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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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"Filk" started out as LASFSian Lee Jacobs' typo for "folk" in a mid-50s APA article about fantasy elements in (pornographic) folksong, but was rapidly applied to the songs and music SF fen had been writing for decades.

LOS ANGELES FILKERS ANONYMOUS: no officers, no dues, no organization to speak of -- but we keep on having a house filk every month somewhere in the Greater Los Angeles Area (ranging from Arcadia and Sylmar to Eagle Rock and West Los Angeles to Garden Grove)

The people who gather include filksingers (some *a capella*, some with guitar, with keyboard and autoharp and drum), filkwriters (not all of whom sing), and people who just enjoy hearing filk. Newcomers welcome. Folksongs welcome

Housefilks usually start at 7 PM (after an optional pre-filk dinner at a nearby restaurant or a potluck at the host's home) and go on past midnight.

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The WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 31

October 2001

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 LASFS MEETING	5 Open Gami- ing - Magic Tournament	6 ESTROGEN ZONE
7 TRIPE	8	9	10	11 LASFS MEETING	12 Open Gaming	13 Cinema Anime
14 BOD - 2nd Sun. Open House	15	16	17 FUCC	18 LASFS MEETING	19 Open Gaming	20 CFO
21 TIME MEDDLERS	22	23	24	25 LASFS MEETING	26 Open Gaming	27 LOSCON 28 MEETING - (NOON)
28 FWEMS	29	30	31 Winter Holiday Party			

KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

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

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

Winter Holiday Party - 7:00 pm

FWEMS - Around the World in 8 Hours

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

OCTOBER 4 - Video: The Origins of Fantasy

OCTOBER 11 - Not available at this time

OCTOBER 18 - Jeopardy!

OCTOBER 25 - Special Guest Speaker: Sody Clampett
(widow of Bob Clampett)

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 sometimes list single-copy or subscription prices, but they appre-

ciate 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 fanzine below and broaden your participation in fandom.

TWINK (E. B. Frohvet, 4716 Dorsey Hall Drive, #506, Ellicott City, MD 20142; published quarterly; available for “the usual” – letters of comment, contributions of material, or trades with other fanzines – no price per copy mentioned, so try a begging note)

Twink – a title editor Frohvet is considering changing – is an oddly old-fashioned fanzine, the “main focus” of which “is on science fiction, fantasy and fandom.” Originally mimeographed, *Twink* is now produced by copier but retains its hand-typed look (complete with a broken lower-case ‘m’ which looks like a skinny ‘n’). This anachronistic look makes a good fit with Frohvet’s editorial approach and personality.

Frohvet (whose name almost rhymes with “throw back”) affects the “editorial we” – derived from the “royal we” – and thus opens the issue (on the inside front cover) with “For the second year in a row we’ve had to drastically revise a planned editorial...” This is an affectation one rarely sees in prozines these days, and it has been almost unheard of in fanzines for most of their 70-year history. But it’s part of Frohvet’s idiosyncratic charm – and that of *Twink*, as well. It’s a bit like stepping back fifty years....

Frohvet packs a lot into *Twink*’s 32 pages, although it’s all in double-columned (unjustified) typewriter type. The lead article in issue #22 is Steve Sneyd’s “Other Christs For Other Skies,” a “survey” of the treatment of Christianity in science fiction poetry (most of it in fanzines of the past 25 years). The piece reveals rather exhaustive research on Sneyd’s part, but is largely uncritical and draws few conclusions. (It is notable however for two “Editor’s notes” – brief interjections – which intrude on the article like editorial comments in a published letter of comment, rather than being footnoted. Another sign of Frohvet’s idiosyncratic hand, this is something you can do in a fanzine – but most fanzine editors will avoid it if possible.) There is one other article in the issue, Frohvet’s own “Out There & Unconscious” – dealing with the generic ideas which float around “out there” in science fiction and specifically “stun guns.”

Additionally there is a “feature,” “My Best Moment In Fandom,” with contributions by Lloyd Penney, Harry Warner, Jan Stinson, and Lisa Major. This is followed by two pages of book reviews, four pages of fanzine reviews (covering 26 different fanzines – a good guide for those seeking to explore more fanzines), and 14 pages of letters. The last page,

titled “Miscellany,” wraps up the issue with news snippets and other oddments.

Twink reminds me of the fanzines I used to get in my first years in fandom, half a century ago. Maybe it’s nostalgia on my part, but I’m glad there’s still a fanzine like *Twink* being produced today.

