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Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

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CARTOON FANTASY ORGANIZATION

JAPANESE ANIMATED SF & FANTASY

The Cartoon/Fantasy Organization shows SF and Fantasy in animated cartoon form from Japan on the third Saturday of each month. The program starts with half-hour serial episodes at 1:00 pm, and ends with a feature from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The May 2001 meeting will include the club's 24th anniversary party. Free admission, though attendees often bring refreshments to share with each other.

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

LADWVS = L.A. Dr. Who Viewing Society
 ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.
 BOD = Board of Directors
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 FUCC = Fandom Universal Computer Club
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club

CALENDAR DETAILS

LADWVS - 6:30 pm
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever
 BOD - 11:00 am, games start at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 FUCC - Evening
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm
 FWEMS - '50s Musicals

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

MAY 3 - Animation
MAY 9 - Not scheduled at this time
MAY 17 - Episodes of Tom Corbett Space Cadet
MAY 24 - Guest Speaker, Frank Thomas
MAY 31 - Invaders from Mars Video

FANZINES

By Ted White

Fanzines are a basic part of science fiction fandom, having been in existence as long as fandom itself – the past 70 years. Fanzines are a reflection of many fans' interest in the printed word and amateur publishing. The publication you are reading this in is a fanzine, but a specialized one. A variety of other fanzines are also available – many of them by request – and this column will cover some of them each issue.

All fanzines are published as a hobby and lose money. Their editors appreciate money to defray their expenses and some-

times list single-copy or subscription prices, but they appreciate even more your written response – a Letter of Comment, or LoC. Feedback – better known in fandom as “egoboo” – is what fanzine publishing is all about.

Check out the fanzines below and broaden your participation in fandom.

THE KNARLEY KNEWS (Henry L. Welch, 1525 16th Ave., Grafton, WI 53024-2017; e-mail to welch@msoe.edu; available for trade, contributions, letters of comment or \$1.50 a copy)

The Knarley Knews is published bimonthly and the current (February) issue is #86. That tells you something right there: this is no fly-by-night fanzine. In some respects, one can say this fanzine is typical of many individually-edited fanzines, in that it reflects the personality, interests and friendships of its editor. But in reflecting a specific editor’s interests and milieu, it is also unique to that editor – in this case Henry Welch. Welch stands a little to one side of fandom’s major cliques and social structure, a self-professed anti-elitist, choosing his own personal path and friends – and for that reason his fanzine is perhaps an easier entry point for those new to fanzines. There are no secret handclaps and no inside jokes here.

But Welch puts plenty into the 24 pages of his fanzine: an editorial in which he talks about his life; a rather pugnacious fanzine-review column by the rather pugnacious Rodney Leighton; “Witchard’s Armagnac,” an idiosyncratic column by Gene Stewart; “Zazerath’s,” a review of Tad Williams’ *City of Golden Shadow* by Derek Miller; a meaty 13-page letter column; “Sue’s Sites,” a short editorial by Henry’s mother; and “Fanzines Received in Trade,” a one-page listing of fanzines received (with one-sentence descriptions) which occupies the inside back cover.

The whole thing is attractively published (double-columned computer-set type, photo-copied) with a scattering of art inside and a cover by Hugo-winning fanartist Teddy Harvia. If I had to use one word to sum up this fanzine it would be “non-confrontational.” Despite the presence of firecrackers like Leighton and Stewart, Welch keeps his fanzine down-home folksy and family-friendly.

NO AWARD (Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore St., #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606; e-mail to martyhoohah@netzero.net; available for “the usual” – trades, letters of comment, contributions – or \$5.00 a copy)

Marty Cantor used to publish a fat fanzine called *Holier Than Thou* back in the ’80s, but after dropping that title he started *No Award* a decade later. (The choice of title allows him to make the facetious claim that this fanzine has been

on every Hugo Award ballot for years.) A 30-page “genzine” (or generally-oriented fanzine), the latest issue (#8) is produced on a computer but printed by a modern Gestetner super-mimeograph which produces a look close to that of photocopying. The material is solid, with Milt Stevens’ review of Delaney’s *Dahlgren* taking top honors. There are columns by Thom Digby, Mike Glycer, and Len Moffatt (the latter’s a memoir of his life in fandom), an essay-length fanzine review by Joseph Major and a 7-page letter column, plus lots of little extra bits fitted in here and there. *No Award* hasn’t been around as long as *The Knarley Knews*, but despite a slightly fussy layout it is better-edited and offers more to its readers.

