



# JANUARY 2012

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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 - 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  
 D.I.G. = Developer Interest Group = 7 PM

## THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**JANUARY 5** - There is no programme information at press time.  
**JANUARY 12** - There is no programme information at press time.  
**JANUARY 19** - There is no programme information at press time.  
**JANUARY 26** - There is no programme information at press time.

programme items subject to change without notice)

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:  
[http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com\\_events&Itemid=185](http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185)

## 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  
 DIG—7:30 pm  
 FWEMS - A Salute to Tyrone Power



The Board of Directors will not have a regular meeting in January.  
**The January Second Sunday Open House will begin at Noon rather than 2 pm.**

## DE PROFUNDIS - the unofficial newsletter of LASFS

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 467– January 2012. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

*De Profundis* is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544. The club's web site is: [www.lasfsinc.info](http://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) sbcglobal (dot) 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.

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### LASFS OFFICERS

#### Elected Procedural Officers January - June, 2012

**President:** Marcia Minsky. **Vice-President:** Greg Bilan. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

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**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2012). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Bill Ellem (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2012). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2012), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2012) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Arlene Satin (2013), Mike Thorsen (2012), Eylat Poliner (2014).. **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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### Meeting 3867, September 22, 2011 President Marcia Minsky, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting #3867 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 20:00, the whiching hour.

**Special Orders of Business:** Milt Stevens noted that Art Widner celebrated his 94th birthday earlier this month, making him the oldest fan in the world.

The **Menace** were read, and the president paid \$2 to name them "Frank Has Nothing to Say".

**Patron Saint, June Moffatt** was honored. Scratch: Nice lady with a gentle temperament. She has taken a number of fans under her wing, and we're fortunate to have her. Arlene: always willing to do panels for conventions and does a wonderful job. She has discovered Facebook. Zeff: done computer work for the Moffatti and it's always fun to work there. Would trade lemons for avocados

CLJII: June has a well-rounded and deep education, and is a welcome audience for people who make jokes using obscure references. June knows Jack Benny and hummingbirds, Frank Waller: If only Ed Green were here, he'd go on for half an hour about how wonderful she is, and how the Moffatti took him under their wing and civilized him. (*It did not work, did it...* ed.) Marty Cantor: June's been a mainstay of APA -L forever. Two pages just about every week. She holds up her end of a conversation

very well. Karl read the statement about June from Barbara Harmon. **Patron Saint, June Moffatt** was given three cheers, and an honorary membership in something.

**Patron Saint, Len Moffatt** was honored. Scratch: The best choice he ever made was marrying June. June: That's what Len said, too. Marty printed Len's autobiography in his zine, *NO AWARD*. When Len passed, he took all that material and put it in one fanzine. It's 40-odd pages of Len's story from getting out of the Navy to the late 50s. He still has copies, \$5 each. Len was a good writer, and good in all kinds of things. Milt: he was a First Fandom -ite, involved in fandom prior to the first SF Worldcon in 1939. His high school graduation picture was run on the cover of *Vom*, the fanzine Forry Ackerman did. He was a member of FAPA for many years, was interested in John D MacDonald and he and June put out a fanzine called *JDM Bibliophile*. He also edited a fanzine called *Moonshine*.

Mike Stern: Len was also a mystery fan. He was involved in Sherlock Holmes fandom. Scratch mentioned Bouchercon. The Moffatti, Bruce Pelz, and one other thought it might be time to do a mystery convention - and that was how Bouchercon was founded. CLJII: Len was a writer of great humor and insight. I see him every week in APA -L. MaryAnn: I always enjoyed it when Len Moffatt was here and would talk about the history of the LASFS. He was there and remembered things she wasn't there for, and could talk about it and help newbies understand where the club came from.

Joe Zeff: when Len got the news WWII was over, he was in the middle of a live fire exercise on Saipan preparing for the invasion of Japan. Had to keep down because the planes hadn't gotten the news yet. Karl: Len left one hell of a wake. **Patron Saint, Len Moffatt** was given three cheers, and "Harvey Korman's autograph".

