



# DE PROFUNDIS 413



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### Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

BoD - Board of Directors  
 CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization  
 Cinema Anime - Japanimation  
 Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
 FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
 Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club  
 TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment  
 TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10 am  
 Work Party - Noon

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Estrogen Zone - 2 pm  
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
 Readings of SF Shorts - 7:30 pm  
 This month, Celebration of Heinlein Centennial  
 Time Meddlers - 10:30 am  
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever

### Calendar Details

Asian Cult Cinema - 2 pm  
 BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm  
 Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends

### Thursday Program Items

June 7 - Nominations for LASFS President

June 14 - Procedural Elections

June 21 - TBA

June 28 - Westercon Weekend,  
 No Program Scheduled

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## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 413 – May 2007. Editor: Milt Stevens. Mailing List: Liz Mortensen. Mailing Labels: Elayne Pelz.

*De Profundis* is the official newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). Our telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. Our web site is: [www.lasfs.org](http://www.lasfs.org). *De Profundis* is available to active LASFS members, Patron Friends & Saints of the LASFS, voluntary active LASFS members, and in exchange for other fanzines. VAMs are available for \$10 per year, payable to LASFS, Inc.

Westercon is a service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Incorporated (LASFS, Inc.), Worldcon and NASFIC are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS).

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, Milt Stevens, can be reached at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his address: [miltstevens@earthlink.net](mailto:miltstevens@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.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. Interjections in square brackets [[ ]] are solely the responsibility of the editor.

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## LASFS OFFICERS

### Elected Procedural Officers

**President:** Christian McGuire. **Vice-President:** Susan Gleason, Marcia Minsky, Joan Steward, Mike Thorsen, Tadao Tomomatsu (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** Liz Mortensen. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

## Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2009). **Vice-Chairman:** Mike Thorsen (2007). **Comptroller:** Brett Achorn (2008). **Secretary:** George Van Wagner (2008) **Other members:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2009), Ed Green (2009), Tadao Tomomatsu (2009), Liz Mortensen (2007), Cathy Beckstead (2007), Bill Ellern (2008), Elayne Pelz (2008). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

## Official Committees

**De Profundis Editor:** Milt Stevens. **Speaker to Gestetner:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Vanessa Van Wagner. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison:** Marty Cantor. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** C.B. McGuire, Elayne Pelz \*\* **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi (take a deep breath here):** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curators:** Doc Reames, Alison Stern. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Liz Mortensen, Bob Null. Mike Thorsen. **Special Photographic Collection:** Mike Donahue. **Webmaster - <lasfs.org>:** Scott Beckstead. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Ministry of Silly Gavels:** Bob Null. \*\* **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, Editor; Greg Barrett, Facilitator. **Computers & LASFS Archives:** Bob Null. **Charity Coordinator:** Liz Mortensen. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **North Hollywood Arts District Liaison:** George Van Wagner. **Hagiography & Ecclesiastical Affairs:** Vanessa Van Wagner. **Westercon Liaison:** Ed Green. **Shaggy Editor:** Ed Green. **Program:** George Van Wagner, **Readings:** Vanessa Van Wagner, **Liaison to Enigma (The UCLA SF Club not the German encryption machine)** George Van Wagner

## Honorary Officers

**Master Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity:** Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

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## Resolution of the LASFS Board of Directors

Resolved: The LASFS property is not a residence and no person, member or otherwise, is permitted to stay on the property when the building is closed, nor store their personal belongings on the property without the express permission of the board of directors and procedural officers, said permission only to be granted in state of emergency.

## New Books In The Library

*Sunrise Alley* by Catherine Asaro - near future AI suspense

*Toast* by Charles Stross - short story collection

*Grey* by Jon Armstrong - a cyberpunk satire

*White Night* by Jim Butcher - most recent in the Dresden Files series

*Nebula Awards Showcase 2007* edited by Mike Resnick

Suggestions for book purchases may be sent to our librarian, Vanessa Van Wagner at [librarian@lasfs.info](mailto:librarian@lasfs.info).

## Next LAFA Filksing

Saturday, June 16, 2007, 7:30 PM  
Pooh Bear Lair  
Harry, Mara and Madeline Brener  
325 Sharon Road,  
Arcadia, CA 91006  
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## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(Copies of the complete minutes are filed in the archives.)