NICHEVO (Nic Farey, P.O. Box 178, St. Leonard MD 20685; e-mail to nicfarey@popfire.net; available for contribution, letter of comment, recommendation, editorial whim or \$3.00 a copy)

Editor Farey calls *Nichevo* a “fandomcentric genzine.” The first issue is dated November, and the schedule is quarterly, so the second may be out soon. Farey’s approach is typical of the more “fannish” fanzine editors. He describes “fandomcentric” as a “primary concern [for] fans, fanzines, fan funds, fan awards, conventions, local groups or issues of the day relating directly to fandom.” *Nichevo*’s contents page follows this policy by categorizing the contributions as “Editorial,” “Fanzines” (three separate pieces), “Fan Funds” (commentary on TAFF), “Feud” (editor Farey takes on a loud-mouthed critic of a fannish e-list), and “Fans” (a profile of TAFF-winner and British fan Martin Tudor). The writing is lively and provocative and *Nichevo* provides a good entry into this part of fandom.

More reviews next issue.

--Ted White

zines received in trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

club zines: EINBLATT! April 2001. FOSFAX #202 (FOSFA). NASFA SHUTTLE Mar. 2001, Apr. 2001. INSTANT MESSAGE #682 & 683 (NESFA). PSFS NEWS Apr. 2001 (PSFS). PULSAR #268 (PorSFis). DASFAx Vol.33, No. 3 (DASFA). ConNotations Vol.11, Issue 2 (CASFS). WESTWIND #256 (NWSFS). TWILIGHT ZINE #42, #44, #45 (MITSFS).

other zines: TIGHTBEAM #224, #225 (N3F).

Lafa

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, May 19, 2001

Lafa Filksing
Filk: 7:30 pm to ???
Pre-Filk Dinner: 5:00 pm

Pooh Bear Lair
Hosts: Harry, Mara & Madeline
Brener
325 Sharon Rd., Arcadia 91006
(626) 447-1664

TYPE OF CIRCLE: Moderated Kaos

Pre-filk dinner:
Xin Bao, 7940 E. Garvey, Rosemead:
(626) 288-8718. Call Harry & Mara
for reservations

*Filksite directions: see Thomas Bros.
L.A. Co., pg. 597, grid B/C-1 (1992
ed.); pg. 38, grid D-1 (older eds.)*

Lafa info: Barry & Lee Gold:
(310) 306-7456

CONDENSED CREAM OF MEN- ACE

(complete minutes can be read in APAL, are filed in the archives, and can be found at <www.lasfs.org>)

Meeting #3316, March 1, 2001
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lemke, emergency back-up scribe

Since the mike (not be confused with the Mike) was actually working, President Beckstead was able to declare the meeting called to order, "If y'all'd shut up!!!" (This was followed by comments about the President's rich fantasy life.) Meeting number 3316 was called to order at 20:13:51. The **Menace** from last week were not available, so the Emergency Back-up Scribe made some up. It was moved and seconded that any corrections, additions, and approval be made up as well delayed until next week when the real Menace were available.

Patron Saint Marjii Ellers was honored with a multitude of very kind comments and three cheers.

Archives: Eylat Poliner continues to seek old Menaces.

Committee to Gouge: Many items were auctioned off, including an Officially Empty Box.

Registrar: There are no guests. Shaun Lyon isn't here, so we can't blame the dearth on his influence. For tonight, it was suggested that the Registrar having recently had a haircut, be known as "Shom."

Mike Weasner announced that he now has a chapter in a book that's recently been published. The book is titled *Astronomy with Small Telescopes*. <www.weasner.com/etx>.

Becky Barber announced that her parents are visiting tomorrow. She'll be bringing them to LASFS, Friday and/or Saturday, perhaps with the intention of driving them back to wherever they came from.

Ed (Salieri) Green reviewed the meeting, saying there were "too many puns." (*There is no such thing as "too many puns."* - ed.)

The Sterns are now lifers at LASFS, having paid their lifetime dues.

Joe Zeff also announced that he is now a lifer. (*In which there is never time off for good behaviour as being a LASFS member precludes good behaviour.—ed.*)

Phil Castora notes that the committee to Paint Orange County Some Other Color has been stalled in its efforts, because the color-blind paint buyer bought the only color of paint that wouldn't accomplish that goal.

A motion to close passed at 21:00:36.

Meeting #3317, March 8, 2001
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Mike Glycer, the Once & Future Scribe

Another Thursday meant time for another meeting of the Los Angeles Speaker Fixing Society. To get the PA working again, President Cathy Beckstead had Glycer read back the amplifier settings she had carefully dictated to him once Bob made it work the previous week. After Cathy followed these instructions with the same military precision displayed by the captain of a nuclear submarine, our clubhouse immediately surfaced under a tuna trawler. Fortunately, Bob Null was not far away and all the fish in the room were saved for Friday night's card games. Bob made the microphone work in time for Cathy to shout down Rob Cole's meeting-opening motion to adjourn. Cathy said, "Too bad. If I have to stay here for the next hour, so do you!"

