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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  
 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  
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am  
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm

Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
 FWEMS - The films of Roger Corman, part 2: the 1960s.  
 Allan Rothstein Memorial Service - Noon to 5pm.

## THURSDAY

## PROGRAMME ITEMS

**AUGUST 5** - Einsteinian Physics and the Quantum Revolution Pt. 7  
**AUGUST 12** - What are you reading now roundtable and 2004 DUFF winner (from New Zealand)  
**AUGUST 19** - The Hugo Awards: a Straw Poll  
**AUGUST 26** - TomSafer presents Bugs Bunny's Birthday Party

**SECOND  
SUNDAY  
BAKE SALE**  
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## COLOPHON

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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 edress: [hooah-pubs@earthlink.net](mailto: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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## "Allan Rothstein: A Remembrance"

This event will be held in Freehafer Hall in the Paul Turner Building of the LASFS Clubhouse on August 22, 2004, from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

*Any fans, relations, co-workers, or other associates of Allan are welcome to attend and to speak to the gathering about their fond memories of our departed friend. Perhaps some of Allan's own poems will be read.*

This will be a dues-free event. There may be an auction of knickknacks from Allan's collection, to benefit the fund which has already been started with the goal of naming Allan a Pillar of the LASFS.

*The co-chairs of this event are CLJII and Bill Warren. The Master of Ceremonies will be named later. Drinks and refreshments will be available, but individuals may wish to bring snacks to share. ( I think that Allan would have giggled that I first typo'ed "snacks" as "snakes." - ed.) Producer for this event is Matthew B. Tepper. He may be reached at [oy@earthlink.net](mailto:oy@earthlink.net), (310) 772-2447 (work), or (818) 982-3237 (home).*

## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

*Meeting #3486, June 3, 2004  
George Van Wagner, President  
Karl Lemke, Scribe*

At the call of "Horse Before Cow, Except After Sow", the LASFS was called to direction at 20:08:26.

**Special Orders of Business:** The giant Gila monster's death was not mentioned this week. The Sheila monster, however, was devastated.

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

**The Registrar:** Ben Massoglia announced that we have two returning guests, from whom he didn’t take names. Fortunately, he also neglected to kick...

**Tonight’s Patron Saint:** I remember Dr. Pournelle mentioning that once he achieved sainthood and achieved the Freehafer award, disappeared. **Jim Glass.** Jeff: I hear he’s bulletproof. Marty Cantor: In 1975, at our previous clubhouse, Jim Glass was the librarian, and a good one, too, under very trying circumstances, as this whole clubhouse was the size of this room, and the library was one room of that, and it was full. Scratch: He was a nice guy, and he gave us money. Three Cheers, and a vastly improved institutional memory...

**Committee to Gouge:** “I’m glad the cute thing works...”

**Old Business:** Nomination of the President of the Club... The crazy George Van Wagner was nominated. Nominations will be re-opened next week.

**Committee Reports:** CLJII: Next week, elections. The third and fourth week of the month will be “More Like the Movies” parts 1 and 2. Tonight, after the meeting, we have the first episode of “The Death of Ed Green”. Following that, Mr. Safer presents something. In a change of gears, classic comedy. Moses Horowitz, Jerome Horowitz, and Larry Fine, aka the Three Stooges.

Brother Thorsen collected for the Spire, and Ed Green announced the standings in the Fugghead Of The Year Contest. Doug’s Sensitivity won, Ed and Christian tied for second.

Arizona Tomomatsu announced the craft fair taking place the day after tomorrow, ice age optional. It runs from 9-5, and then falls in a heap to catch its breath.

CLJII Tomomatsu reminded all that FWEMS this month is the Serial Double Feature, The Masked Marvel, and Secret Agent X9.

Kris Tomomatsu announced Estrogen Zone, taking place on Saturday.

Mike Tomomatsu Thorsen announced TRIPE, taking place Sunday.

**Time-Bound Announcements:** Joe Zeff announced that he’s recently gotten a proper router, and Phil Castora is now on the Internet again.

George Van Wagner announced the Trio Cable Channel is doing a months-worth of flops – series that bombed abysmally. (*I never knew that there was any other kind.* – ed.) “My mother the car? We had to tie the children up to make them watch it when we were doing something else!” – JP.

