



FEBRUARY 2014

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2 Cosplay	3	4	5	6 LASFS MEETING	7 Open House	8 Cinema Animé
9 - BoD Second Sunday Open House Soup/Stew Bowl	10	11	12	13 LASFS MEETING	14 Open House	15 - CFO - Tom Safer Cartoons
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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

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

FEBRUARY 6 - .The Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy (TV Series);:
 Episode #1.1 (1981)
FEBRUARY 13 -No programme as of publication date
FEBRUARY 20 - **BIG** Auction
FEBRUARY 28 - Aldo Spadoni Presents

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
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 - Tribute to 1939, part 1



After the February Board Meeting there will be a Soup / Stew Bowl at 4:00 pm
 Contact Eylat Poliner for details.

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 492– January 2014. 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 edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto: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
January - June, 2014**

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

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Chairman: Karl Lembke (2015). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Gavin Claypool (2016). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whisky" Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), 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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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:** Eylat Poliner. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **Food Guru:** Mark Poliner. **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus.

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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)

**Meeting 3972, September 26, 2013
President Eylat Poliner, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3972 to order at a dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** were read. David Okamura bid \$2 to name the Menace, "I paid two dollars for this?". They were so approved, even though getting the vote was like pulling teeth.

Patron Saint Ron Ellik: Milt: he was a TAFF winner in the late 60s. He was at Cal Tech, a very active fan in APAs, SAPS, and FAPA, and did a project enlisting all FAPA members back to 1937. He was part of the Trimble Shaggy, back when the club had a fanzine. He was a well known fan writer, and part of the Carl Brandon Hoax. With Terry Carr and Graham, Ellik created an artificial fan who never existed. Bill: He was a good friend. He and Carr started a monthly fanzine just reporting events around fandom, the first fanzine of that type. He went to college in Berkeley, and got a job back east. He literally toured the country thumbing rides before college. Afterwards he worked for one of the large aerospace companies. On a vacation, he decided to visit fans in Wisconsin

so he flew up and rented a car. He had a single-car accident, and died. He authored a couple of pieces, based on all the references to Dr Smith's Lensman series. He was a joy to be with, was known as The Squirrel, and there was a running gag about him getting high on root beer, and the rest is in long-term storage.

Patron Saint Ron Ellik was given Three Cheers and a squirrel catcher like in the Tex Avery cartoons!

Patron Saint Karl Lembke:

Who?

Marty Cantor: Karl is one of the nicest people I know in the club, despite the fact that his politics are weird and he's as far off the edge on the right as I am on the left. If you were to read what we write about each other in APAL, you'd think war was imminent. He's chairman of the Board and I'm Board Secretary. He said something and I shifted my chair to the right. Karl then said, "That's the first time I ever moved him to the right." His politics are weird but Karl is the nicest guy you'd ever want to meet. Scratch: Karl has a habit of being quiet. When he says something funny, most people get it right away, I have to think about it. He does lots of funny things with the words said at meetings.

Michelle: Karl is one of the hardest working members. He did the bulk of the work on the Letters of Marque. Scratch is right -- Karl is very quiet because he's an introvert. Marcia: I enjoy playing Mah Jongg with him. When I'm having trouble with classes at school, I can go to him and he'll help. Invariably, I get an "A" on whatever the project is. Karl is a very intelligent gentleman, and I use the term gentleman in the best sense of the word. Joe Zeff: Karl is a frequent donor of blood and platelets. Last year at LOSCON, I was able to give him a "turnip" ribbon because he was unable to donate -- it had been too soon since the previous donation.

CLLJII: it behooves everyone to be nice to Karl, which he makes easy to do, because he can go to your neighborhood and turn off your water. And he has excellent taste in literature. Paige Willey: He's a wonderful guy, great to talk to, will cheer a person up, and a great teacher. David Okamura: One thing he's been doing is trying to get the lemon tree in the back patio to bloom and prosper.

