon, in as polite and as non-confrontational of a manner as possible.

As stated in Minicon 30's Progress Report One, smoking is permitted indoors only where it is clearly posted as a designated smoking area. Smoking areas can be found in the hotel bar, lounge, and restaurants, in designated rooms of the Consuite, along the south and west sides of the pool, in a hotel-designated area on the Plaza level near the artshow, and in a con-provided lounge in Atrium 6 on the second floor of the north tower, in addition to individual guest rooms (on the smoking floors.) Smokers are requested to be considerate and to remain aware of this restriction despite any elevated degree of party mode. And, please be particularly aware that smoking is specifically banned in hallways and stairwells, and that smoking on elevators is just simply *unacceptable*. Both the Health Department *and* the Fire Marshal take a dim view of *that*.

Although the hotel places ashtrays in various areas, such as in elevator lobbies, these are for extinguishing materials accidentally brought into these areas only. These are not smoking areas.

Non-smokers also need to be considerate. This is the second year of this project, and only the first year where it has been widely publicized starting with PR1. Although every convention member will receive this flyer with their registration pack, there will still be some con goers who take a while to get the message. If a fan sees what they consider to be a rather flagrant flaunting of the smoking policy, it might be best to report it to the bridge (x6489) and let the troubleshooters take care of it. But—if someone feels they absolutely must take it upon themselves to remind a smoker of the Minicon 30 Clean Air Project, we would like to advise that they please take a moment to think of a very polite way in which to do it. No shouting, please. And if this doesn't work, call the bridge. Thanks.



Smoking permitted in shaded areas