In my review of *Wabe*, a couple of months ago, I credited its attractive design and layout to co-editor Jae Leslie Adams. Co-editor Tracy Benton responds to my review: “I fooled you, incidentally! I do all the layout of the fanzine, not Jae. I really enjoy doing it, so I’m pleased you liked the result. (Jae does all the calligraphy, of course.) How nice to be mistaken for a real artist...” I’m happy to admit to my mistake and give credit where it’s due.

—Ted White

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes can be read in APAL and are filed in the archives)

Meeting #3338, August 2, 2001

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lemke, Scribe

The meeting was called to order at 20:12:31.

Special Orders of Business: Poul Anderson passed away at the very end of July. Bill Ellem read excerpts of some internet posts he had brought with him. Ed Green will be arranging for a special meeting in September for remembrances of Poul Anderson. This will not take place at the same time as the Jack Harness memorial. (Why do I keep thinking of “The Year of the Jackpot?”)

The **Menace** were read and approved as “Fractional.”

The **Registrar** introduced guests: Scott Gould and Jacob, with one guest to be named later.

Patron Saint Sean Cleary was remembered, although not very well. The fact that he gave us money was noted and cheered.

Due to time constraints, there was no meeting of the **Committee to Gouge**.

Old Business: Bill Ellem presented three copies of a certificate of participation - The name of Jack Harness has been added to a CD-ROM which will be placed in an upcoming Mars Lander. One copy of the certificate will be given to Jack’s sister, and one copy will be retained for LASFS records.

Mars Exploration Rover - 2003 Mission Participation Certificate Presented to Jack (The Scribe) Harness On July 30, 2001

Thank you for joining us on this mission of exploration and discovery. A compact disc bearing your name will be included in one of the next Mars Exploration Rover - 2003 missions that will explore the planet's surface in search of geologic evidence of water in Mars' past.

Together, we will journey into space to discover and understand the many wonders of our universe.

(signature)

*Dr. Edward J. Weiler
Associate Administrator
Office of Space Science
Certificate No. 1909977*

(The same thing was done for every LASFAPA member by Vanessa Schnatmeier, with each member's certificate becoming the cover for his or her individual disty for LASFAPA #282. My Certificate No. is 1164299 - ed)

New Business: An item of new business had made its way to the front desk, signed by a majority of those in attendance:

"We, the undersigned members of LASFS, move that the LASFS donate \$100 to the SFWA Emergency Medical Fund in the name of Poul Anderson." The item passed without opposition. A memorial service for Robert's Rules will be scheduled in October.

Anyone else wishing to make donations in Poul's name can send them to:

Medical Fund c/o Chuck Rothman, SFWA Treasurer
1436 Altamont Ave., PMB 292
Schenectady, NY 12303-2977

Jerry Pournelle pronounced himself speechless, which means he only spoke for ninety seconds. **Len Moffatt** spoke about Poul's detective fiction, and wished there'd been more of it written. He also remarked, "We used to say, 'It's now a convention, the Andersons are here.'" **Mike Stern** stated that Sir Bela of Eastmarch is dead. **Hare Hobbs** related his tale of the car-struck possum, which he brought with him to the last day of an autograph party. (No, the possum was not autographed.) **Marty Cantor** values Poul's books. Poul was a storyteller, and one of the best in the field. **Alan Rothstein** reads too slowly to be re-reading anything, but he remembers *Tau Zero* as a book which made $E=mc^2$ understandable. **Matthew Tepper** remarked on Poul's ability to make his characters believable. **Joe Zeff** amplified: Poul could come up with really strange alien characters, which were still believable. In particular, he remembers one set of aliens in the Flandry series, three species in symbiosis whose collective personalities change as the symbionts are traded back and forth. **Phil Castora** recalled that when you were talking with Poul Anderson, you had his full attention. "If there are any better people than he, it's by an amount not visible to the naked eye," he declared. **CLJII** stated that the LASFS has a library full of books by this author. Go and read some!

Time Bound Announcements: Greg Bilan presented a birthday card to the President, and survived! Jerry Pournelle started singing a

round of the Mongolian Birthday Song, and *we all* survived!!

The guest, to be named later, turns out to be two guests. They are Marla and her brother, Yassir Rodriguez, and "That Jeff," played by Marlo Thomas. The guests were welcomed by Ed. "Share and Enjoy."

