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ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.
BOD = Board of Directors - 11 am
2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons
CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club
Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever
BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts 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 -

**HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY,
LASFS**

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

NOVEMBER 5 - Early TV SF
NOVEMBER 12 - Nominations for Board of Directors
NOVEMBER 19 - Board Elections
NOVEMBER 26 - Exclusive meeting for club elite (the ones not slaving at Loscon) at the clubhouse

(programme items subject to change without notice)



Illo by Bill Rotsler

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 441– November 2009. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. The club's web site is: www.lasfsinc.info. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

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).

I 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 his address: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. 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.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-built Intel dual-core computer (using the XP Pro operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

Addendum: At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. martyhoohah (at) sbglobal (dot) net. November 2009. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1426. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Cathy Beckstead, Charlie Jackson, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers July—December 2009

President: Christian McGuire. **Vice-President:** Maryann Canfield, Rob Powell (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year,

serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2009). **Vice-Chairman:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2009). **Comptroller:** Christian McGuire (2011). **Secretary:** Darnell Coleman (2011). **Other members:** Marsha Minsky (2009), Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2010), Milt Stevens, (2010), Mike Thorsen (2010), Tadao Tomomatsu (2009). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

Official Committees

De Profundis Editor, Speaker to Gestetner, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** C.B. McGuire, Elayne Pelz. **** Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Bob Null, Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://lasfsinc.info>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Ministry of Silly Gavel:** Bob Null. **** Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, **Editor. Computers & LASFS Archives:** Bob Null. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II.

Honorary Officers

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

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at www.lasfsinc.info)

Meeting #3756, August 6, 2009 **President Christian McGuire, presiding** **Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Probably something, but not necessarily a bacon burger made with beef bacon and ground pork...

Meeting 3756 was opened at 20:10:26

Despite the fact we have a Worldcon there are...

Special Orders of Business: Bill Ellern rose to announce that at 11 AM, Anne Morrel's companion of 36 years, Rojo, a scarlet macaw, died. The autopsy claims it was kidney failure. A sympathy card was requested. (*I squawk in his direction. - ed.*)

The **Menace** were read and approved as "people who only think they know how to approve the Minutes".

Treasury: We have a report. And Marcia Minsky

is collecting dues.

Patron Saint: Jerry Pournelle. Tom Safer said, he's always a very nice person, and always is wonderful to talk to. And he's married to a nice person. Matthew Tepper: one specific point is that while we don't always agree on things, we agree Opera is a particular form of SF. Karen Anderson said he's been a pro for many years and a fan longer than that. – since 1961 when he attended the Seattle Worldcon.

Joe Zeff understands he was largely responsible for putting the clubhouse into the shape it's in. (*Lessee: both buildings sort of squarish. Is that it? - ed.*) His boxes of computer gear were often the hits of the gift exchange. As it is when he donates it to the club auction. Christian called him a self-made man. CLJII called him opinionated, augmentative, but honest and entertaining.

John DeChancie called him a terrific writer. Scratch said he's loud enough to hear. Michelle said he's always a gentleman. Christian revealed a guilty pleasure. “A Spaceship for the King”

MaryAnn says he writes very good books. But when he speaks, other than his own speaking, you can generally hear a pin drop. (Of course, he's perfectly capable of drowning out the sound of even a very large pin...) Jerry (not Pournelle) said he wrote the first SF novel ever written on a computer. Don Wenner: He's told one of his favorite humorous cat stores ever heard. About how cats behave in free fall.

Joe Zeff quoted from John Hertz' zine. Jerry Pournelle got three cheers, and a place of honor in the Smithsonian.

