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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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LOSCON 29

PLANET LOSCON

November 29 - December 1
2002

Burbank Airport Hilton
and Convention Center

David Weber - Writer Guest of Honor
Patty Wells - Fan Guest of Honor
Nene Thomas - Artist Guest of Honor

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\$45 at the door

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November 2002

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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

Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm

FWEMS - Not this month

THURSDAY

PROGRAMME ITEMS

NOVEMBER 7 - Surprise speaker

NOVEMBER 14 - Board of Directors nominations

NOVEMBER 21 - Board of Directors Election

NOVEMBER 28 - Meeting will be at LASFS even though LOSCON has started

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes can be read in APA -L and are filed in the archives)

Meeting #3395, September 7, 2002

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lemke, Scribe

"All right, folks . . . never mind, I'm early"

"You can start the meeting, we just don't have to listen."

"Why mess with tradition?"

After Bill Ellern announced the videotape he was going to present, the meeting was brought to a reasonable facsimile of order at 20:15:35.

Special Orders of Business: Very special order: we are pleased to announce that LASFS has its first official pillar, Bruce Pelz. Auction at memorial panel at ConJose made over \$1,000. give or take. (*They gave, we took. - ed.*) Thanks to all for their contributions. The plaque will be done up in a brief period of time.

The Registrar introduced Greg and Reagan Morgan, who attended a LOSCON a couple of years ago.

Patron Saint: Emil Luwish, the father of Mike Luwish, who sanctified his father after he died. Joe Zeff stated that we could deduce that he fathered a generous son, and was probably a good father. We gave three cheers for Emil Luwish.

And **Greg Bilan**, who did not have a rich son, "Thank God." He became a patron saint the hard way, by working hard. "No he didn't!" "Shut up!" It wouldn't be the first time I've thrown a saint out of his meeting, dammit!" He's also an Evans-Frehafer Award winner. Christian said he's a loud, obnoxious bastard, who sits in the back, making comments, bidding on stuff, setting up the chairs, doing the myriad things that make the club work, etc.

Joe Zeff: Among other things, Greg is very good at putting up signs, which are informative but misspelled. Mike Donahue: At ConJose, he complained that there wasn't enough work. Liz: Greg is there to steal ice for parties. He has the magical ability to make ice appear from nowhere! (*I think he just gives some water a cold stare. - ed.*) Three cheers, and a block of ice. (Who are you calling an ice-hol...der?)

Committee to Gouge: Introducing a new bid, \$2.50, set equal to whatever it was Phil Castora just said. Also auctioned off was a blow-hard, which went in due course to Marty Cantor. (*A bit of redundancy, there. - ed.*)

There was no new or old business.

Committee Reports: Ken Porter said that The Pelz Memorial Hell Five Tournament went quite well. Thanks to Bob Null, Christian McGuire, and all of the others who helped to set it up.

Michael Mason: The LOSCON table at Worldcon did well, selling some memberships.

Reviews: Stanley Friesen: Reviewed a new anthology, "Once Upon a Planet." An interesting concept, a collection of fairy tales done as SF. In particular, Cinderella is done from an interesting point of view in the story, "Dancing in the Ashes," by Richard Friesen, Stan's brother. One copy of the book is being donated to the library.

Christian: ConJose had 5,500 members. It was held at the convention center and several reasonably close hotels. He had lots of fun, no trouble with the hotels, no trouble with the elevators, the panels were good, and the con suite was good. Ignore the scurrilous rumors. Next year, in Toronto.

Fannish Committee Reports: Matthew Tepper: A gentleman in Lascari, Sicily, Giovanni Greco, was having a mausoleum built. He died while inspecting it, landing right in his grave. Ed: Con suite was OK, but didn't have Pepsi products.