Miscellaneous: Mike Stern's promise to not read the Bulwer-Lytton winners was thwarted because he forgot to bring the printout, so he no longer had any choice in the matter.

A motion to adjourn passed at 21:10:50, with no dissent.

Meeting #3339, August 9, 2001

Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

The meeting was called to order at 20:10:24. The **Menace** were read and approved, after a flurry of corrections, as "The Longest Distance between Two Bouncing Potatoes." The **Registrar** introduced 2 1/2 guests: Diana Sherman, Catherine Henning, and James.

Patron Saint Jerry Pournelle was actually not at his saint's meeting, so we could say all kinds of stuff about him behind his back. Robert had read what Jerry said about LASFS, and decided that he had to be there. Matthew Tepper declared agreement with Jerry's opinion that Opera is a suitably advanced form of SF. Tom Safer described him as a good listener, and fun to talk to. Mike Stern observed that space wouldn't be where it is without him. Francis Hamit stated that Jerry's helped a lot of new writers get started, as a way of "paying forward" the help he received from Heinlein. Marty Cantor said that Jerry is one of the people who were instrumental remodeling the building we're in to suit our needs. Phil Castora stated that Jerry was also responsible for the club being able to buy the building we now occupy. Scratch stated that, although Jerry is opinionated, he will give others a fair hearing and then tell them why they're wrong. Greg Barrett noticed that Jerry is very noticeable. President Green stated that one of the greatest pleasures of being in the Society is meeting the likes of Jerry. He is "always a joy, and a gentleman." He was given three cheers "And a sage break."

Committee to Gouge auctioned off some stuff, and failed to outrun efforts to create new bids: The Polish Kaleidoscope, equal to \$1.17; the Czech Kaleidoscope, equal to \$2.16, and the Macedonian Monkey Wrench, equal to \$3.13.

Committee Reports: The Committee to Gouge: WE have no space! Obviously, when Jerry made sure space would be where it is, he took it from where it was, and we no longer have it! Any donations of any stuff must be cleared with Tadao. No more dropping stuff off in hopes that it can be auctioned off. PLEASE!!!!

Fannish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff noted that in the latest issue of the Annals of Irreproducible Results, he found information on a 1995 patent on a method for exercising cats by means of a laser pointer. Note: That's "exercise," not "exorcise." (*Nuts! - ed.*) Mike Stern attended a reunion of Lucy's side of the family, and noted that her family makes LASFS look mundane. (So, did you say "Hi" to

Cousin It?)

The meeting was adjourned at 21:09:09.

Meeting #3340, August 16 2001

Ed Green, presiding

Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary

(Menace for #3340 not available at this time)

Meeting #3341, August 23, 2001

Ed Green, presiding

Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary

Just before the meeting started, Tadao was showing a guest around and came to the front table where the auction items were piled. The guest noticed a Godzilla figurine, and suddenly our effusive chief of the committee to gouge money out of the LASFS fell silent. It's as if he was suddenly remembering the days when Ralston Purina Godzilla Chow came in the handy, Tadao-shaped container . . . President Ed Green took advantage of the moment of silence to call the meeting to order. All thanks to Bob Null for another creative gavel - this one went whack-and-twirl, whack-and-twirl, with its spokes spinning 'round.

Special Order of Business: Marty Cantor had more information on Boyd Raebum, whose death had been announced at the last meeting. Raebum had been suffering from cancer throughout his body, and the cause of death was brain cancer.

Minutes: Glycer was about to read the minutes when President Green prompted, "You have to pick up the little hanging thing first." When the laughter subsided, Glycer said, "I'm sorry I won't be here to read these minutes," though Karl Lembke insisted, "Not as sorry as I am!" Corrections followed the reading of the minutes. Tim Merrihan said the Darwin Award story about the Jesus freak is false. Fortunately, it was already in the minutes. Jerry Poumelle said that Jack Williamson won a Writers of the Future Lifetime Achievement award two years ago, it was Algis Budrys who got it this year. Joe Zeff explained the Rapture. Ed thought it peculiar that somebody felt it needed to be explained to Glycer. On the other hand, Glycer admitted he had oversimplified it for the minutes - from now on, he'd respect the members' theological depths. Matthew Tepper said the shuttle Enterprise wasn't meant to fly in space, apparently it had flown on the back of the 747 transport. Finally, Charlie Jackson 2 affirmed that Bjo really had run two conventions simultaneously. Bret Achom's motion to approve the minutes as "Preaching to the Glycer" was passed unanimously.