Marcia: One other thing is that for cons, Karl is a great con suite/staff lounge/whatever has to be done in food service person. Matthew: One thing -- Karl is one of the cool-headed people you could hope to have for a friend. He's always willing to listen to an issue, and gives advice that is either helpful or extremely helpful. He has excellent taste in barbecue restaurants. (*I rather doubt that Karl eats restaurants.* - ed.) Eylat: It's got to be really strange typing this up on your Saint's night. Karl is a very sweet, gentle man. One of the things that no one has mentioned is he's an honorary Jew and an honorary female since he knows more about both subjects than most of either group does. And he's left handed. Karl has been there for me through the good, bad, and ugly. There's a soft side you don't know about. We were holding hands,

and for about half an hour we were inseparable. He's an incredible person and I don't know what I or the club would do without him. He's very good at everything he does, very bright, and intelligent, and we're damn lucky to have him.

Patron Saint Karl Lembke was given Three Cheers and a bucket of blood!

We had a brief auction to decide on the last soda slot in the vending machine. Paige had the winning bid on the dang sodas. Arizona Green Tea was selected.

Registrar Michelle introduced some guests. David Popovich; and from last week, Lisa Catto, whose fan name is Avo Catto. (That's the pits.) David Del Valle made an appearance after meaning to for a long time..

Elyne announced SCIFI has donated \$5000 to LASFS to be used to set up the Bob Null Keep On Trucking Fund. This fund to be used to pay for Logistics at LOSCON. Spiffy!

Committee Reports: CLJII: The lantern o'jack was passed to pay for the Autumn Holiday Party, starting at 6 PM. Films will be shown after the meeting. We will also have, on Dec 25, a Winter Holiday Party, starting at noon and running until 10 or so in the evening.

David Okamura had a **Science Report**. There is good news and bad news from Mars. Bad news, after a year of searching, no methane has been found. That probably means no life. Good news, they've found water. By the estimate, about 2% of the Martian crust may have water. This is a huge amount.

There are strange things in Los Angeles. One wouldn't expect to find a whole new species of lizard at the runway of LAX. But they found one. A new species called the Southern California legless lizard has been discovered. They named it *Anniella stebbinsi*.

Scratch had a science report. They have been working on carbon nanotube computer parts. they're very slow but very small.

Fannish Committee Reports: Milt Stevens notes a new distance record for a goat riding a skateboard. 35 meters.

David Del Valle mentioned having been given a theater off Alverado. It might be of interest to this group since he's curating genre films. This month, he's showing *Asstro Zombies* and a 50-minute documentary he did.

Eylat: Starting 10/10, she has real full-time work. With a raise! And except for one one person in the office, they're all fans. they will work around her con schedule.

It being very late, It was moved and seconded that we adjourn to our program. We adjourned at 9:50 or so.

Meeting 3973, October 3, 2013
President Eylat Poliner, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3973 to order at a metric dozen minutes after 8. Madame President has apparently made a hobby of twisting her ankle.

The **Menace** were read. David Okamura bid \$1 to name the Menace, "I won't pay more than a buck to name this one". They were so approved.

Marty Cantor announced the passing of Eliot Shorter, former TAFF winner, lived in New York. He went to the Worldcon in Heidelberg, Germany. Apparently, people would try to break through walls into his apartment, and were defeated by bookcases and file cabinets. He was in hospice care the past week or two, and is no longer with us. We held a moment of silence in his honor.

Patron Saint Steve D. Bilan: This is Greg Bilan's brother. Steve was killed in a motorcycle accident in Hawaii, and Greg bought him sainthood. **Patron Saint Steve Bilan** was given Three Cheers and a barrel of blood wine. (*Can I watch when he comes around to collect this barrel of blood wine?* - ed.)

Registrar Michelle announced a lack of guests. Eylat welcomed back Francis Hamit and Leigh Strother-Vien. They are planning to move back into the area.

Committee Reports: Eylat announced Chaz is doing a function at the LASFS, Cosplay Sewing Circle, starting at 11 on Saturday. Estrogen Zone starts at 2 or so.

It's very good if you happen to be a good sew and sew -- Marty Cantor. Leigh Strother-Vien suggested we not embroider on the topic. (*These comments are just knit picks, of course.* - ed.)