**Registrar** Michelle announced a Guest Free zone..

David Okamura said, "Duck and cover!" Since tomorrow is the first day of fall, it's appropriate that a six-ton satellite is scheduled to do just that. We don't know exactly when and where it will land, but fortunately, with 75% of the world covered in water, and the rest fairly unpopulated, chances of being hit are remote. // *Sea Launch*, which went into Chapter 11, is launching on Friday. They got a huge cash infusion from Energia, a Russian firm. Headquarters have been moved from Long Beach to Switzerland. They still park ships In Long Beach, and that's also where they have the oil rig they're using as a launch pad.

The Chinese have gotten their act together and may be launching their space station the first week in October. It's a tiny one, but it will be in space. // Also in space, we're starting to notice astronauts' vision getting blurry, perhaps due to low gravity conditions. // The search for SETI has become the search for Snoopy, the Apollo 10 lander, jettisoned into orbit around the sun.

And this may be the day everything changed. Or not. Sci-

and some seem to have moved faster than light. Researchers were trying to measure the speed of neutrinos made at CERN, and they arrived 60 nanoseconds earlier than the 2.5 milliseconds light would take. Fermilab came up with similar findings, but the margin of error was too large.

Jerry Pournelle mentioned the radio announcer reporting on the debris from the satellite said the odds against any hitting you were 32,000:1. This is, of course, nonsense. The description was wrong. Those were the odds of one person somewhere being hit are 32,000:1. // CLJII: In another sense, the odds are 50/50. Either it hits, or it doesn't. // Pournelle: regarding the possibility of FTL particles, the late Peter Beckman's ether theory in which ether is entangled gravitational fields allows for FTL; HE claims all experimental results that confirm Einstein are also consistent with his theory. // Karl: mass balance of beta decay systems: some results indicate mass-squared might be less than zero.

**Committee Reports:** Tim Tr notes Elayne is working on getting us Internet. We have enough for the first year and a third. We need to pay for it going forward.

Matthew: CRAB - has a notice of an area bookstore. Mysterious Galaxy bookstore has opened their second store, and it's in Redondo Beach. One hopes the northward trend will continue.

Larry Niven, who was autographing there, said its easy to find. It's an hour from here. They have a big store, books well arranged. It's SF and fantasy and mystery, and also bestsellers in the middle of the floor. They have a wonderfully diverse Larry Niven collection. "They have one or two of my books, too." - Pournelle. // We had one of four first signings for Mote at Mysterious Galaxy in San Diego. - Pournelle // Address is 2810 Artesia Blvd, Redondo Beach.

Committee to be Obnoxious did not move to adjourn. Instead, it moved to move the meeting into the street. This was taken under advisement. (*The Committee to be even More Obnoxious typed this announcement into DE PROF.*—ed.)

**Reviews:** Tim Trzepakcz: Broken Crescent by S. Andrew Swann - a kid from this world gets transported to this other world where his special geek abilities allow him to do things others in this world can't do. He's a hacker who runs into this alternate world from the Feds. It wasn't terrible.

Doug Crepeau read Steampunk Bible, a beautiful survey of the entire phenomenon. It's heavily illustrated, with Victorian rayguns to Steampunk rocket ship. Frank Waller concurs.

CLJII finished rereading *The Menacers*, the 11th Matt Helm book. An agent is sent to Mexico to investigate flying saucer crashes. Flying saucer shape is impossible to make fly.

donate money.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Tim brought a bunch of stuff from his mother's house. It smelled of smoke. He put it in the garage with an ozone generator, and now it doesn't smell of smoke. But it smells of ozone. (*Now that it is in the clubhouse, it will smell of science fiction.* —ed.)

Mike Stern reviewed his cat. Every time he's reading a book in bed, his rescue kitten puts herself between him and the book. So the kitten is going to be well read?

**Miscellaneous:** Arlene asked that everyone pick up around their chairs. We have new trash cans. Use them.

At the site of a former LASFS clubhouse – The Brookdale Clifton's will be closing for a rehabilitation. A lot of the old facilities need updating, dating back to the 40s.