*LASFS Board of Directors Meeting*  
*Sunday, March 11, 2007*  
*Karl Lembke, Presiding*  
*George Van Wagner, Scribe*

Attending Board Members: Karl Lembke (Chairman), George Van Wagner (Secretary), Tadao Tomomatsu, Brett Achorn (Comptroller), Bill Ellern, Elayne Pelz, Liz Mortensen, Ed Green, Mike Thorsen (Vice Chairman), Cathy Beckstead, Bob Null.

Absent: none

Others Attending: Charles Lee Jackson II, Susan Gleason, Vanessa Van Wagner, Joyce Sperling, Michael Pell, Anne Morell, Fred Lazzelle, Marty Cantor, Joe Zeff, Marcia Minsky, Joan Steward, Greg Bilan, Phil Castora, Patrick Beckstead, Ed Hooper, Scott Beckstead, Christian McGuire, Heide Nichols, Arlene Satin, Kim Greenberg,

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am

Minutes: Approved as submitted.

New Members: None.

**Treasurer's Report:** The budget was not present, but the treasurer brought two items before the board that needed to be acted on. First the person who has been cleaning the clubhouse will not be able to commit to weekly cleaning going forward, but to a thorough monthly cleaning instead. There have been no other bidders for the cleaning contract to date, perhaps because it hasn't been getting announced regularly at society meetings. It was moved that we provisionally extend the current agreement by three months and publicize the availability of the cleaning contract more vigorously to see if there are any other takers. The motion was approved unanimously.

Charles Lee Jackson II requested that the video rental budget be partially funded to get him through to the scheduled budget review in May. It was moved that we provisionally provide \$200 for the video rental budget. The motion was approved with a single abstention (Pelz).

**Facilities:** The air conditioner in 4SJ was repaired, a circuit breaker was also replaced (thanks to Scott Beckstead for that). There has been leakage over the computer room, due to leaf buildup blocking drainage.

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There was mention that the dentist to the East had objected to the side door of Frehafer Hall being opened onto his property (to help air the building before one of the short story readings) on the basis of it being an emergency exit and there being no emergency. He also stated his willingness to call the authorities if people were to exit through that door with no actual emergency happening. In related matters, he has planted bushes in the strip next to his slab that is actual club property, and this could adversely affect drainage from our roof. It was moved that we retain Kris Wilson to evaluate the overall situation with the neighbor and make recommendations as to how we might resolve the situation. This motion passed unanimously.

The above led to a discussion of alternative emergency exits and the possibility of installing push bars on other doors. George Van Wagner volunteered to do some initial research on push bars and the installation thereof. It was moved that we remove the lock from the interior APA-L room door, to ease access to the exit on that side. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was then a wide-ranging discussion of club history, archives, paperwork, scanning, preservation, accumulation, and the complete-ist urge which lasted until the horse had been reduced to its elemental particles.

It was reported that someone, presumably a transient, had voided their bowels in the courtyard. This is the third time that this has happened in the past eight months.

There was a brief report from the Town Council committee concerning the recent meeting at which all special interest groups using society facilities had been informed of the obtaining of the umbrella license from the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation for video presentations.

There was discussion of establishing an official non-smoking border outside the front door and/or what could be done to encourage smokers to be aware of smoke drift when the front door of Frehafer Hall is open for ventilation or other purposes. It was suggested that much of the problem might be solved by moving the ashtrays further away from the door.

The vending machine is on hold for the moment.

**Gestetner:** The start button and related circuit board have been replaced at a cost of \$195. The paying of tribute seems to have placated the spirits of duplication and the Gestetner is running smoothly.

**A/V Systems:** Brett Achorn reported that the committee to add a video server had come to the conclusion that,

until such time as an actual use for a video server is established beyond the sheer niftiness of being able to say "Hey, we have a video server", there is no current need for such an item and it would be a waste of the club's resources to configure a spare computer for that purpose at this time.

**Library:** Vanessa Van Wagner has volunteered to serve as club librarian to replace Greg Barrett, who has resigned from that position. Elayne Pelz, who has been the board's liaison to the library, has offered to help with the transition, since the inventory is still ongoing. It was moved that we thank Vanessa for the offer and appoint her librarian before she changes her mind. This motion passed unanimously. It was then moved that the board send a letter of thanks to Greg Barrett for his stewardship of the library over the past couple of years. Inventory of the library is continuing with a projection of late May for completion and migration to the new library management software. Elayne and Vanessa are engaged in discussion of acquisition policy and proper allotment of the library budget. There is also a plan to establish more regular library hours.