Marcia Minsky made the usual plea for people to police their areas after the meeting and program.

David Okamura announced things are looking up for the private space program. (*Well, I certainly hope I am not watching rockets going in any other direction ...* - ed.) Falcon 9 took off from Vandenberg, and they were experimenting with stopping and re-starting a first stage. Can it be recovered intact after separation? The second stage seems not to have exploded.

Elon Musk has problems. The Tesla company's stock has been on fire, until YouTube showed one of their model S rockets, er, autos on fire. It seems to have been road debris in a battery pack.

And... they've built a light saber. Or at least they've created photon molecules.

Announcements: Matthew Tepper, on his drive to work, was driving behind a brand new Tesla Model S that was not on fire. Marty added, the very bottom of the car is the battery. Batteries are heavy. They were having

trouble, during testing, getting the car to flip over. The Tesla is also quite rugged. The safest car around right now.

Fred Patten has signed his new book in the library. He has a new book coming out in January, and it is dedicated to the LASFS.

Old Business: The Forry Awards. We nominated a number of possible recipients, and then voted. Lois McMaster Bujold received the award this year!

Thanks to Matthew Tepper and Charlie Jackson for their aid. Thanks to Eylat Poliner for writing the names of past honorees.

We adjourned at 9:10 or so.

Meeting 3974, October 10, 2013
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Eylat Poliner called meeting #3974 to order at an octal dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** were read. Christian McGuire bid \$2 to name the Menace, "Eylat writes really nice". They were so approved.

Special orders of business: Tom Clancy, age 66. Mercury Astronaut Scott Carpenter, age 88. Scott Tracy and Scott McCloud were named after Scott Carpenter. Carpenter also spent a lot of time under water in a craft designed for the purpose.

Jerry Pournelle notes both were friends of his, at least close enough for drinking purposes. Clancy, he knew pretty well, and would stay at his house when he went back east. He wrote about Navy guys because he ran into Navy guys doing heroic things and thought their stories needed to be told.

Matthew Tepper announced the passing of a major mid-west fan, Larry Tucker, after long illness. One of the things that makes him significant is he was a pioneer of a new form of fanzine, audio fanzines. With cassettes being easy to copy, he found a form of Uncle Albert's Electric Talking fanzines. (Nowadays, he'd do a podcast.) He even emitted Uncle Alberts Electric Video Fanzine. And he was a nice guy. We held a moment of silence in honor of the departed.

Patron Saint Beverly Kanter: Bill Curry said of her, he didn't know her that well, but she sent him a list of LASFS members. He was working Thursday nights for a while, Beverly got his address, and they talked. She was a very nice person. Joe Zeff said Beverly Kanter shared living space with Harry Andruschak for many years. She deserves honor for that if nothing else. When they were together, they expected instead of arguing over that's mine/ that's mine, they expected to argue over "I know I bought that but I bought it for you." CLJII: Beverly was involved in fandom in the late 60s and 70s. Before she

came and was active in the club, she was a model. Originally a mundane model, then a nude figure model. She continued after she was in the club. Members produced photo albums of her, which CLJII found unremarkable.

Marty Cantor twitted her over misspelling her last name. She put up with Andy for a long time, even though at times he too could be a nice person. She has drifted off, but did get *DE PROF* sent to her. **Patron Saint Beverly Kanter** was given three cheers and Paris Girl lighting.

Committee Reports: Milt Stevens spoke on behalf of the committee to do something about parking. The City lost two letters, one of them certified.. After 40 phone calls and resending the petition by e-mail, a representative is talking with the Department of Transportation, requesting on behalf of Mayor's Office to change parking on Aetna from 9 pm to Midnight.

Registrar Michelle Pincus announced Idan Ivri, who found us through a random web search; Jeffry Lutzker, Oran Ramirez Fred Miller, Alexander Garcia, Terry Wayne, and Bear J Burg have joined. A Saganload of people joined at the Sewing Circle.

Announcements: CLJII rose to announce the second book in his first series has just come out digitally on Amazon. First book in second series is now out in paper.