Glenn announced that he will be in Portugal during LOSCON, having published his first paper in computer science, to be published in the lecture notes of the ACM. (*LOSCON should annex Portugal so that Glenn does not have to miss the con. - ed.*)

Miscellaneous: CLJII: Those out of town, while you were gone, LA fandom hit the end of an era. The Ackermansion has been sold. The

collection is being dispersed. Forry has moved to a small house not far from the Mansion. It's on flat ground, and three blocks from House of Pies. Forry tires easily, but is doing well. Glenn asked, "Does Forry still require 24/7 care?" He has a woman there at all times, but she's there because he needs help from time to time. He's almost never been in as bad a shape as was reported at the time it was reported.

Adjourned at 21:05:02.

Meeting #3396, September 14, 2002

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lembke, Scribe scribbling

The meeting was called to order at 20:11:10. The **Menace** were read and approved as "fried with garlic and salt."

The **Registrar** introduced three guests. Michelle Gallagher, who found out about us from another member and came anyway; Frank Monaco, who found out from John: Steven Otto, saw the sign, and was curious to see if he could pick up on some interesting clues. I suppose he could always try the clues closet...

Patron Saint Mike Thorsen: Mike is a novelty in the society; he's quiet and mild mannered; he does stuff for the club, and has a clue. Quick! Introduce him to Steven Otto! He's only worth 9 cents at a crack, and the club has lots of cracks.

Master of the Kermit the Frog cam. Everyone seems to enjoy his coverage of the masquerade. Marty pointed out that he has produced a video about the Gift Exchange, which is very good. And he's the one person who, when he says someone should get something, we give him the job of shopping for it as he gets the best prices. He's another Frehafer Award winner. He has, once a month, a presentation of TRIPE, and has been Lord High Janitor for quite a while. He gets stuff done. He was given Three Cheers, and 9 cents.

Dale Hales, a newly-minted saint. Not only does he have a large wallet, but a large heart. When he sees something that needs to be done, he gets it done. Sometimes he gets it done before anyone notices it needs doing. He handles the big auctions. Dale helps around here, and helps in many other places, with moving, car problems, etc. He does for friends because that's what you do for friends. He's a nice guy, and he gave us money! Three Cheers, and a fully loaded truck.

Fannish Committee Reports: Matthew Tepper reported on the observations yesterday. Tom Safer and he were privileged to take part in the Mozart Requiem on the steps of the Pasadena City Hall. There were police units and fire departments, a piper, and other "features." Both sang in another requiem at a nearby church. Ed Green mentioned that the Requiem was part of a worldwide effort. It was sung in dozens of countries, in memory of 9/11/01.

The meeting adjourned at 21:15:18.

Meeting #3397, September 21, 2002

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lembke, Scribe

"It's going to be weird, ugly, and stupid this week," said the President.

“And this is different because???” Today is the seventh annual International Talk Like a Pirate Day. The Meeting was called to order at 20:13:39.

Special Orders of Business: Lloyd Biggle, Jr. 9/12/02, after a battle with cancer.

The **Menace** were read and approved as fast as possible.

The **Registrar:** Back on the couch is Olga Smith with an injured knee. She’s from Hungary. Bridgett Paley, Elizabeth Dewitt, here promoting Dungeon Master, The Ultimate Role-Playing Experience.

Paton Saint, The Moffatti: Two for the price of one. Several years ago, they had separate nights, but they volunteered to join their Patron Saints nights. They are Evans Frehafer Award winners, and have a bad habit of bringing wayward fen into their homes and civilizing them. Leigh said: Than you for the cakes. And thank you for the 1991 world mystery con. Karen Anderson said, Thanks for South Gate in ’58.

Marty Cantor: Len continues to write his fannish memoirs (which Marty continues to pub in his zine *NO AWARD*) and they are TAFF winners. Hare appreciates the fact that there is someone in the club who can still make fun trouble, Len Moffatt. Lee Gold: June is a former secretary, as well as a board member, and while minuting, she worked Digby’s clock, which cuckooed randomly, into the Minutes.

They are contributors to APA-L. They manage to bring in cute, funny, and whimsical aspects into zines without being hurtful. Phil Castora: They bring in stuff that is cute, pleasant, and funny, without turning stomachs. (*Previously placed zines have already turned stomachs enough so that they are empty by the time one reads their zine. - ed.*) Scratch: They’re wonderful people. Dug Crepeau: They laugh at his jokes. (*Well, nobody is perfect. - ed.*) Three Cheers and a big bear hug for each of them!

