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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

FUCC - Evening

TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am

ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm

Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm

FWEMS - Serial Double Feature: G-Men vs. the Black

Dragon/Jr. G-Men of the Air

THURSDAY

PROGRAMME ITEMS

JUNE 5 - Nominations for LASFS President/Tom Safer Short Video

JUNE 12 - Election of all six Procedural Officers

JUNE 19 - No Programme

JUNE 26 - More Like The Movies Part I

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

The LASFS recently had a
\$2600 plumbing bill.

The problem was paper towels not being able to
pass through our line which has two right-angle bends
in it.

PLEASE

Do not put paper towels into the toilets!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

COLOPHON

De Profundis 365 – May, 2003. Editor: **Marty Cantor**. Production Assistant: **Bob Null**. Mailing List: **Liz Mortensen**. Mailing Labels: **Fuzzy Pink Niven**.

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We want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his address: hooah-pubs@earthlink.net. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

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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LASFS OFFICERS

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President: Ed Green. **Vice-President:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** Liz Mortensen. **Registrar:** Robert Keller.

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CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

Meeting #3425, April 3, 2003

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lemke, Scribe

*From the malls of Honolulu to the stores of NYC,
We will buy our country's products to increase our GNP.*

Meeting number 3425 started at 20:13:03. The **Menace** were read and approved as “eaten by carnivorous plants.”

The **Registrar** introduced Ashley Fraser, learned about us in a nightmare, and Rick Katze, who now belongs here, and blames Mike Glycer for his being here. Also, the shaft is back at NESFA, returned by a Philadelphia lawyer. A miniature shaft has been created and is now in NESFA’s possession . . . When the shaft originally arrived at LASFS, there was something else in the box. A fanzine that was being sent to Mike Glycer. Leigh says that according to Glycer, when it was shipped to Pennsylvania, it was refused and sent to an auction site. The shaft, not the fanzine. Though it was close. The shaft was a thank-you for our loan of money to buy the NESFA clubhouse . . . (*Does this mean that LASFS owns the NESFA clubhouse? -ed.*)

Patron Saint Chuck Donahue. (Up Chuck!) Nice enough to give us money to make him a patron saint, so people would say nice things about him once a year . . . Tried to do too much and burned out. Matthew Tepper said: He used to have a cute girlfriend who would sit on top of the freezer on the far end of the room and knit. Christian said that Chuck was always the man Christian thought he was. Leigh called him a fine person with a good sense of humour. Joe: He was a marine. He was given Three Cheers and a gopher in the front yard.

Committee to Gouge: We’d like to thank the committee for their fine work, should we ever see any.

Old Business: The Fugghead contest rolls on apace.

Committee Reports: The Acquire the Spire project usher passed the collection plate.

Last week, *DE PROFS* were sent out with Directories. If anyone wants another Directory, pay Liz 50¢.

Mah Jongg tournament is at the end of June.

Francis Hamit reported on the copyright registration clinic. To all those who are looking forward to it, too late. You missed it. Four who attended were non-members.

Reviews: Leigh Strother-Vien read *Shelters of Stone*, the fifth book in Auel’s *Earth’s Children* series. Much better than *Plaines of Passage*. It’s the most believable since the first one. It has been donated to the LASFS Library.

Fannish Committee Reports: Christian: “I completely forgot what I was going to say.” Ed Green: A German citizen recently met an untimely demise when his personal invention failed. It was a vibrating mattress and electrodes, which he would attach to himself. While watching a film titled *Hot Vixen Nuns*, his apartment experienced a power surge. Always use a surge protector.

Miscellaneous: Francis Hamit waxed appreciative. The copyright registration event last Saturday would not have been possible without the help of friends, such as Leigh Strother-Vien, the Janitors, and the support of various members of the Board. It was an experiment, and not all experiments succeed. Mike Thorsen pointed out that, with nine paying attendees, it was not a total abject failure.

The meeting adjourned at 21:18:37.

Meeting #3426, April 10, 2003
Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe scribbling

Oblivious to the carnivorous happy face behind him, Ed Green gaveled into order meeting number 3426 at 20:12:14.