Patron Saint: Tim Merrigan. Hare: Tim did the job Marty Cantor is doing now, and is one of the most soft-spoken people at the LASFS. When moving Mistie out of her apartment in Hollywood, they got surrounded by the parade and trapped by the parking. He hated the parade. Marty Cantor: He had been running APA-L for 18-20 years, and has not been to the club since he gave it up. He's very quiet. He lives in Venice with Rita Prince Winston, whom he recently married. He's a very nice, quiet person. If he were in the room and there was a quiet party going on, you probably still wouldn't notice him. Zeff: Back when Tim was collating 'L, he was living at home, and his father was upset be-

cause he wouldn't get his hair cut – so he shaved his head. (*Why did he shave his father's head? - ed.*)

CLJII: Many *fen* have animal counterparts in WASFS. Some people had animals bestowed on them, others requested theirs. Tim wanted to be a Manx cat with a prosthetic tail. Scratch: He is a nice guy, gave us money, and there should be more like that. Matthew Tepper likes his hat. Tim Merrigan was given three cheers, and an everlasting bus pass.

Committee Reports: Matthew Tepper is the new committee to report on area bookstores. Iliad bookshop, at Cahuenga and Chandler, bought the building next door. They have now breached the wall, and are now setting up “the annex” in that building. (*To clarify: it was the building next door to where they are now, not the building next to the LASFS. - ed.*)

Science Committee: Karen Anderson reported that the Kepler Telescope has detected the atmosphere of a known extrasolar planet. It's so precise, it shows the changing phases of the planet. The day side temperature of the planet is 4310 degrees. (On the whole, I'd rather be in Philadelphia). (*Well, I doubt if Philadelphians would want to see just part of you. - ed.*)

Fannish Committee Reports: Jerry Pournelle rose to tell the story of the cat in low gravity. Many years ago, around 1960, he was in charge of human factors at Boeing, and they did tests on space suits. He was down at either Randolph or Brooks, and they were sitting around in the Officer's club with a bunch of flight surgeons and human factors engineers. Someone got to wondering what reaction a cat would have to zero gravity. One of the people offered to find out on his flight qualification. They found the officer's club cat, put it in the pilot's lap in the plane, and had a camera set up to film. The next day, the pilot gets into the parabolic orbit. He floats the cat in mid air, and returns to flying the plane.

What the cat orients toward in zero G is a human chest. Once oriented, it assumes many of the properties of velcro. After landing, the cat ran back to the officer's club where it disappeared for at least a week. So, in Zero Gee, cats orient toward human beings, with the intent of making them regret ever putting them into that situation.

He continued to another story, “Launch your own

satellite for only eight grand. Prospective world dominators apply here.” There is a company advertising to launch satellites into low orbit.

Remember the getaway specials? For \$10K, you could buy a certain amount of cubic space and send whatever you wanted into space. (Back then, they were talking about a launch a week. Which they still could, if they had fifty more shuttles.)

At the AAAS meeting where this was announced, he, Poul Anderson, and Karen Anderson proposed the Light Perpetual Foundation – sending ashes into orbit. The premise was that once the ashes were in orbit, light pressure would push them to the ends of the universe. They were looking into forming a company, and NASA went nuts over the idea – not in a good way.

One last thing, having to do with a moon experiment – they dumped boxes of glass balls – mirror surfaces – capable of reflecting a laser beam. They know the distance from here to the moon down to the nearest millimeter. So what? Well, it helps in experiments to determine the difference between inertial mass and gravitational mass. If the two are different, the difference shows up in the shape of the Moon's orbit. Einstein's theory requires the two different masses to be the same. Another theory holds that the two are different. By now, the two kinds of mass cannot differ by more than a factor of 10^{-12} . All because of a box of mirrors. A topic worthy of much reflection.

Reviews: Christian McGuire reviewed Red, by Jordan Summer. It's a post-apocalyptic suburban fantasy retelling of Little Red Riding Hood. It's excellent.

MISC.: Christian has a set of books he's keeping forever, to kill time when it desperately needs killing.

Tom Safer had an Oddly Enough story: A mobile phone was lost at sea for four days, and washed up in perfect condition in Taiwan. (*Except, when someone called its number, there was a gurgling sound of someone drowning. In a Chinese accent. - ed.*)

We adjourned at 21:32:14.