**Reviews:** Jerry Pournelle had a serious review: If you’re interested in the situation in Israel and want to know what’s going on, Richard Ben Cramer, an American secular Jew, correspondent with Philadelphia Inquirer, *How Israel Lost*. What does it matter, who’s done what, why isn’t there any peace... It’s not a fun book, but it’s well done. Thesis: Neither side wants peace. Sharon can’t exist without Arafat, Arafat can’t exist without Sharon.

“Here’s to the Irish. They may not know what they want, but by God, they’re willing to fight for it.”

George Van Wagner reviewed a book, *Speak Commentary*. It’s commentary on DVDs, all attributed... It’s very entertaining.

Ed Green had an update. The Sensitivity still leads. There is a tie for second. Dr Sideburns is gaining. Voting will end after the first film in tonight’s program.

**Miscellaneous:** Hare remarked on an idiot who tried to steal his bicycle from the club. He took a saw to the lock, when he could have sawed through the bench a lot more easily. However, don’t leave outside here stuff you want to keep. Thorsen: “So if I chained the refrigerator to something, someone would try to steal it?”

Bob Null is preparing a donation box of magazines and stuff to send to Kaiser Hospital. To donate, either remove the mailing label or render it illegible. Hospitals are always looking for magazines. There are waiting rooms going begging. (*Would they not take up a lot of room on sidewalks? – ed.*)

George VW had another stupid crook report. This one broke him of the habit of grabbing envelopes and scribbling notes on them. This bank robber was easily traced because he wrote his note on the back of his paperwork, listing bail conditions. (*Good. I assume that George now thinks that he will never get caught when he robs banks.* – ed.)

CLJII has been taking a course called Adaptive Physical Education. He has reached 100% of his goals on the weight machines.

[Karen Anderson mentioned the Science Fiction Museum website at [www.sciencefictionexperience.com](http://www.sciencefictionexperience.com).]

The meeting adjourned at 21:02:34.

*Meeting #3487, June 10, 2004  
George Van Wagner, President  
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Following a plea of “Mr. President, tear down this spire!”, LASFS was called to account at 20:12:38

**Special Orders of Business:** We do, sadly. First, the passing of Kate Worley, from cancer on the spine. She was once Ms. Reed Waller, and contributed to writing of Omaha the

## 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*

Cat Dancer, the B/W magazine. She was a member of MinnSTF while Matthew Tepper was there, and he spoke about her for a short time. She was a loud, genial, bossy, hilarious, witty woman, with a beautiful speaking voice. She was brilliant beyond belief. When she met Reed, there were sparks. Kate appears to have moved in and enforced deadlines, and taken up the writing for him. Jim Vance has an e-mail address, and it might be a good idea to assist with medical expenses through PayPal.

Late last week, we last an actor who was in Murder in the Air, and Bedtime for Bonzo. Ronald Reagan, last Saturday, of pneumonia. (*He was never known as a fan, but he did have good taste in jelly beans. – ed.*)

**The Menace** were read and approved as “the usual ups and DOWNS!!!!!!”

**The Registrar:** We have one guest, Marie Jennings, of Hollywood, who found us through the Festival of Books.

**Tonight’s Patron Saint:** Once again, one George has met. The Sacred Chocolate, **St. Sandy Cohen.** Matthew Tepper mentioned Sandy’s a civil engineer. A Very civil engineer. Joe Fekete announced that he negatively reviews stuff. Thorsen: He gave us chocolate. CLJII: He’s not here throwing chocolate at us. (*Would that be, er, grounds for removing his sainthood? – ed.*) Brett Achorn: A gracious host, a fine collection of hard rock café t-shirts from around the world. Someone behind Mike Thorsen said, “He’s run good dealers’ Rooms.” Three cheers, and a chocolate bruise.

**Committee to Gouge:** Tadao is listless. In view of the elections, if you feel like throwing extra money at Liz, please do so...

Karen Anderson, Temporizing: Cassini Huygens space craft nears the end of its mission. First event is closest approach to Phoebe. First photos with any detail are being taken about now. Closest approach is 13:56 Pacific time tomorrow.

Joe Fekete is on a disability leave from Universal, with bad health. Tomorrow, he goes through a procedure to ablate his prostate, hopefully without prostrating him.

