



# OCTOBER 2013

| SUN                                    | MON | TUE | WED | THU                            | FRI                 | SAT  |
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|  |     | 1   | 2   | 3<br>LASFS<br>MEETING          | 4<br>Open<br>House  | 5—Cosplay<br>Sewing Circle<br>host: Chaz Baden |
| 6<br>Tom Safer<br>Cartoons             | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10<br>LASFS<br>MEETING         | 11<br>Open<br>House | 12 - Cinema<br>Anime // Tom<br>Safer Cartoons  |
| 13- BoD<br>Second Sunday<br>Open House | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17<br>LASFS<br>MEETING         | 18<br>Open<br>House | 19 - CFO                                       |
| 20<br>Time<br>Meddlers                 | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24<br>LASFS<br>MEETING         | 25<br>Open<br>House | 26<br>LOSCON<br>Meeting                        |
| 27<br>LOSCON<br>Meeting                | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31—LASFS<br>MEETING<br>& PARTY |                     |  |

## KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
 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  
 L.A. PostgreSQL Users Group: 7 pm - 9 pm

## THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

OCTOBER 3 - Nominations & election for Forry Award  
 OCTOBER 10 - Twilight Zone Videos  
 OCTOBER 17 - BIG Auction  
 OCTOBER 24 - TSP Animated Marvel Super Heroes (1966)  
 OCTOBER 31 - Autumn Holiday Party

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

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  
 FWEMS -



The AUTUMN HOLIDAY PARTY will be on Thursday, October 31.

## DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 488– October 2013. 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.lasfs.org. *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-modified Intel quad-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 July - December, 2013

**President:** Eylat Poliner. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

### Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2015). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Michelle Pincus (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). Other members: Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Gavin Claypool (2013), Mike Thorsen (2013), Eylat Poliner (2014).. **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:** Christian McGuire. **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:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <http://www.lasfs.org>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, Editor. **Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Susan Fox & Gene Turnbow. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lemke). **Foodie Guru:** Mark Poliner. **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus.

### 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.

If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out \_\_\_\_\_

### CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at [www.lasfs.org](http://www.lasfs.org))

**Meeting 3958, June 20, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Truncheonman Matthew Tepper called meeting #3958 to order at a dozen minutes after 8.

Matthew Tepper reported on the loss of one of our own, Patrick Fahey, who had been regularly in attendance. He passed from complications due to a systemic stroke. In his memory, we had a minute of silence.

We lost a writer, Parke Godwin

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "In Memory of Patrick Fahey", and Tom Safer paid the sum of \$3.50 to so name them.

**Registrar** Michelle introduced two guests. Wes Robbins who heard about us from a tire store, And we have Cornelius Robbins, who heard about us from some guy in a tire shop in Hollywood.

**Patron Saint Ted Johnstone:** He was a member for many years, and sadly died in November of 1977. Of him, Eric Hoffman: He was one of the first he met in fandom, and made him feel like this was an old friend he hadn't seen in a long time. He had an interesting sense of humor, and he enjoyed the man's writing. Milt Stevens: He and a couple of buddies heard about LASFS but weren't sure they wanted to get involved, so they all joined under assumed names. His real name was David McDaniel and he joined LASFS under the name Ted Johnstone. He wrote his professional fiction under his real name and lived under a pseudonym. Since fans were writing the Man from Uncle books, the strangest things would show up in the books.

Tom Locke: Milt had been the first to publish the acronymic for Thrush, this actually got incorporated into one of the TV episodes. Dean Dickensheet invented that acronymic. Kay Shapero came across UNCLE when she was a trek fan. She read The Vampire Affair, and was pleased to be introduced to Forry Ackerman and find out he's real. Bill Ellern recalled that Ted, Bjo, Langley (Steve Tolliver) and he often went to lunch or dinner during the week. They would get out of school and come sailing over to South LA, we'd go out to lunch and they'd come back to Zeke Lepine's house and they'd work on producing fanzines. It was a golden age of LASFS fanzines. (Well, silver. Forry ran the golden age.) They produced as many as 100 fanzines. Among these was the first fanzine for Tolkien, definitely a rarity these days. Joe Zeff: although he has not read it himself, he hears David wrote a Prisoner episode, beginning with the line "Drake Woke Up".