Meeting #3757, August 13, 2009
Vice President Rob Powell, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Opening up for any time-bound announcements....

Meeting 3757 was opened at 20:13:56

The **Menace** were read and approved as “Oh, now I get it”

Patron Saint: Bjo Trimble. Hare Hobbs said Bjo was one of those people that always was involved in some charitable event, or political event (space program). If you got too close, you got volunteered. She was the one who campaigned to keep the third season of Star Trek on the air. Zeff: Bjo has long been known for a style of housekeeping consisting of piles of items, “I know it's around here someplace” = “Trimbling” an item. She also appeared in a fan film as a dancing girl. George Mulligan spent a lot of time with Bjo in the 80s working on Equicon. She's a ball of fire and a boundless supply of funny stories. Like the time she was caught smuggling a phaser through security. And the adventure of driving to the club in the pre-Freeway era.

Hare: She was the clothes designer for Flesh Gordon. The problem with the costumes was making them stay on when they were supposed to. CLJII: She helped keep the club together during its more fallow periods. During her early years, she had programs like “count the freckles”. Tom Safer: best memory of Bjo was at a convention in Seattle Karl: she's a talented artist, and her work appears in APA-L. May she live long enough for me to finish scanning it in.

Ed Hooper: she's responsible for the convention art show. Three cheers, and set the LASFS on “stun”.

Arlene the **Registrar** substitute announced we have two guests. First is Jennifer Anderton, in the back there, who heard about us through our web site. Second is Deanna Simmons, even further in the back. She learned about us from Martin. She's a literary fan, and a teacher.

Our **treasurer** left to collect more money. We have money, don't spend it. WHMDSI?

Time Bound Announcements: Ed Hooper: Barnes and Noble in Burbank will have authors showing up on 8/30, Anne McCaffrey, Larry Niven, Jerry Pournelle, and others. Time is 3:30 to 5.

More committee reports: Arlene Satin: summer reading at Valley Plaza Library, where we read The

Phantom Tollbooth. We have a bonus month, The Haunted School by RL Stine will be read in September. She's in the process of seeing if other libraries would like to participate in the program, and Valley Plaza Library is helping. We'll have another audition for readers, because we'll need more of them. The last program for this year will be in December, reading The Nightmare Before Christmas.

Also, looking for art, like the bookmarks. Art's needed ASAP. If you have any to donate, please send it over or bring it in.

Reviews: Milt reviewed Anticipation, which was sparsely attended for a North American Worldcon. It looked like they were being careful with their finances. They had a good con suite, which was several rooms on the 5th floor. During the business meeting – we still have a semi-prozine category for the Hugos. There was a committee established to study the issue. On the last night, he stayed up and watched Stargate Atlantis in French.

Ed Hooper reviewed Montreal. He was expecting to have the stereotypical French rudeness. They actually just ignored the Americans.

Sandy Cohen was taken to a Hard Rock Cafe, 1.6 miles from the hotel. It was the scariest 1.6 mile drive he's ever been on. CLJII: Arrrr the rules of the road are merely guidelines. (Karl adds, And you're not a pilot.)

Milt: Reno won the '11 Worldcon. (*Wunnerful, wunnerful, wunnerful ... a Worldcon with an out-of-state concom.* - ed.)

Fannish Committee Reports: Doug Crepeau reported on driving through Laurel Canyon. They've finally fixed the sign going up to Lookout Mountain. It was "ookout mountain" for a long time.

Ed Hooper: In Hollywood there's a billboard showing Yoda holding a baseball bat, and the caption, My town, this is. Part of a Dodger's campaign. Too bad he incinerates the baseballs when he swings...

Misc.: Hooper: it's time to put away childish things. He's selling off large portions of his comic book collection, including a large portion of original x-men. (*Are you selling these things to children, Ed?* - ed.)

Janice Olson is now a broker for various digital ser-

vices. Cell phone, pay TV, and other subscribable stuff. See her.