Bob Null: We have leftovers from the yard sale. This includes good monitors. We also have a fridge.

Rose is looking for sponsors for the walk for life, vs. cancer.

Ed Green announced, anyone a member of LOSCON 31, 6/26 is the walk-through of the new hotel. Must be on committee. Parking may be reduced, but will not be free. Meet here 10:30 a.m. to carpool.

George Van Wagner, this Sunday is Second Sunday, featuring a Board Meeting and the usual second Sunday festivities.

After voting, George Van Helsing Wagner was installed as President.

Vice President: Mike Thorsen was railroaded in as Veep. Veep Vail.

Liz Mortensen was railroaded in as Treasurer.

Karl Lembke, in a closely contested election, was elected Scribe after the chads were re-counted.

The new Registrar, a tag -team of Vanessa Van Wagner and Michelle Pincus, was elected on the ultra-maroon ballot. What a pair of maroons!

**Old Business:** Election of Club officers from candidates who fail their saving throws...

**Committee Reports:** Brother Thorsen passed among the faithful to collect for the spire.

There were no further appointive committee reports.

The meeting adjourned at 21:24:49.

*Meeting #3488, June 17, 2004  
George Van Wagner, President  
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

President George called LASFS order at 20:14:01, “Because I can!” That’s what you think...

**The Menace** were read and approved as “railroaded”

**The Registrar:** Michelle asked for guests. We meet Roland Dobbins, UNIX wizard, brought by Jerry Pournelle. Joe Fekete did verify the spelling of UNIX, and told the club nurse, “never mind”.

**Tonight’s Patron Saint:** George never met this one either, but read many of his books as a kid: **Ted Johnstone.** Joe Fekete, met that guitar player at his first convention in Pitts-

burgh. He and Bjo were kind to him, and took him under their wings. Len Moffatt rose to recount, back in the late 50s, having once gotten a phone call from three fans: George Williamson, Ted Johnstone, and one other calling from neighboring town. They were trying to find Moffatt House, in a process of tracking down local fans. At the first meeting, he found Ted more impressive than those in tow – he was cheerful and very entertaining. Then time passed, and Ted started writing, but not enough. Both Len and Jerry got on his case about writing, with limited success. At the '58 Worldcon, George was running the art show, and Ted was the novelty inspector. He came up with some propeller beanies and fell to the job.

Phil: Ted had taken to answering interesting ads in magazines, and would use different names in each one. Ted Johnstone was the name that he used when answering the LASFS ad in F&SF. He wrote under his real name, and socialized under his fannish name. He wrote good books with complex plots. The characters were often Tuckerized; what characterization he did, he did well. After he was turned down on his request for a raise, he put a clever acrostic in the table of contents of his next book. (*The first letter of each chapter heading spelled out A A WYNNE IS A TIGHTWAD. – ed.*) It was hard to be unhappy when he was around. He liked to play with words, doing things like pronouncing Foothill Blvd as Foo-Thill Blvd. He's missed.

Matthew Tepper was among those who knew Tedron best. He was an obnoxious teenager when he joined LASFS. (Now he's no longer a teenager.) He was lucky to have a mentor in genial backstabbing and filksinging in Ted Johnstone. When you speak of the great secretaries of the LASFS, his is one of the names mentioned. Jerry Pournelle had a serious point: Met him in '61 in Seattle. He introduced himself as "I am a hobbit, sir". He hated to write. The story he did for 20/20 visions wasn't written until Jerry went over and dangled a beer in front of him. It's a good story, and anticipates the Internet very well. He wrote it on a typewriter, because we didn't have computers then. Jerry wonders if he would have written more if the mechanical work had been taken away. Seriously: he almost never finished anything. Moral of the story, marijuana may be a storyteller's worst enemy. If you're going to be a serious writer, stay away from that stuff. Tom Safer: Sounds like a wonderful talent.

He died in 1978.

