



SEPTEMBER 2019

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BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am

CALENDAR DETAILS

Board of Directors meeting: 11 am
Elayne Pelz' new residence:
16835 Lahey St., Granada Hills, CA 91344
NO OPEN HOUSE AFTERWARDS.
Beware, those with allergies: cats in house

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

SEPTEMBER 5 - No programming scheduled at this time.
SEPTEMBER 12 - No programming scheduled at this time.
SEPTEMBER 19 - Big Auction.
SEPTEMBER 26 - Trivia for Chocolate Special Edition.

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185

**LASFS IS NOW MEETING-
 AT THE
 AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
 747 WHITNALL HWY
 BURBANK, CA**
 Parking lot is off Screenland Dr.
 at the end of N. Whitnall Hwy.
 We are meeting in the Friendship Hall.

**THERE WILL BE
 A
 BOARD MEETING
 IN
 SEPTEMBER**



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 HERE.**

**THERE ARE NO INTERVIEWS CONFIRMED AT THIS TIME.
 UPDATES WILL BE POSTED AT OUR WEB SITE.**

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 557– September 2019. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (No current permanent address) and the LASFS does not currently have a telephone number. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 75¢ in person, \$1.25 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 hand them to me at wherever LASFS meetings are being held. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his address: martyhoohah (at) sbcglobal (dot) net or at club meetings 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 custom-modified Intel quad-core, DELL Workstation (using the Windows 7 Professional 64 bit 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. *De Prof* is available on paper solely at cost: currently 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.25. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at approximate cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. martyhoohah (at) sbcglobal (dot) net. August, 2019. Hoo Hah Publication Number 2249. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Charlie Jackson, Karl Lembke, Kristen Gorlitz and Nick Smith, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members

LASFS OFFICERS Elected Procedural Officers July - December, 2019

President: Marty Cantor. **Vice-President:** George McUrso. **Registrars:** Nick Smith & Michelle Pincus. **Scribes:** Nick Smith & Gavin Claypool. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2021). Secretary: Marty Cantor (2021). Vice-Chairman: Nick Smith (2020), Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2019). Other members: Michelle Pincus (2021), Kristen Gorlitz (2019), Debra Levin (2021), Christian McGuire (2020), Elayne Pelz (2020), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2020), Mike Thorsen (2019). 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 toners, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Gavin Claypool. **Assistant Librarian:** Elayne Pelz. **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. **Editor. Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** Bill Green (with Nick Smith). **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. **Statue with no arms:** Venus di Milo.

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

LASFS' *NEW* TEMPORARY MEETING SPACE

LASFS has moved to Burbank—temporarily!

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
747 WHITNALL HWY
BURBANK, CA

Parking lot is off Screenland Dr.
at the end of N. Whitnall.

We are meeting in the Friendship Hall.

I am still looking for a replacement editor for DE PROFUNDIS. If necessary, I can still remain as Publisher.

However, if I cannot find a replacement before LASFS gets a new clubhouse, I will return DE PROFUNDIS to the LASFS Board of Directors after our first meeting in our new clubhouse.

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 4245, December 20, 2018
Michelle Pincus President, presiding
Karl Lembke, scribbling, albeit at a distance.
Anyone with complaints about the
Menace should have shouted louder.**

President Michelle Pincus interrupted the run-up to the Gift Exchange in order to start LASFS meeting #4245 at 8:00 pm. (*A motion to start and have a meeting was defeated as it was declared a crud call - as was the meeting.* - ed.)

This meeting is agenda light, because we're having the Gift Exchange tonight. The meeting will not participate, because it's not worth the required \$10.

Patron Saints: Steve McGinty and Adelheid Nichols.

Patron Saints Steve McGinty and Adelheid Nichols were given Three Cheers. Remember, the purpose of the **Patron Saints** is To Have Fun!

Registrar:

Registrar Nick Smith did not announce any guests. (*And neither did any guests announce Nick Smith.* - ed.)