Jerry Pournelle first met him at a Worldcon when David McDaniel was a hobbit. Then he met Ted Johnstone, who contributed a story for a collection titled 20/20. It was not a mistake to get a story from him, but it was a mistake to have paid him before getting the story. Dave was as good a storyteller as any of them, and probably a fine example of why writers should avoid marijuana. President Tepper told the hospital story. They were close friends at the time, and Dave was one of Matthew's mentors. Dave liked to ride motorcycles. He took a spill one day. The bike was trashed and he wound up at UCLA medical center with multiple compound fractures in his leg. Matthew, Lee, and Barry Gold visited him. There he was bandaged, in traction, etc. Lee asked, "how are you feeling?" Dave replied, "Oh, I can't kick."

CLJII: The journey Dave was making at the time of the accident was from Mar Vista to Tujunga. They were going to invade the JPL offices and shoot film, along with Dan Alderson. He excelled at cinematography. He was joyfully expert at cutting film. He was not only one of Charlie's first friends, but he wrote the two Man from UNCLE novels he enjoyed. When he moved away to Pennsylvania, CLJII started getting phone calls at 10 PM. He came back in hopes of doing business as a writer, since some club members claimed to have connections but it didn't really pan out. Dave's passing was quite unexpected. Since Charlie found the body, he wound up enduring the attention of the police for a couple of weeks. This also ended their collaboration on a Star Trek novel.

And we gave **Patron Saint Ted Johnstone** Three Cheers and a B Roll Negative.

Eric Hoffman spoke about Patrick Fahey. He came in wearing the hat Patrick gave him. Patrick could be cantankerous, stubborn, grumpy, but he was a rarity. He was a real friend. He was there for Eric when he needed help. He was encouraging, had a sense of humor that ranged from the sly to the bawdy. He was also the man who got closest to giving Eric religion, just from the way Patrick drove. He was a master of offensive driving. He's lost a dear friend.

Z Ernie: A few months ago, when they had the nearing the end conversation, Z promised to come here and say goodbye on Patrick's behalf. When he met Patrick 37 years ago, he was already a member. The best way for me to describe Patrick -- of all the souls I've known in all my travels, he was the most human. Thank you all for the joy and pleasure you have given Patrick over all these years.

Eric again: I wrote a piece on Facebook announcing Patrick's passing -- the litany from the WolfMan: The way you walked was thorny, through no fault of your own...

But as the rain enters the soil, as the river flows into the sea, So must all things come to their predestined end Your suffering is at end....

**Reviews:** Scratch: Now You See Me, and After Earth, and two others. He found them all enjoyable, even he only remembers two titles. Book, 1901, alternate history, in which Kaiser Germany invades US. It's a good read. It's a three-day read for Scratch.

**Registrar** Michelle introduced another guest, Brian Luba, who found us through our business card. (*Our business has a door?* - ed.)

CLJII read The Celestial Railroad and other stories of Nathaniel Hawthorne. Some entertaining, some engrossing, prose is in the style of the period, ranging from eye-catching to impenetrable. But still entertaining.

Mike Workman read Moorcock's Fortress of the Pearl. Found that to be on par with his Elric series.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Tim Trzepacz reported on Rhythm Core Alpha II, music creation system downloadable for Nintendo. \$10. This is the result of 3 years' work. Buy it.

**Miscellaneous:** Tom Safer had a story from Reuters. Mexican politicians going to the cats. Fed up with politicians they call rats, people in Zalapa have put forward a cat named Morris for office. There is a Facebook, now has over 25 kilolikes. (Grumpy Cat for President!)

Milt Stevens notes according to one published version, a possum won the US election of 1948. Pogo was the winner, but ceded to Truman.

Marcia offered her usual comment and Milt Stevens

moved to adjourn. We adjourned at 10:00 or so.

**Meeting 3959, June 27, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Lame Duck President Matthew Tepper called meeting #3959 to order at a metric dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "Your Last Meeting as President", and Anna Safer paid the sum of \$1 to so name them.

Because we have a program and it's starting early, we are moving stuff along quickly.

We have **Passings**. Marty Cantor: A fan who was rumored to have passed, Steve Loeb, lawyer and board gamer, and very nice person, has passed. He died in his home last January or February. Reports of his moving to Vegas have been greatly exaggerated. He had atherosclerotic cardiac disease. A mysterious uncle claimed the body.

Matthew Tepper announces the passing of Richard Matheson, author of many stories that went to screen, with varying success. He also wrote a number of episodes of The Twilight Zone.

**Registrar** Michelle introduced Laurel Kemmerer, brought by Mike Workman.

**Announcements:** 7/27: we have the LASFS official memorial event in honor of Ray Harryhausen. We will have speakers, trailers, and a double feature of his films, Earth vs the Flying Saucers and Seventh Voyage of Sinbad.