Bill Ellern noted, a long time ago, in a universe far, far, away... Shortly after he joined, we moved and a group of very young high school types showed up, along with Bjo. There was a period of about 2 years when he would, being a wealthy engineer, take the crew out to supper. There was Ted, Langley (Steve Toliver), and occasional others, such as Bjo, and Jack Harness. He would feed them food and they would have some of the damnedest conversations you could imagine. A large number of conversations wound up becom-

ing fanzine articles. It was a very bright and enjoyable time, and certainly the Lion Barbecue and Ben Franks appreciated the business. Ted was one of the few who went looking for folk songs, not filk, and came up with a few things like the Walloping Window Blind and the Cat Came Back.

CLJII: Sometimes it seems people are destined to run into each other. He had already been a fan of serials before joining LASFS. In "The Dagger Affair", McDaniel had a sequence set at Boulder Dam where the bad guys had set up the Theta Device to destroy it. Although best remembered as a writer, he was a damn good cameraman and an outstanding film editor. When making Triple Doubles, spent weeks with one day or night filming, and the first couple of times, he'd ask what the shots were. A few weeks later, he'd call, "I'm sitting here with ten little strips of film, and they fit together perfectly! How'd you know?" "I didn't. You did." They Collaborated on some novels, but neither sold.

He probably passed on All Saints Day, the day after a Halloween party at LASFS. He was thinking of crashing the party, and decided not to come. The following Thursday, when news of his demise came in, there was still a coffin left from the party. He was a great asset as Scribe, a great partner and collaborator, and in the top five of the Missed Ones. Charlie has completed at least some of his literary legacy, and some of his stories have been published.

Phil Castora: Reading a set of a month's worth of minutes, and marveled at how he brought the club meetings to life. We've had some marvelous talent doing the job, but Tedron was one of the best. CLJII: Triple Doubles is available on videotape, in the library. Three Cheers, and a furry foot, and a donzerly light,

**Committee to Gouge:** featured Cathy Beckstead donning a Gateway-inspired neckerchief to become the Cow Belle. A Gary Louie auction was held to unload a proof set.

## Lafa

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, August 21, 2004, 7:30 PM  
Pooh Bear Lair: Hosts: Harry, Mara and Madeline Brener  
325 Sharon Road, Arcadia, CA 91006;  
626/447-1664  
Pre-filk dinner at 5 pm

PRE-FILK DINNER: Xin Bao, 7940  
East Garvey, Rosemead: (626) 288-8718  
Call Harry & Mara for reservations at  
(626) 447-1664.

DIRECTIONS TO FILKSITE:  
See Thomas Bros. L.A. Co., page 597,  
grid B/C-1 (1992 edition);  
page 38, grid D-1 (older editions)

### NOTES:

1. Limited crash space available.
2. There is a Cat Warning. The two cats will not be allowed in the filk room, but signs of their presence may still be detected by sensitive persons.
3. There is an 18 year old. Children are welcome.
4. Bring munchies and drinks for afterwards. This is a Kosher household, so please check that any items you bring are Kosher, preferably pareve or dairy. Call and ask if you're not sure.
5. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
6. NO SMOKING INDOORS!!

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

**MAGIC**  
**The Gathering**  
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**Tournaments  
 held at LASFS  
 First Friday  
 every month**  
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**New business:** Yes. In honor of this being the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Watergate break in, we, the LASFS committee to root out all plumbing problems (except the front sink) move that the meeting remain silent for 18½ minutes. A motion to table until midnight was made, followed by a motion to table Doug Crepeau

**Committee Reports:** The committee to make announcements noted that the cork boards are labeled

with what's supposed to be on them. Don't put stuff on boards not designated for it.

CLJII: We held a silent auction, and CLJII will do what he always intended to do at FWEMS. Later this year, we'll run the other version of Secret Agent X9. Tonight, part 1 of More Like the Movies. Next week is part 2.

George, as member of programming committee: a program in August. Get a hold of a list of Hugo nominees, read as many as you can, and we'll discuss them and hold a straw poll.

Tom Safer announced that the annual Bugs Bunny show will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August. If there are any requests, please make them known. (*Yes, ye ed has a request – remember that this is an SF club and Bugs Bunny ain't SF. – ed.*)

Ed Green: LOSCON 31 walk-through for committee or staff, June 26 at noon. To carpool, be here at 10:30.

**Time-Bound Announcements:** Joe Fekete: went through a prostate procedure, and survived. In mean time, he has officially retired. "Now you're stuck with me."