There may have been any number of guests, but we were too busy with the Gift Exchange, and the purpose of the Gift Exchange is To Have Fun. (*And, all along, I have always thought it was the Purpose of Guests is To Have Fun.*)

Menace:

The **Menace** was read. Nick Smith bid \$3 to name the **Menace** "No E".

And the **Menace** was approved by voice vote. The **Menace** was not contributed to the Gift Exchange, because it was no fun, and the Purpose of the Gift Exchange is To Have Fun.

Time Bound Announcement:

Marty: The Rules of the Gift Exchange are in *De Profundis* and on the website.

One of the Rules is that the purpose of the Gift Exchange is To Have Fun. (*One of the Rules of De Profundis is that you are To Read It. Another Rule of De Profundis is that if you Have Fun Reading It you get to take it over.*)

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

New business was introduced, but was ultimately rejected on account of a successful crud call.

Committee Reports:

The Committee to Have Fun w/a/s/ d/e/c/l/a/r/e/d/ t/o/ b/e/ C/r/u/d/ announced the Gift Exchange would resume after the end of tonight's meeting.

Announcements:

The committee to manage the Gift Exchange reminded one and all that the purpose of the Gift Exchange is To Have Fun!

Reviews:

An unexpected guest stepped out of a blue box and reported that tonight's Gift Exchange was, indeed, Fun.

Miscellaneous:

Don't forget to enter the drawing. Half the proceeds go to support the club!

We moved to adjourn at 8:09 pm.

**Meeting 4246, December 27, 2018
President Michelle Pincus, presiding
Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling**

President Michelle Pincus welcomed everyone to LASFS meeting #4246 at 8:00 pm.

Patron Saints:

Patron Saint Elayne Pelz

Married **Patron Saint Bruce Pelz**.

LASFS Treasurer, also treasurer for any number of conventions.

Patron Saint Robbie Bourget

She was one of the more interesting treasurers. If you owed money for dues, she would walk in front of you and stop and look at you, and you would pull out your wallet.

She does con ops at cons, including in England.

Patron Saint Marty Cantor

He married Robbie. Or maybe she married him. His thing is publications. He runs two APAs, puts out *De Prof*, and is doing too many damn things, and would like to retire from some of it. When we have a Friday place, he'll come back and bring the board gamers back with him.

Patron Saints Elayne Pelz, Robbie Bourget, and Marty Cantor were each given Three Cheers.

Registrar:

Registrar Nick Smith announced a lack of guests.

Menace:

The **Menace** was read.

Christian McGuire bid \$2 to name the **Menace** "The Purpose of the Gift Exchange is To Have Fun!"

And the **Menace** was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

None!

Time Bound Announcement:

None!

Old Business:

None!

New Business:

None!

Committee Reports:

LOSCON memberships are \$35 until the end of the year, available through our website, LOSCON.org.

Moment of Science: The Chinese have landed a rover on the far side of the moon, where it's invisible from the earth.

Virgin Galactic is developing a space plane to take tourists to the edge of space, where they can see the earth is round. A trip is only \$250K.

Nick: The Japanese estimate of how long before we can build a space elevator is changing. A new method for creating materials using nano-construction is faster. This was the speed bottleneck, so the 50-year estimate will decrease.

The New Horizons probe is heading toward an object, Ultima Thule, and may approach within 35 Km. NASA is not shutting down the viewing of the mission because of the shutdown, but images will not be instantly visible, due to lags in transmission and decoding. Low res will be visible on Jan 1 evening, and high resolution on somewhat later.

Announcements:

None

Reviews:

Christian reviewed *Annihilation* by James VanderMeer. The book reads like Lovecraft writing after transitioning to female and stopping being a racist. It's very well written, and is the first of three books. Don't know what will happen with the second and third books. (*Were I a betting man I would wager that what will happen to them is that they will be read.* - ed)

Miscellaneous:

Christian announced Monday is New Year's Eve, and Tuesday is New Year's Day. (*And if he copyright's them he might make a fortune.* - ed.)

