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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
Fictionados - Writer's Workshop

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
Fictionados - 7:00 p.m.
FWEMS - Republic Westerns

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

- MARCH 3** - "What have you been reading lately?"
with George Van Wagner.
- MARCH 10** - An evening with Australian fanned Bruce
Gillespie.
- MARCH 17** - Audio presentation: "The Food Wars
Saga," by LASFS member Kara Dalkey,
now a well-known fantasy novelist.
Radio shows from "Shockwave" on KFAI
Minneapolis, c. 1980-81. Roster of actors
includes another LASFS member:
Matthew B. Tepper.
- MARCH 24** - CLJII Presents - program to be
announced.
- MARCH 31** - Cartoons Featuring Speedy Gonzales,
hosted by Tom Safer.
(programme items subject to change
without notice)

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: hooahpubs@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: Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Mike Thorsen & Ed Green (tag team). **Scribe:** John DeChancie. **Treasurer:** Liz Mortensen. **Registrar:** Christian McGuire & Dr. Susan "Arizona" Gleason (tag team).

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2006). **Vice-Chairman:** Mike Thorsen (2007). **Comptroller:** Brett Achorn (2005). **Secretary:** Brett Achorn (2005). **Other members:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2006), Ed Green (2006), Joe Zeff (2005), Marty Cantor (2005), Bill Ellem (2005), Liz Mortensen (2007), Cathy Beckstead (2007). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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Due to unforeseen circumstances,
the Michael Mason
Memorial Pages
in DE PROFUNDIS
are being delayed.

Those wanting to contribute to
the Michael Mason Memorial Pages
should send material to

Liz Mortensen at Lizard13@yahoo.com

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

Meeting #3517, January 6, 2005
Matthew B. Tepper, President
John DeChancie, Scribe

Meeting # 3517 of the LASFS was called to order by President Matthew Tepper at 8:07:19; however the time is approximate. The meeting's agenda was anomalous due to an unusual number of special orders of business. The President, somewhat of an anomaly himself, conducted the meeting with a flair for free interpretation.

Two very sad events to report this week: the death of Frank Kelly Freas, famous artist and illustrator, and the totally unexpected passing of Michael Mason, well-known fan. Both will be sorely missed by the science fiction fan community. Kelly's funeral was Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005. A memorial service will be held Jan. 9. Michael Mason's funeral will be held the same day. President Tepper called for a full minute of silence in observance. A full minute of silence was observed.

George van Wagner read a proclamation by the Evans Freehafer Committee. A proposal was offered that the award be hereafter be known as the Evans Freehafer-Mason Award. Ed Green motioned that the name of the award be changed. A motion was made and carried to table the motion for a month. The motion carried without objection. A motion was made for the club to send flowers to Michael Mason's funeral. The motion carried unanimously.

The president thanked the outgoing slate of officers: George van Wagner, Karl Lembke, Ed Green, Michelle Pincus,

Janice Olson thanked people who helped with the phone tree, notifying the club of the deaths. The president called for a round of applause for the helpers. Such was given.

Sean Lyon informed the club that the Mason family keeps kosher, for those bringing food to the Mason house after the funeral.

Doug Crepeau suggested a general cut in sugar consumption for the club. Just then a flock of prize porkers was heard oinking its way south. Or west?

Arlene Satin suggested members of the club buy a tree in Israel in Michael's name. Barksdale Hales suggested we buy 18 trees, the number 18 having some mystical significance in Judaic lore. The question was called, the motion carried.

Elat Pollaner suggested we have a casino night as a memorial for Michael Mason. A special committee was created to deal with this.

Karl Lembke announced that no Board of Directors meeting will not be held this month. Also, Laura Freas will understand if people do not show up for Kelly's memorial, in light of the conflict with Mason's funeral. There will be a special election for the vacancy on the Board left by Michael Mason's death.

Doug Crepeau, ever astute and observant, noted that more people showed up tonight than for the club's Anniversary meeting.

Liz Mortensen announced that yearly dues payers must tell her soon that they will pay the yearly dues amount.

Arlene Satin announced that \$281 for Michael's tree fund had already been collected at the meeting. It could be more than enough. There was much discussion about sainthood, Pillar Funds, and other plans for remembering Michael Mason.

Fred Patten announced that the anime showings will be the 4th Saturday instead of the 3rd Saturday.