The clubhouse will be closed on June 30 for a private event, and June 29 for set-up.

**Patron Saint Alan Frisbie:** Matthew: He's been a good member and true since the 70s. He's from CalTech. His business card once said "Alan E Frisbie, thaumaturgist". CLJII: "Flash" at one point purchased a home high on a hillside with a beautiful view of Atwater Village, Glendale, and Eagle Rock, and purchased the property just downhill so no one could build to obstruct it. Joe Zeff: Once when he was Scribe, Alan was being disruptive and was asked to leave the meeting. Later, the president had to call him back in for his three SAINTS Night cheers.

Matthew Tepper: He's one of our Human Wallets. This is a tradition being kept up by various good fans and true. And we gave **Patron Saint Alan Frisbie** Three Cheers and a Sacred Flying Disc.

**Reviews:** Milt Stevens finally read a book he'd been meaning to read for four decades. "Last and First Men" by Olaf Stapledon, covering two billion years of history and 18 species of humanoid. It was interesting in a number of ways. Some stuff out of date, some quaint, some quite funny, and some eerily on target.

Mark Bondurant sold his first paid story.

**Miscellaneous:** Doug Crepeau: back in WWII. Used to say, there are old pilots and bold pilots but there are no old, bold pilots. His uncle who died just now died at 91 was a genuine old, bold pilot. Matthew thanked Doug's uncle for his service. Uncle's name was Bob Roth.

Milt misced about a SF exhibition at CSUN, going since September, ends end of July. Second floor display area of library.

Matthew Tepper thanked all the procedural officers who helped him this term and threatened he'd see us all again some time.

Marcia offered her usual comment and Milt Stevens moved to adjourn.

We adjourned at 8:50 or so.

**Meeting 3960, July 4, 2013**  
**President Eylat Poliner, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3960 to order at a metric dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read.

**Registrar** Pro Tem Liz Carlie announced we had a guest, Scott Rosendahl,

**Patron Saint Doug Abe:** Marty: He hasn't been around for a while. He's of Japanese descent, but doesn't speak the language. He was sent to be a company representative in Japan and had enormous trouble because people would assume he spoke Japanese. Last time he was here, was at the old building. He brought a box of books to be given away to any who wanted them. Joe Zeff: On the rare occasions he comes to the clubhouse, he brings cardboard boxes of paperbacks he's read and gives them out.

Liz Carlie: If he gives people free books, he's got to be an amazing human being. And we gave **Patron Saint Doug Abe** Three Cheers and a book box.

**Presidential announcements:** Next week there will be a Special election for the vacant Board seat. Also, on August 1 there will be a LASFS feedback session about what the members are thinking about the club.

**Reviews:** Marcia Minsky reviewed the private event over the weekend. It was a beautiful wedding, and the Poliners catered the food. A good time was had by all. Marty said the wedding was so great he hopes they do it again.

Larry Niven just finished reading The Unincorporated Man. It's great. It'll speak for itself.

Peter read Van Vogt's Empire of the Atom and Wizard of Linn, which are a take-off on I Claudius.

Jerry Pournelle and Larry Niven were working on something. It was Larry's turn to write. Jerry read Vance's Demon Prince stories. Most will be somewhat familiar with Vance, but it's very odd. Jerry had forgotten how good a wordsmith Vance was. His stories are closer to fantasy than SF. You might want to read Vance's work if you haven't. He's the kind of guy you want to write like. He's good at creating characters in only a couple of paragraphs.

Marty: There's an English writer by the name of China Mieville who's been writing in the Vance style, badly. So of course he's popular.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Karl: Tom Digby mentioned a magic typewriter where a typo resulted in being teleported to an alternate universe where the typo was the correct spelling.

**Miscellaneous:** Scratch had a bad science report. On the radio and You Tube, there's a new-ish strain of ants that has been brought into the US. Crazy ants is the designation. (I had one of those once. -- Jerry Pournelle.) They breed like crazy, and if killed, excrete a chemical that draws reinforcements by the hundreds. They have an affinity for electric fields, to the point where they have been infesting and breaking electrical devices, transformers, etc.

Tom Safer moved we adjourn. We adjourned at 8:35 or so.

### **Meeting 3961, July 11, 2013** **President Eylat Poliner, presiding** **Karl Lembke, Scribe**

With a query of "think anyone will listen if I bang this thing?" President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3961 to order at a metric dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Hearing only one correction, the Menace were deemed approved.