Special Order of Charlie: Phil Castora officially noted that Charlie Jackson 2 was not with us tonight. "Yay!" declared Jerry. At the risk of disappointing Dr. Poumelle, Phil explained that he hadn't announced this because Charlie himself suddenly qualified to be mentioned as a special order. Rather, said Phil, "Charlie's plumbing is being redone." Ed Green changed his mind and felt we should take another look at that motion to adjourn.

Minutes: Glycer said his minutes of two weeks ago were available. Ed Green jumped in with some old business passed when Glycer was absent the previous week and left substitute scribe Karl Lembke without a set of minutes to read. Ed had moved that Glycer's minutes be accepted as correct and approved when available. Which was now. Several members thought this was more fun than Ed should be allowed to have by himself, beginning a confused one-upmanship about the best way to keep Glycer from reading the minutes. Ed's final motion, to approve them as the best set of minutes we've never heard, passed by acclamation. He promptly moved to allow a "mercy reading" of the minutes. I'm not sure what a mercy reading of the minutes involves, other than when somebody asks, "Was it good for you too?" the polite answer is, "I enjoyed that as much as I've enjoyed every other set of Glycer's minutes." That seemed to be Jerry's approach, since he said, "I can't make any corrections - and besides, he got it all right."

Then Glycer gave the traditional unsympathetic cold reading to Karl Lembke's minutes from the week before. This was helped by the fact that Karl had put down December 28 as the meeting date. Someone, maybe Karl, sang, "Let's do the time warp again." Joe Zeff had an addition of his own - the minutes needed to mention that he had paid lifetime dues that week. And Ed Green said that the

camel information request came from a local military outfit on its way to Kuwait. Cathy impatiently asked, "Can we have another correction?" Ed Green contributed, "And your mom dresses you funny too!" So Phil Castora moved that these minutes be accepted as unfil-tered. And they were.

Registrar: A shorn Lynx introduced a guest. The guest prompted a string of Harlan Ellison references that, in a logic of their own, ended with Cathy Beckstead admitting, "I don't think I could outbitch Harlan."

Auction: We had one. Make the next one funnier and I'll write more! (*And I will condense less. - ed.*)

Patron Saint: Dave Fox was tonight's Patron Saint. Hare Hobbs remembered back when the library stacks room was still an open social area by the front door Dave Fox used to sit in during meetings. Dave Fox came to LASFS' third meeting ever, and kept on coming, outlasting all to bear the unofficial title of "most active" LASFSian of his time. Fox had only missed meetings when he was in the Marines in World War II. Jerry Pournelle agreed that Dave "was a good man." Three cheers were administered.

Committee Reports: Cathy called on Tadao, asking, "Do you have anything coming up?" Tadao looked significantly downward, then blushed and gave us some publicity about Fala7con.

Librarian Michael Mason announced that he had processed 144 books of Gary Louie's donation. Marty Cantor threatened to list them in the next *De Profundis*. (*I acted on my gross threat. - ed.*)

Announcements: Tom Safer knew about a church where we could find a performance of Mozart's *Requiem*. Jerry perked up at the mention of "requiem;" but no, it wasn't Charlie's, it was Wolfgang's. Glycer asked people to update their directory entries posted in the front building. Tadao Tomomatsu told us where to find him on TV - on March 31 he makes an appearance in *Prank Attack* on the Fox Kids' Network. He plays the King of Pooda. What da? Poo da. You remind me of a man . . .

Reviews: Someone had attended Space.com's movie *The Ditch*, which is supposed to be based on a true story. Just like these minutes

Rob Cole "moved to walk." Cathy agreed, "All in favor, get up and leave."

Meeting #3318, March 15, 2001
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Scribe

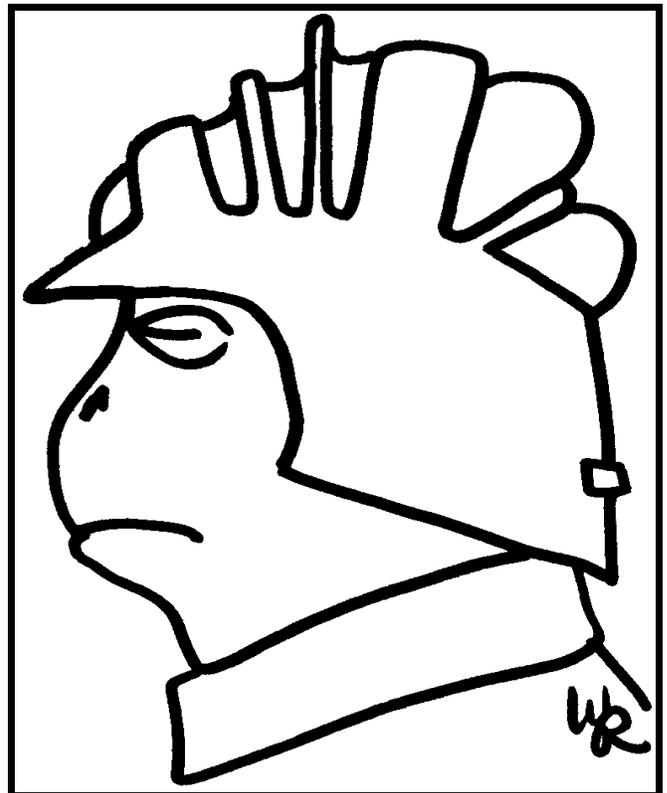
Cathy self-consciously delayed the start of the meeting when people began asking, "Where's the funny gavel?" Stern looked over at Bob Null and reassured us, "he's getting out the Tinkertoys!" In a parliamentary maneuver you'll never find in *Robert's Rules*, Cathy asked if anyone in the meeting actually objected to her bringing them to order with a regular wooden gavel. Joe Zeff chimed in with a motion, but not to be outdone by Cathy, LASFS parliamentarian Ed Green moved to strike the motion of Joe Zeff, whichever is easier. Joe made another silly motion, or three, provoking the members to try and pass by acclamation the motion to strike Zeff. But Zeff's own "Nay!" vote was louder than all the rest.

