

Holy Nerdfest, Batman!

I attended my first comic book convention as a featured artist on Saturday. The [Steel City Con](#) was held in Cheswick, PA over the weekend, featuring the likes of: Anthony Daniels, the actor who played C3PO in *Star Wars*; Catherine Bach who played Daisy Duke in the *Dukes of Hazzard*(!); Jim Martin, the 4-time Emmy Award-winning director from *Sesame Street* and *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood*; and Mick Foley, three-time WWF Champion. Check out this [PG video](#) from the convention, even though I'm not in it.

I was manning the ToonSeum table, along with a few other cartoonists. The [ToonSeum](#) is Pittsburgh's newest museum and features cartoon art from all genres. (Full disclosure: I am the president of the board of the ToonSeum.) What does an editorial cartoonist do at a comic book convention other than feel out of place? Aside from signing copies of my cartoons, I was also selling a collection of Bush cartoons that I edited called [Bush Leaguers](#), and distributing free copies of the ToonSeum's latest cartoon project, [North](#), a comic book guide to Pittsburgh's North Side.

As you might guess, there were many costumed actors walking around and posing for pictures.



I managed to get my picture taken with Steelman, proving that I was there. According to his website, the [Steel Man's](#) costume is inspired from Pittsburgh's Industrial Past and Present Steelmaking in the United States. He's the self-proclaimed "World's First and Only Ever Post-Industrial Anti-Hero." If anyone knows what that really means, please explain it in the comments below.

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