Debra Levin reviewed a non-SF item: She and Joyce went and saw *Welcome to Marwin*. Both enjoyed it. It was interesting, heartfelt, and based on a true story. There's a documentary about the person. The dolls were amazingly done.

Nick Smith notes 2019 is the 50th anniversary of Vampirella. The modern publisher is doing something cool. May 4, Free Comic Book Day, they're issuing a retrospective, including some of Forry's work. These will be handed out at some comic book stores and libraries. The cover is beautifully done. One of the libraries involved is the Pasadena Library, more likely than not. This is on Star Wars Day.

Karl: going to Red Cross blood donor center New Years Eve, to make more room in my bloodstream for champagne. This will take me up to 972 units lifetime. (And it did. Four digits by June of 2019.)

Auction:

We auctioned off some stuff. We raised some money.

We moved to adjourn at 9:09 pm.

Meeting 4247, January 3, 2019 President Scott Beckstead, presiding Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling

President Scott Beckstead welcomed everyone to LASFS meeting #4247 at 8:00 pm.

Happy New Year's.

It's a bit rocky, so watch me pull a meeting out of my hat.

Menace:

The **Menace** was read.

George McUrso bid \$2 to name the **Menace** "Remember, the purpose of a mushroom farm is to have fungus!"

And the **Menace** was approved by voice vote.

Patron Saints:

Patron Saint Dan Alderson:

CLJII: He had an inferiority complex that got in his way, he was one of the smartest people CLJII ever met. In his trailer, he had a map of toadtown made entirely of legos. He had a huge collection of comic books.

Larry Niven: Dan Alderson was a genius who had fun with his brain. He played with Larry's and Jerry's universe. He invented both the Alderson Drive and the Langston Field, and appeared as an important character in Lucifer's Hammer.

Marty Cantor: he invented a 3-d board game, *Space War*, but it took forever to play. The board was destroyed in his fire. For a while, people were playing a move a week in APA-L. He came up with TRAM, the Trajectory Monitor program. (*NASA still uses it for any probe going through the Asteroid Belt.* - ed.)

George McUrso: he was a good friend. George was often

his ride to JPL after he went blind. He was a nice guy, and fun to be with. Once during a game of Toon, Dan did a brilliant job of channeling Bullwinkle J Moose.

Patron Saint Joe Zeff:

George McUrso: He and Joe were buds. He got into Dungeons and Dragons, and he would talk about his games and campaigns. He was good at programming. He did a lot of good work for the LASFS, and would often help out at truck loading.

Marty Cantor: He's now living in Colorado with his sister. He would, as much as possible, take care of Dan Alderson.

Patron Saints Dan Alderson and Joe Zeff were given Three Cheers.

Registrar:

Registrar Michelle Pincus announced a lack of guests. Except for Bree, who was announced late. She now lives in Morro Bay, formerly from Orange County, CA.

Treasurer's Report:

None!

Committee Reports:

Programming: CLJII is not here.

We had no auction.

LOSCON 46. Please buy your membership from Elayne or online. We're having a convention.

Time Bound Announcement:

Bill Green announced that on Monday, there will be a partial solar eclipse visible in Northeast Asia. (*Payments to move the eclipse to North America have fallen through.* - ed.)

Old Business:

None!

New Business:

None!

Announcements:

Larry Niven announced something nifty is in the works, but not for public distribution just yet. (*Something Nifty This Way Comes?* - ed.)

Reviews:

George McUrso got a complete *Justice League* DVD set. This is the cartoon series, with crummy animation, but good writing.

Scott Beckstead reviewed *Aquaman*. They did this one right. They did the story and character justice, and it gives *Aquaman* a plausible beginning. That being said, the story was rushed. They tried to get too much into too

little time. (*Probably because Aquaman was all wet.* - ed.)

Michelle Pincus notes there's a scene stolen from *How To Train Your Dragon II*.

George made a point of looking up the Pit Bull rendition of Africa. It's a silly one. (*After all, not many dogs can tear a continent to bits.* - ed.)