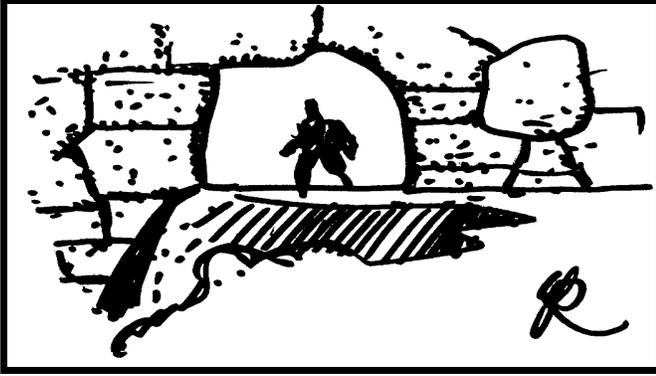
Special Order of Business: Charlie said no one had died, so Mike Stern tried to compensate by making another motion to strike Zeff. Order was restored when Bob handed Cathy tonight's silly gavel. The head of the gavel was made of three wheels with a plastic feather on one end of the axle, and with curved yellow plastic whiskers stuck in two of the wheels, making the whole thing look like a Catherine wheel. Or, for those of you not on a first-name basis - - a Mrs. Beckstead wheel.

Minutes: Glycer read the minutes. There were some alleged corrections by people who must have been zoned out when he had read the very information they now wanted to add. On an even less serious note, Charlie responded to what he'd heard in the minutes with the advice, "In the event of my demise under suspicious circumstances, Dr. Pournelle should be considered as the first suspect." Brett Achorn moved that the minutes be approved as "Pournelle done it."

Registrar: With no registrar readily in sight, it was Karl Lembke's turn to make the irresistible pun about a missing Lynx. Then Lynx showed up to explain what else we were missing - there weren't any guests. Well, there was Doc, but Mona said he was applying for membership tonight. Everyone agreed it was a scandalous example of laziness in a LASFS officer, the way Lynx is forcing guests to join the club so he doesn't have to introduce them.

Auction: Ed auctioned a transparent plastic jar of cookies. Mike Stern felt inspired to bid 25 cents for him to tell us the contents. Ed took his quarter and answered, "Cookies, you idiot!" The members gave Ed a standing ovation. Afterwards he turned to Glycer and demanded, "Funny enough for you now?" Charlie Jackson jumped in





to speculate whether the cookies contained three ingredients, or two ingredients and an insult. Ed muttered, "Poumelle may have been right!"

Committee Reports: Frank Waller explained that steak-and-onion-flavored potato chips contain no animal byproducts, instantly relieving any fear we might have had about contracting Mad Cow Disease from a potato chip.

Patron Saint: There was a quick save by some conscientious fan who realized the meeting was almost over and we hadn't honored this week's Patron Saint yet. That would be Saint Gavin Claypool. Glycer remembered that Gavin published the club directory for a couple of years. Allan Rothstein said he served two terms on the SCIFI Board. We gave him three cheers.

Cathy Beckstead, wanting to adjourn, first had to figure out a way to turn the gavel at an angle that would let her strike the table without snapping off the plastic bits. Somehow she succeeded and the meeting closed.

Meeting #3319, March 22, 2001

*Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, emergency back-up scribe*

"Good evening, said President Beckstead. "My God, she's starting on time! Hell's freezing over!!!" quoth the crowd. Although the electronically amplified mike was working, the other Mike wasn't to be seen, so the emergency back-up scribe had to be summoned. (Come to think of it, the other Mike is also electronically amplified, isn't he?) Meeting number 3319 was called to order at 20:10:21 by our unflappable President. As Jerry Pournelle observed, she called the meeting to order, but not by flapping.