Darnell was an extra on Prime Suspect.

Chaz announced it's curtains for the LASFS. And they're nice one,s too.

Scott Beckstead's motion to adjourn was taken off the table....

And we did so at 21:13.

**Meeting 3868, September 29, 2011**  
**President Marcia Minsky, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting #3868 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 20:00, the whiching hour.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II announced that the old year seems to be dead. The Mourner's Kadish was not recited.

The **Menace** were read, and Eylat Poliner paid \$2 to name them "Happy birthday, Karl".

**Patron Saint, Ron Ellik** was honored. Eylat read a statement from Karen Anderson: "I can't come to tonight's meeting, unfortunately. I wanted to speak of Saint Ron Ellik. I've just posted a photo of him on my page. I'm not sure it worked, or if my attempt here worked either. The photo shows Ron Ellik with Adrienne Martine and Steve Tolliver as Holger the Dane, Alianora the swan-may, and Carahue the Saracen from Three Hearts and Three Lions, the fantasy novel by Poul Anderson, at the 1961 Worldcon in Seattle. The role of a straightforward engineering type who used innovative means to cope with fantastic problems was one that fit Ron's personality well, and both Poul and I appreciated the group's effort. I made sure to include them in the photos I took there.

"Ron studied at Berkeley but spent vacations in Southern California, making him one of the era's Traveling Giants. One of his trips coincided with one of ours, and we invited him to join us. That was when we still had the Mor-

ris Minor, a car surely designed for two Men and two Hobbits. Poul and Ron alternated driving, while I crammed myself into the lack seat with Astrid. I still claim it was the discomfort that kept me from contributing verses to the filk song they composed en route, "The Childish Edda." Ron contributed parts or simply stimulated other people's filk songs, notably the chorus of "Little Teeny Eyes," and regretted that he had only completed one himself: "The Coward's Song." It's a good song, and I recommend it to anyone – but especially to E. R. Eddison fans. His literary interests were wide-ranging; he was one of the group who researched the references in Silverlock that were collected and published in the book's NESFA edition. He was a good friend. I still miss him."

Milt: He was known as The Squirrel. He starred in The Musquite Kid rides again. The villain was Ernie Wheatley, Bjo was a dance hall girl; he collaborated on a book on The Worlds of EE Smith. He was also a TAFF Fund Winner. He skidded off a highway in '72 and died at an early age. Pournelle: He's one of the few TAFF winners to finish his report and publish it on time. **Patron Saint, Ron Ellik** was given three cheers and a roomful of nuts. (*Ron Ellik was given a LASFS meeting? - ed.*)

**Patron Saint, Karl Lembke** was honored. Joan Stewart posted her things about Karl on Facebook. Eylat: Ditto Joan. He's a sweet person, very generous with his time, has helped her move. He's also generous with his money. He is the LASFS chairman of the board. He seems quite soft spoken, but if you look at his Facebook page, not really. Good friend, and treasured. Arlene: he's a great cook, he created a cookbook that's still on sale, with some great recipes.

Super nice guy, and has been chairman of the LASFS BOD for years. He's very good at it. Marty: Joan brought this up. Karl's as far off the edge of the world on the right as he (Marty) is to the left. One of the nicest people I've ever met. We sit next to each other at the board meetings, and we don't kill each other. Mark Poliner: Karl has many passions including SF. He shows other passions elsewhere. He's a home brewer, and a very good one.

Joe Zeff: Karl is one of the better secretaries of the LASFS. He writes very well written, very informative, and very thorough minutes. MBT: He's fair, calm, and rational, an attribute more people should have. When he's chairing a BOD meeting, it has an influence on those around him. Karl believes opinions are to be heard and weighed. CLJII: A generally good guy, very competent, and has fallen into his proper niche in the club. He has excellent taste in reading matter, or at least in Amazing Adventures. Karl has donated more platelets than a Dresden midget, and more plasma than the sun.