Miscellaneous:

Bill Green had a **Moment of Science**. We had the close encounter with the Kuiper Belt object. We had the landing of the Chinese rover on the backside of the Moon. (*In other words, it Moon'd us?* - ed.)

Karl Lembke reported on the DART mission to crash a spaceship into an asteroid to see how much deflection occurs.

George McUrso: Elon Musk has given us two electric sedans and an electric SUV. A company called Riveon is building electric pickup trucks and SUVs, expected to have a range of 400 miles between charges.

Karl: One issue is the need to pressurize tires at 45 PSI, or you lose range. And at 45 PSI, it's a very bumpy ride.

CLJII made a sale this week. Not part of the contract for fiction, but now sold Your Best Entertainment, a beginner's guide to films by genre.

Debra Levin misced that they were selling fish heads in the store, so she had to sing the song.

We moved to adjourn at 8:34 pm.

Meeting 4248, January 10, 2019 President Scott Beckstead, presiding Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling

President Scott Beckstead welcomed everyone to LASFS meeting #4248 at 8:00 pm.

Comments by the President:

None!

Special Orders of Business:

Michelle Pincus congratulated Gregory Benford on getting the Robert Heinlein Award.

Menace:

The **Menace** was read.

Nick Smith bid \$1 to name the **Menace**, "Watch me pull a J out of my hat"

It might rate a pun fine, and maybe it's a hat crime.

And the **Menace** was approved by voice vote.

Patron Saints:

Patron Saint Bruce Pelz:

George's very first meeting, Bruce was running the auction. George had bid on a paperback, and a couple of the young LASFS members started bidding him up on the book. George gave up, and they wound up stuck with the winning bid. "But we didn't want it!" Bruce said, "Fine. You pay, he gets the book."

Bruce was one of the curmudgeons of the LASFS. He had little patience for children or idiots. When Cathy and Scott needed a break, they would leave Patrick at the LASFS, and Bruce would look after him. Maybe because when he asked questions, Patrick would wait and listen, and Bruce loved to talk.

When Marty Cantor got his first computer and didn't have the money to get back into publishing, Bruce subsidized his first couple of publications.

Patron Saint Christian McGuire:

George McUrso said he's one of the nicest guys George has ever known. He's a really neat guy.

Michelle Pincus: he is a very thoughtful and caring person, and is really dedicated to fandom. Appreciated being co chair with him at LOSCON.

Scott Beckstead has known Christian since Patrick was 1, and he's now 30. It's been fascinating watching Christian grow up.

Debra Levin: Christian does a really good job on the auctions.

Marty Cantor: Some time ago, the person who was to do pubs for 2002 Westercon quit after producing one PR. Bruce approached Marty. He'd never produced program pubs before. Before he could finish, Bruce passed away, and was no longer available as a resource. He wound up tapping Christian for information. Christian did the work of extracting the information Marty needed for the book.

Scott: At NASFIC, someone doing the program book failed, and Christian approached Scott and Cathy, They wound up creating Black Forest Elves and Associates.

And we became the Rocking Chair Seat Covering Company, for covering the Rocking Chair's seat.

(There must be more fanac, there must be more fanac.)

Patron Saints Bruce Pelz and Christian McGuire were given Three Cheers.

Registrar:

Registrar Michelle Pincus announced a returning visitor.

Treasurer's Report:

None!

Committee Reports:

Programming: Nick Smith notes we may have a guest

coming as the result of a conversation on the Hugo awards.

LOSCON 46: Please buy your membership from Elayne or online. We're having a convention. We have fliers available to hand out.

44 days to get in your bids to run LOSCON 47.

Time Bound Announcements:

Nick Smith announced the folks from Wicked Lit will be doing a reading and book signing at Dark Delicacies on Sunday, 3512 W Magnolia in Burbank. There are 2 collections of their short plays for sale. There will be a cast and crew signing of the blu-ray release, "*All the Creatures were Stirring.*" (*Now, what is that saying about too many cooks ...?-ed.*)

Dark Delicacies is having to move, because of a rent increase. They're having a fundraiser on the 2nd.