The Committee to Gouge auctioned off a phone booth, which works just like the real thing, and a million dollar bill, which works just as well.

Time Bound Announcements: Next week is banned books week. Get out and read a banned book.

Reviews: Robert Keller announced that he has a new niece, 8 pounds, 12 ounces. She doesn’t look like him. Her name is Adama. She is not named after Lorne Greene.

Miscellaneous: Mike Thorsen announced that his brother was awarded the Emmy. <applause>

The meeting adjourned at 21:07:21.

Meeting #3398, September 28, 2002

*Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

*It seems a shame, the walrus said, that LASFS has to meet,
A waste of time, a minor crime, and somewhat indiscreet.
The Engineer said nothing, but, “that sushi was too sweet.”*

The Meeting was gonged to order at 20:19:08.

Special Orders of Business: Dr. Robert Forward has unfortunately died from his brain tumor, at age 70. He was the author of *Dragon’s Egg*, and its sequel, among many other works. He will be missed. Len also had an

item: Many moons ago, June and he started pubbing a fanzine devoted to the works of John D. MacDonald. Some 22 issues for 13 years. It had been cut back to a bulletin, and we got word from a fellow in Florida, Ed Hershberg, Doctor of English at the University of South Florida, publisher of a fanzine devoted to the works of John D. MacDonald, taking it up after Len Moffatt had been working on it, died in June. There was a moment of silence for these two gentlemen.

The **Menace** were read and approved “just so we can get on with the meeting.”

The **Registrar:** Three member applicants, two returning guests, and a newbie from Monterey, Andy Presby. He likes to read everything.

Patron Saint Ron Ellik, “The Squirrel.” A former TAFF winner. His TAFF report is very humorous. He was killed in an auto accident.

Len: The John D. MacDonald Bibliophile Magazine was Ron’s fault. Ron sent JDM a letter, and got a reply. Knowing Len was a Travis McGee fan, Ron forwarded him the list of upcoming stories. Ran off the list on ditto, calling it the JDM Bibliophile #1. That developed into a full-fledged magazine. The checklist was dedicated to “Ron Ellik, who put us in touch with JDM, and Tony Boucher, who put us in touch with everyone else,” both of whom had died in the meantime. He was a very good writer. He also co-published *FANAC*, and collaborated on a Man from UNCLE novel. Anyway, he did a lot of stuff in a short life, and left a lot of good stuff behind him.

Christian: Anyone interested, we can bring in copies of the fanzine next Thursday. We request a \$1 donation to TAFF, per copy. JP: He was a good man. He was given three cheers and a bag of nuts. (*A <big> bag . . . LASFS members tend towards that size. - ed.*)

The next **Saint** was **Karl Lembke**, some schlub who wanders in and occasionally does stuff. A bunch of people said a bunch of things about him. If you want to know what people will say about you at your funeral, donate \$1000 to LASFS. You won’t know, but LASFS can use the money . . . OK, I’ll write down what people said.

Tom Safer called him a good writer with a good wit. And he enjoys the humorous minutes he produces. Eylat Poliner called him a sweet person, and extremely reliable. If you need someone to help, he’ll follow through to the letter.

Jerry Pournelle said the sushi he brought was too sweet. (Must have been all the honey keeping the phyllo dough and the nuts apart.) (*I thought that it was the spaces between the chairs in the meeting room that kept the nuts apart. - ed.*) Robert Keller called him an excellent conversationalist and good dinner guest.

Ed Green said that he’s the current Chairman of the Board, a tough office, where diplomatic skills are desperately needed. And when you’re President, the person who sits at the front table with you can make or break you. In the time Karl’s been here, he’s been one of the best to have at your right hand, even if only for the occasional murmur of support. He does an excellent and witty job at menace. He’s also the webmaster, another horribly thankless job. and he gave us money.