Doug Crepeau: He manages to put my jokes in the minutes. (Sometimes he even manages to make them funny!) (*Nah. Karl is good, but he is not a miracle-worker.* - ed.) Mike Thorsen: He's very even tempered. Seen him in many situations, never seen him angry and never heard him raise his voice. Marcia: It is a pleasure sitting next to him in the front of the meeting, and happy birthday!

**Patron Saint, Karl Lembke** was given three cheers, and “a pun fine, and a fine pun”.

**Registrar** Michelle introduced Charles Adair. (Oh good, we're so short of those! – CLJII)

**Committee Reports:** David Okamura: Satellite down, no injuries except maybe a humpback or two.

FTL neutrinos – don't count Einstein out yet. There's still much more investigation to do. Einstein himself thought c being a constant was a mistake.

Grasshopper I is still in the works. This will be the first reusable booster.

Pat Fahey: as of 2 days ago, word was the satellite broke into 25 pieces, and scattered just off Christmas Island. It's where SeaLaunch used to launch satellites.

Tim Trzepacz announced the internet progress report. Elayne is still battling with AT&T. They don't seem to want to sell us service.

Marcia: Sunday, we had several cars show up. We completely unloaded offsite storage in one trip. There are too many names to mention. Those who were here and helped, thanks to one and all. (*It is interesting that the work was done by cars. But will the cars be upset that you do not remember their names?* -ed.)

**Perishable Announcements:** Milt Stevens announced the CSUN Library hasn't had a special collections librarian since theirs retired. They're looking for a librarian who knows SF and/or comics to take the job. And they're going to do a display in the near future, and they're looking for postcard art.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Mark Poliner: Due to circumstances beyond control, they're closing his office. Anyone needing a good paralegal, let him know.

**Miscellaneous:** Hare Hobbs notes there's a chance he won't be here next week. He's to be a guinea pig at UCLA Neurological. They'll be monitoring his mind, but not showing him cheesy movies. (*I guess scientists study vacuum wherever they find it.* - ed.)

Arlene asked people to clean up around their chairs, including any loose cake that may have been dropped. (*Maybe we need a rule that all cake should be tightened before being brought to the club.*—ed.)

And we adjourned at 21:21.

**Meeting 3869, October 6, 2011**  
**President Marcia Minsky, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke Scribe**

Meeting #3869 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 20:00.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II an-

nounced one special order everyone's probably heard about – the worst thing to happen to Apple since the garden of Eden: Steve Jobs died at the ripe old age of 56, from cancer. He did not change history, but he did change the course of history. We had a moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read, and Peter paid \$4.50 to name them “Don't let the bedbugs bite”.

**Patron Saint, Steve Bilan**, was honored. Scratch said he's the brother of a nice Klingon. Greg Bilan: He has a BS in computer science, used to work for major companies as a contractor, and is now a TSA agent in Hawaii. CLJII said Steven has a brother who is generous with his time and money and apparently has to come up with things to spend money on. **Patron Saint, Steve Bilan**, was given three cheers, and “a Klingon brother”.

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. The Nobel prizes are coming out. These were all people whose discoveries were controversial. Chemistry winner was fired from his job for maintaining quasicrystals existed. Physics, dark energy and the notion that the universe's expansion is accelerating. Medicine winner died three days before the announcement. He was using his discovery to treat his cancer.

Bill Green mentioned the Pioneer Anomaly. The craft seem to have had a slight acceleration. The old position data showed that the RTG was emitting infrared photos from the back of the craft, pushing them forward. // The paper on quasicrystals was accepted and published in Science Magazine, which is where Karen Anderson read it.

**Registrar** Michelle introduced Chris Preciado, artist and service tech.

**Committee Reports:** Arlene: Book Fair – Jerry and John did a wonderful job on the panel, and it was very well received. At the booth, we sold some books, raised \$121.06. That's what happens when it's not 103° and humid.

The Board Elections will take place in November. Nail down your nominees. (*But please clean the blood off the floor.* - ed.)

Arlene had a senior moment, and after being reminded, said we got 27 leads from the Book Fair as people filled out information cards. And, Thanks to everyone who helped, especially to Eylat who saved her bacon, and Wendy and Michelle, and Adelaide (?). (*Did anybody else save parts of their breakfasts?* - ed.)