Tadao – informed that he's somewhere else. Someone called from an airplane saying Tadao's on the plane. He's on the little TV on the plane. VH1 is showing the 40th top funny jokes, including Mr. Shake Hands Man. But he needs to talk to his agent about the royalties he's not getting.

Doug: An exoplanet has been discovered that orbits opposite its primary's rotation. And they've discovered the gene that causes itching.

We adjourned at 21:24:10.

Meeting #3758, August 20, 2009
Vice President Rob Powell, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

"Jerry! You were so quiet! For a change..."

Meeting 3758 was opened at 20:07:20

Special Orders of Business: Dr. Pournelle brought one to our attention. Gene Van Troyer, SF writer, poet, translation consultant, English language teacher in Japan, has passed away. We held a brief moment of silence in his honor.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "Oh, NOW I get it!" This time, for sure...

Patron Saint: Fuzzy Pink Niven. Sandy Cohen thinks she's the only MIT grad in the club now. She's also a UCLA basketball fan. And she keeps Larry out of much trouble. Fuzzy's also extremely artistically talented. Milt notes they had one of the earlier home computers, an Altair. One year they sent out Christmas cards from Larry, Fuzzy, and Altair, and got congratulations on the new baby.

Jerry Pournelle: Altair Niven was bought a membership at LASFS, and was later auctioned off. This is the only club member ever auctioned off. She's a graduate in math, and would have been a computer science major, except there was no such thing in those days. She keeps Larry loosely anchored to reality, for which Jerry's most grateful.

Christian McGuire: She's one of the founders, and a fellow of NESFA. Fuzzy Niven was given three cheers and a Marilyn Night Gown.

LAFAs

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

LAFAs Filksing

Saturday, November 21, 2009, 7 PM

Pre-filk dinner at 5 pm., see notes

The House of Perpetual Commotion

Hosts: John & Mary Creasey

3754 W. 170th Street, Torrance, CA

(310) 329-6772

Pre-filk dinner: 5 pm, Golden Camel Mongolian Bar-B-Q,

21006 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance, CA

1/2 block North of Torrance Blvd.,

on the East side of Hawthorne in a strip mall

Call the Creaseys to reserve -- three days before, please!

TYPE OF CIRCLE: -TBD- & Theme basket-
John and/or Mary will be Demighod.

Notes:

1. Mucho crash space available; call to reserve yours; bring sleeping gear in case we run out of beds.
2. Critter warning: The House has a pet rat (upstairs bedroom), no other critters with more than 2 legs.
3. Children welcomed on good behavior.
4. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
5. NO SMOKING indoors PLEASE!! (except users of smoke-filter ashtrays)
6. There is a piano, it's playable but very old and tuned a hair under 440
7. There be computers here! (PC clones).
THEY WILL BE IN HIBERNATION for the night except for song archiving. 'Tis a filksing, not a bytebash.
8. There is a copier available; slight cost to cover supplies.
9. The last survivors will be conscripted into cleaning up the remains.
10. Random Factors will be open for business.

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

The **Registrar** announced that we have guests. Jesse Rhines; Helen Geiger; Dave Dunn; and **Patron Saint Gail Selinger!!!**

The substitute Science Minotaur (can't bear to fix the typo) read of the discovery of the amino acid glycine in the tail of a comet.

Misc.: Doug Crepeau notes Foglio's acceptance speech for the Hugo Award is now posted on the front bulletin board. The other item involves Asimov's laws of robotics. Some mathematicians have come up with a revision. And mathematicians have modeled the epidemiology of zombies.

The man whose name Christian forgot offered a minority report on Anticipation. The con was great and the city was quite friendly. But then he dug out his conversational French.

David Okamura notes 5 years ago, members sat for a group photo. He can't identify all the faces. If you're in the photo, tell him your name, please.

Gail Selinger's third fantasy short story has been published in the anthology *Swordplay*. (*Yay!* - ed.)

Don Wenner: Regency fans may want to take a look at the book *Coronach*, by Kimberly Riemann. It deals with Scotland in about 1790. It's well written, but it's very long and bleak.