**Video Collection:** An inventory is underway.

**Marketing:** The marketing committee is continuing to meet on third Wednesdays and is looking for new ways to promote the club. Any members interested in participating is encouraged to participate in these meetings. Ed Green expressed concern that the marketing committee was perhaps in need of some guidance from the board as to direction and focus, and that this was something that the board should open discussions on soon.

**Website:** The webmaster has requested content for updating the website, specifically the reading lists, bylaws, and standing rules of the society. The marketing committee requested the ability to be able to post material directly to an upcoming events page and the webmaster promised to look into that possibility. There was some discussion about the .org versus .info domains and how they can be consolidated.

**LASFS Forums:** If you're not using them yet, do try. We're trying to increase the activity there. They are at <http://www.lasfs.info/forum/>

**Events:**

**Loscon 33:** Closeout meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th at noon. Officially the turnover from Loscon 33 was \$10,080.

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**Loscon 34:** The first meeting was held and was well attended. Parties have been held at Condor and Gallifrey and will continue to be held at upcoming cons. PR 1 has been finished, and memberships are being bought. All seems on track and moving ahead. There will be the option to obtain Progress Reports electronically in an attempt to minimize the budgetary impact of the coming postage increase.

**Loscon 35:** It was announced that the winner of the bid for Loscon 35 was "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Loscon", headed by Cathy Beckstead and Joyce Hooper. The representative from Loscon 35 reports that planning is proceeding apace and according to schedule.

**LaLaCon:** The dates for LaLaCon have been set as June 22-24. The usual foolishness will happen, with the addition of a chocolate chip cookie contest.

**Yard Sale:** No date has been set as of yet, but there is an intention to throw a Yard Sale/Bake Sale.

**Other Events:** Charles Lee Jackson II proposed that the club schedule and publicize a series of seminars at the club in an attempt to leverage the talents and knowledge base of the club members.

**Miscellaneous:** It was noticed that tape was holding something to the whiteboard and mentioned that it should not be used there, as it can damage the board. CLJII mentioned that Terminix has been calling to schedule an inspection. This discussion was taken offline.

At this point a closed session was requested. It was moved that the board adopt a resolution to its own standing rules stating that the LASFS property is not a residence and that no person is permitted to stay on the property when the building is closed, nor store their personal belongings on the property without the express permission of the board of directors and procedural officers, said permission only to be granted in state of emergency. The resolution was approved with one abstention (Green).

It was moved that the April meeting of the Board of Directors be cancelled due to conflict with a Christian religious holiday.

The session was reopened.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.

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**Meeting # 3634, April 5, 2007**  
**Christian McGuire, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Having just arrived, Christian gavelled the meeting to order at 20:00:01, driving it all the way home. Sadly, Christian was not approached about that falsetto thing, so he had to read from the By-Laws in a normal voice.

**Menace:** The Menace were read, and 3632's approved as "Sadly", paid for by Ed Green. Eric Hoffman paid \$2.50 to name the 3633 minutes as "I don't know what the hell they're talking about."

The board is accepting bids on a cleaning service for the club. Any interested in cleaning up can submit bids to the treasurer. Submit bids to before May 1. Put the word "Cleaning" in the subject line.

**Patron Saint:** Chuck Donahue, a member for over 20 years, an incredible Hell player, and a wry sense of humor. George Mulligan - He used to run meetings, and he'd wear a different outfit each week. Michelle Pincus - He's an anime fanboy. CLJII: He brought his son Mike to the club. He was given three cheers and a paternity suit. (Oh, another outfit?)

Tom Stern. His father died, and he didn't want to have the standard sell all the crap in the house affair. He took out all the stuff he cared about from the house, and then invited fans to come to the house, talk about his father, and take a memento. And he's a huge disney-phile. Tom Stern was given three cheers and a set of Mickey Mouse ears.

**Registrar:** We have guests!!! Karno, a charming Icelander with a very long name. He learned about us from Marc Schirmeister. Allison V Kasner, who came to donate some old SF. Angelae d. Le Chastalenier, a fan of all things kooky. She's in the right place.

CLJII: has just begun work on the new update on the recommended viewing list. Last was in late 2004. Write suggestions on a piece of paper and hand it to Charlie.