Tim Trzepacz: we had a fabulous DIG meeting last night. We had a session on music synthesis and then a jam session. Mark came and talked about wine and cheese making. Fun was had by all.

And, for the Internet committee... Elayne and AT&T are having a time of it. AT&T has taken to sending invisible

vised to try DSL Extreme.

Marcia Minsky reported on the air lock. If you come through the door and it's closed, close it behind you. If you come through and there's a meeting in progress, close the door. It's there to act as a sound barrier. A discussion of the penalty for failure to close ensued.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Doug Crepeau, in reference for the Nobel Prize for determining that the universe was expanding at an accelerating rate. They needed a new standard candle, and picked type 1A supernovas. The brightness is constant, so the apparent brightness depends on the distance. The number of these they needed turned out to be 42. CLJII: The expansion of the universe is why it takes him longer to get where he's going than it used to.

**Miscellaneous:** Michelle announced another guest. Ted Ott, from the Book Fair, and looking for a collaborator. He has an idea for a book.

And we did so at 21:00

**Meeting 3870, October 13, 2011  
President Marcia Minsky, Presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting #3870 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 20:00.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II, in absentia, called on Ed Hooper to announce a passing. Today we lost Dennis Ritchie, creator of UNIX and the C programming language. This is the backbone for most of the operating systems in use today. (If not for him, a lot of software would be more reliable – Jerry Pournelle)

The **Menace** were read, and Mike Stern paid \$2 to name them “Pay them the two bucks!”.

**Patron Saint, Beverly Kanter**, was honored. Joe Zeff noted, for a long time, Beverly lived with Harry Andruschak. When he knew them, they used to joke that if and when they broke up, instead of arguing I want that, no, I want that, they would say to each other, “No, you bought that, you should have it”. **Patron Saint, Beverly Kanter**, was given three cheers, and “no, you should have that”.

**Science Monitor** David Okamura announced that on Tuesday, we had the final signing over of Endeavor to Los Angeles Museum of Science and Industry. And there's a note, part of an email, “if you have a good pair of binoculars, you can see Jupiter, right next to the full moon.”

**Registrar** Michelle introduced Michael Ahrens, who heard about us through Loscon.

**Committee Reports:** Marketing Committee: Arlene reported that we're in Westways, 5 worth the drive, with #4 as LOSCON. And of course LASFS is mentioned as

well.

Charlie Jackson, II announced a loss: Derek Bell, Harvard law school professor and author of *The Space Traders*, passed at age 80. We held a moment of silence.

No news on Wi-fi.

David Okamura announced that the Huntington Library has started an exhibit showcasing the aerospace industry in So Cal. Archival photos and other displays covering up to the space era. Take a look!

**Miscellaneous:** CFO meets Saturday, 1-8. The C/FO moved to adjourn,

And we did so at 21:00.

**Meeting 3871, October 20, 2011  
President Marcia Minsky, Presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting #3871 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 20:00.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II announced a special order. This past week marks the 45th anniversary of the Empire. Shows what you can accomplish when you're too stubborn to stop.

The **Menace** were read, and Mike Stern paid \$3 to name them “Across the Street from Tyron e Power”.

**Patron Saint, Randy Greiner**, was honored. Marty Cantor spoke up. We don't like to say that he gave us money but he was the first person to be called “the human wallet” because of the amount of money he gave us. Scratch: called him a reasonably nice guy. **Patron Saint, Randy Greiner**, was given three cheers, and “genuine cowhide”.

**Patron Saint, Michael Mason**, was honored. Eylat Poliner rose to say Michael talked a lot. One thing she remembered was she'd meet him in the hallway on the way to something, and 45 minutes later, “wasn't I supposed to be somewhere?” Michael came over for Passover a couple of times. One year, Mike offered to bring over his Charoset. Mark was the first to admit it was the best damn Charoset he'd ever had in his life. He was a sports fan, and a cheese fan. Hare Hobbs: Michael definitely had a sports gene. Coming up from the subway, Hare mentioned that the Lakers weren't doing too well in the play-offs. Mike started complaining about the officiating and how the Lakers were robbed. HE was also one of the longest running librarians. (*Most of the others were shorter and walked?* - ed.) He'd suggest things for Hare to read.

