

Bozo Bus Tribune

The Official Organ of Minicon 52

"We're all bozos on this bus!"

Opening Ceremonies...

...was short and full of laughs both raucous and awkward. **Mark Oshiro** extolled Twin Cities fandom, declaring that Minicon 52 will be his last Fan GoH gig because he's published a book and will presumably be a pro GoH from now on. Master of Ceremonies **Toni Brust** introduced **Jim Hines** warmly: "He's a big part of the reason Minicon has an anti-harassment policy." When Jim gave her a meaningful look and the crowd tittered with laughter, she went on: "I hate accidental punchlines! You know what? I'm gonna let it ride." As for Mr. Hines, he told us that he'd been intending to prepare some remarks for us, "but then the Star Wars trailer dropped." Indeed, what can you do? And Joel Phillips invited everyone who feels like **Bloody Marys and mimosas** to be outside the bar at 10 Saturday morning.

Reality Goes Boom?

There will be a **virtual reality** demo station in the gaming area run by **Mark Richards** on Saturday. Various programs and games will be available. 2–4p.m. is reserved for sessions of "**Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes**". You are stuck in a room with a fiendish device and your friends have just found the manual. You have to describe the various pieces of the device while they have to describe back to you how to disarm it. Tick... tick... tick...

-Mark Richards

And a special minis event...

Demo scenarios for **Sagamami Island Tactical Simulator (SITS)** will be offered by Brooks Flugaur-Leavitt at 4:30 Saturday in the gaming area. SITS is a 3D miniature space combat game set in David Weber's Honor Harrington universe.

Parties to dip your toes in

(An incomplete list)

- **MarsCon 2018**, in room 210, offers White Russians and Jupiter shots. Ask for *two* spots of grenadine!
- The **cookie-tasting contest** ostensibly occurring on the patio wall of room 116 was nearly drowned out by the spirits, drums and guitar.
- In the so-called "**Ball Pit**" of Cabana 102, a lively horde of musicians encourage you to bring your instruments. And if you're bold, play **Rocksmith** next door in 103. Like Guitar Hero with actual instruments!
- **General Technics** in 108 will be partying tonight, starting whenever people show up.
- The **Social Media party** (including a wake for LiveJournal) starts at 8p.m. Saturday in 206.

And in Krushenko's Annex (Cabana 110)...

- Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to late: Bandana Square cons party, sponsored by **Diversicon**, **Arcana** and **Con-Sarnit**.
- Sunday at 7:15: A party for readers and viewers sponsored by **Second Foundation**, an SF book-discussion group.

-Eric Heidemann

In memoriam

Since Minicon 51 we've lost **John Calvin Rezmerski** (1942–2016) and **Michael Levy** (1950–2017), long-time teachers and critics of speculative fiction as well as lifelong fans. Michael Levy is especially remembered for his long-running participation in the "Year in SF" panel at Minicon, John Calvin Rezmerski is particularly remembered for his participation in the Lady Poetesses from Hell performance art group.

Cinema Obscura Saturday Line-Up!

(Details available on the printed schedules at the Film Room or Info Desk)

12:45.....The AckerMonster Chronicles

2:15.....Charles Beaumont: The Life of Twilight Zone's Magic Man

4:00.....Fastner & Larson's Trailer Park of Science Fiction & Horror (UK Edition)

5:15.....Space: 1999 – “Breakaway” (Pilot) and “Black Sun”

7:00.....Quatermass and the Pit (aka Five Million Years to Earth)

8:30 and beyond.....We'll see!

Corrections

- x Jean Martin has been added to “Parenting and the Non-neurotypical Child.”
- x Matt Lauer's **Bourbon & Board Games** party Saturday night starts between 6 and 8p.m. and goes until whenever people leave.
- x The Consuite Second is **Rakhi Rajpal**.

Face time with Rachel Kronick

Once-local fan **Rachel Kronick** is now living in Taiwan, but she still wants to talk with us! Emily Stewart will facilitate a video chat with Rachel in Veranda 2 (off the upper Garden Court hallway) at 7p.m. Saturday.

Free Fan Book

Tyler Tork would like to announce a Minicon special price—free—for the Kindle edition of his novel, *Doctor Dead*, a Percy and Quincey adventure. Find it at goo.gl/3mUZSf. Reviews greatly appreciated!

Krahn-Gahlon 4a.m. pulse check

Bar: 4 Outside bar: 3 Consuite: 3 Jigsaw: 4
Counter: 1 TOTAL: 15

Reg update

As of 10p.m. Friday at the close of registration, our count was 562, with 477 warm bodies.

Medallion Hunt =D0DEx=

From the Cluemeister: Sadly, this year no Dealer Dollars were printed. This year we therefore have vintage Minicon T-Shirts as prizes for Medallions 3 and above along with 1 free book donated by

Dreamhaven Books, which you can claim with a signed voucher from the Cluemeister. We thank Dreamhaven for their support of Minicon and the Medallion Hunt!! The Big Kahuna (20) will receive this year’s T-shirt and a free book from Dreamhaven.

The Cluemeister's first official Hour of Redemption will be noon – 1 Saturday at the BBT Office (still on the balcony of the Green Room in 201.) There will be a sign near the door with additional hours.

PENNYFINDER TALES

2. **John M.** claimed this from behind the large square mirror between rooms 220 and 223.

7. Found by **Stef** from the Bar Group while looking for #6, interestingly. It was under the small clear coffee table near the 1st floor South elevators.

9. This medallion was attached to the westmost fire extinguisher (which might cause a place to be “cool”) not recessed in the wall (and thus “hanging out”) in the North Tower. Also found by **Stef**, who was just looking under everything.

CLUES: ROUND 2

1. Found by John Stanley after some ribbing by the Game Master :)

3. I stand between the candle and the star. We stand between the darkness and the light

4. I’m new, where should I go?

5. I don’t move up or down but my view is clear

6. I’m single, but I’d like to find my mate if I’m not hogging your time

8. I see all but none see me

10. I may not be effective but my big brothers will change your life

15. If you use your eyes you’ll see I’m not chicken

20. Let’s all socialize & play together!

Have an announcement, a news story, a review, a personal item, or anything else for the BBT? Drop it in the Submission Box outside the BBT Office or write to bdt@minicon52.mnstf.org.

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