Science Monitor - Michelle Pincus filled in for Karen Anderson... The ESA partnered with Russian researchers to lock a crew in metal tubes to simulate a trip to Mars. This will allow organizers to study the difficulties of a mission. This will take 500 days.

Charlie Jackson recalled the Burma Shave signs. Free, free, a trip; to mars, for 10,000 empty jars.

The Committee to Gouge convened...

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**Fannish Committee Report:** Bob Null announced we have our umbrella license for films. (committee report)

Christian called attention to an article about Frankie Thomas, in the OC Register.  
[www.solarguard.com](http://www.solarguard.com)

Also, <[blogs.ocregister.com/sciencedude](http://blogs.ocregister.com/sciencedude)>

Ed Green saw three James Bond movies, all of them Casino Royale.

CLJII reviewed the ongoing End of the World Jericho. Every now and then, they get stuff right, and then immediately get something wrong.

Hare Hobbs visited to the Museum of Science and Industry. He's turning into an Old Phart who doesn't care anymore. He walked around the Star Wars displays and was not terribly impressed.

George Van Wagner would like to review a podcast. It's a daily podcast put out by the Twit Network (This Week In Technology) [twit.tv](http://twit.tv) or iTunes store, free subscription. The name of the podcast is The Daily Giz Whiz

Tadao: Meet the Robinsons – good film, artfully done. It was fun to sit with the Achorn brothers, pointing out the parts that needed fixing.

Motion to take the late hour into account passed at 21:23:41.

*Meeting # 3635, April 12, 2007  
Christian McGuire, Presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Having just arrived, Christian gavelled the meeting to order at 20:07:58, almost throwing a rod. Someone – several someones – reminded Christian to read in a falsetto voice. He read from the By-Laws, Article III, Directors....

We have a letter from a member of the Society, expressing disappointment with the way he's handling business. We have promised to do better.

**Special Orders of Business:** Kurt Vonnegut, JR. Christian read the poem "Requiem", by Kurt Vonnegut. Jerry Pournelle mentioned none of the

obits for Vonnegut referenced the story Harrison Bergeron. George Van Wagner seconds the recommendation of that story. We had a moment of silence.

Joe Zeff rose to announce that Frank Gasperik was taken to the hospital. It turns out it wasn't a heart attack. Jerry Pournelle added, The paramedics didn't take him to the hospital, but when he became short of breath later, he went to the hospital and was promptly admitted. He's due for a bypass operation today. So it may not have been a heart attack, but it was close enough for government work.

Michelle announced that Karen Anderson's surgery went well, and she'd have been released, except that the doctor didn't get there in time to release her.

On this day, in 1961, Yuri Gagarin orbited the planet.

Michael Burlake deferred to Fred Patten, who declared himself to be here, and happy about it. He hopes for many encores.

**Menace:** Read and approved as "In Memory of Kurt Vonnegut, Jr."

**Patron Saint:** Elst Weinstein: Ed Green recalls, among his other proclivities, created the religion of Herbangelism. As the founder and the only one still prosecutable under most laws, he still hawks copies of the Holy Babble at conventions. CLJII: There was also a Herbie Comics. Matthew Tepper: He has a wicked sense of humor. He once created a board game, called "For this you die". He also invented the Hogu awards. It was a parody of the Hugos, but as a response to the pricey banquets, they're presented at a Ranquet at McDonald's or a similar fast food place. Milt Stevens: Elst was fond of hoaxes. At a Star Trek convention, Elst had the idea of a Friends of Klingon. Elst wandered off and came back in an hour or so with 25 names and \$50 cash for sign-up fees. Marty Cantor: Elst was the first to put the Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover in the Gift Exchange. CLJII: Elst is a doctor – a pediatrician. Christian notes he has an active practice. He throws a wine and cheese party at Loscon each year. Phil Castora: quoting the Warner

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Bros character – Tweety Bird “I Wike Him, He Siwwy.” He was given three cheers, and a whole bunch of silly stuff.

Fred Patten’s e-mail remains  
fredpatten@earthlink.net.

Anime LA has given a check in exchange for borrowing of LASFS equipment. Our coffers are enriched by \$500.

**Committee Reports:**

George Van Wagner, programming, announced tonight’s program is Eric Hoffman presenting Attack of the 50-foot trailers. Next week is the Big Auction. Bridget Landry from JPL will speak on the 26th, about the Cassini-Huygens probe.