Hare Hobbs: Ron Howard is planning to direct a movie about Pancho Barnes, the woman who ran the bar in *The Right Stuff*.

Matthew Tepper: There is an unpublished John DeChancie novel where Pancho Barnes and some others are prominent characters.

Old Business:

None!

New Business:

None!

Reviews:

Karl Lembke has read "*The Improbable Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*" by John Joseph Adams. This is a collection of short stories featuring Sherlock Holmes and at least a suggestion of something supernatural, fantastic, or science-fictional. Most of the mysteries have perfectly mundane explanations, but one, by Neil Gaiman, is set in a world where Cthulhu and the Great Old Ones rose some 700 years before, and were now the rulers of the world. The title, "*A Study in Emerald*," refers to the blood of the murdered member of the Royal Family in the story. Two other stories involve the many-worlds interpretation of quantum mechanics, and one of those invokes it as a solution to the Drake Equation. I found it a neat collection of stories, and quite suited to filling the hours when I'm hooked up to an apheresis machine at the Red Cross.

Debra Levin watched *Get Out*. Everyone who says I can't say too much about it because I don't want to spoil it were right. Enjoyable, well made movie. It's properly scary, with only a little gore. It's creepy and scary. It's SF horror.

Nick Smith, has been watching, on Amazon, an anime series about fandom. They focus on fandom in Japan: "*Wotakoi*," a phrase dealing with how difficult it is for fans to have normal lives. It deals with four adult fans, their interactions at work, and after work. The group in-

cludes many different types of fen.

Hare Hobbs: *The Orville* -- very good.

Matthew Tepper: recommends something on Amazon Prime: series called *The Marvelous Mrs. Maizel*. All the raves are well deserved. The tenuous connection with SF: one character working on a Bell Labs project that actually came to fruition two years later.

Michelle Pincus: not recommending on Netflix: *The Three Percent*. Until the penultimate episode there are no likeable characters. It wraps up fine, and the premise is almost interesting.

George McUrso: also on Amazon Prime, *Lucky Luke* -- comedy westerns. They've done a live action version, and it really captures the fun goofiness of the graphic novels.

Scott Beckstead: *Nighflyers*. First episode is incredibly uck.

GRRM has a new excuse for not finishing the *Game of Thrones* novels: He's adapting the prequel for TV.

Scott notes GRRM's grandfather isn't actually his genetic grandfather.

George McUrso recalls *Tuf Voyaging* as one of the GRRM stories he liked.

Miscellaneous:

Nick Smith: The bones of a woman buried next to a monastery in Germany shows women as well as monks worked on illuminated works. She had powdered lapis lazuli in the tarter of her teeth, from putting a point on the brush by mouth.

Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite is finding weird stuff that makes them question the orbital mechanics theories they had formed. They found a star where they've identified two planets so far. One is in a one week orbit, and the other has a 5.7 year orbit, perihelion around earth orbit, and aphelion around Jupiter orbit.

Hare Hobbs: Brian May of *Queen* has a doctorate in astro-mechanics. He's writing a paper on the subject.

Gavin Claypool: He was in college working on his doctorate and the opportunity for playing with *Queen* came along. Now he's finishing up his work.

A week from Sunday is a total lunar eclipse.

Frank Waller: He will be at the Pasadena Rose Bowl swap meet, selling rust.

Debra Levin: If New York is the big apple, what is the little apple?

We moved to adjourn at 8:54 pm.

Meeting 4249, January 17, 2019
President Scott Beckstead, presiding
Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling

President Scott Beckstead welcomed everyone to LASFS meeting #4249 at 8:00 pm.

Special Orders of Business

None!

Menace:

The **Menace** was read.

Scott Beckstead bid \$1 to name the **Menace** "*And John said 'Pancho who?'*"

And the **Menace** was approved by voice vote.

Patron Saint:

Jeff Siegel:

Marty Cantor says he was a friend of the Pournelle kids.