Tom Safer announced a passing. The person who invented the game of Twister has died at the age of 82.

**Patron Saint Marc Schirmeister:** CLJII bears a message from the victim. He was unable to be here due to a death in his family. Thanks to everyone for saying nice things about him and curses to all who say nasty things about him. Scratch: He has a drawing style that's popped up in a number of places, including magazines and movies. MaryAnn finds his drawing very impressive. I've seen him walk up to the white board with a marker and all of a sudden there's a smiling friendly dragon on the board. Matthew Tepper: When he burst on the scene, he, Glycer, and Elst Weinstein all agreed his work was terrific, and this was 40 years ago.

Marty Cantor: He doesn't do dragons, he does dinosaurs. He's my favorite fan artist. Hare: He also designed a float for the Rose Parade, (South Pasadena). He's one of two people in fandom who have managed to do that. Gene Turnbow: Marc also has a remarkable speaking voice and was terrific in the role of the chief engineer.

CLJII: Float was for city of South Pasadena, going to the Mooooovies, featuring a family of ungulates in a flivver heading off to the movies. He has tried to be nominated for best fan artist several times, but we've never gotten enough votes to get him on the ballot. He ought to get the nomination, because he deserves it. Susan Fox: He illustrated my one and only fiction sale, so he'll always be precious in my sight.

And we gave **Patron Saint Marc Schirmeister** Three Cheers and a Hugo nomination.

**Registrar** Michelle Pincus announced we have a guest. Last Thursday, Todd P Whitesel showed up after the meeting was over. This Thursday we have Sadie DeStefano, who found us on Yelp.

We have some old business -- Filling the vacancy on the Board

Nominated were Gavin Claypool and MaryAnn Canfield. Gavin was the winner.

One more item was raised. Discussion of duties of Vice President: add responsible for opening and closing clubhouse on Friday nights, responsible for clean-up on Friday nights, and opening the clubhouse for groups for their events. CLJII: As read, very clumsy. Also specifying Friday nights in rules is overkill. This is tradition, not a rule. Zeff; Seeing that the club was opened at the appropriate time was part of the duties.

Milt: aren't we paying for cleaning? Marcia: we have another group that comes in before the cleaner does his thing. This will be tabled for adjustment and brought up at a special meeting.

Michelle had an emergency interrupt: Guest Dan Holmes is here, heard about us from a roommate.

CLJII announced: On 7/27 in this very building, we have the LASFS official memorial event in honor of Ray Harryhausen. We will have speakers, trailers, and a double feature of his films, Earth vs the Flying Saucers and Seventh Voyage of Sinbad, starting at 6:30

**Reviews:** Milt Stevens reviewed Westercon. It went fairly well, 760 warm bodies, 860 total members, better than in recent years. It picked up its catch phrase in a strange way. Friday night, the hotel lost all power and the emergency lighting didn't work. It turned into a bit of a rave as fans discovered how many things they had that made light. There were concerts, there was a dance recital, and Milt got several compliments on his participation in some of these.

Scott reviewed Westercon. When the power went out,

the lights didn't work, but the intercom did, so the hotel woke him up to tell him the power was off.

Larry Niven: Fate of Worlds, fifth and last, is out in paperback.

Scratch: Last weekend he was tagged to babysit 11 teenagers who wanted to see movies. They got there when the place opened, and staggered out when it closed. Father running birthday bash bought tickets for everything they wanted to see, plus popcorn, drink, hot dogs, and stuff. Scratch asked what was budget for weekend? \$7000.

Eylat reviewed the wedding on June 30. A certain outgoing president and a new Vice President tied the knot. (Matthew Tepper and Debra Levin) It was a wonderful wedding.

Karl: **Science Report** -- Scientists have discovered the true color of an extrasolar planet. HD 189733b, by spectrometry. Taking the spectrum of light from the star when the planet is visible from Earth, and subtracting the spectrum when the planet is known to be behind the star, the difference is the contribution from the planet itself. It's a deep azure blue. On Earth, this color is due to the planet's oceans and scattering due to oxygen and nitrogen in the air. Because of the temperature, about 1000°C, the blue color of HD 189733b is due to the presence of "raindrops" of molten glass which scatter blue light.

Moral of the story: Just because a planet's blue, you may not want to land on it.

**Miscellaneous:** Darnell is on the first episode of Castle next season.

Marcia Minsky made her usual announcement. Clean up after yourselves, and put your chairs away.