Joe Fekete has been publishing a paper SF magazine. He's decided to increase page count, and it will now be a CD, with a nice wrapper cover. PDF, HTML, Doc, Text. Chances are, you'll be able to read it no matter what you're running. Instead of \$7, it's now \$3.50.

Scott Beckstead announced that the neighbors want to use their driveway.

There then ensued a deposit on our 18.5 minutes of silence.

June Moffatt brought a bag of coconuts from Marji Holt in Santa Barbara. These are miniature coconuts.

**Reviews:** Jerry Pournelle had several items to review. Al

Qaeda won. They imposed TSA on us, probably the worst thing we could have to put up with. At a convention he and Niven attended they met Jewel Strait, the actress who played a mechanic in a series called Firefly. She's very nice, and charming. Before the free internet service was closed down at 8 p.m., Jerry managed to order the series. (The hotel closed down outgoing traffic because someone at the con used the Internet service to send spam.) This convention was the first he had attended at which there were no booksellers. None. Zero. They had two actresses from Buffy, one from Firefly, and Erin Grey, the actress who played Wilma Dearing. She is still good looking, and is now the travel agent for other stars. The convention expected Larry and Jerry to bring books to sign. (On an airplane??? Maybe on business card CDs...) The US Coast Guard Training Ship Eagle was there. It's not a ship but a barq. It was an interesting tour. The wheel is outside, but the computerized chartroom is sealed off from the weather. On a slightly serious note, he laments the latest trend in the careers of actresses: If you're over 25, you're dead. In any event, it was a media convention, and Jerry's first, and Larry's second, at which there were no booksellers. In the case of Larry's first book dealerless con, the con had had a dealer lined up, and he had to cancel due to illness.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Because we're running long, and have a program, we're switching to agenda lite. If it's important, announce it.

Hare: They're not putting *The Speed of Dark* by Elizabeth Moon in the SF section.

Matthew Tepper: The Committee to Watch Helplessly as Allen Rothstein Gets into Predicaments reports a dismaying success. He spent time in Washington, officiated at his son's wedding, and went to Newark. Then he flew back on Tuesday, and on plane, went into restroom, passed out, and broke his right ankle. Resting more or less comfortably at home. He could not be here tonight. Anyone wishing to send good wishes may do so. Call on his cell phone – 818-621-6407.

**Miscellaneous:** CLJII had a near misc: He's back over par for the year.

The meeting teed off at 21:31:48.

*Meeting #3489, June 24, 2004*  
*George Van Wagner, President*  
*Karl Lembke, Scribe*

President George called LASFS to order at 20:10:28. Send not to ask for whom the lobster tolls...

**Special Orders of Business:** We have one that takes precedence over others. This very day, we lost Allan Rothstein. This morning, right after speaking with someone on the phone, he fell asleep and could not be roused. Paramedics were called, and all they could do was pronounce him at the

scene. Allan had been a member of the club since the 60s, and became active again in the 70s. Arrangements are pending – the funeral will be on Sunday. The funeral will be held at: Home of Peace Cemetery, 334 Whittier Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 323-261-6135. Members of the LASFS family will be as welcome as any other family members.

**The Menace** were read and approved as “we’ll think of something funnier next week”. (“No we won’t either” – CLJII) (I suppose “beheaded” is in bad taste. – Jerry Pournelle.) (So is “newly headless Nick”).

**The Registrar:** introduced Peter, from Agoura. It’s his fault.

**Tonight’s Patron Saint:** Another about whom the President knows very little... The sacred flying disc, **Alan Frisbee**. Interestingly enough, dogs don’t like him. (The question is, do they chase him?) He’s one of the few LASFS members to be arrested. He used to be a phone hacker. Matthew Teppe: Allan Rothstein would have said, “Alan was a nice guy– too bad he misspelled his first name.” CLJII recalls that he bought one house atop a hill, then bought the lot right below so no one would build on it and spoil his view.

Zeff: Once in the 80s, the information number for a convention turned out to be his car phone. He ran up a sizeable bill before the number could be changed. Tom Stern: Nowadays, he’s active in the anti SPAMmer community He ran the 84 Worldcon photo area and handled the counting and assembling of Hugo ballots. Marina Stern: He turns out to be a major celebrity at Cal Tech.