We adjourned at 21:34:59.

Meeting #3759, August 27, 2009
Vice-President Rob Powell, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Quoth Matthew Tepper: "Blucher!" I guess you had to be there.

Meeting 3759 was opened up by sword at 20:05:51

The **Menace** were read and approved as "I'm not going to fix THAT typo"

And so a tradition only lasts two weeks.

Patron Saint: Allan A. Rothstein. Tom Safer remembers him as a big fan of his programs and knowledgeable of music. He also produced a son who has his degree in music. He was always very knowledgeable and nice to be around. Milt Stevens notes on his first visit to a SF Westercon, he learned he bore some similarity in appearance to Jerry Jacks, and didn't understand why he was getting pinched on the bum so often. Matthew notes he later remarked, it's easy to tell me and Jerry apart. He's rounder than I am, and I'm much straighter than he is.

Joe Zeff: he found out he had a heart condition and was told that neither losing weight nor exercising would do any good. (In fact, he was quite pleased to receive official orders from his doctor not to exercise!) Marty Cantor: He and Allan wrote that up and serialized it in APA-L as a series of long puns. Robbie and Marty got married in this building, and Allan officiated. (He was a minister) Tadao Tomomatsu: Allan has a great interest in and love of comics. He was an officer of the law, and has a pacemaker. He breezed through airport security

Christian McGuire: Allan, besides a fan, was a com-

poser. He composed poems, and sometimes they were put to folk music, mostly not. He enjoyed reading from Allan's Lost Collection of Poems. Matthew recalls having lived in Allan's house while he was on disability, and for a couple of years thereafter. Ironically, his health condition cleared up, and Allan's took a major turn for the worse. While not his care giver, he looked after him and helped him unload watermelons from his trunk. He was a great collector of Disneyana, anything with Mickey Mouse on it. Once, during a drive, they were going down a side street. There was a yard sale. He saw a Mickey Mouse figure, so Allan got out of the car, dragging his oxygen tank behind him. Finally, he paid for the mouse and returned to the car. "How much?" "I got her to agree to take \$10." "What was she asking?" "\$5."

CLJII: Many years ago, Allan attended his first meeting. Twenty years later, he came back for his second meeting, having shed his wife who thought we were a bunch of lunatics who would ruin his life. She wanted to ruin his life first. His love of Disney stuff included the fact that his favorite place to be was Disneyland. Just before the passes he got for his retirement were about to expire, he invited Charlie to go with him. Once there, he found he could get a Deal on annual passes, and gave one to Charlie so he'd have a traveling companion.

Allan Rothstein, being a member of the probation department, was a gentleman and an officer.

Time Bound Announcements: Elayne: There is a work party Saturday at Noon, destruction of the video cabinet. We're moving the couch, and the filing cabinets, and if we're lucky, putting up a new rack. If we're not lucky, we'll find a foundation crack and have to call the contractor.

Steve Barnes announced Larry Niven has injured his back while body surfing. Send him good thoughts.

Registrar Michelle Pincus announced we have three guests. Lloyd Lytle, Steve Houle, and Karen Hollingsworth

Committee Reports:

Michelle Pincus returned to announce more guests. Stephanie D. Voy, Bethany and Jeff Hulten. Yay. (*Yay neglected to stand when announced and has not shown up again. - ed.*)

Matthew Tepper, reporting on Glendale area book stores, went to Mystery and Imagination Books. By chance, he arrived on Ray Bradbury's 89th birthday. Brand books, across the street, is a better general interest store, but not so good for genre.

Misc. David Okamura was asked to do a show and tell. He's doing the centerpieces for the tables, cylinders illustrating scenes from the history of the LASFS.

We adjourned at 21:04:56.