Tom Safer moved we adjourn. We adjourned at 9:10 or so.

### **Meeting 3962, July 18, 2013 President Eylat Poliner, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe**

"I'm not going to do the pinky joke." Swinging the gavel from her humerus, President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3962 to order at a dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. The Menace were approved as corrected.

**Patron Saint Bill Curry:** Mark Poliner: in the mid 80s and 90s, he always brought in good books to give away. His trademark is his knit cap. Matthew Tepper: Bill's LASFS activity goes back to the 70s where he was a smiling and cheerful presence at the meetings, with a big laugh for things that were funny, and some that weren't. Although his health hasn't been the best, it's still good to see him. Zeff: when he was selling books, rather than organize by time, author, or whatever, they were arranged at random, and priced according to a formula Bill never

divulged. And he never went postal.

Mike Thorson: In 2005 when he was in hospital, he received a get well card from Bill Curry. His hand shook so much during the writing, it took Mike 3 hours to read it. Jerry Pournelle: He's meticulously collected everything Jerry ever wrote, and presented it for autographs.

And we gave **Patron Saint Bill Curry** Three Cheers and an ice cream shop named after him.

**Registrar** pro tem Debra Levin announced a lack of guests.

We have **New Business:** Moved: That the LASFS add the following to the Standing Rules as Number 20 and renumber the rest of them appropriately.

"There is zero tolerance for illegal drugs, and such items on the property shall at all times be banned." There was some discussion. After the discussion, the question was called and voted down.

**Committee Reports:** The Committee to be Cool announced that we will have air conditioning in the social area as of tomorrow. donate money.

Karl Lembke offered a **Science Report**. The burning question: if the sun went dark, how long could life on earth last?

Detection of megastructures around stars with exoplanet systems.

And finally, the Sabre engine as a possible way to open up space. The last item provoked a Sage Break by Jerry Pournelle, explaining why he's willing to cover any bets that Sabre will be successful.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Joe Zeff had another case of people setting up survey questions and not thinking them through. Recently, more than one poll start with classification questions -- what state do you reside in, what county? List includes every county in state, and decline to state, and "not sure".

Eylat still has a job, and it wasn't threatened this week.

**Miscellaneous:** Marcia Minsky announced Saturday is national lollipop day, and Sees Candy is giving away free lollipops.

Eylat says her husband needs to be employed or his cooking will turn her into the Goodyear blimp.

Hare hobbs managed to get his misc in. He's a guinea pig at UCLA and found out that the head of the whole program is leaving. We don't know if anyone's taking over, so his experiment is up in the air for the moment.

It was moved that we adjourn. We adjourned at 9:30 or so.

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**August 11, 2013**  
**Karl Lembke, Chairman**  
**Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Elayne Pelz, Rob Powell, Marcia Minsky, Michelle Pincus, Eylat Poliner, Christian McGuire, Mike Thorsen, Gavin Claypool, and Warren "Whisky" Johnson.

**Members and Guests:** Greg Bilan, Milt Stevens, June Moffatt, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Joe Zeff, Greg Barrett, David Okamura, Frank Waller, Bill Ellern.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:06 am.

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** Good morning, everyone.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting of July 9, 2013, were accepted as presented.

**New Members:** There were 3 applications for membership submitted by: Scott Rosendall, Algis Posius, Robert Seotter. Having paid their \$5, they were accepted.

**Treasurer:** There is no money and you cannot spend it.

**30 Second Reports:**

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** No report.

**Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire):** LOSCON contract: FINAL version sent to hotel.

**Secretary (Marty Cantor):** No report.

**Publications (Marty Cantor):** I have been too busy to start the Patron Saints hagiography but it will be done.

**Comptroller (Gavin Claypool):** No report.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** Soda units sold: 26,737 units to date, 299 units this period. Soda money: \$21,482.00 to date, \$301.00 for this period. // Materials to repair broken barbecue handle were purchased.

**Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson):** Yes, we have one. There are storage issues as we have more books than we have space.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** We have archives.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** We have a new AC unit in the other part of the building – it has a 20-year warranty. // New, extra-strong, toilet seats have been installed. // The next expense is the upcoming property tax payment.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** Reported that equip. not working was the DVD/VCR combination unit was not

functioning and a replacement unit was donated to the club but it was discovered that the old unit was functional so the new unit has been saved as a back-up unit. There are no other issues.