Eylat announced next week, she and the Scribe will be at Conjecture. Virtual President is Michelle Pincus. Virtual Scribe will be John DeChancie. Marcia Minsky will be virtual Elayne. We will also have the auction. (*I surely wish that some people would learn that the word "virtual" does not mean the same thing as the word "substitute." *grump* - ed.*)

Reviews: Larry Niven held up some book covers. Comic fest took place last weekend in San Diego. It's run by the same people who put together ComicCon, and they wanted it like ComicCon before it exploded. They had actors reading and dramatizing a number of his stories, which was great for Larry's ego.

Karl Lembke read the Nobel Prize report given to him by David Okamura.

The Registrar moved for adjournment, and we adjourned at 9:00 or so.

Meeting 3975, October 17, 2013
President Pro-Tem Michelle Pincus,
presiding
John DeChancie, Scribe Pro-Tem

President pro-tem Michelle Pincus gaveled the meeting to order at 8:00 PM, Sidereal Time.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "I don't know, I can't remember".

Special orders of business noted the passing of two

people: Leland Sapiro, best known as editor of Riverside Quarterly, and prominent fanzine writer/editor. The second person was Daniel McCarthy, a member of the club. (*Sapiro is remembered as the fan who was so incensed at a bigoted remark made by a person in New Orleans that he hopped a plane, flew from Los Angeles to New Orleans, took a taxi to the bigots house; and, after ascertaining that this was indeed the person who had made the bigoted remark, smacked him one in the face, and then took the taxi back to the airport and flew back to L.A. I am the person who later said that this was the occasion when the fan hit the shit.—ed.*)

Then came a concert performance of Mozart's Don Giovanni by the Zagreb Transsexual Chorale and Mime Troupe. It was well received by club members.

Patron Saint Randy Greiner: Nobody apparently knew Randy Greiner. (*Had I been present in the meeting room I would have mentioned that Randy Greiner was the first person to pay so much money at LASFS auctions that he became known as the Human Wallet. - ed.*) **Patron Saint Randy Greiner** was given Three Cheers and some institutional memory.

Patron Saint Michael Mason: Eric Hoffman said he was his friend. Christian said he didn't get the credit for what he did for the club. He was very instrumental in running cons. He chaired a LOSCON. Good at running consutes. A big reader. Joe Zeff said he succumbed to diabetes. Julie Scott said he worked at Social Services and was very helpful in a certain child welfare case Julie was aware of. **Patron Saint Michael Mason** was given Three Cheers and some institutional memory.

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science.** Einstein's brain had a good corpus collosum. Octopi have eight brains, one for each tentacle.

THERE WAS A HUGE AUCTION. (*So, who was it who won the Huge? - ed.*)

After that, two aliens from the Zantac Galaxy arrived as visitors to the club. They were welcomed by Michelle Pincus, who informed them they had three free visits before they had to join the club. The aliens left in a huff. (*Is the Huff the new hybrid car from Ford? - ed.*)

Reviews: John DeChancie said he hated to do minutes because it's nothing but a litany of the dead. What a f***ing drag. I'm through here. That is what he said.

Michelle Pincus received a motion from the floor to vamoose. The motion carried, and everybody breathed an immense sigh of relief and ran away. (*Chased, no doubt, by the moose. - ed.*)

Meeting 3976, October 24, 2013
President Eylat Poliner, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Three less than enthusiastic claps signaled for attention, and President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3976 to or-

der at an octal dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** were read. Jerry Pournelle bid \$4 to name the Menace, "Goodbye Q". They were so approved.

Patron Saints:

Patron Saint Lee Jacobs: Milt Stevens recalled Lee was a fanzine fan, and a ham radio enthusiast. He ran his QSL cards through fanzines. He was a member of the card playing group, and had a long series in SAPS called the Ballard Chronicles, made into a movie by Bjo and other LASFSians, *The Musquite Kid Rides Again*. In the Ballard Chronicles, the characters were fans. The Chronicles were named after Wray Ballard. Joe Zeff: judging by the way Milt phrased everything, Lee is not yet metabolically challenged? No, as of the late 60's, he is. **Patron Saint Lee Jacobs** was given Three Cheers and a fan wray.