George Mulligan has some business as the chairman of the Loscon Toy Drive. He has a letter from the Pasadena Tabernacle of the Salvation Army. The letter, dated January 4, 2007, thanks the toy drive for its ongoing contributions. Christian suggested the possibility of having photos given while people are donating toys, and sent to the Salvation Army as a bit of publicity.

The Stand-in Science Monitor rose to report on the flight of a Soyuz rocket, carrying the latest space tourist. The Soyuz TMA (Too Much Acceleration?) will dock at the station Monday. (“Here’s to the Welsh. We don’t mean to call them names, we just can’t pronounce the ones they’ve got.”) Ed Green added, the ongoing medical experiment this tourist is involved in is a transplant. Transplanting cash from a healthy account to an anemic one.

The Committee to Gouge did so.

The Registrar announced we have guests. From Sunday, Neil Figaracion; Robert W. McCoard, Rob Cole’s chauffeur. Tim Trzepacz. Katt Thornton, and Aaron Thornton

**Fannish Committee Report:** Don Wenner reported under modern tech catches up with SF .. In Thunderbirds, they had an automated carport. They’re actually building an automated carport like the one in Thunderbirds.

**Reviews:** Fran Waller reviewed Robert Williams, a car artist. HE was seen at an eclectic book and card shop.

George Van Wagner reviewed the Science Channel series, Planet Earth. It’s reminiscent of the Disney documentaries of the 50s.

Bob Null: Direct TV has added Chiller and Sleuth channels.

Doug Crepeau read Harlan Ellison’s Dream Corridor II. Lots of references about it being a decade late coming out, and was padded with illustrations of Harlan Ellison stories, and one very obvious example of padding.

Hare saw and enjoyed Meet the Robinsons. Are the Achorn brothers in a position to put acorns into the film? Answer: probably not, it may be an homage to Ice Age,

**Miscellaneous:** Jerry Pournelle observed something about Kurt Vonnegut’s work. He was a SF writer and didn’t claim to be much else, until one of his stories was nominated for a Hugo and lost to one of Campbell’s stories. After that, he renounced SF and went mainstream. Congratulations to SF for driving him off.

Joe Zeff had some info for members suffering from hearing loss. (Some, like Don Fitch, enjoy it.) There’s a number, 800-806-1181. If your audiologist confirms, they’ll send you a phone with an amplifier.

Motion to take the late hour into account passed at 21:33:42

*Meeting # 3636, April 19, 2007  
Christian McGuire, Presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Having just arrived, Christian gavelled the meeting to order at 20:09:47. We’re going to run on Agenda Lite, and since the list is missing, we’ll wing it.

**Special Orders of Business:** Marty Cantor rose to announce the passing of German Professor Jamie Bishop, in a shooting at Norris Hall. He was the son of Michael Bishop, SF author. A condolence

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card for Michael Bishop from the LASFS would be appropriate. We had a moment of silence, and included a moment for the victims on the campus of Virginia Technical Institute.

We have some good news. Forry Ackerman has departed the convalescent home. Fortunately, he did so by the front door, under his own power.

Matthew Tepper prompted CLJII to mention that Ray Bradbury has received a special citation from the Pulitzer prize committee.

Frank Gasperik has survived his operation, his blood pressure is good, but he remains in intensive care. Jerry Pournelle calls him "Improved but not good". His kidneys and liver are once again working, and he's conscious for about two hours a day. Leslie Fish is trying to collect money to pay the rent.

**Menace:** Read and approved as "The Van Allen Minutes", paid for by Ed Green.

**Patron Saint:** Tonight's is Stan Burns. Milt Stevens notes he's a photographer. When he first joined, he was doing a paper for a sociology class. He ran a questionnaire through APA-L, which generated several weeks worth of comments. Jerry Pournelle says he shows up at Niven parties, and he definitely teaches something. Len Moffatt says he shows up at Loscon and photographs there, and he's a mystery fan. He lives in Riverside now, and has his teaching degree. Fred Patten says he took Fred's publicity photograph back at a Loscon in 1997. Stan Burns was given three cheers and "a get out of being screwed by AGFA" card.

**The Registrar:** Rose to announce that our one guest has escaped.

**The Committee to Gouge:** Ran the giant auction. A number of things were auctioned off. And there was much rejoicing, and much money changing hands.

**Further committee reports...**

The apprentice science monitor rose to tell us about Entry 14000 at the Boston Marathon. She ran her race aboard the International Space Station.