The matter of **Saints** was then dealt with. **Dan Alderson** is one of tonight's **Patron Saints**. Joe Zeff said that Alderson was a workaholic. He was also chronically late for appointments. Larry Niven said he was one of the most interesting minds around. And the brightest. Three resounding Cheers were sounded, and a weep wail.

Joe Zeff was the evening's second **Patron Saint**. Karen Anderson said he has impeccable literary tastes: he made every revision she suggested. One can only wonder what peccable literary tastes would be.

The meeting was adjourned, none to soon, at 9:14:32.

Meeting #3518, January 13, 2005
Matthew B. Tepper, President
John DeCharcie, Scribe

Meeting # 3518 was called to order by President Tepper at 8:12 PM. The Scribe was having some computer problems. The President asked if there were any computer experts on hand. Then thought better of it, and asked how many of those present were NOT computer experts. A surprising number of hands went up. The President said, "Welcome to the Lower Atlantis Science Fantasy Society." Outside, crickets chirped quietly in the night.

Special Orders: Marty Cantor told about the passing of Anna Vargo, fan, and APA writer.

Lafa
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

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CLJII gave his own remarks about the two deceased members from last week. Mr. Jackson had taken ill due to problems with medication, and had to leave early and go home. Later in the meeting, some unnamed wag quipped that last meeting featured some of Charles L. Jackson II's best comments to date.

President Tepper read email from the Moffatts to the effect that Len's cancerous growth was completely removed from his

nose, and the doctor promised to make him look "beautiful." Obviously another miracle of modern medicine (removing the growth, that is).

Ed Green motioned that \$250 be approved to spend on refreshments for the Michael Mason memorial at the Clubhouse (see below). Motion passed by unanimous consent of the membership.

Minutes for two previous weeks were read and approved as "cold and unsympathetic" (though this Scribe takes umbrage at that characterization—harumph!)

President: In remembering Kelly and Michael last week, both in story and monetarily, the LASFS did a Very Good Thing. "It is this sort of spirit that makes me glad I've been a member lo these 35+ years, and the reason I keep coming back. Well, that and the nudist camp shut down."

Patron Saint Bruce Pelz was praised by Christian McGuire, who recalled a moment at a meeting when Bruce just pulled money out of people's pockets by being loud and obstreperous; CLJII corroborated that image of Bruce.

Timely announcements: Christian McGuire announced that Chas. Baden is running to be a TAFF fund

recipient—that's TransAtlantic Fan Fund. Fans who win receive financial aid for a trip to an overseas convention.

Registrars Susan Gleason and Christian McGuire had a couple of new guests (Ed Garcia and Charles E. Scribble—the last name on the card was indecipherable)—some returning ones, and a new member to introduce. President started to tell them they would regret it, then changed his mind.

Committee Reports: Eylat: Mason Memorial will be held at clubhouse on Jan. 23, doors open at 6:00, event begins 7:00 PM.

President's bang of gavel at close of meeting, around 9:07, unfortunately caused problem with Scribe's computer, so much of this stuff is from memory. Not the computer's memory, unfortunately.

Meeting #3519, January 20, 2005
Matthew B. Tepper, President
John DeChancie, Scribe

Meeting # 3519 was called to order by President Tepper at 8:11:27 PM or thereabouts.

One Special Orders of Business: Fred Patten has been hospitalized with pneumonia. No details at this time. Doctors are testing. He can talk with some difficulty. A call went out for fruit juices, which he needs and likes. Fred has asked for a laptop to borrow. Now what could he possibly want with that? He is in stable condition at Daniel Freedman Marina Hospital, Rm 409. (*Which is preferable, of course, to be in hospital condition in a stable. – ed.*) A motion to send a get well card was made. "So let it be written, so let it be done," the President intoned, scratching his bald pate.

The Menace were read and accepted as "I didn't get a good harumph out of that guy."

We had a guest, Mike Learner. He heard about us at the UCLA Book Festival, once again confirming that Greg Bilan has good ideas, for the LASFS presence at that fair was his and his alone.

Elat Polliner announced the Michael Mason Memorial service, Sun., Jan. 23.

Hare Hobbs said he has recordings of old LASFS meetings, for anyone interested. The meetings date from the early 1990s. (*The 1990s are old? Perish forbid, O Ye Of Little Perspective. – ed.*)

Doug Crepeau told of a chance to be an extra in the upcoming Spielberg production of "War of the Worlds." For those interested, call Sandy Alisi Casting at 818-771-5717.