Currently he is a Lutheran minister. (*After retiring from the Air Force as sn officer.* - ed.)

Patron Saint Jeff Siegel was given Three Cheers.

Registrar:

Registrar Michelle Pincus announced two guests:

James Durante, a returning guest and Christopher Nightingale, a new guest.

Treasurer's Report:

None!

Committee Reports:

Programming: Nick is waiting until he has talked to Kristen.

LOSCON 46: Please buy your membership from Elayne or online. We're having a convention. We have fliers available to hand out. We need people to pay for memberships so we can fund stuff.

37 days to get in your bids to run LOSCON 47.

Bill Green had a **Moment of Science**. Sunday has a lunar eclipse in the evening.

Nick Smith: Scientists will be measuring the color of the eclipse. The color is based on volcanic dust in the air, and they want to measure how much dust is in the atmosphere from the recent eruption.

Also, good news, there's an important use for cell phones and fitness trackers. They make really good radiation detectors. They can measure the glow in parts to assess how much radiation it was exposed to, but the gadget to measure it costs \$150K.

Gavin: soon there'll be an app for that.

And this eclipse will be the last for 28 months.

Time Bound Announcements:

LAFAs
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, September 21, 2019
Filk: 7 PM to ???
Terry Brussel, host
8515 Penfield Ave.,
Winnetka, CA 91306
818/886-0069
(hit # as soon as you hear a voice, to skip the answering machine messages)

Pre-filk dinner: 6 PM Potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share. Homemade Chicken and Vegetable Soup provided by your hostess.

Filk Style: moderated chaos

Notes:

1. Crash space available at the filk site — call in advance for arrangements.
2. There is a Feline Warning. The hosts will try to keep him them out of the filk room.
3. Bring healthy munchies, juices etc.
4. **No smoking** — period!! (Except allowed outside.)
5. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
6. There is a hot tub.
7. The filk site is air conditioned.

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

Hare Hobbs announced: Michelle Trachtenberg still has a LASFS business card, and may show up at a meeting some day.

Nick Smith: tomorrow night, the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood screens a documentary about a man involved with making of *Star Wars*, *Blade Runner*, etc: Alan Ladd Jr. "Laddie, the man behind the movies".

It will be at the smaller theater inside the Egyptian.

Dark Delicacies is having more signings this weekend. Sunday at 4PM, 2 separate signings. Jonathan Mayberry, and editors and writers of an anthology, *Pop the Clutch*, *Thrilling Tales of Rockabilly*, *Monsters*, and *Hot Rod Horror*.

Back in the 1980s, a series of anthologies started the Urban Fantasy movement. One in particular, *Border Town*.

Holly Black thought of starting up another anthology, a sequel to the old anthologies.

Scott Beckstead saw a series, *Travelers*. Interesting premise. People are coming back from the future, and inhabiting people who would have died. They are working toward heading off the horrible future they're coming from. It looks like a good premise.

Hare Hobbs heard Netflix is investigating setting up a channel to show their paid series to a non-pay channel.

Old Business:

None!

New Business:

None!

Reviews:

George McUrso: Amazon prime reboot of *Rocky and Bullwinkle*. Reasonably funny, too much gross-out humor. Now on next season. Fun and wit are still there, gross-out has vanished.

Gavin Claypool: Newsweek article on lunar eclipse. New definition for rare. Lunar eclipses coinciding with super-moon are rare, consisting of 1/3 of all eclipses. Well, maybe medium-rare.

Miscellaneous:

Eli has a book, *Den of Wolves*. Free to a good home. The Librarian now has it.

Fannish committee: Nick Smith bought tickets to a show: This Saturday and next, dystopian Young Adult SF and Shakespearian comedy. Impro Theater, right around the corner from Steve Allen's theater.

Sherrilyn Kenyon has accused her husband and others of trying to poison her over time. She turned up an odd mixture of metals in a blood test.