#### **Fannish Committee Reports:**

Nick Smith reported on the English equivalent of the Nielsen ratings. Dr Who ranked 3rd, with an audience share of 40. By comparison, American Idol gets a 26 share on a good week.

**Reviews:** George Mulligan reviewed a new show, Drive. It's predicated on the idea that something like the Cannonball race exists, and has been going on for decades. Some participate for the money, others because their loved ones have been abducted, and you have to win to get them back. It's intriguing in a dumb sort of way. It may be a way to kill a Monday night.

Christian reviewed Gumball Rally, the grandfather of these race movies. Gumball rally was an excellent, fun movie which anyone could enjoy, fun for the whole family.

George Van Wagner reviewed Death Race 2000, very briefly. CLJII reviewed DeathSport, which is virtually the same idea. Mulligan reviewed Cannonball, which had Dom DeLouise, as "Him". CLJII reminded one and all of The Great Race

#### **Miscellaneous:**

Ed Green decided not to make a joke

George Van Wagner announced that as of this morning, he's at a new job. Anyone needing Apple or Macintosh stuff, he's doing sales at MacTalk in Woodland Hills. It's apple authorized for service.

CLJII said yesterday was a great day for him. He got an engraved invitation to Pasadena to make a million dollars.

Liz said people can pay now.

David Okamura saw a young mother holding her 18-month-old child up to a Nintendo machine in a store, and the kid was working the control.

After the auction, we moved to adjourn at 21:37:22.

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**Meeting # 3637, April 26, 2007**  
**Tadao Tomomatsu, Acting President**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

A friendly pine tree Morse Code Mozarted the meeting to order at 20:04:45.

Meanwhile, another member of the club was having his elevenses and thirteens.

Ms. Minsky has a special special order of business. She had brought a birthday cake for the 36th anniversary of her 26th birthday.

**Special Orders of Business:**

Matthew Tepper announced Doug Friauf, of Minneapolis fandom. He was 51, he was a crazy Mn. fan, and a programmer with a degenerative nerve disease. If you went to Worldcons, you probably saw him. He was the cheerful bearded gentleman in a wheelchair.

A moment of silence was observed by all.

Tadao announced we'd be running Agenda medium to light.

Menace: Read and approved as "driven, since it's been cancelled"

**Old Business:**

The board is accepting bids on a cleaning service for the club. Any interested in cleaning up can submit bids to the treasurer. Submit bids to before May 5. Put the word "Cleaning" in the subject line.

**New Business:**

None!

**Patron Saint:** Bill Warren

Marty Cantor said, when he joined in 1975, the person who cleaned the building was Bill Warren. We do thank people who do jobs like that, but mostly take them for granted, especially with the slobs we have at the club. He doesn't come around much any more, he's had some heart problems. He's one of our film experts, and has even made

some money at it.

Hare Hobbs mentioned Keep Watching the Skies, a reference to his book about SF movies of the 50s and 60s.

Len Moffatt said that he had a French TV program, even though he doesn't speak a word of French. He also wrote (with Allan Rothstein) Fandom as a way of death, distributed at the 84 Worldcon. We still have a box of the things.

Scratch said, "He gave us money".

**Committee Reports:**

Milt Stevens announced that Paper copies of De Prof are on the Lizdesk. Check the labels and make sure you still exist.

Chaz Baden had a time bound announcement. Tadao will be toastmaster at Demicon next month. They want to update his bio. If you want to add to it, see Chaz.

The Pirate Store at 5050 Vineland is a year old on Saturday. There will be party, food, etc.

Michael Burlake reminds all that the UCLA LA Times Festival of Books will be taking place this weekend. We have fliers for a new anthology.

The Registrar announced some guests:

Faith Sherill, a writer  
Ryan Nichols, professor of philosophy

Two of our guests have come back, and given us their \$5ses. Tim Trzepacz, and Rob Cole's ride - Robert McCord.

George Van Wagner, ;program committee.... We have a program tonight. Bridget Landry will talk about the Cassini Huygens probe.

A Motion to take the late hour into account passed

Postage costs are increasing. We really don't want to mail copies of De Profundis to you. We would like to send it to you by e-mail. If you are willing to receive your monthly copy by e-mail, please contact Elaine Pelz at [elayne@socal.rr.com](mailto:elayne@socal.rr.com).

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