Fred Patten: Most memorable memory of Alan is when we were organizing the 84 Worldcon. They were both on the committee. One time, Fred needed to visit him at his home, and it was first time visiting him there. Fred sat down in big soft chair, and suddenly heard a teeny sneeze. It was Alan’s pet rat. He had wanted the rat to be the mascot, and it was adopted. Problem: Worldcon was bid on 2 years in advance, and lifespan of rat is 2 years. The Rat lived long enough to die at the con, presumably from stress due to being petted by so many. He was given Three Cheers, and a busy trunk signal. SQUEEK!

**Committee to Gouge:** auctioned off space.

**Committee Reports:** Ed Green: Brother Frank passed among the club members to collect for the spire...

George: committee against histamines asks people to go easy on their use of personal fragrances.

Ed Green, clean up crew, announced: we have new computers in the front, and we have new chairs. In a new record, one week and a new chair is broken. They may be industrial strength, they’re not fannish strength.

**Time-Bound Announcements:** Hare Hobbs asked: Anyone

planning a trip to Mojave for the next shot? He needs a ride. (*Going all the way out there is too much trouble, so why do we not shoot him here?* – ed.)

Frank Waller has a new chip of the month. Veggie Chip: low salt, low fat, no sugar (*no flavour* – ed.). Three flavors, all yummy. \$3.50 the bag.

**Reviews:** Karen Anderson reviewed the Science Fiction Museum. It’s up and running. Since Astrid was running a large part of the opening, it was running smoothly. It has a large number of advisors, media people, etc. Exhibits include a lot of major movie and TV items, R2D2, ET, some stuff from Destination Moon, Saturn scene from Titan, and far too much more stuff to even begin to list. And they have lots of stuff to sell. Two boxes were given to the committee to gouge. It also has a kiosk linked to Amazon.com so you can order any books you’re inspired to want. It’s in Seattle, practically at the foot of the space needle. The monorail goes straight through the museum. <sfhomeworld.org>

Jerry Pournelle: “Sixty miles straight up.” He and Niven were out in the desert before dawn Monday morning. It worked. It was only 400 feet into outer space, but better than 400 feet short. The pilot has no college degrees (Take that, NASA), has been awarded the first civilian astronaut wings, by the FAA (Take that, NASA), and is in his 60s. (Take that, NASA). And when they go for the X prize, they’re planning to include an 18-year-old beauty contest winner (Take that, NASA!).

Given the problems that occurred during the flight, the pilot did a hell of a job.

This won’t lead to orbit, but it cost \$20 million, a lot less than NASA could have done it.

This led to an extended sage break.

The Aldridge report about NASA looks like it could have been cribbed from Jerry’s report.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Joe Zeff: 1) BBC – someone sent a videotape over to BBC at Bristol. Someone took the label off and stuck it on the fridge. This resulted in a phone call: “Hi Paul, this is Beth. Apparently someone shipped us a 6’ fridge instead of the tape. Could you send the tape?”

Doug Crepeau: a longtime reader of Analog and Astounding, and enjoyed many short stories. Here’s a scientific report: deals with a rodent called a vole. There are two kinds: the meadow vole is a love rat. The prairie vole is a model of fidelity. Now they’ve found a gene that controls this. Male and female members of this club may have different takes on the possibility of a “commitment pill”.

The meeting came to a merciful end at 21:36:22.

*LASFS Board of Directors  
Meeting of June 13, 2004  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Brett Achorn, Secretary*

Directors: Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellern, Brett Achorn, Marty Cantor, Liz Mortensen, Ed Green, Bob Null, Joe Zeff, Cathy Beckstead, Michael Mason.

Others: Joyce Sperling, George Van Wagoner, Tadao Tomomatsu, Anne Morrel, Frank Waller, Scott Beckstead, Francis Hamit, Leigh Strother-Vien, Patrick Beckstead, Joan Steward, Kevin Dodds, Christian McGuire, Greg Bilan, Dr. Susan "Arizona" Gleason, Arlene Satin, Kenny Porter.

Karl rang the meeting to something like order at 11:12 a.m.