Special Orders of Business: Dr. Donald A. Reed, founder of the Count Dracula Society, has died. He was known for managing his club with an iron fist in an iron glove. The cause of death was listed as a "cardiac condition," which could involve anything from cholesterol to sharpened holly. He was described as the sort who was not into self promotion, except in low-key ways. Such as granting himself a doctorate. And being knighted by such notables as the King of Yugoslavia and the Emperor in Exile to the Aztecs. (Emperor Norton, alas, was already dead.) In other words, as someone observed, he kissed Aztec. He was honored with a moment of silence.

The **Menace** from last week were not available, so the Emergency Back-up Scribe read the Menace from meeting #1736. It was moved that these Menace be nominated the official Menace in Absentia. The motion was tabled "until 3012." Whether year or meeting number seems moot, until one realizes that in bas 11, 3012 is equal to 4006, and meeting 4006 is only a little over thirteen years away.

Patron Saint Dan Deckert was described as a "damn fine individual." He was one of the best leaders and managers the LASFS ever had. He worked at Hughes Air Craft, and is now in Iowa. He was also responsible for some nice fan art. (*Yeah—he drew some wooden space ships as LASFAPA covers. - ed.*) He's the one who taught Joe Zeff the parliamentary maneuver of "All in favor say 'aye,' all opposed say 'aye' . . ." It was noted that he was descended from both Andrew Jackson and Zachary Taylor, though from different branches of his family tree. He was given three cheers.

Guests: Since Lynx was missing, President Beckstead had our hapless guests introduce themselves. Even the shy one. We met Tom Langer, who found out about the club from a LOSCON 27 flyer left behind in a laundromat. The evidence that a LASFAian might actually wash something caused considerable stir, until someone realized that the flyer could have blown in on a chance breeze. Another guest was Lofi Carpenter, who has been meaning to come by. And she's shy.

Registrar: Lynx, finally coming into the meeting, read his blue chads, just to make sure our guests were official. Neither the chads nor the guests appeared to be hanging, swinging, or pregnant.

Announcements: Someone declared that Jerry Pournelle's report of the AAAS meeting was one of the most interesting and informative half hours he's spent at the club since he joined. He wishes it known that he hopes more such happenings occur.

Lynx introduced a late-arriving guest: Jan Fisher, from right around the corner.

A motion to move passed at 21:20:36.

Meeting #3320, March 29, 2001

*Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Scribe*

Marty Cantor scrawled an inspirational quote on the whiteboard before tonight's meeting. Robert Bloch said it: "Overachievement is giving yourself a high colonic with a roto-rooter." When it comes to science fiction clubs that overachieve, I've always thought of NESFA. This distracted us from an obvious fact, left to be noticed by Frank Waller: the piano was gone from the podium. However, nobody knew what distracted Frank from realizing it had only moved three feet away from its original location. President Cathy Beckstead brought the meeting to order with another gavel customized by Bob Null (*from the Ministry of Silly Gavels - ed.*). Tonight's creation was made of four Tinkertoy wheels connected by curved plastic tubes, reminiscent of a 1950's diagram of an atom. Leigh Strother-Vien strolled through at the start distributing Avon catalogs. The product featured on the cover was bug-guard with sun block,

which we were urged to purchase because the rains have filled LA County encephalitis-carrying mosquitoes. Jerry Pournelle agreed the product would make us all fee safe from tsetse flies.

Minutes: There were no special orders of business, so instead we killed time with two sets of minutes. After Glycer read his two-week-old set, Mike Stern corrected that the Magic Tournament decks were sold by Drew Sanders. And Mark Poliner made the Dean's List. The minutes were approved as delivered by carrier pigeon. Then Glycer read most of Lembke's minutes until his voice gave out, and Cathy finished the last seven paragraphs, coldly and unsympathetically. Matthew Tepper said to correct "concern" (about washing) to "agitation." Mike Stern thought "spin doctor" fit better. Eylat Poliner moved to approve the minutes as agitated. Zeff said, "Run through the wringer." Lucy Stern said, "Personal and feminine." A final motion, to accept them as "Hung out to dry" was carried by voice vote, barely.

Patron Saint: Someone asked, "Who is the saint?" Cathy answered, "Simon Templar," inspiring numerous attempts to whilst The Saint's musical keynote. Tonight's LASFS Saint was Sue Haseltine, former club librarian and probably familiar with Leslie Charteris section. Tepper described her as a charming, intellectual person. Cathy called for three cheers and a library fine.

Committee Reports: Charlie Jackson 2 said that tonight's program seemed to be operating under a curse because the tape had disappeared. He had a replacement, to keep us from having to watch a blank screen. "Speaking of vacant stares," said Cathy, summoning Tadao to advertise this weekend's Fala7con. H sang the convention's name to the tune of "The Volga Boatman."