Marty Cantor stated that without Karl's cooperation, he could not get *DE PROF* out on time . . . properly. He was given Three Cheers and some sweet sushi.

Committee Reports: The Clean Up Your Act Committee, an *ad hoc* committee: The clubhouse is looking a little shabby of late. Please clean up after yourself. This will be a big help. The Committee To Find A Place To Put All The Neat Stuff We Collect will be working on the problem, but this is a first step.

CLJII announced that we will be getting rid of some surplus furniture. Many pieces will soon be available to be taken away.

Time Bound Announcements: Hare: Elayne still has some of the latest Honor Harrington book for sale. Christian: In the back of the latest book is a CD containing other Harrington books. Tad: Timothy Ferris, cosmology writer, has a new book. He'll be at the Museum of Natural History on Wednesday.

Reviews: Christian: just finished a set of Rudy Rucker short stories, "Snarl." Phillip K. Dick fans will find the stories have a similar feel. Very good horror and odd.SF events.

Hare reviewed the Circus World trilogy by Barry Longyear. Enjoyed, but not his best work. Worth a read. Fred Patten: showed off a copy of Rooms of Autumn, by Larry and Robert Elmore. It featured a back cover blurb right out of Eye of Argon.

JP: I mention that The Prince is out. It was written by some dude named Pournelle, and some other dude named Sterling. Also, a new hardbound edition of Fandom Saves the Universe, AKA Fallen Angels.

Fannish Committee Reports: JP: the Nigerian scam is now the third largest money-making venture in Nigeria. The other two being herbal Viagra and a weight-loss plan?

Miscellaneous: Karl announced the probable end of his mom's cancer treatment. As it turns out, treatment is continuing with a course of electron beam therapy.

The meeting adjourned at 21:23:37.

*LASFS Board of Directors
Meeting of October 13, 2002
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Mike Glycer, Secretary*

ATTENDANCE: (Board) Karl Lembke, Mike Glycer, Joe Zeff, Bill Ellern, Ed Green, Liz Mortensen, Elayne Pelz, Bob Null, Mike Thorsen. (Absent: Cathy Beckstead, Michael Mason, attending CopperCon.) (Proxies: Liz Mortensen had Michael Mason's proxy.) (Others) M. Cantor, F. Hamit, A. Morrel, J. Sperling, G. Barrett, B. Hales.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: Ed Green requested a special order of business to announce that LASFS has its first Pillar: Bruce Pelz. He thanked Dale Hales for having a

"significant influence" on this development. Hales had purchased the rights to be Tuckerized in a couple of authors' stories, inspiring Glycer to wonder how much might be raised if he suggested Mike Resnick's next anthology be Alternate Dales.

MINUTES: A motion to accept them as corrected passed by voice vote.

NEW MEMBERS: Applications were received from Geoffrey Landis, Ken Somthobburana, Charles Trapnel, Justine Reynolds, Jesse Looney. Joe Zeff, seconded by Ed Green, moved to accept the applications. The motion passed by voice vote, unopposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Liz Mortensen reported on the status of the treasury. Treasury: \$13,448.61, FOB \$1.41, Library \$918.49, Video \$149.12; Total operating fund: \$14,517.63. Century Fund \$45,602.17, Key Fund \$360, Video R/R \$1,040.50. Total \$61,520.30.

Liz said that \$4,445 had been accumulated to make Bruce a Pillar, of which \$3,000 had already been included in the Century Fund. She asked what should be done with the amount over \$4,000, whether to put it all in the Century Fund or perhaps put some in the Library Fund, another of Bruce's causes. After some discussion, Ed Green, seconded by Glycer, moved to put the overage in the Century Fund. The motion passed by voice, unopposed.

FACILITIES: Dale Hales reported for Donahue that information-gathering for the building proposal is still in process. He didn't have a presentation for this meeting.

Furniture: Bob Null reiterated that we didn't want to replace the dead couches with more dead couches. Dale Hales asked about the lawn swings discussed last meeting. It did not take long for the directors to envision the mass of LASFS members on a lawn swing. Francis Hamit also called them an attractive nuisance for minors. He recommended the park benches sold at Home Depot.