Announcements: Eylat's husband will be Junior Steward at the Pasadena Masonic Lodge, so she won't be at the Gift Exchange.

Registrar Michelle Pincus introduced guests: Polly Ayler, Michael Kmet, and Jason DuVall.

Paige Wiley announced Nintendo is discontinuing the Wii platform console. Get one, it'll be a collector's item soon.

Reviews: Peter Santel reviewed *Some Time Never* by Roald Dahl. (1948) Spent five hours reading it in the library. It's about gremlins. Dahl wound up using his portion of what was to be a Disney collaboration in a novel.

Matthew Tepper announced Metropolitan Opera is doing Shostokovich's opera, "The Nose." A petty bureaucrat wakes to find his nose has gone missing and is now wearing the uniform of a bureaucrat senior to him. Apparently the cloning process in *Sleeper* didn't work out quite as planned. And the Met now does live high definition telecasts to theaters. Closest to here is at the 8 theater complex at Coldwater and Victory.

Jerry Pournelle reviewed *Blood Bound* by Patricia Briggs. Not normally what he'd read, and he's now bought most of the series. Premise is a character who has hereditary gifts of a strange nature; she can turn into a coyote at will. This conveys a number of other interesting powers. She lives in a town infested by werewolves, vampires, gnomes, gremlins, etc. It's extremely well done, very self consistent, and a very interesting world. They can no longer hide because of DNA technology, and the world is beginning to discover them. They're trying to make themselves known without provoking peasants with pitchforks.

Scratch: first book is "Moon Called"

Eylat reviewed the Conjecture Con Suite and thanked Karl Lembke, Tom Safer, and Regina Reynante for work above and beyond the call of duty. This past weekend Karl and I were not here because we were at a con suite in San Diego. There was a convention there, and we both

heard about it. (*It would have been a might strange to have a con suite without a con somewhere in the vicinity.*—ed.) We ran con suite, staff lounge, and green room all in one. We had real food, not just snacks, and breakfast, lunch, dinner three days. A valuable lesson was learned: no matter how small the con, a con suite needs staff. Thanks to Karl, Tom Safer, and Regina Reynante who had been coming to the con to have a good time and ended up running the con suite Saturday when Eylat was sick.

Tom Smith and Esther Friesner were guests of honor.

Eylat reviewed the NoHo Lit Crawl. We had three people reading stories. One, a voice-over artist did not do that good a job. Shawn Crosby did a much better job.

Tom Safer moved for adjournment and we adjourned at 8:55 or so.

Meeting 3977, October 31, 2013 President Eylat Poliner, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

Having out-Sheldoned Matthew Tepper, President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3977 to order at an octal dozen minutes after 8.

Marty Cantor had news about the gift exchange. The Rules will be in De Prof next month. For those who want it in paper, he has ten copies and can print more. In colour. We may try to do some of the things we used to do at the gift exchange. But usually it can be fun.

The **Menace** were read. Nobody bid anything to name the Menace. They were accepted as meowed.

Patron Saint Francis Hamit: Hare said he's one of those he's always enjoyed having conversations with. He's also published two novels in the civil war series, with more to come. It's a series about the first female spy in the Confederate Secret Service. Scratch: He's written two very good confederate war genre stories. Enjoyed both, and looking forward to numbers three, four, and five. But he needs to research onsite, which will put him in England next year. Scratch loaned a copy of the first book to a friend who considers himself a civil war buff. He read it 8 times, and hoped there would be more.

Tepper: Francis is a nice person. He's very knowledgeable and will share many cheerful facts about the square of the hypotenuse and many other things, and he's delighted that Francis and Leigh are living closer and will show up more often. Eylat said he's a very nice person and has had the honor of working with him as well as being friends with him and Leigh for many years. Joe Zeff: it should be mentioned Francis almost shares a birthday with Scratch. **Patron Saint Francis Hamit** was given Three Cheers and a horse named Traveler.