Marty Cantor announced the forthcoming 25th anniversary of LAS-FAPA, which will be celebrated by inviting all former members to contribute. Fred Patten was looking for a roommate for Westercon. Cathy asked, "At a thousand dollars an hours?" Fred would find that preferable to the arrangement we had at the 1973 Westercon, with about a thousand fans on the floor for a dollar an hour.

Registrar: Lynx was present, the guests were not.

Announcements: As a preamble to his story, Ed Green told the secretary to edit out all of the important stuff. Thank goodness he didn't tell me to edit our all the trivial stuff or else there would be blank space at this point. (*There still is blank space at this point. - ed.*) Suffice it to say, Ed's job duties took him to Tiffany's. But the snooty clerk thought he didn't look like the sort of person who would be picking up anything for anybody at Tiffany's. She told him, "You don't look like the kind of person who even comes in this store." Ed declared to us, "I have been kicked out of better places." Matthew Tepper felt Ed's pain, and urged him to sue, "But have your lawyer settle for having you served breakfast there." (I can hear the waitress asking, "Which one of you ordered the three-minute Faberge egg?")

A health advocate in the room said we would have a lot less announcements about people dying if they walked more. Scratch agreed - he's lost 25 pounds. Or was he only reporting his losses in a British poker game?

For our health, we moved and seconded to walk out of the meeting. Cathy heard the aye votes, and said, "Those who are opposed can stay here and not walk and die."

LASFS Board of Directors
Meeting of February 11, 2001
Karl Lembke, Chair
Mike Glycer, Secretary

ATTENDANCE: Karl Lembke, Mike Glycer, Michael Mason, Kim Marks Brown, Mike Stern, Joe Zeff, Liz Mortensen, bob Null, Mike Thorsen; (Absent: William Ellem, out of the country; Elayne Pelz, illness.) Others: E. Green, A. Morrell, J. Sperling, E. Christensen, G. Bilan, To. Tomomatsu, M.Cantor, S. Bekinnie, E. Hooper, C. Bernay, L. Stern, D. Wennerr, C. McGuire. Vice-Chair Karl Lembke chaired the meeting.

MINUTES: Glycer read the minutes. Joe Zeff corrected the mention of his comment, which had been that he suggested as an alternative asking whether the procedural officers - specifically, the registrars - would like to consult with the Board, instead of reporting to it (which is what Glycer had objected to.) Liz Mortensen corrected a mention of what she said about the Westercon I stuff - she said there was not a place secure enough. The minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of January 11, 2001, the club had total assets of \$47,594.63. This included \$30,969.33 in the Century Fund. The treasurer's report was prior to paying for the plumbing. Liz said the DVD player has now been credited as a donation, and not charged against the video budget. Liz explained that the rationale for the previous system had been that if a donation was received for the video collection or library then it should free up money from that budget to be applied to another club need. However, as Ed Hooper repeated, then people feel if they donate, they are actually taking money away from something they want to support, which is the opposite of the result they want. Liz said she couldn't get her printer to produce copies of the Function Movement Motion. The motion was tabled until next meeting. Karl asked Glycer about the status of the audit. Glycer had requested the club's 2000 records on disc from Liz as the first step. Karl passed on Bill's request to Liz to get a list of the members who joined in the past two years. Liz said Elayne maintains that info. Liz had the year 2000 donation list. Glycer said he would generate the letters to donors of over \$250.

Liz called for a closed session of the Board. When it reopened, it was stated that Glycer would write to the donor of the piano acknowledging the donation.

NEW MEMBERS: Applications were received from Jay E. Moyes, Herbert Wright, Cash Edwards, Loren Wagner, John Cullan, and Bruce Rowen. The applications were approved by voice vote, unopposed. Karl asked that a copy of the membership applications find their way to the chair so he can send them letters of congratulation or condolence. He said Bill also wants copies of the guest cards.

BOOK FAIR: Greg Bilan recapped his needs for various flyers, and the plans for signings. Ed Green said the SFWA Nebula meeting is the same weekend as the Book Fair. Dangerous Visions, SFWA,

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FOR SALE

Kelly and Laura Freas are not able to attend the 2001 Portland Westercon and are selling their memberships at \$60 each. Contact them at:
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and LASFS have rented separate booths, pooling resources. LASFS will assist Dangerous Visions in hosting areas where authors can sign.