**Events (Eylat Poliner):** No report. No LOSCON 40 report. (There were about 30 people who showed up for the Harryhausen memorial.)

**Fund-raising and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus):** Shawn Crosby is in contact with the Barnes and Noble at the Grove – we may be having a fund-raising event there. // Marcia: instigated Good Search some time ago. I just got an e-mail posting about Good Swipe reported. Just register your name and credit card: every time you go to one of these stores and purchase something with this credit card, between 0.6% to 4 or 5% of each purchase the club gets this money.

**(Significant Others)**

**Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus):** We have new bookmarks – nice ones. Michelle gave "official" thanks to Michael Bloom for his hard work and Elayne for her assistance on this. Special thanks to Sarah Clemens for donating the artwork and Joyce Sperling for asking Sarah to do so. // The Burbank Dragon writers (a tribute to Anne McCaffrey) event was successful.

**Club President (Eylat Poliner):** 25 people turned out for the feedback session at a Thursday meeting. Karl Lembke took notes of the session and some meeting changes will be made. We had a discussion about some of the changes and we got some good ideas from the members in the audience and Eylat mentioned some of them.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** There are new photos of club officers on the web site.

**Agenda items:**

Michelle reported on an e-mail she received from Ariane Lange/BuzzFeed.com.

Gavin asked about the alcohol rule. This was Rule 6, which was deleted by vote.

Elayne: LoneStarCon wants to use our Masquerade pipes and drapes. It was moved, seconded and passed that Elayne negotiate a price.

Milt reported on the petition to the Mayor about parking on Aetna.

The next meeting of the Board will be on September 8, 2013.

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

**LAFA**  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, October 19, 2013, 7 PM  
(or maybe later)

Pre-filk dinner at 6 PM (see below)

Alan and Gail Stillson  
5515 Keokuk Avenue  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367  
(818) 884-4284

**Pre-filk dinner: 6 PM**

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We'll meet in the waiting area and go in as a group, no  
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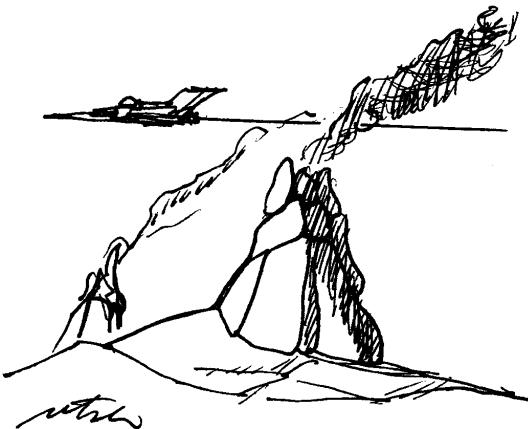
**Directions:** See Thomas Brothers L.A. County,  
page 560, D-2.

There is a large family room that can hold up to 25 filkers (20  
comfortably) and enough chairs.

**Notes:**

1. No crash space.
2. Please bring munchies & drinks to share.
3. Smoking outside only.
4. There are two computers with internet connections, for  
song purposes only, and a fax machine with very limited  
copying power.

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



## **PROPOSED GIFT EXCHANGE RULES CHANGE**

Something which slows down the Gift Exchange and which some find to be boring is when a package containing many books is opened and the person opening the gift takes out and reads aloud the title of the book and its author - OF EVERY BOOK IN THE BOX - even if there are dozens of books in the gift box.

Yes, we are a club of book-lovers, but we prefer to read books on our own time and listening to a verbal listing of book after book after book is not only *not* reading books but is also somewhat boring and is also a vast slow-down of the proceedings.

Therefore, there is a proposed new rule. After a gift is opened, if it contains books, the person opening the gift can announce the type of books and show 3 or 4 of the books, read-out the titles of those books and names of the authors of these 3 or 4 books - but not the names and titles of any of the others.

**Contact the *De Prof* editor with  
feedback on this.**



## **LASFS GIFT EXCHANGE**

The LASFS GIFT EXCHANGE is a tradition which continues every December. In recent years there have been fewer attendees than previously, due in part to some long-time attendees no longer showing up and newer members seemingly unaware of this fun-time event.

I would like to invite back all those who once attended the event - and I would like to issue a personal invitation to new members of the society and to any LASFS member who has never attended this Winter-season party.

The rules of the LASFS Gift Exchange will be printed in the November issue of *DE PROFUNDIS*; and, this year, there will be a few changes in the rules of the Gift Exchange, mostly designed to make the event more fun. Stay tuned.

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