**Minutes:** Approved.

**New Members:** Melina L. Levesque, Gene Kuark both accepted many-0-0.

**Treasurer's Report:** Liz presented lots of handouts as the mid-year Rebudgeting began. Budget approved many-0-0

**Facilities:**

**Facilities/Building Remodel:** light fixtures pending. Computer room remodel looks good.

**Facilities/Furniture:** Marty asked about replacing some of the munched chairs. It can be done and it's budgeted.

**Facilities/Building Maintenance:** Water heaters becoming more pressing.

**Facilities/Parking:** Ed gave a mea culpa on the sign and is still chasing after it. Handicapped parking stencil still needs doing, which needs a work party for cleaning the surface.

**Facilities/Computers:** The new computers are black. Leon expects two to be in place today.

**Facilities/Hall Decorations:** Tadao had nothing to add. Ed asked the board to ask the procedural officer to remind people of the designated purposes of the announcement corkboards in front.

**Facilities/Plaques:** Cathy expects most of the work to be done in the month before LOSCON. Ed asked for a slightly advanced schedule for the history display. Michael mentioned there are some temporarily relocated plaques in the library and Tadao said he'd find them a home.

**Communication:**

**Communication/Gestetner:** Marty is happy with it.

**Communication/Club Machines:** Video works, audio replacement is in process

**Communication/Marketing:** three potential workshops

lined up, with the next meeting this coming Wed at 7:30. Arlene said Dr. Sue offered a beginning HTML workshop, a props workshop for adults Oct 6<sup>th</sup> hosted by Shaun Crosby, and a tentative lecture by an astronomer at Griffith Park Observatory. George added the club programming is happening after the marketing meeting.

**Communication/Publications:** Anne said that she'll be adding to the children's reading list. 5 points were deducted from Griffindor in the ensuing side-discussion. Michael is making more copies of the adult reading list.

**Communication/Outreach:** nothing new.

**Communication/Mailing Lists:** exists, Karl hasn't had a reason to use the e-mail list since last time (thankfully)

**Communication/Library:** nothing new.

**Communication/Video Library:** no news.

**Communication/Archives:** nothing new.

**Communication New Business:** Francis suggested a program, Books for Soldiers, which the club or members could do. Francis also suggested using Amazon.com as a selling venue as a moneymaker for the club. (Which the club is already signed up for, but hasn't been getting money for due to low volume). Discussion about effort to set up vs benefits, and the webmaster (Scott) thought it wouldn't take that long. Karl appointed Scott Beckstead to head, and Liz, Dr. Sue, Karl, and Michael Mason to the committee.

**Communication/lasfs.org:** Karl and Scott will look into content management.

**Events:**

**Events/LOSCON 31:** Ed said they were at Baycon and thanked helpers. They held 1 1/2 parties and sold 4 dealer's tables and 12 memberships. Number of memberships sold at Baycon is down, but largely because they've already been sold to. Facility walkthrough June 26 at noon for committee only. Carpool from LASFS at 10:30 a.m. Parking quite possibly will cost some amount. Room party slated for Westercon and a visit to Comicon. First PR is about to go out.

**Events/LOSCON 32:** Karl said LOSCON 2^5 has an author guest of honor, no committee meeting yet.

**Events/La La Con:** wrapped up.

**Events/Craft Fair:** 150 people showed up and a few possible new members. 4 vendors, 1 no show. Bake sale sold \$100 or so. About \$40 in vendor fees, and about \$80 from the yard sale. Totals still crunching. Dr. Sue thought a regular bake sale might be a good idea on Second Sundays and offered to handle the franchise, with a trial effort in August or so.

**Events/Mah Jongg:** Kenny wanted to arrange a Mah Jongg

tournament for Halloween weekend, subject to CLJ II's approval. Moved to approve. Kenny's plan, subject to CLJII's approval and clean-up caveats. Approved many-0-0.

**Convention Delegates:** Ed, Liz, Michael and Cathy are going down to Westercon.

Meeting slowly adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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! July 2004 (MinnStf). INSTANT MES-SAGE #737 (NESFA). BCSFAzine #374 (BCSFA). NASFA SHUTTLE Vol. 24, Nos. 6 & 7 (NASFA). DASFAx Vol. 36, Nos. 6 & 7 (DASFA). PSFS News, July 2004 (PSFS). WORPUS Vol. 18, No. 2 (MSFFA).