Ed Green moved to spend up to \$250 on benches and the means of securing them from theft. The motion passed by voice vote, with Liz Mortensen and Mason's proxy voting no.

Computers: Bob Null said one died and its replacement is being installed today.

Ed Green, seconded by Joe Zeff, moved to give Bob Null authority to distribute surplus computers to LASFS members using his best judgment. The motion passed by voice vote, unopposed.

Parking: Bob Null said he needs to get a replacement sign for

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(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, November 16, 2002 at 7 PM

Pre-filk dinner at 4:45 PM.

The House of Perpetual Commotion:

Hosts: John & Mary Creasey
3754 W. 170th Street, Torrance, CA -
(310) 329-6772

PRE-FILK DINNER: 4:45 PM (to avoid the crowd) Grand China Buffet, 22901 Hawthorne Bl., Torrance, (between Sepulveda and Lomita Blvd. about 1.5 mi south of the Golden Camel Mongolian BBQ on the West side of the street.) Price is \$12.00 + tax & tip for Chinese, some Dim Sum, Japanese incl. some Sushi, and Mongolian BBQ dishes. They require 1 week notice for # attending and will take reservations for large parties.

CALL CREASEYS TO RESERVE -- ONE WEEK (days) BEFORE, PLEASE!, on November 9th.

DIRECTIONS: THOMAS GUIDE L.A.
CO. PAGE 733 GRID E-7
Lafa info: Barry & Lee Gold:
(310) 306-7456

the handicapped parking space. And he'll use car wax on the new sign to keep it from oxidizing so quickly.

Karl Lembke reported there has been minimum parking trouble lately. The neighbor was willing to move a car one night. Zeff said things have been getting solved on a friendly basis.

Null mentioned an offer by the neighbor to pay \$240,000 for our property if we ever move.

Hall Decorating Committee: Marty Cantor pointed out a filing cabinet and some new shelving are

helping to straighten up the meeting room.

Freelancers Copyright Clinic: Francis Hamit distributed a handout. He explained that the reason for having this clinic is to get people interested in the club and secondarily to make a little money. It will help our outreach to a different group and additional ethnic communities.

Ed expressed appreciation for Hamit's hard work.

Hamit said that between the marketing committee and the local unit of the National Writers' Union he could reach two completely different narrow bands of interest. He conceived the workshop as starting at 9 a.m. on a Saturday morning and running 4 hours. That would not interfere with afternoon or evening use of the clubhouse.

Ed said we should schedule a workparty a week in advance so that people who come to the workshop will have a place that's conducive to a seminar. Hamit suggested holding the event early next year for a maximum of 50 people. The setting of a date was held over to next meeting. Hamit would discuss the idea with NWU and find out what they would be putting up, if anything.

MARKETING COMMITTEE: Karl reported that various publicity documents have been made available. The intention is to have originals on site so people who need copies can make

them. Hamit contributed a copy of his 1990 NASFiC press kit to the committee.

LASFS.org: Karl had made some more corrections.

Gestetner: Marty Cantor said the servicing had been done. They found a slow leak. [Yes, it's a typo, but such a quaint one I left it in.] Bob asked if running black-and-white only was an alternative to further repairs. Marty did not think so. Liz said we need to wait until next year and a new budget before spending the proposed \$600. Marty wanted the machine fixed in time for Loscon. Karl, who would be doing the Loscon daily zine, said he would have Marty show him the work-around.

VIDEO LIBRARY: Karl read a report submitted by Charles Lee Jackson II. He had acquired various tapes with trade-in credits. He got rid of two boxes of tapes and disks for \$37 in cash and \$65 of credit. Some of the video library data had been entered in a spreadsheet on Bookie Monster. Charlie wanted to buy a \$45 DVD storage rack which would hold 90 DVDs and fit into the space already allocated.