Ed Hooper: Michael did him the honor of being a groomsman at his wedding. For a wedding present, he got tickets to a Boston Red Sox game during Noreascon. In Boston. It was a hell of a present. Arlene Satin: Michael was a good friend. He allowed her to bend his ear,

even at 3 in the morning, online. And he was quite capable of keeping secrets. Joe Zeff: One year Michael went to work for Halloween dressed as a Trappist Monk, and stayed in character all day.

Matthew Tepper: Michael was a sweet guy who had many interests and enthusiasms and would share them with his friends. He was always ready to lend a helping hand. One time, he rushed over to Matthew's house with his camera to help photograph his shelves. He enjoyed sports, and talking about his travels. One trip he was very enthusiastic about was the prospect of going to Worldcon in the UK, so he could visit Lands End. Sadly, he died before that worldcon took place. He also liked to visit the world's ball parks. He was a mensch. He was a delight most of the time, and that's his story and he's sticking to it. Mike Stern: Like many at the club, Mike was a Mah Jong enthusiast. We still have the Mason rule, anyone Mah Jong seven times in a row gets defenestrated, because no one is allowed to beat Michael's record.

Matthew was called on to describe Charoset for us. Scott Beckstead said according to Michael, the Winseap is the proper apple for charoset. Christian: Michael did not just drink Pepsi. He also drank iced tea. He drank oceans of iced tea. He was the first in a social group to say, "no lemon". We made up the phrase 9000 iced teas, no lemon to apply to him. And Michael kept incredible confidences. Someone who gave away a lot of secrets, and blamed it on Michael. But Michael would keep secrets without being asked. Arlene added, he also made a four-alarm chili that melted spoons.

Scott Beckstead: we used to have Octoberfeast, a group of people with birthdays near October. One year, we were going to cook Duck, Duck, Goose. But his oven had only one setting – Broil. We had to monitor the birds so they didn't burn. We also came up with the rabid sock monkeys that year. Christian: Michael liked to throw parties. He liked to increase the size of his parties and have them encompass as many as possible. He started holding parties at the LASFS. He'd hold MasonCons. They were wonderful evening parties. **Patron Saint, Michael Mason**, was given three cheers, and "9000 Iced Teas, No Lemon".

**Program:** CLJII rose to introduce the program, and the scribe vacated the table and quit recording. So there. (Tonight's guest, Arlene Martel, spoke at length about her film career.)

And now that the program is over, we return to our regularly scheduled meeting.

**Science Monitor** David Okamura announced Virgin Galactic has opened a new space port in New Mexico. There was some excitement during their last test – Their space craft dropped like a stone, with three passengers. They were able to "feather" the craft and land it normally. A trip to recover the passengers' stomachs will be scheduled in the near future. NASA has bought some trips, and the US Government is starting to write criteria for private firms for satellite launches. This will encourage firms to

This is the 75th anniversary of the founding of JPL.

And.... a malaria vaccine under development has passed a critical milestone, 50% success rate in a recent test. This is big, because malaria is very hard to immunize against.

Scratch reported that American Scientist, August 2011, had an article about a giant virus. Found in a power plant cooling system in England in 1992, it was thought to be a bacterium. IT turns out to be a virus that is 750 nanometers across, which is huge for a virus. It's large enough to be seen with a good high-school microscope. They've since discovered four other viruses, ranging from 400 – 550 nm.

**Registrar** Michelle introduced one guest, tonight's speaker.

**Reviews:** Bill Ellern reviewed two books, both by Terry Pratchett, both the same title: Snuff. His grace, the duke of ankh, sir Samuel Vimes, the Ankh Morepork City Watch. Vimes goes on vacation to his house in the country and immediately gets into trouble and finds things that need correction. It's one of the best TP stories to date. Both the English and American are good reads. Don't start unless you have time to finish.