**other zines:** CHALLENGER No. 20 (Guy H. Lillian III). PABLO LENNIS #200 (John Thiel). ARGENTUS Issue 4 (Steven H. Silver).

#### 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. The Librarian has no current listings at this time.)

#### ALLAN ROTHSTEIN

by Bill Warren

As Allan often said, he was born at an early age in Chicago, in 1941. His parents moved to Los Angeles not long thereafter, and Allan lived his entire life in the L.A. area. He first found LASFS in the 1960s, but attended only a couple of meetings. He returned in 1975, and immediately plunged into the club and the social life surrounding it. He never held major elected offices in the club, but was somehow always there. Aside from apa contributions, his major fan activity was contained in conventions; from 1975 until he died, Allan was involved in some way in almost every L.A.-run convention. In the real world, he was an L.A. County Probation Officer working with juveniles. For his friends, it's hard to reconcile the smiling, friendly funny Allan with what had to have been his demanding duties as a badge-carrying figure of authority—but that was his life for as long as anyone in LASFS knew him, up until he retired two years ago.

At Allan's funeral, his younger brother Larry remarked that a lot of the people there—and the chapel was filled to overflowing—thought of Allan as their best friend. He really was best friend to a lot of people; he was warm and caring,

always willing to drop anything to help someone—even if, as was inevitable, he arrived late. It's an understatement to say that Allan was habitually late; it went way beyond a habit. But this was almost his only irritating habit, and it was easily forgiven (most of the time) because Allan was so warm and open. And funny. Very funny.

When he and Larry bought a house together in the Valley, together with Bill and Beverly Warren, they began hosting two annual parties, a Swimming Pool Yacht Race Party in the summer (there exist videotapes) and a New Years' Eve Party. Allan was a cheerful, outgoing host, making everyone welcome. But he also had a kind of blind eye to his own likeability, to the fact that he was easy to remember. For years, he fretted that Harlan Ellison didn't know who he was, until Harlan took him aside and told him that HELL YES he knew who Allan was. Allan was always stunned when people he considered celebrities, such as Marv Wolfman, Len Wein, Roy Thomas, Larry Niven and Joe Dante, showed up at the yacht race parties.

Though always devoutly Jewish, Allan became a member of the Universal Life Church and performed what he estimated as 40 marriages over the years. These were mostly among fans, though not always; sometimes non-fan attendees at the ceremonies were impressed enough to have Allan perform their own marriages. The last major event in Allan's life was to perform the marriage of his own son, Gary. It was not long after returning from the marriage that Allan died.

In his last few years, Allan seemed to be fading away. He suffered from congestive heart failure—everyone remembers the tank of oxygen he towed everywhere—and was subject to fainting spells. He became quieter, phone people less often, even sent less e-Mail. And yet his death came as a shock, even to those who were expecting it, because it was such terrible news. Why is it that the first time Allan was early for anything, it was for his own demise? His friends weren't through with him—aren't through with him. For a number of friends—a number that would have stunned him—Allan will live on in their memories.



**“Allan Rothstein: A Remembrance”**

This event will be held in Freehafer Hall in the Paul Turner Building of the LASFS Clubhouse on August 22, 2004, from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

*Any fans, relations, co-workers, or other associates of Allan are welcome to attend and to speak to the gathering about their fond memories of our departed friend. Perhaps some of Allan's own poems will be read.*

This will be a dues-free event. There may be an auction of knickknacks from Allan's collection, to benefit the fund which has already been started with the goal of naming Allan a Pillar of the LASFS.

*The co-chairs of this event are CLJII and Bill Warren. The Master of Ceremonies will be named later. Drinks and refreshments will be available, but individuals may wish to bring snacks to share. ( I think that Allan would have giggled that I first typo'ed "snacks" as "snakes." - ed.) Producer for this event is Matthew B. Tepper. He may be reached at oy@earthlink.net, (310) 772-2447 (work), or (818) 982-3237 (home).*

**SECOND SUNDAY  
BAKE SALE  
August 8, 2004**

Help start a new tradition,  
contribute to the club's cash flow,  
and Devour some Goodies!

Donations of baked goods will be gratefully  
accepted on Thursday, August 5,  
or on Second Sunday.  
See Dr. Susan Gleason  
for more details  
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