Special Orders of Business: Unfortunately, we have some. Marty Cantor mentioned the passing of John Foyster, LASFS member and a major fan in Australia. He entered fandom in 1958 and produced a lot of fine fanzines, and had a radio show. The last year and a half he had been suffering from a brain tumor yet he was still producing fanzines almost up to his last week. He died on April 5, 2003. CLJII also noted the passing of Dik Daniels. He was around for a very long time, and was known for dumb jokes and good photographs. In their honour, a long moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “shocking!”

The **Registrar:** We have one guest, John Garza. Either stand up and be noticed, or walk out the door without saying anything.

Patron Saint: St. Elst (Eliot Weinstein). One of the more interesting members of the LASFS, and the second to create his own religion. He hasn’t had quite the same financial success as the other member. He’s not writing posthumously. He’s a pediatrician, with the finest credential a Mexican Peso can buy. Came back, passed most of the tests, and is now practicing medicine. (Guadalajara is probably the third best pediatric school on the continent.)

Created Herbangalism, a religion based on the comic book character Herbie. Also created the Hogu Ranquet, in protest of the expensive (\$5-\$10) Hugo Banquets. He had is banquets at a local McDonald’s. Now the Hugo banquets don’t take place, but the McDonalds banquets are now \$5-\$10.

MBT: He’s a great guy, and a good friend. A good raconteur, and a nice guy. A great dinner companion. JP: He’s a good friend we don’t see often enough. And he has excellent taste in wine. He was given Three Cheers and the traditional reasonably clean butter knife for surgery.

Committee to Gouge: auctioned off a key with six appeal.

Old Business: The Fugghead project continues unabated.

New Business: The LASFS had an emergency with the plumbing, which cost us over \$2600. This paid for a new hole in the sewer lines. Details Sunday of the BoD meeting.

Business: Move that the Society donate \$50 to each of the emergency relief societies of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

We wish to state for the public record that our signature on this motion is not a Statement of Agreement or Disagreement about the current US policy in the Middle East. It is simply an expression of gratitude for those members of the Armed Forces who have gone into “harm’s way” on behalf of the American Public.

The motion passed without dissent. There followed a discussion about

MAGIC
The Gathering

Tournaments
held at LASFS
First Friday
every month

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which society to sent it to. The consensus was that an amendment designating the USA as an allowable recipient. The checks will go out tomorrow night.

Time-Bound Announcements: Bob Null: finishes radiation and chemo tomorrow, and still has hair. 4-8 weeks after that finishing up with therapy, he will be scheduling surgery to deal with the rest.

Jerry Poumelle: gave a discourse on the Iraq war. This war is rewriting a lot of the books about military logistics and

comparison of forces. If you missed his talk, check his web page at <www.jerry poumelle.com>.

Reviews: Kyla, in keeping with military theme. Mother voted commander of local VFW, first female commander ever.

Hare: Star Pilot Grave, second of Megworld books. This comes closer to Weber than the first in the series was, and much better done. However, the book has no real ending, the words just stop.

George Van Wagner: Reviewed a Holmes Ginsbook device, *Future Land* by Walter Moseley, a collection of nine interwoven stories. It's as dark a you'd expect his work to be, and highly recommended.

Fannish Committee Reports: George Van Wagner described a Dilbert Newsletter strategy. He collects 800 numbers from all the spams he gets, and includes that 800 number when he replies enthusiastically to all the Nigerian spams he gets.

Ed Green: read a letter from the Iraqi Ministry of Information. Baghdad Bob is looking for employment with a group that can use his talents, and Isuzu isn't hiring.

Karen Anderson will be posting something on the bulletin board. It's a story about a sidewalk-traveling robot that says things to passers by. These things include, "My aim is to reproduce" and, "Does your god make you wear clothes?"

Miscellaneous: Mike Thorsen announced that canned Whup-ass is once again available. Joe Zeff observed that there is now a no-calorie energy drink available.

The meeting adjourned at 21:36:44.

Meeting #3427, April 17,, 2003
Bob Null, vice-presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

I hereby attempt to call to some semblance of order . . . Meeting number

3427 started at 20:10:06.

Special Orders of Business: Henry Beck, widower of Martha Beck, died after a long illness. He was a long-time active fan, formerly in Chicago, and moved to Arizona. A moment of silence was held.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "he's still got his hair!!!"

The **Registrar:** We have a guest, who hasn't run screaming yet! Bill Taliaferro, from Venice.