Hare reviewed The Next Chapter, having moved around the corner. The new store has twice the room. It's less crowded. The Goodwill around the corner from Next Chapter is a good source of books. He found an autographed copy of the psycho trilogy by Bloch.

James Busby doesn't usually recommend books out a year or two, but one of his old research books from Apogee Press has reprinted an Apollo report. Their latest one is Gemini IV. But The Lunar Exploration Scrapbook has every lunar vehicle proposed from the British Interplanetary Society 1947 to the end of Apollo. There are even a couple of models from his own collection. Look in good bookstores, or Apogee Books on the web.

Scratch read an Honor Harrington book, Storms from the Shadows. He has now borrowed Missions of Honor from our library. He still likes the series.

**Miscellaneous:** Jerry Pournelle decided not to announce his miscellaneous.

And we adjourned at 21:51

**Board of Directors meeting**  
**November 14, 2011**  
**Karl Lembke, Chairman**  
**Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellern, Marcia Minsky, Rob Powell, Marty Cantor, Christian McGuire, Arlene Satin. Warren "Whiskey" Johnson had an excused absence.

**LAFÄ**

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, January 21, 2011, 7 PM  
Pre-filk dinner at 6 pm., See notes.  
Sandy and Gerry Tyra, Pennies from Heaven.  
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Pre-filk dinner: 6 pm, Potluck. The Tyras will be providing some sort of main dish. People should bring other main dishes, side dishes, or salads.

Directions: Thomas Guide L.A. Co. 4104 F-2.

**Type of circle:** Bardic

Notes:

- 1 Lots of crash space available, call in advance for a bed.
2. There are two Great Danes
3. Children welcomed on good behavior
4. Gas grill available if you want to BBQ meat.
5. No smoking indoors.
6. Silicon lifeforms available for Filk reference only.

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

**Members and Guests:** Michael Pell, Joyce Sperling, Greg Bilan, Michelle Pincus, Timon Trzepacz, Barry Gold, Lee Gold, Joe Zeff, Frank Waller, Jeni Burr, Gavin Claypool, Matthew B. Tepper, Greg Barrett, Samantha Davis, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Heide Nichols, Ey-lat Poliner, Nick Smith, Tom Safer.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am.

**Opening Remarks:** The Chairman said, "Welcome, everyone, to the November Board meeting."

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting of October, 2011, were accepted as distributed.

**New Members:** There were applications (and membership fees) from Alan Hawkins II, and Chuck Erickson. They were accepted, unanimously.

**Treasurer:** We have no money – do not spend it.

**30 Second Reports:**

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** The door to the APA-L Room of our North Hollywood building has been given

Collection.

**Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire):** What I was going to report has slipped my mind.

**Secretary (Marty Cantor):** The Secretary has nothing to report – as Secretary, but as Publications Overseer I have taken a variety of photographs of the new library and have forwarded them to Barry Gold and they have been uploaded to our web site. Our library looks as good when photographed as it does in person. And many thanks to the people who did the work in shelving the books.

**Publications (Marty Cantor):** (See above.)

**Comptroller (Bill Ellern):** No report.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** Soda units sold: 20,198 units to date, 381 units this period. Soda money: \$14,833.00 to date, \$381.00 for this period. Purchased paper towels and plastic bags. We have sufficient supplies of various kinds, with some due to donations.

**Library (Warren "Whiskey" Johnson):** Whiskey was not here but Karl mentioned a friend of his (who died) donating 7 boxes of books to our library. An eight box contained romance novels but this was not going to the library.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** The Board received an e-mail from (name forgotten) needing info about Ray Bradbury from 1930s and 1940s. It was decided that we would look in our records but records for that time are mostly not in our files. It was pointed out that information of that nature was word of mouth. Darnell mentioned that we have 8 pieces of minutes going from 1936 to 1942. The Secretary mentioned that in that time period Bradbury was not the famous author he was today; and, being just another club member, there was no reason why he would be mentioned in the minutes of the time.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** There was some work done on the roof last Friday but there is still some leakage. Elayne will get back to the contractor. The person who worked on it is currently out of town so the rest of what has to be done is on hiatus. // The couches (via Milt Stevens) have arrived. (There was a round of applause.) We hope the whiteboard will be mounted by next Thursday meeting. Gas: it will be hooked up on the day after LOSCON so that the clubhouse will then be heated. // The molding around Freehafer Hall has been put there so that we can hang picture frames from it.