LIBRARY: Standards: Bill Ellern wanted to postpone discussion so he could delete the non-guideline stuff in the text and send it to the Board as had been requested. He would also check on the effect of the proposals on our nonprofit tax status.

ARCHIVES: Bob Null reported on what he had filed.

LOSCON 29: Joyce Sperling said there was a committee meeting. Karl said the Loscon 29 website has been cleaned up. Pages will expand and become more informative as the committee provides information.

LOSCON 30: No report.

LALACON: Quiet.

COMMANIA: Greg Barrett said ask after Loscon.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: Marty Cantor said they are working on their bylaws. On September 24 their neighborhood organization comes up for certification before the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

NEW BUSINESS: The directors reconsidered an earlier decision about the funds raised to make Bruce a Pillar.

Liz Mortensen, seconded by Joe Zeff, moved to spend from the excess over \$4000 raised to make Bruce a Pillar up to \$400 to repair the Gestetner. In the discussion, Elayne agreed with the idea so Glycer changed his mind about opposing it. The motion passed by voice vote unopposed (Mason's proxy abstained.)

A member asked if the club actively solicits members. He pointed out that the local Burbank newspaper lists activities in every issue – he asked, why not have LASFS listed, or get articles in the Daily News when there are special speakers. Karl invited the member to attend a meeting of the marketing committee the following Wednesday.

CONVENTION DELEGATES: No requests.

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

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 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.

LITTLEBROOK #1, August 2002 (Jerry Kaufman and Suzanne Tompkins, editors & publishers; available for “the usual” (letters of comment, contributions, or fanzines in trade) or \$2 a copy; 3522 N.E. 123rd St., Seattle WA 98125; e-mail to jakaufman@aol.com or suzlet@aol.com)

Jerry Kaufman and Suzanne Tompkins are well-known in fandom for their long-running genzine, *Mainstream*, the final issue of which appeared a few years ago. *Mainstream*, like entirely too many good genzines, had a publishing schedule which had deteriorated to one issue every several years or so – and it would not have surprised me if yet another issue was first rumored and then eventually appeared in another year or two.

Instead, Jerry and Suzle have launched a new smaller fanzine: “here’s the plan for *Littlebrook*: smaller issues, a little more frequently published....” The first issue runs 12 pages, double-columned, and consists of three pieces. “Bewitched, Bothered and Bemildred” is Jerry’s editorial column and includes, in addition to the usual editorial natter about the issue, four complete smaller articles/essays which remind me of what a good fanwriter Jerry has become over the years. Andy Hooper contributes “Sausage Time,” subtitled “a column about

contemporary fanzines.” Hooper explains that since he stopped putting out a small frequent fanzine five years ago he’s gradually lost contact with the current fanzine scene – and then provides insightful commentary on four current fanzines anyway. The issue finishes with a slightly augmented version of Moshe Feder’s Guest of Honor speech at this year’s Corflu (where the GoH’s name is drawn from a hat and the Lucky Winner has a day to come up with his or her speech or presentation). Moshe proved himself equal to the challenge, as has always been the case with Corflu GoHs.

A surprisingly solid issue, despite consisting of only a dozen pages.

FLOSS! #2, May 2002 (Lilian Edwards, 39 Viewforth, Edinburgh EH10 4JE, Scotland; L.Edwards@ed.ac.uk, available by editorial whim, so ask)

Lilian Edwards has been putting out fanzines for around 20 years by now and has it down to a fine art. *Floss!* is the successor to *Gloss*, a fanzine which had managed three somewhat contentious issues. This issue focuses on British conventions, covering Damn Fine Con (a *Memento*-ish chronologically-reversed report by the eponymous Max), Helicon II (by Juliette Woods and, separately, by Tanya Brown), Novacon (by Tony Keen) and Corflu (by Randy Byers). In addition, Lilian contributes “Indefinite Articles” (a disguised editorial about the joys of the internet’s Live Journal) and “I Went To IKEA” (where she did not find bliss), Jae Leslie Adams gives us “Barbie the Feminist,” and there are four pages of letters. *Floss!* has 33 pages of single-columned text, illuminated by photos from the various conventions and cartoons by Dave Hicks, and a great (color) cover depicting a fannish version of the game Clue.