Patron Saint Stan Burns. Christian said that Stan is a member who doesn't show up as often as he used to, now that he lives in the middle of nowhere. He's a good companion at conventions, and a good photographer. He is credited with many of the first set of pictures for the Fan Gallery. Seen Stan mostly at parties, rather than at the club. He was given Three Cheers, and a bill from Agfa . . .

Committee to Gouge: Confused Tadao most thoroughly . . . (*It is good to know that there are some verities. - ed.*)

Old Business: The toilet had more problems. The plumber had to be called again, and the line was jammed with paper towels.

Committee Reports: Program Committee: We have a program next week. This will consist of erecting bat shields in front of the front table while everyone stuffs the ballot boxes.

Craft Fair, June 7. Still looking for more dealers. Six sold, two reserved. There will also be a bake sale.

Reviews: Don Wenner reviewed some science fiction. Alternative history, in this case: Ruled Britannia, by Harry Turtledove. It's not an edge of the seat kind of story, but very interesting nonetheless.

The meeting adjourned at 21:15:10.

Meeting #3428, April 24, 2003
Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

"I'm not avian! I don't ~~have~~ down there!"

"Why don't you start the meeting so it can get worse?"

Meeting number 3428 started at 20:13:08.

Special Orders of Business: None!

The **Menace** were read and approved as "A rubber Czech" (they'll come bouncing back to you . . .)

The **Registrar:** Mitchell B. has made a re-appearance.

Patron Saint Bill Warren: Bill is one of those who doesn't come around much very often. Ed has known him for years, and he's one of the most impressive members of the society. Hare: Bill wrote "Keep Watching the Skies," an impressive collection of writings about '50s movies. CLJII: He is known as the fellow who gave CLJII the address of where the LASFS met. When he had called to talk to Forry, Bill told him he'd be at LASFS. Bill's been a good friend ever since, and was GoH at the 1984 LOSCON. He took great advantage of being GoH. His books and articles on SF, TV, and movies are among the best available, except for the errors. The best parts of the books are his accounts of how he saw the movies, and his love of the genre.

Marty Cantor: when he first joint LASFS, Bill was the Lord High Janitor. Since then, he's done a lot of good things for people, the club in par-

ticular. He lives in Hollywood, and his health hasn't been the best. He had to have a valve job on his heart some months ago. He's a good person, and was a very good friend of Bill Rotsler, and worked with him just prior to Rotsler's death. He forwarded the remaining Rotsler illos to Marty rather than throwing them out.

Matthew Tepper said, "He's a good friend of Allan Rothstein, and often has lunch with him. Jerry Poumelle: The year Jerry edited the Nebula Award volume, asked Bill to write the essay on the year's SF. He should have been doing them every year. "We even paid him," said Jerry. Three Cheers, and a new Freedom TV show.

Marty was asked to come up and explain how the Fugghead Contest was going to run. Ed then explained Marty's explanation. He read off the rankings, rank as they were.

Committee to Gouge: Auctioned off a book in a fit of historic, and Jerry's a bastard. Ed Hooper and Bill Ellem were hoist by our own bastard...

Time-Bound Announcements: Bill Ellem: The Annual Festival of Greed will occur 5/28-6/1. AKA Book Expo or APA convention. Until the 4th of May, membership is \$90. After that, \$120 at the door. LA Convention Center.

Brother Thorsen passed through the congregation, collecting for funds to put a spire on top of the LASFS building. Why put a spire on top of the building? Because it won't fit underneath.

Miscellaneous: Karen Anderson reported on the Science Fiction Experience Museum next to the Space Needle in Seattle. <www.sciencefictionexperience.com/default.asp>

Joe Zeff found out on Usenet that there has been a DVD made of Wizard of Speed and Time, with Jitlov's blessing. Jitlov will benefit from it. It was moved, seconded, and thridded that the LASFS buy a copy.

George Bush won the Fugghead of the year contest, with Tadao Tomomatsu in second place.

The meeting adjourned at 21:51:26.

*LASFS Board of Directors
Meeting of April 13, 2003
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Joe Zeff, Secretary*

Directors: Karl Lembke, Mike Thorson, Bill Ellem, Brett Achom, Marty Cantor, Liz Mortensen, Ed G-R-E-E-N, Bob Null, Joe Zeff, Cathy Beckstead, Michael Mason.