FACILITIES: Bob Null said after the last meeting he had taken six buckets of muck off the roof that was keeping it from draining (the cause of the leak in the computer room). The plumber had installed copper piping in the front building. They ripped out the Chinese elm, as we wanted. In an unexpected bonus, they also paved over what they dug up. Bob had subsequently fixed the toilet, removing the gravel which gets in the line when the plumbing is worked on. Bob reported on the neighbor's paving project. Karl asked about rain-water drainage after the work, and Bob said he would check. Bob said if there was a problem it could be fixed by building little asphalt sills around the openings under the building. (We wouldn't want our foundations undermined - if the first foundation goes, it will lead to an expensive Asimov reference.) Karl expressed the club's appreciation to Mike Thorsen for building the shelving in the computer room. And thanked Dale Hales for donating a shop vacuum. Karl asked Thorsen about shampooing the rug. Thorsen said we had hired it done last time. Mason suggested doing it as part of the cleanup party before LOSCON. Kim said that if we can get it done for around \$70 it will be worth it.

COMMUNICATIONS GROUP: Glycer said he is going to work on the club directory. Zeff would be working on a new e-mail directory. Marty Cantor said he would put the club directory through *De Profundis*. The Bandini hit the propeller. Kim objected to her info being sent out through *De Profundis*. Glycer observed how many other clubs he trades newzines with distribute their directories that way. Directors discussed whether to do opt-out or opt-in lists. Several people made practical suggestions for ways of notifying the members about our intentions and assuming we had the permission of anyone who failed to object. Glycer believed that if directors wanted a genuine opt-in list, that required people to actually write or e-mail permission to be included. Marty Cantor felt the Board should just vote whether it wants the list to go through *De Profundis*, instead of placing unrealistic burdens on getting the list updated. Christian McGuire suggested putting each person's info on a card for their approval, to put in an envelope and sent out with their copy of *De Profundis*, instead of placing unrealistic burdens on getting the list updated. Mike Stern, seconded by Joe Zeff, moved to update the Directory and defer the sticky question until later. This passed by voice vote.

LASFS.ORG: Karl reported that from now on Chaz will have the title SysAdmin, and Karl will have the title Webmaster.

LOSCON 29 BIDS: Three prospective chairs - Greg Bilan, Mike Stern, and Tadao Tomomatsu - presented their bids to the board, then took questions. All three bids submitted the names of their chairs, treasurers, and hotel liaisons. Tadao went first. His LOSCON theme would be "Wag the Fan." Joe Zeff asked what that meant. Tadao's answer was to whip it out and wave it. Um, his fan, that is. Karl channeled Bruce Pelz' list of questions for prospective LOSCON chairs. Tadao handed out his multi-page resume of convention and professional work. Ed Green asked about Tadao's management philosophy. Mike Stern said he had been working up his bid for a couple of years. He wanted to run a LOSCON with the theme "Mirror Universe," inspired by the palindromic year 2002. Karl asked why he wanted to run a LOSCON. Stern said, "You mean, besides being insane?" He wanted to return something of what fandom has given him. Liz asked whether his LOSCON would be more media-oriented or literature-oriented. Stern prudently answered, "Yes." He answered Ed's question saying that he hopes to have a style of delegation, where he's not watching over people's shoulders. Greg Bilan said his LOSCON theme would be "Empire of Fantasy." He said he's always had more fun working the convention than simply being at the convention. He's always wanted to run one. Bilan talked about the different LOSCON departments he's worked at, about raising money for the club's Festival of Books booth. After further questioning, Mason, seconded by Kim, moved to pass all three bids on to the club. The motion passed by voice vote, with Mike Stern abstaining.

CLUB USE: Greg Bilan requested permission to hold a 4th of July party at the club. The party will be open to the club, but it will not be a club party. Stern, seconded by Glycer, moved to allow Bilan to hold the party. The motion passed by voice vote, unopposed.

LOSCON 28: No report.

FALA7CON: Tadao has added writer guest Brad Linaweaver.

LIBRARY: Mason commended his new assistant librarian, Lynne Baden. He said the proposed library inventory will be done after a work party, and when the new version of the software is done.

ARCHIVES: Bob Null said the *De Profundis* archive is ready to be gone through. As he'd mentioned before, it had an erratic numbering system, making it more difficult to determine what was missing. Glycer suggested comparing the club's holdings to Bruce Pelz' list of his own collection.

STEWARDSHIP GROUP: The directors discussed a change in accounting for donations of "stuff" to the club. Liz explained how non-cash donations are accounted for. When stuff is donated for auction, Tadao puts a post-it on the item with the donor's name. Scribe Glycer writes down the name of the donor and the name of the buyer on an auction worksheet. The credit for the proceeds goes into the operating fund. When stuff is given for the club's use, Bob Null gives a credit figure to her, and it is listed as a "paper transfer" - in under donations, out under expense - because there's no cash. Kim observed that the purpose of a budget is to increase what can be expended for a purpose. Liz noted the video and library are the only