Patron Saint Bill Rotsler: Francis Hamit: Bill Rotsler was an amazing personality in and out of fandom. a film maker, a raconteur, a TV star, had an interesting taste in

Christmas cards, but he was also a great guy to talk to and a great friend. He was felled by cancer, and his bravery during those months was amazing. Hare Hobbs: Rotsler was famous for the Christmas cards. He also told the story of going house hunting with Marilyn Monroe, since he was a native and helped her find a house.

Marty Cantor: If you look in the display cases, you will see Hugo Awards. These were won by Rotsler, in various categories. He did illos and covers. He was a fantastic artist. Marty wound up with thousands of illos from Rotsler's estate. Fans from around the world have requested illos from the collection. Marty was the last to speak at the Las Vegas Corflu banquet. At the end of his speech, he dumped two envelopes full of Rotsler illos on the table in front of him, prompting a stampede to grab some. Rotsler is still eligible for fan artist Hugo awards because stuff of his is newly published each year.

Milt: Being a good fan and true, Rotsler used to invite male fans to take part in his photo shoots. As a result, you used to see male fans showing up in some of the darndest magazines. In one shoot, Ron Ellik was supposed to dress in a gorilla suit, and carry off a naked female. But she turned out to be ticklish, and would start giggling whenever Ron got within two feet of her.

Cantor: one more thing: at our previous clubhouse, Bill would sit on the couch near the door. There were several times when he was running LASFAPA and wound up needing a cover for a disty. "Bill, I need a couple of covers for LASFAPA," he'd ask at 8 pm. Rotsler would spend the evening talking to people, and at 9 pm, Rotsler would hand him a couple of excellent covers. Joe Zeff: it's possible at least part of Bill is with us tonight. His urn is in the cabinet and was not washed out after the ashes were spread. At one point, he had to be quarantined at the VA because he was a radiation hazard. He had a capsule of radio-iodine embedded in him.

June Moffatt: At the bouncing potatoes con, we were having breakfast in the coffee shop. Harlan ordered sunny-side eggs. Harlan said, "I can't eat those, they're looking at me." Rotsler took out his pen, drew a face on the eggs, and they wound up in the art show. (*An interesting story, but ... How The Hell Can One Draw On Cooked, Sunny-side-up eggs?* - ed.) **Patron Saint Bill Rotsler** was given three cheers and I wish we had more like him.

Committee Reports: Eylat Poliner owes LASFS 25¢ for her review of Debra Levin's clothing at a meeting. Thanks to Larry Niven for paying the fine on her behalf. The three people up for re-election to the LASFS' Board of Directors are Gavin Claypool, Mike Thorson, and Michelle Pincus, assuming they decide to stand for re-election.

There will be a special guest for Meeting #4000, someone who has sat in this chair before and not currently in this room.

George McUrso: anyone going to LOSCON, bring toys.

Announcements: Tepper: follow-up to last week re The Nose.... The Pournelles were persuaded to go. Jerry Pournelle is glad he saw it, thinks it probably needed to be seen, but having once been seen it never need be seen again. Really.

It has been mentioned some video things can be gotten on iTunes or Amazon. Amazon streams only. If you think you bought a download, think again.

Kristin igot a new job, but it's going to take up her nights, so she can't be here on Thursdays.

Charlie Jackson II: Announcement: third book is now out in paper, four days after it went digital. Earlier, sent off manuscript for book II of second series. Question: because he wasn't able to make the announcement in person, first book was offered as a premium on Amazon. Anyone able to take advantage of it?

David Okamura: last night, 75 years ago, Martians landed at Grover's Mill, NJ. PBS had a documentary on the broadcast. For a documentary of a hoax, they indulge in trickery of their own. Sound check, black-and-white interview with ordinary citizen expressing view of what he thought of the broadcast. Near the end, actors dramatizing comments and reports of the time. George: for anyone interested in hearing it, it can be heard from Archive.org. Milt: London Worldcon is running retro-Hugos, and that broadcast is likely to win.

Scratch: years ago, talked to a gentleman who had listened to the broadcast. At the time, it was taken as fact.

Joe Zeff: Happy birthday to Lucy Stern and Dan Alderson.