Registrar: Registrar Mona introduced the guest Tadao had been showing around.

Patron Saint: Ed Green greeted tonight's Patron Saint, Fuzzy Pink Niven. Larry Niven said he'd been married to her for 32 years, and said, "It's been a delight all the way. I love her." Jerry Poumelle agreed that, "She, having been married to him for 32 years is, indeed, a saint." Sandy Cohen said she's a UCLA basketball fan. And she'd won ribbons at the LA County Fair for her table settings. Hare Hobbs thought Fuzzy was a saint for feeding fans and cleaning up

afterwards. Jerry Poumelle said she's a Chicago Cubs fan. Glycer thought that was really credit for sainthood. Marty Cantor thanked her for providing the *De Profundis* mailing labels. Ed Green told a story that, after his mom passed away, he met a friend of hers who told him she went to MIT. Ed told her that made her an alumna along with the wife of a famous sf author. The friend said, "She always wore fuzzy pink sweaters, right?" Ed Green joked about which sf author she'd married. Jerry Poumelle winced: "Fuzzy Pink Sturgeon??" The members gave her three cheers, and Frank Waller added, "And a fuzzy pink sweater."

Auction: When it came time to auction the Godzilla cup-holder, Tadao held it out and Mark Poliner, with helpful intent, set his soda can in it - which dropped right through the hole. "Faster than Tadao through a goose," observed Ed Green. Speaking about another group of items up for auction, Tadao said, "Bruce Pelz donated three packets of powder smuggled into the country from England." Ed asked for clarification, "You mean, in this case, the mule was an elephant?" Glycer wondered if the brand name was "Snort-'n-Low?" Ed told him, "Don't sugar-coat it!"

Timebound Announcements: Christian McGuire had two announcements. Let the record reflect that he did not moon the meeting - quite the opposite, he intended to give everyone a "heads up" about a forthcoming sf musical. It's just that his head was not what he originally aimed at the audience.

Fannish Committee Reports: Alan Rothstein asked Jerry Poumelle, "When the publisher called you a traitor to your class, did you indignantly reply, 'I've got no class!'" Glen Olson suggested, "Southern gentlemen are a class unto themselves."

Miscellaneous: Charlie Jackson 2 said the LASFS autumn holiday party will be on October 31 this year. That's a weekday evening presumably selected, as is LASFS' custom, not to favor any particular religious or spiritual group, except those that give us a lot of chocolate.

Bob Null showed off a flyer for the new Empire Center in Burbank. Of interest to fans are the new hotels, good for Loscon overflow, and a Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, good for belt overflow. Rich asked if we'd all heard about the local business where a car wound up parked in their lobby - they deny that they've opened a drive-thru.

Speaking of moving right along, Mike Stern moved that we adjourn to watch Tom Corbet, and everyone endorsed the suggestion.

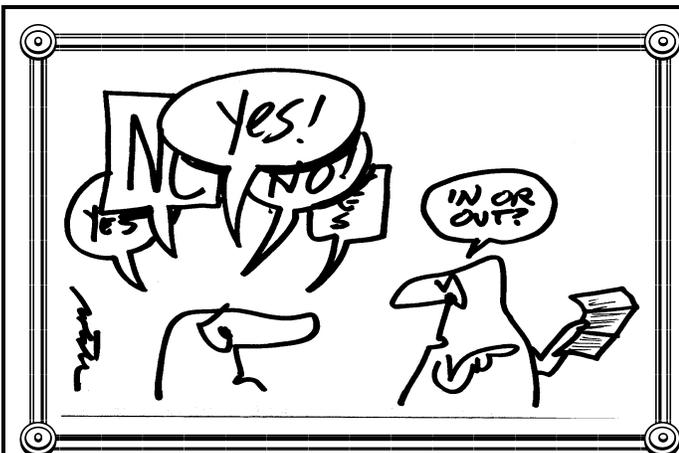
MAGIC

The Gathering

**Tournaments
held at LASFS
First Friday
every month**

*Due to Westercon and 4th
of July dates in early July,
this is being put off until
the second Friday of July,
the 13th.*

Contact for Magic The
Gathering:
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com



Meeting #3342, August 30, 2001
Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Once, before a meeting dreary, while I pondered weak and weary, suddenly there came a rapping, as of someone gently tapping, tapping on the table top. "I just like banging the damn thing," quoth the President. The meeting was called to order at 20:09:50.