Ed Green announced the upcoming elections for Michael Mason's seat on the Board of Directors, in Feb.

Mike Learner told of his new book and comix store Pulp Fiction, in Long Beach. It carries comix, graphic novels, manga, and related product. Writing classes are also offered. He also announced the upcoming Wizardcon, details of which see Pulp Fiction web page. The address is 4501 Carson in Long Beach, so come on down! Mike will stand on his head to sell you a comic having characters with big, wet eyes.

Jerry Pournelle proudly displayed a spanking new novel (note word order) by the Niven/Pournelle team. This one is "The Burning Tower," a sequel to "The Burning City."

The **Patron Saint** was **Jeff Siegal**. Dr. Pournelle said Siegal was a graduate of the USAF Academy and was currently in a Lutheran seminary. He is an all-around good guy, said the good Doctor. Jeff Siegal was given the proverbial Three Cheers, plus an Oak Leaf Cluster.

Rick Foss has read Harry Turtledove's "Days of Infamy." Very, very good.

Ed Green had further comments on the Turtledove novel. Ed is worried that yet another series is in the offing. He's not objecting, just nervously glancing beyond this horizon.

Fannish Committee Reports.

CLJII said that he got an A on his college report card. Congratulations.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:11:00.

Meeting #3520,, January 27, 2005

*Matthew B. Tepper, President
John DeChancie, Scribe*

Meeting convened 8:14:35

Fred Patten will be released from hospital tomorrow. Probably not a good idea for him to go to a con this weekend.

During the reading of the minutes, Sandy Cohen brought

in a box of duck toys and other oddments and laid them on the desk of the President, to his delight. (*Sandy can be delighted by anything. Well, most anything. Tepper, too. - ed.*)

The Menace of last meeting were read and approved as "crickets chirping."

Parking spots auctioned. The Alderson spot went to Karl Lembke, the Heinlein to Brett Achorn, and the Gary Louie to Bill Ellern.

Appointed Committee Reports: Charles L. Jackson II spoke thus:

Mr. Jackson spoke. Members are nudged to answer the LASFS telephone when it rings. You needn't bother if it does not ring. But don't be scared of it. Someone may be calling. You may need vinyl siding. You may need new storm windows. In any event, do not be afraid; it will not hurt you.

Marty Cantor exhorted members to pick up their De Profs with the new Membership Directory.

Patron Saints--Rick Sneary and Gail Selinger Len Moffatt said he was on Saipan when he got a letter from Sneary wanting to reprint Len's fanzine. Sneary was a Creative Speller. Len first met him at first LA Worldcon. Sneary was very active in fandom in the 40s and 50s, and beyond. He was a good friend. President Tepper said he would run into Rick at cons. Delightful man. Passed away some years ago. (*Except that Rick did not have to pass away to be delightful. - ed.*) Kind generous thoughtful man.

Gail Selinger joined in the early 1970s. She hailed from New York, was a junior high teacher. Kenny Porter: "Gail was a lovely person. Met her in '76 at Westercon. Truly remarkable person. Still my best friend. She is now writing romances." Phil Castora: "Gail was a loyal and helpful friend."

They were given Three Cheers each.

Timely Announcements:

Joe Zeff: An asteroid has been named after Douglas Adams, the late author.

Francis Hammit has a new play being produced in the Bay Area at the Masters Playhouse. It's about the Army.

Guests: Karin Lowe and Mike Steele. The President

welcomed two new members, Kate and Connor.

Fannish Committee Reports

Mark Polliner had a report about a woman who brought a hand grenade to a train station in Los Angeles. She had no idea what it was, she claimed.

George van Wagner told about a new computer a virus that infects auto computer systems. So if the family car calls in sick someday next week....

Matt Tepper reported on the development of a flying car in Israel. It will be produced for law enforcement only, sadly. George Jetson, you'll have to wait a little longer. Tepper also read a news item about the grave of a British corporal Harry Potter killed in Israel during the 1940s. People are coming from miles around to see the grave.