Floss! exemplifies the better, less formal, British fanzines of the day. It’s full of in-jokes that depend on knowing who the people referred to are, but not to the point of obscurity – you can pick it up as you go along, and the spirited writing will ease that task.

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: BCSFAzine #353 (BCSFA). WESTWIND #264 (NWSFS). ConNotations Vol. 12, Issue 5 (CASFS). INSTANT MESSAGE #708 (NESFA). DASFAx Vol. 34, No. 9 (DASFA). ETHEL

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THE AARDVARK NO. 104 (MSFC).NASFA SHUTTLE Vol. 22, No. 9 (NASFA). SOUTHERN FANDOM CONFEDERATION BULL. Vol. 8, No. 1 (SFC). PHRODO, Oct. 2002 (PSFS). FUTURE TIMES Vol. 5, No. 9 (ASFS).

other zines: PEREGRINE NATIONS Vol. 2, No. 2 (Jan Stinson).

MISSING TAPES/DVDs

(Please check to see if you have any of these at home. See Charlie Jackson if you have them.)

It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World (DVD)

The Legend of Bagger Vance (DVD)

Dracula (Spanish language version)

Donovan's Brain

Panic in Year Zero

The Man in the White Suit

When Worlds Collide

War of the Worlds

A MESSAGE FROM THE LOSCON 29 CHAIR

Hi Ho LASFASians and Fellow Fhen;

It is my great privilege to invite you to join us on PLANET LOSCON, Loscon's 29 annual gathering of Fun, Friends and Fantasy. OK look at it this way it's the great escape from Thanksgiving and the Relaxing time just before the Holiday's really kick off. ☺

What can you look forward to in November??

And in No Particular Order:

Ice Cream Socials, Dances, Art show, Dealer's Room, Masquerades, Con Suite, Anime, Gaming, Panels, People, Filking, the non People, Children's Programming, Fun and Frolic, Lux After Dark, Dances, Parties, Children's Writing Contest ... and a chance to make New Friends or renew old ones....

We even have Charitable Events like the Blood Drive, Toy drive ... and Much much more...

And if you Still feel Antsy. Volunteer and earn those hours for a passon ...

This year we feature our Planetary Space Station #29 in Sector 2K2. A cross-time, inter-dimensional hub. Mind the signs "There be Dragons" and "There be Transporters" (and hopefully the twain shall never

meet ☺)

Featuring and thanking our GoHs.

Author GoH: David Webber: Author of the Honor Harrington Series (and many more) and Making his first West Coast Appearance. You can't miss him...I hear he's at least 6ft Tall anyway!! And a fellow Fan.

Artist GoH: Nene Thomas: Fantastic Fantasies of Color and Imagination. A Winged Unicorn Zebra in a Carousel Style running thru the Forest to spark the imagination ... and wait till you see the rest.

Fan GoH: Patti Wells: Our Fellow Fan from up North and the Next Chair of Orycon 25. And like the Loscon Chair has a taste for Theater in Fandom. She also has a taste for Mysteries and teaches computer applications. Ask about her most memorable fannish adventures..even I'd like to know about the kidnapping of a giant stuffed armadillo...

And of course the "usual suspects". Experience Fandom from around the area at the Fan Tables, autographs, artists concourse. Just be sure to Register at MIB-Burbank. Questions or comments check the websites or feel free to contact the Chair and his associates.

And of course for the "weary traveler" we recommend a stay at the Burbank Airport Hilton. Get your rooms while we remember the Chlormidian content or was that the Oxide balances, for the "Fans from Planet 20."

IN ANY CASE. We look forward to your company, to all of you who make this convention as Memorable as possible...and Don't keep it to yourself...bring/recommend us to you friends. Drag a few family members so they too can enjoy a whole new culture and world..

See you when you make planetfall...mind the Step.. ☺

"Friendly-TNT"

Station Cmdr.