Special Orders of Business: President Green issued an administrative announcement declaring Charlie Jackson II to be the official filter for Special Orders of Business. Any proposed SOBs and SOB stories have to be cleared through CLJII.

The **Menace** were read and approved. The **Registrar** had no guests, because Lynx didn't know of any that were around.

Patron Saint John Trimble, the husband of Bjo Trimble, was described as "Good to his mother." He designed the art show setup we use to this day, unless, of course, someone else did. He also gave the club money during a time when it was really needed.

Old Business: None!

New Business: Some! The air conditioner in the front building broke down and needed repairs. Since the repairman had made a surprise appearance, and repaired the air conditioner without warning, and therefore the money had already been spent, it was well that the club voted to approve the expenditure. *(Does that mean that if we did not vote the money the air from the machine would come out hot? As that commodity is always in plentiful supply around here, it is good that we paid him. - ed.)*

Reviews: Robert saw "Bubble Boy," because Tadao was in it. *(Did not Tadao star in "Bubble Head," playing himself the title role? - ed.)*

Fannish Committee Reports: Tototeka, on Echo Park Boulevard, has an exhibition of hitherto unseen photos from the LAPD archives. Many look like scenes from Film Noir. Sandy Cohen notes that one of the major contributors of these photos,, if not the major one, was elmer Perdue, a member of LASFS. He used to have his entire col-

lection at his home, on view during poker games.

Miscellaneous: CLJII reported that there may be plans afoot to replace Alexander Hamilton on the \$10 bill with Ronald Reagan. *(I thought that our paper money only showed pictures of dead presidents. Oh - I think that I have just committed a redundancy. - ed.)*

After a motion to move, the meeting was adjourned at 21:02:03.

LASFS Board of Directors
Meeting of August 12, 2001
William Ellern, Chairman

Present: Bill Ellem, Karl Lembke, Michael Mason, Joe Zeff, Mike Thorsen, Bob Null, Liz Mortensen. Absent: Mike Glyer, Elayne Pelz, Mike Stern. Other present included Marty Cantor, Joyce Sperling, Ed Green, Anne Morrel.

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 am. The first order of business was to introduce the new LASFS President, Ed Green. Ed pointed out that, in order to avoid conflict of interest issues, he was stepping down as Parliamentarian. Bill Ellem nominated Joyce Sperling to serve as Parliamentarian, and she accepted.

By Laws: Bill has been reading various versions of the by-laws, and notes that the version on the web site is quite good. Unfortunately, there are a few items missing, which no one has any record of. We may need to create a committee to re-generate those items, the details of whose passage has been lot to history.

Warning to Sunday gamers: It was noted that the next BOD meeting may run long, cutting down on valuable gaming time.

Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes were corrected and approved.

Treasurer: The Treasurer asked for the Board's indulgence, and then held an impromptu auction to raise the last few dollars needed to elevate Greg Bilan to Patron Sainthood. "Shut up, Greg, we're patronizing you!" In her report, the Treasurer announced that we have money. In particular, \$1847.59 were moved into the Century Fund, bringing it up to \$49,126.32.

Video replacement/repair fund	= \$647.00
Library fund	= \$678.89
Video Library Fund	= \$18.00, give or take
Festival of Books	= \$20.00

A motion to accept the report was made by Michael Mason, and passed without dissent.

New members: There were seven new member applications to consider. Michael Mason moved to accept them en masse.

Building use: No report.

Facilities (Bob Null): One mechanical video player and one old laser disc player have been sold. We have some old vinyl to transfer to CD format, and we still have one functional laser disc player. We have some computers from Jack Harness, and they need some serious debugging. These computers include one 500 MHz Pentium with a 12 Gb hard drive. We can get two or three new good ma-

chines, and upgrade all of the club machines to Pentiums. The removable drives are going to go away, since they have problems. They fit loosely enough in their slots that electrical contact is intermittent. Also, they will unlock to a fairly widely-available key, and are thus subject to wandering off with unscrupulous members. The 17" monitor with the Compaq computer has died.

There is a termite inspection scheduled Monday morning. (*Be sure to bring your favourite termites. - ed.*)

Sodas: "Shrinkage" has been more of a problem than has heretofore been the case. (*We need microscopes to see the cans. - ed.*) In addition, money seems to have been disappearing from the bin. Ways to address the problem were discussed. It was ultimately decided that the best approach was to announce the existence of a problem, and that members would now be paying attention to the issue. Bill Ellem also instructed Bob to procure a lockable box for soda funds, and be prepared to open it to make change on occasion.