<<https://www.oxygen.com/crime-time/sherrilyn-kenyon-popular-fantasy-author-dark-hunter-claims-husband-lawrence-kenyon-poisoned-her>>

We moved to poison the meet -- er -- adjourn at 8:44 pm.

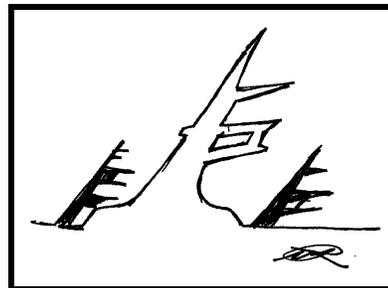
Board of Directors Meeting

July 14 , 2019

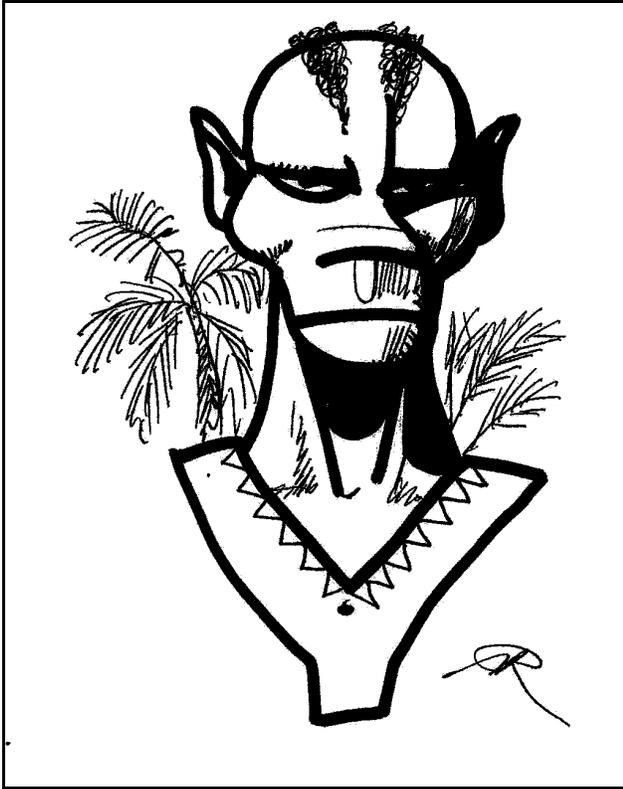
Karl Lembke, Chairman

Marty Cantor, Secretary

There was no Board Meeting in August so the July Board Minutes will be approved in September and will be pubbed in the October *De Prof*.



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BOARD GAMING MEETUP

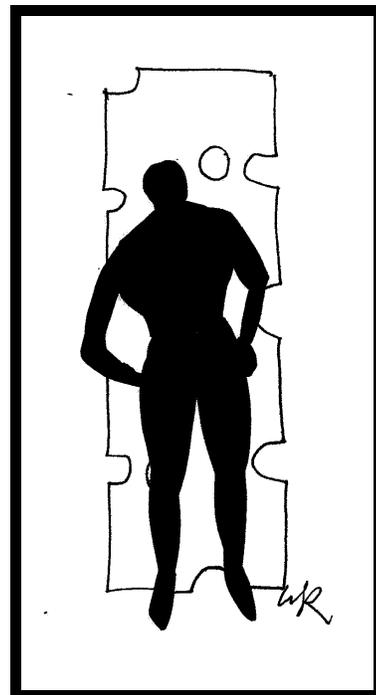
The board gaming Meetup which had been meeting at LASFS on Friday Nights when LASFS owned its own clubhouse, has moved to a temporary venue, a game store in Sherman Oaks.

Paper Hero's Games is at 14109 Burbank Blvd., Sherman Oaks, 91401. The shop is in the interior juncture of an L-shaped strip mall on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Hazeltine and Burbank.

Our new hours are 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

We hope to see our regular gamers at that venue.

We shall move our gaming back to LASFS when the club moves into permanent quarters.



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The directory is now available.
Elayne will e-mail
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AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
747 WHITNALL HWY
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