two club functions that have a separate budget. Christian McGuire framed the issue as being whether a donation of stuff should free up budgeted funds for another club purpose. Joe Zeff agreed with those who felt that when somebody donated to the video collection or library, those functions should wind up with more than they had before, not less. Glycer moved and was seconded that the LASFS should account for donations-in-kind separately from department budgets. The motion passed by voice, with Liz abstaining. Karl called for status reports of various activities and groups that use the club. Karl brought up the matter of complaints by one group that a prior group using the club had not picked up after itself. Karl summed up the discussion that our policy is that each user should put things away to a default setup, and not assume, or hope, they may they have left things as the next group will want them. Cathy Beckstead said there needs to be specific requirements, a checklist. Glycer suggested the chair appoint people to assemble such a checklist. Ed asked who will inspect whether the checklist has been followed, and what will happen if users don't do what is required? Kim was sure the next group of users would complain if the list wasn't done, eliminating any need for inspections. Dale Hales said verifying compliance with a checklist should be the responsibility of whatever club officer unlocks the building for a user. Ed Green volunteered to assemble the list, and would coordinate with the janitors. He will draft it, bring it back to the Board for approval, then give it to the current President to deliver to the clubhouse users' liaisons.

The meeting adjourned.

NEW BOOKS

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. Here are some of the newest additions.)

Purchased by Librarian:

Beyond the Pale by Mark Anthony. **Bloodwinter** by Tom Deitz. **Tomorrow and Tomorrow** by Charles Sheffield. **Assassin's Quest**, **Royal Assassin**, **Assassin's Apprentice** all by Robin Hobb. **The Widemaker**, **The Widemaker Unleashed** both by Mike Resnick. **The Sacrifice**, **The Changeling**, **Victory**, **The Devil's Churn**, **Alien Influences** all by Kristine Kathryn Rusch. **Deception Well** by Linda Nagata. **Down in the Bottomlands** by Harry Turtledove & L. Sprague de Camp. **Eyes of Silver** by Michael A. Stackpole. **Excession** by Ian M. Banks. **Aliens: Genocide** by David Bischoff. **Aliens: Labyrinth** by S.D. Perry.

Donated by Baen Books:

Borderlands of Science by Charles Sheffield.

Donated by Bantam Spectra:

Path of the Hero by Dave Wolverton.

Donated by Merwin Sommers:

Strange Tomorrows edited by Robert Hoskins.

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Emperor of Dawn by Steve White. **Spiritride** by Mark Shepherd. **Allie and Aliens** by Roger Madbride Allen. **Erling's Word** by Lars





Greg Bilan
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Fourth of July
party
 at LASFS
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July 4th
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All LASFS
members
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attend





Walker. **Card Master** by Clayton Emery. **Corporate Mentality** by Steven Piziks. **Black on Black** by K.D. Wentworth. **Lazerwarz** by Mark Shepherd. **The Charlatan** by Ulrich Kiesow. **Hunting the Corrigan's Blood** by Holly Lisle. **Destiny's Shield** by Eric Flint & David Drake.

Donated by Anon:

Star 2 Science Fiction edited by Frederick Pohl. **Another Fine Myth** by Robert Asprin. **The Grazer Conspiracy** by Dean Wesley Smith. **Bolo Rising, Bolo Brigade**, both by William H. Keith, Jr. **The Mind Pool** by Charles Sheffield. **House of the Sun** by Nigel D. Findley. **Ripping Time** by Robert Asprin & Linda Evans. **Grunts** by Mary Gentle. **Horse Fantastic** edited by Martin H. Greenberg & Rosalind M. Greenberg.

Purchased by Librarian:

The Path of Daggers by Robert Jordan. **Winter's Heart** by Robert Jordan. **Traitor's Sun** by Marion Zimmer Bradley.

Recent Additions to the Video Collection

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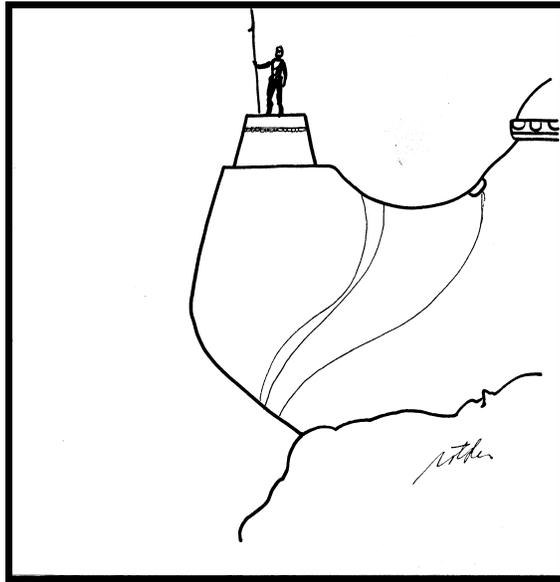
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Ted White seems to me the logical man to review fanzines for DP. I read the column with interest.

(all illos by Bill Rotsler)





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