Starting with the May 2009 meeting, the BoD minutes in De Prof will be the uncorrected ones taken by the editor of this zine

***Board of Directors meeting
September 13, 2009
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Darnell Coleman, Secretary
unofficial minutes by Marty Cantor
September board minutes taken by Marty
September 13, 2009***

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Darnell Coleman, Mike Thorsen, Bob Null, Arlene Satin, Milt Stevens, Elayne Pelz, Tadao Tomomatsu, Marcia Minsky, Christian McGuire, Robert Powell.

Members and Guests: Marty Cantor, Greg Bilan, Jeni Burr, Scott Tygett, Gavin Claypool, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Judy Zeff, Michael Pell, Joyce Sperling, Tom Safer, Joe Zeff.

Called to order: 11: 18 am.

Opening Remarks: The Chairman welcomed back the Secretary.

Minutes: The minutes were accepted as corrected.

New Members: The applications of Tina Belmont, Eytan Kollin, Jennifer B. Anderton, and Stephanie B. Voy were presented to the Board and were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer: There is money in treasury: check with the Treasurer to get the exact amount.

30 Second Reports (Board Members)

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Bob Null): The Pubs computer had a virus but the Vice Chairman has eliminated it. The library computer may also be infected.

Secretary (Darnell Coleman): The Secretary thanked the Board for its support. Also thanked Marty for taking the minutes of the last meeting.

Comptroller (Christian McGuire): Christian announced that Fred Patten had been voted winner of the Forry Award at the last club meeting. Karl talked about maybe, someday, the Board bringing in a professional numbers person to check our books.

Library (Elayne Pelz): The Library shelves are getting numbered, there is a new printer, most of the money in our account is now spent and the remaining amount will be spent at LOSCON with a dealer who will Give Us A Deal.

Physical Plant (Tadao Tomomatsu): There is yet no word about repairs to the damage to the sidewalk. Trees will be trimmed again. The work on the corner of this room has been done and the cabinet has been replaced. No cracks were found in the floor in that corner after the cabinet was removed so that the rug could be lifted up and the floor inspected.

I would like to propose a new, lighter, flatter television set with mounting hardware. M(oved) S(conded)P(assed) with \$800 being the top amount we spend – and make we should make certain it has the proper inputs for our purposes. Also, I think we need a new Treasurer's desk and I would like to propose that we expend the money to do so. It was MSP for replacing Treasurer's desk for no more than \$500.

Letter to neighbor – any response?
No further response.

AV Equipment (Robert Powell): There are extra empty boxes in Monstro – please label them if you use them.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Soda machine units sold: to date – 12,485, this period – 351. Soda machine total sales: to date - \$8,587.00, this period - \$320.25.

We need some dollies. After some discus-

sion, it was MSP to spend up to \$1000 on folding carts and hand trucks.

Publications (Milt Stevens): The Golds are at ConChord, a filk con, this month. Marty might be going to pick up Dik Daniels' photo collection in San Miguel. Marty mentioned Fancy III as a Wiki place to archive information which some people seem to want to put up in Wiki format on the LASFS web site.

Events (Marcia Minsky): LOSCON is moving along as is the 75th Anniversary Celebration. Arlene talked about the Anniversary Celebration and its Memory Book. The Banquet contract is signed. 40 people have paid, so far, for the banquet. Christian says Westercon is also moving forward. Karl says that LOSCONs should be listed in SF magazines.

Fundraising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin): Fundraising in Zazzle.com is on hold because the artist we will be using is currently too busy to draw the artwork we need.

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin): The Valley Plaza Library children's reading is tomorrow. West Hollywood Bookfair – the panel is canceled but our table there is still on. Our programme at Valley Plaza Library may get expanded to other libraries.

Club President (Christian McGuire): Code of Conduct: we will distribute this more widely to the members.

Agenda Items:

Tom Safer reports on his movie day: 10 people in attendance, \$100 given to Treasurer. Tom would like to do this again, and the Board is amenable, but dates in January will be set later when the Treasurer gets her calendar.

No Brewster Rockitt meetings for rest of year.

Bob is putting out the covers of 9 issues of Wonder Stories, one of which announced the formation of the Science Fiction League (from which LASFS descended).