In other news, we may soon find that there's a lot less parking available on Burbank Blvd. while work on the mains is underway. This may reduce the number of people who show up for meetings and other events. Joe Zeff asked about the permission we had obtained to use the parking lot at the church to the east of us. Bob Null stated that we have a written agreement, and produced it. There was some discussion over whether we could actually use this parking, or whether calling the church's attention to this agreement would cause them to withdraw it. Marty Cantor pointed out that any parking restrictions on Burbank would affect roughly ten cars, at most, and suggested that we may have less trouble with parking than we're expecting.

Bob Null announced that we have two more Mah-Jongg tables. Mike Thorsen announced that we have a new audio mixer, and adapters have been purchased. We may also want new cables, to get rid of some of the problems with our sound system. Ed Green stated that we need new cables, and Liz said to go buy some. Bill said we should start replacing old cables.

Building Use (again): Alan Rothstein has asked to use the date of Saturday, August 25, to host a birthday party for himself. Mike Thorsen is willing to cede his work party date for this purpose. A motion to approve this substitution was made by Joe Zeff and seconded by Karl Lembke. It passed without dissent.

Mailing Lists: Extra copies of the directory have been given to Liz Mortensen. After some discussion, Joe Zeff agreed to update the e-mail list for distribution to members. A need has been perceived for a way to notify the members of the club in the event of major happenings such as the death of a prominent member of the club, or a major disaster. Ed Green has instructed Karl Lembke to begin compiling a list of members for such a list. There will be two lists, one for major announcements, and the other as a supplement for *De Profundis*. Both lists will be "opt-in" only. In order to prevent abuse, mailings for the first list will have to be approved by two responsible members of the club. The second list will be under the control of one person, probably the *De Prof* editor. The idea is that these lists will be useful and unobtrusive. Marty Cantor asked if this list was going to be redundant, given the existence of *De Prof*. After some discus-

sion of the varying utility of electronic vs. paper format, and differences in penetration of different types of news, the two lists were given the go-ahead without dissent.

Library: In the intervening two months, a lot more stuff has come in, including material from Jack Harness. The backlog was not addressed. The librarian hopes to audit the stacks after Worldcon, but no date for final results has yet been set.

Archives: There has been some material submitted to the archives. Marty Cantor has been directed to write an article soliciting material for the club archives, especially any missing *De Profs*. Marty will consult with Bruce Pelz to see if any gaps can be filled from his collection. Bill stated that we need to flush stuff out of private collections. Bog thought it best to generate a list of items we do have, to avoid duplications. As the discussion moved to the archiving of Westercon material, it was requested that it be taken off-line.

Announcements: Mike Thorsen announced that the fourth Saturday in September would host a special Farscape TRIPE.

Convention delegates:

Copper-con: Michael Mason, Mike Glycer
Worldcon: Michael Mason, Mike Glycer, and possibly Kim Marks-Brown.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57.

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! September 2001 (Minn-Stf). INSTANT MESSAGE #688 (NESFA). NASFA SHUTTLE, August 2001 (NASFA). SOUTHERN FANDOM CONFEDERATION BULLETIN, August 2001 (SFC). WESTWIND #259 (NWSFS). ConNotations V.11, #4 (CASFS). DASFAX V. 33, #8 (DASFA).

other zines: None this time.

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.)

LETTER OF COMMENT

Robert Lichtman
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Even though I already knew of it through the Internet, it was sad to read in this issue (and the last one) of Jack Harness' untimely passing. I wonder if his family will be pursuing a wrongful death suit against the hospital, since it seems to me

Autumn Holiday Party

(from the lasfs.org web site)

This year's Autumn Holiday Party will be held at the clubhouse October 31, 2001. Start time is about 7:00 PM. Celebrate your favorite autumn holiday, from Hallowe'en to Mabon (Fall equinox) to International Language Day (12/20) or the Webmaster's Birthday (9/30).

Come in costume! Dress up as your favorite holiday figure! Note: Use restraint if dressing up to celebrate Invention of Sex day (11/1).

that they have some culpability in this regard. That aside, I particularly enjoyed Jack's nine words that could "make a man mad enough to kill." Brilliant, and so representative of the man. Len Moffatt remembered Jack as a fan artist "who drew directly on mimeo stencils with a steel stylus," but I must point out that while this is an admirable ability it's something that many fan artists could do back in the days when mimeography was the reproduction method of choice. And not just fan artists...I was one of many faneds who could ably stencil the artwork of others.