Miscellaneous:

Doug Crepeau said that skintight spacesuits are being developed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55

Board of Directors Meeting, December 12, 2004

Karl Lembke, President

Brett Achorn, Secretary

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

Others: Joyce Sperling, Tadao Tomomatsu, Anne Morrel, Greg Bilan, Dr. Susan "Arizona" Gleason, Arlene Satin, John DeChancie, Diana Sherman, Abby Goldsmith, Valentina Bauer, Matthew Tepper, Darryl Exline, Chris Bauer-Exline, Lisa Stoddard, Sherri Benoun, Tony Benoun, Jason Stoddard, Kelly Green

Karl rang the meeting to something like order at 11:21 a. m.

Minutes: Approved.

New Members: Sean Doorly, Lisa Stoddard, Jason Stoddard accepted.

Treasurer's Report: we have money, property taxes are paid, the 70th anniversary party was a little over budget but lovely.

Facilities:

Facilities/Furniture: more broken chairs: the sense of the board was that nameplates go when the chairs go. One sofa needs to go. Ed moved to appoint Bob official chair-man; passed.

Facilities/Building Maintenance: Bob bought a branch lopper. Pane of cabinet glass needs replacing; Mike Thorsen got the job. Punditry ensued. Ed will resume the sign replacement project.

Facilities/Parking: Handicapped parking paint will happen today.

Facilities/Computers: Leon still working on getting one up and running. Joe reported that we know why some old games have sound issues, and it'll be addressed as time permits. Bob reported that the new printer drivers in the APA-L Room computer system are incompatible with ancient software; board consensus was that they're happy with Bob's best efforts and to leave it at that.

Facilities/Hall Decorations: continues.

Ed relayed that LACon 4 will be requesting a day to use LASFS for a meeting.

Communication:

Communication/Gestetner: survived LOSCON just fine.

Communication/Club Machines: Ed moved to dispose of our ancient, broken copy machines in the corner if not gone by the end of January; passed. Michael Mason will let Scott Beckstead know. Video projector came back from LOSCON with a note about shutdowns but seems to be working fine now. Audio system: no report.

Communication/Marketing: Meeting this Wednesday for a review of this year and the next; will formulate an '05 plan at the January meeting.

Communication/Publications: updated grown-ups reading list was at LOSCON, and the video list was collated before LOSCON. Abby, Kelly, Diana, Jason, and Lisa requested a slot on the calendar for the meetings of their writers' group "Fictionados" as a regular, open-to-members group; approved.

Communication/Mailing Lists: fixed, somewhat.

Communication/Library: work continues, progress

being made.

Communication/Video Library: inventory in progress.

Communication/Archives: in progress. Interesting stuff from Fred Patten and the ancient days of LASFS.

Communication/Website: brief hiccup of downtime, up and running now. lasfs.info progressing.

Events:

Events/LOSCON 31: Ed Green reported 1197 on-site, 1265 memberships. 675 room nights. Good numbers. Some backstage problems, a couple on-stage (ice cream social, ADA and the con suite, and green room food service). Other issues: restaurant staffing. Hotel seemed reasonably happy and willing to work things out. One last wrap-up meeting January or February.

Michael Mason requested a closed meeting, which wasn't minuted.

Time for a closed discussion was put on the agenda for the January meeting.

Events/LOSCON 32: Brust is the author guest, Rowena artist guest, and Bruce Farr fan guest. On track with 200 memberships sold.

Events/La La Con: La La Con #11 "Raiders of the Lost Con" with Dr. Susan "Arizona" as co-chair. Scheduled for end of May.

Events/Westercon Liason: nothing new.

Events/Masoncon: approved request by Michael Mason to hold Masoncon.

Brett requested an agenda item in January for "Things We Should Keep Track Of."

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 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: WARP 59 (MonSFFA). BCSFAzine #380 & #381 (BCSFA). Meeting Notices (PSFS). EINBLATT! February 2005 (MinnStf). Minicon 40 PR 2. INSTANT MESSAGE #747 (NESFA). ConNotations Vol. 15, No. 1(CASFS). Ethel the

Aardvark 116 (MSFC).

other zines:

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.)

Fuzzy Pink Niven
is recovering nicely from
knee surgery.

However, even though I doubt that
Fuzzy prepares the
DE PROF
Mailing Labels
with her knees,
she has been unable to
get the labels to me in her usual
prompt manner.

Therefore, even though
attending members
will get their DE PROFs on time
at the meetings,
those who usually receive their zines
via the mails
will find them a bit late.

I will mail the zines as soon as I
get the mailing labels.

**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.

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