Adjournment: The Board adjourned at 12:21 pm.

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. Reading books, whatta concept...)

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| 1634: Ram Rebellion, The | Flint, Eric & DeMarce, Virginia |
| Fafhrd and the Gray Mouser | Chaykin, Howard & Mignola, Mike |
| Patriots | Drake, David |
| Stoneholding, The | Anderson, James G. & Sebanc, Mark |
| 1634: The Galileo Affair | Flint, Eric & Dennis, Andrew |
| Belisarius I: Thunder at Dawn | Flint, Eric & Drake, David |
| Paying the Piper | Drake, David |
| World War Z | Brooks, Max |
| Hot Sleep: The Worthing Chronicle | Card, Orson Scott |
| Planet Called Treason, A | Card, Orson Scott |
| 1633 | Flint, Eric & Weber, David |
| 1634: The Bavarian Crisis | Flint, Eric & DeMarce, Virginia |
| Andromeda Strain, The | Crichton, Michael |
| Dragon's Ring | Freer, Dave |
| Forward the Mage | Flint, Eric |
| Genesis | Chafe, Paul |
| Philosophical Strangler, The | Flint, Eric |
| Ring of Fire II | Flint, Eric |
| Another Thing..., And | Colfer, Eoin |
| Far Side of the Stars, The | Drake, David |
| Industrial Magic | Armstrong, Kelly |
| Seas of Venus | Drake, David |
| Some Golden Harbor | Drake, David |



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On October 27, 2009, LASFS celebrated its 75th Anniversary. As part of the Anniversary Celebration, LASFS pubbed a Memory Book. A beautiful issue, it unfortunately left out something. Throughout the book there IS mention after mention of APA-L. Nowhere, though, is anything which describes the APA. Therefore, pubbed in the on-line Fancyclopedia III, here is my article on APA-L, slightly modified for inclusion here.

Bruce Pelz felt that the idea of APA-F, a weekly APA put out in New York, was a fine idea – and the idea of a weekly APA to be collated at LASFS meetings should be brought to Los Angeles. So he did. With the help of his then-wife, Dian, (who became the first Official Collator of the APA) and several other local members, in October of 1964, APA-L started a weekly run which continues to this day. At the time of this writing, APA-L has produced 2319 distributions.

At one point in its existence, the APA ceased production for a period of about 11 weeks. However, once it recommenced distribution, there have been no further gaps in its production. There have been a few what have been called “Fractional distributions” along the way (e.g., APA-L #30.5). In at least one case this was done so that a certain contributor would break his string of contributing to each distribution. He managed to hear about this and managed to contribute a zine to that distribution, anyway.

Most APAs call the bundles they produce “mailings.” Even though APA-L usually has out-of-area contributors, some even outside of the US, most contributors are LASFS attendees and pick up their copies right after collation. Therefore, instead of “mailings,” APA-Lers call the collated APA issues “distributions.” It is usually shortened to “disty” and Thom Digby once came up with the cutesy “disty-wisty-poo.”

Of considerable note is APA-L contributor Fred Patten. He has had a zine in each and every distribution of APA-L. Fred had a stroke a few years ago and he now resides in a convalescent hospital, able to move only his left leg and left arm. The right-handed Fred still produces a zine each week, typing it on a laptop computer with his left hand. It has been posited that if Fred ever stops producing a zine for APA-L, the world will come to an end.

Actually, the APA-L world did *not* come to an end after more than 2200 disties when Fred finally stopped producing zines as he felt that the work of zining was Just Too Difficult.

*Marty Cantor (current Official Collator of APA-L),
August 20, 2007, modified October 27, 2009*

(APA stands for Amateur Press Association. Those who contribute to APAs create publications which they turn into the person in charge. They write what they want; usually, though, it is commentary on things previously written by others in previous issues. APAs are often called “cocktail parties in print.” For more information about APA-L and APAs in general, see Marty Cantor.)



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