**AV Equipment (Robert Powell):** With Rob not yet present, Karl reported that the projector works.

**Events (Darnell Coleman):** (Arlene- LOSCON 38) The con is about 10 off on membership. The programming is almost finished. The web site has been updated with bios and other things. The membership list has been updated and the pocket programme is soon to be up on

do another article. (Christian: reported on LOSCON 39 with him still having to hear from two prospective GoHs.)

**Fund-raising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin):** Currently on hiatus until after LOSCON. Once LOSCON is over Arlene has plans to make go forward – she just needs the time.

**(Significant Others)**

**Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin):** A few things have been done: the West Hollywood Book Fair and the Woodland Hills “thing” are all that have been done as we have been busy with the upcoming LOSCON. Karl: as a result of the Westways article we have an ad from somebody to be put into programme book and she was sufficiently impressed by the service she got that she announced her intention to put an ad in next year’s programme book, even if the rates go up.

**Club President (Marcia Minsky):** We have a club – and on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December we will have our annual Gift Exchange; and, starting this coming Thursday, we will be announcing it every Thursday until the GE. Joyce Sperling has agreed to run it again this year. (Joyce was thanked.)

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** There is not much to report since the last report.

**Agenda Items: (Arlene Satin):**

Cancel BoD meeting for January?: Elayne Pelz brought this up because 5 members cannot be here as they are working on the Anime convention. It was moved, seconded and passed, that there will be no meeting in January. As is usual when a monthly meeting on the Second Sunday of a month is canceled, Marty Cantor asked for his usual permission to open the clubhouse early for the Second Sunday Open House. He was granted the usual permission. (There was a discussion of whether or not we should move Board meetings to other Sundays.)

Rain Gutter: (Bill Ellern): (Bill said that we might as well address other leaks while we’re at it.) Bill felt that the current rain gutter needs modifications. It was decided to give the current contractor be given to fix the roof leak or we will go to a roofer. // There was a discussion of hot water problems and pressure regulators.

Club cleaning: (Arlene Satin): The surface to be cleaned has doubled in size since the cleaning job was bid: we need to put the job up for bidding again – at a rate higher than the current \$75 a month. Elayne says we need a list of what and when things need to be done. Elayne will write up a list of what needs to be done – and when.

**Open Forum:**

Heide Nichols: mentioned a casting agent she knows is now casting for a larger reality show. People should contact Heide about this.

Samantha Davis talked about putting on a Go Tournament. This needs permission for a 2-day tournament. The Board agreed that this would be a good thing.

Elayne feels that the “offspring groups/affiliates” pay \$30 each time they use the building. Non-affiliates will pay more with the amounts being decided later. This was put into a form of a motion which passed with 1 abstention. “Outside” group rentals were discussed and it was agreed that LASFS members showing up at their events have to agree to their entrance requirements – and they will be charged rental at a rate higher than what is paid by “offspring groups/affiliates.” Elayne will work out some figures/costs.

Our next meeting will be December 11.

**Take-Aways:**

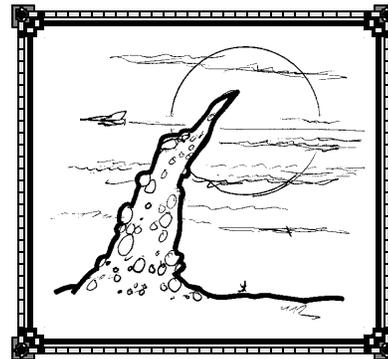
**Taken Away from previous meetings:**

Christian handling badge for the person who will be picking up stuff from UPS. Christian now has a badge. He will print them out.

(We then had a closed session.)

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



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January - June 2012**

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**Vice President:** Greg Bilan  
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