Leigh Strother-Vien moved for adjournment to the party, and we adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Meeting 3978, November 7, 2013 President Eylat Poliner, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

Having failed to palm the job off on someone else, President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3978 to order at a half dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** were read. Peter Santel bid \$6 to name the Menace "No nose is good nose". They were so approved.

Patron Saint Woody Dodge: Matthew Tepper said Sherwood Dodge, veteran, is still living at the VA in West LA. His relationship with automobiles has to do with, among other things, the fact he appeared in a Subaru commercial. He helped Matthew with car repairs to his Subaru. Joe Zeff thinks he saw him here at the birthday over the weekend. No one else so thinks so.

Patron Saint Woody Dodge was given Three Cheers and a new engine.

We have **Old Business** -- Board nominations! Charlie

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County: page 682 A1/A2 (1992+ edition); page 34 A3
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FILK STYLE: Non-Topological Bardic Circle or ad-lib

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3. Any song or poem from a book that has not been previously set to music will have priority.
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8. Bring food and drink if you want any.

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Jackson, II gave his explanation of the Board elections and the duties of the office.

The three board members whose terms are expiring were re-nominated, and no extra nominees were nominated. The election is hereby over. Michelle Pincus, Gavin Claypool, and Mike Thorsen were given applause and condolences.

Committee Reports: Looking into the future, next April will be a landmark for the Society. 4/10/14, we celebrate our 4000th meeting of the club. Not the 4000th LASFS meeting since some meetings were as the Science Fiction League chapter. 2 weeks later, the 4th

weekend of April, we have LA 4000.

We once did LA 2000, which got out of hand and became LOSCON. This should not happen with LA 4000. This will be a 2 day presentation with guests, food, films, and fun to be had by all, running 12-8 PM both days. \$20 to the end of the year. \$25 through March. \$40 at the door, which is still only 1¢ per meeting. Food will be catered by the Pushy Broad Catering Service. On the 4000th meeting, we will have past presidents in attendance, including David Gerrold.

Marty Cantor announced the Gift Exchange on Friday the 13th of December. Dale Hales will brew mulled cider. Even though we open at 7 and start at 8, some come in early. This year, these will be accommodated. Gifts will be accepted when people come in.

Fannish Committee Reports: Tom Safer paid a pun fine and said he was reminded of a development called the Vivaldi potato, because it can be grown in all four seasons.

Milt: This week, India launched a rocket to Mars. A couple of days later, we got this neat green meteorite off the coast of California. Mars is shooting back?

Eylat announced her husband is now the Junior Warden Elect of his Masonic Lodge. He is third in line for Master of the Lodge.

David Okamura reported on that last week, we mentioned the 75th anniversary of the Martian invasion. This month, we retaliate. NASA's Maven satellite will join the probes around Mars, and India launched a rocket on Tuesday. If they get into trouble, who will they call for customer support?

Originally, NASA had thought meteors had to be 100 meters across or larger to be really dangerous. The one that exploded over Russia seems to have been 62 feet in diameter.

Tom Safer: Concerts. Saturday night, Mass #6 by Franz Schubert. Would appreciate it if club members came. Dixie Canyon and Moorpark.

Miscellaneous:

CLJII: Everyone should be up to date. Second book of series is out digitally and in paper.

Second book of the second series should be out by LOSCON. It's nice that the paper copies are coming out, since that wasn't the original deal. It's justified by the number of electronic sales.

Jerry Pournelle: Amazon has come up with a new way to assist in independent bookstore-side. If you're a clerk in an independent bookstore, if you sell someone a Kindle, you get your personal account on his Kindle, and you will get 10% of the

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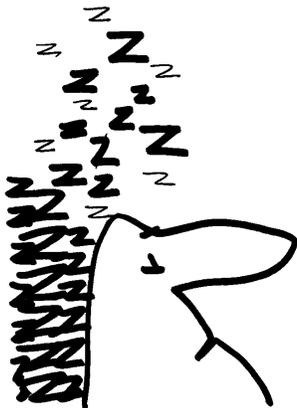
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We adjourned at 9:15 PM.



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