John Thiel (of 30 N. 14th Street, Lafayette, IN 47904) sent a mini-review of De Prof. He wrote, "... has fanzine reviews by Ted white and uses leftover Rotsler illos. They promulgate sf and perpetuate the existence of it."

(The Rotsler illos I use are not leftovers - they are guaranteed fresh and never-before used - I have lots of them. As for LASFS promulgating and perpetuating the existence of sf, I think that sf does a good enough job of doing that for itself. Besides, doing the above presupposes that LASFS has a purpose, and I do not think that LASFS has been successfully accused of that for many a decade.)

DANGEROUS VISIONS AUTOGRAPH PARTY

Wednesday, October 17th from 6 - 8 pm.:

Laurel K. Hamilton signs *Narcissus in Chains* (Berkley, 22.95)

ATTENTION AUCTION ITEM CONTRIBUTORS

The amount of material which has been donated to LASFS for auction seems to be breeding - there is now more than twice the amount of material which can fit into the space allocated for it. There may soon be no room in the meeting room for members!

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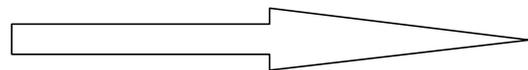
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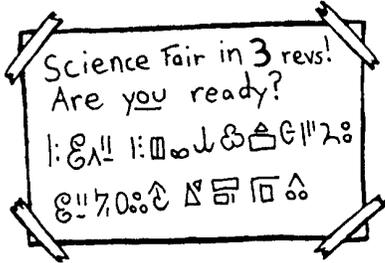
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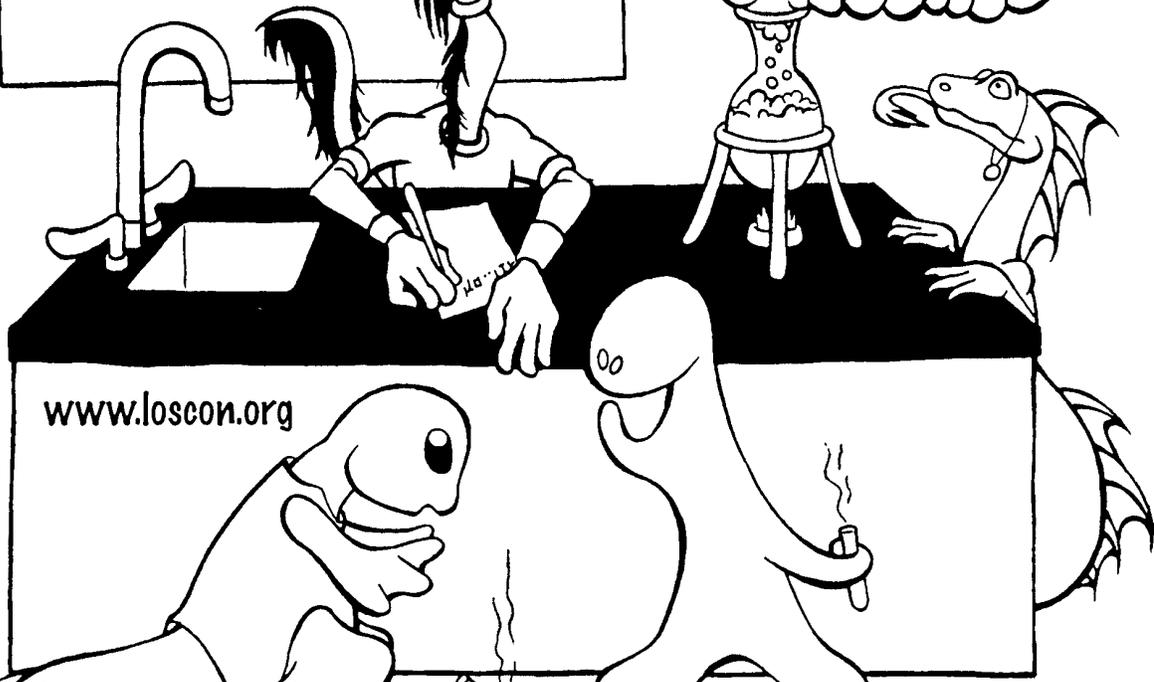


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