Others: Joyce Sperling, Dale Hales, Phil Castora, Tadao Tomomatsu, Ann Morrel, Greg Bilan, Stacy Hallman, Francis Hamit, Frank Waller, Arlene Satin, Christian McGuire, Tony Benoun (The LASFS Lion was available, and came into the room on occasion.)

Chairman Karl Lembke called the meeting to order at 11:16 AM in a semi-toonish manner. He thanked Mike Thorson for taking proper action as Vice Chairman in taking care of a recent plumbing emergency. Liz reported that the problem was caused by years of a low

flow toilet not having enough pressure to keep things clear. It was moved and seconded to approve the expenditure retroactively. The motion passed unanimously. The Minutes were read, and, after being thoroughly savaged, were approved.

New Members: Carol Habberley and John Garza were voted into membership, and may yet regret it.

Treasury: We have money, but less than before. The Copyright Clinic turned \$85 over to the club. Francis also made a donation of \$75 in Leigh Strother-Vien's name. The report was accepted without dissent.

Maintenance: We took quite a hit from the plumbing emergency, but all else is going well.

Clean-up: We took a short step backwards during the repairs, but are recovering from this. The membership is also showing signs of cooperating with this, a distinct step in the right direction.

Computers: No change, except that Bob Null isn't a cyborg anymore.

Hall Decorations: Mike Thorson has been putting up posters and coordinating with the Cleanup.

Plaques: No change.

Gestetner: The stencils are still tearing, but we know why and can work with it until next year, when it gets serviced.

Club Machines: Nothing new.

Marketing Committee: There will be a work party Wednesday to collate the handouts.

Reading Lists: No change to the Children's. There should be a large number of copies of the Adult list on the premises.

Outreach: The Copyright Seminar has been held, with half the attendees from outside the club. Mike Thorson put the entire thing on tape, so there's no need to hold another. A letter of thanks is being sent to the copyright lawyer for his time and trouble.

LASFS.ORG: Revisions have been made, mostly to remove links to events in the past.

LIBRARY: Bob Null donated 24 boxes of books, half of which have been processed. The rest should be done by next week.

Standards Committee: There is a draft report, which will be distributed to interested parties, including the Board Chair. We haven't decided, yet, how to implement it. This will be discussed next month, after people have had time to examine the report.

Archives: One of our newer members is an author, researching a book on a LASFS member who was important in the founding of JPL, and made good use of the Archives.

Upcoming Events: We have six tables sold for the Craft Fair. Many of the books in the recent Null donation will be sent to the Festival of Books.

LosCon 30: There will be a table at ConFurence, across from the Festival. The first committee meeting went well.

ESTROGEN ZONE

Scrapbooking classes and workshops

If you have scrapbooked before, please bring your supplies and come and sit and talk as the rest work on their projects.

Rebecca will be glad to help anybody who has not done this get started.

Questions? Call Rebecca at: (310) 710-3291

LosCon 31: No response yet from the Pro GoH, but that's normal.

LosCon 29: No change, but the (probably) final list of volunteers is on the website.

LaLaCon 9: We're about a week behind schedule. Again, the GoH has not responded. Pre-reg is going very slowly with only 21 so far. The budget is being scaled back to compensate, and to eliminate things, such as T-Shirts, that aren't cost effective. The Chili cook-off is, however, on-track, with at least three different weird entries.

Neighborhood Council: Nothing worth mentioning, as our delegate missed the meeting.

New Business: Greg Bilan is requesting the club to sponsor his ride in the Tour de Cure, an event for the American Diabetes Association. After discussion, Ed Green moved that the Club sponsor Greg Bilan to a maximum of \$50, seconded by Mike Thorson, but the motion failed.

New Business: crickets chirping.

Convention Delegates: more crickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29:51.

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 fanzine below and broaden your participation in fandom.

EASTER WINE – *A Fanthology for Seacon 03* (Claire Brialey & Mark Plummer, editors; published by Seacon '03, 8 The Orchard, Tonwell, Hertfordshire SG12 0HR, United Kingdom; no price, but I suggest at least a couple of dollars to cover mailing costs)

I'm only recently returned from Corflu, the fanzine convention, held this year in late April, in Madison, Wisconsin. As usual, I had a great time, and also as usual I returned with a big batch of fanzines I'd been given there.