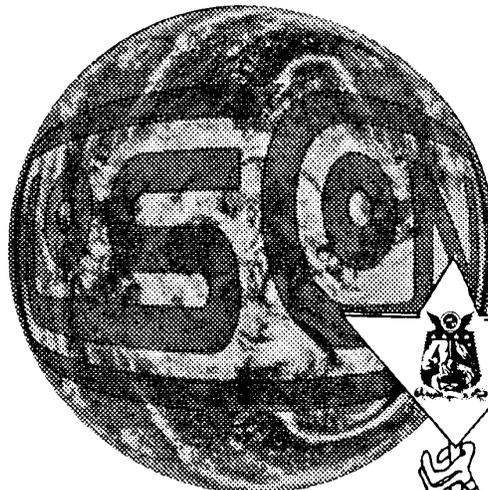
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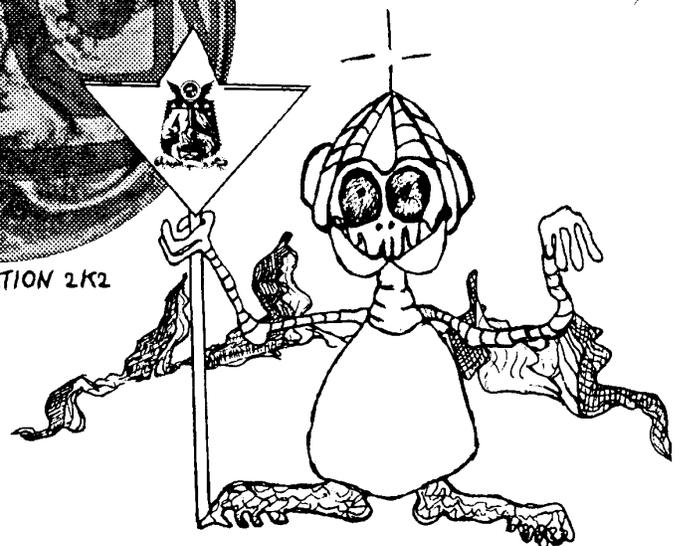
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Of Honor

Patty Wells
Fan Guest
Of Honor

Nene Thomas
Artist Guest
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*Through the authority granted by: the Sacred Elephant,
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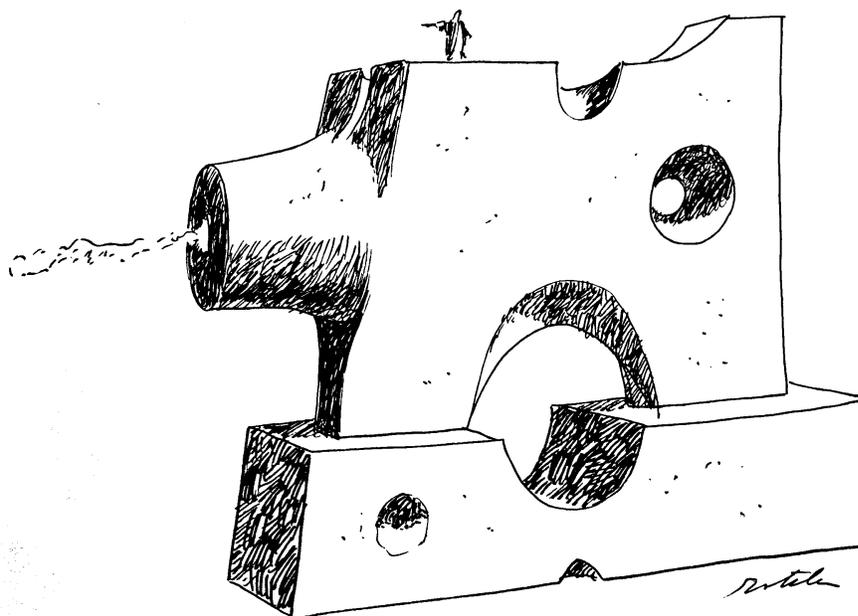
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Registration

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