One of the most impressive is *Easter Wine*. It was published for the members of this year's British national SF convention, the Eastercon. (Each Eastercon, like each Worldcon, also has an individual name. This year's Eastercon was “Seacon,” but since this name has been used before – most notably for the 1979 Worldcon in Brighton – the “03” has been appended for clarity.) Co-editor Mark Plummer was passing out extra copies at Corflu, and I was pleased to get one.

The basic idea behind *Easter Wine* was to reprint some of the best (or most appropriate) material from fanzines which had been written by Eastercon Guests of Honor. The purpose was twofold: to give an idea *why* these people had been so honored, and to expose convention attendees to some of the fanwriting of the past and in so doing to the idea that Good Stuff could be found in old fanzines.

The result is a publication which exemplifies the purpose of this column. Here is some of the cream of fanwriting, skimmed from fanzines, the oldest of which was published 50 years ago. That fanzine was Bob Silverberg's *Spaceship* #22, which was published in July, 1953. And the reprinted piece, “The Wrong Slant,” is a portion of Silverberg's editorial, written when he was 18. As Robert Silverberg he has gained fame as an author of SF, but even as a teenager Silverberg was acute: in this short piece he identifies the origins of the subsequent bloating of SF conventions.

Most of the 28 contributions to this fanthology (not counting the editorial bookends) are reprinted from much more recently – typically from the 1970s, '80s and '90s, with a couple from the current century – and one, by Ian Watson, is new. While the majority of the contributions are articles, four artists – Jim Barker, Pete Lyon, Rob Hansen and Chris Baker (“Fangorn”) are represented with reprints of some of their fanzine-published art.

Both fans and professionals are included (as the editors note, in some cases the people in question are *both*). They are (in order of appearance): Ken Slater, Ethel Lindsay, Peter Weston, Peter Roberts, Robert Silverberg, Leroy Kettle, Graham Chamock, Jim Barker, Dave Langford, Ian Watson, Avedon Carol, James White, Christopher Priest, Greg Benford, Linda Krawecka, John Jarrold, Pete Lyon, Greg Pickersgill, Rob Hansen, Pam Wells, Roger Robinson, Colin Greenland, Paul Kincaid, Maureen Kincaid Speller, Martin Tudor, Chris Evans, Mary Gentle and Chris Baker (“Fangorn”).

Since another criterion in the selection process was that these pieces had not been previously republished in a fanthology, this volume is guaranteed to contain material you've not read before – unless, of course, you read the original fanzines. I recommend it highly for everyone who wants to find out what the shouting has been about.

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: INSTANT MESSAGE #718 (NESFA). FUTURE TIMES vol. 06 #04, vol. 06 #05 (ASFS). SFSFS SHUTTLE #148 (SFSFS). NASFA SHUTTLE Vol. 23, No. 04 (NASFA). EIN-BLATT! May 2003 (MinnStf). DASFAx Vol. 35 #04. (DASFA). WARP 54 (MonSFFA).

other zines: NICE DISTINCTIONS #1 (Arthur D. Hlavaty).

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. There is no current list of new additions.)

L A F A

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

L A F A Filksing -
Saturday, June 28, 2003
Pre-Filk Dinner: 5:00 PM
Filk: 7 PM to ???

Rick's Cafe Terrestrienne: Rick Weiss and Tess Calhoun, hosts
13261 Donegal Dr., Garden Grove,
CA 92844: 714/530-3546

Dinner: New Seoul Korean BBQ, 5 PM, 9902 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove Cost: \$14.99, vegetarian entrees available. **RSVP by noon Saturday** to Rick or Tess.

The restaurant is a short walk from the filksite

FILKSITE DIRECTIONS: See Thomas Bros. Orange Co.: Page 798, D-7 (1992 edition); Page 15, F-5 (older editions).

L A F A info: Barry & Lee Gold:
(310) 306-7456

Greg Bilan ran the LASFS' booth at the Festival of Books - below is his thanks to those who helped him.

Many thanks to the LASFS members who helped me run the LASFS Booth at the Los Angeles Times "Festival of Books"

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June 12, 2003

Tonight the LASFS will be electing its procedural officers for the second half of 2003. (The Treasurer is elected for a full-year term.)

Please show up and vote for the officers who are responsible for the meeting-to-meeting operation of your club.



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