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UPCOMING

IMPORTANT

BUSINESS

The meeting of September 21, 2000, has been set aside for consideration of several important motions to change our by-laws. The text of these motions have been printed in *De Prof* in recent issues for the purpose of study and commentary. For those of you who do not have a copy of the by-laws, you can find them at the LASFS web site <www.lasfs.org>, or bug our club officers for a copy.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The second Annual Gary Louie Memorial Mah-Jongg Tournament will be held the weekend of Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24, 2000. There will be no need for Qualifying Games; if you have signed up, just come to the Tournament. See Bruce Pelz (in person or at <bep@deltanet.com>) for rules and to sign up.

LASFS Recommended Reading List for Mature Children & Young Adults (an official publication of LASFS)

Copies of the latest version of this list may be obtained by sending a self addressed stamped 9x6 envelope w/55¢ postage to the address on pg. 8 of *DE PROF* or by e-mail request to info@lasfs.org. Ages approx. 11 - 18.

September 2000

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 TRIPE	4 LADWVS	5	6	7 LASFS MEETING	8 Gaming	9 Cinema Anime
10 BOD - 2nd Sunday	11	12	13	14 LASFS MEETING	15 Gaming	16 CFO
17 TIME MEDDLERS	18	19	20 FUCC	21***** LASFS MEETING	22 Gaming	23 MAH JONG
24 FWEMS MAH JONGG	25	26	27	28 LASFS MEETING	29	30

KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

LADWVS = L.A. Dr. Who Viewing Society
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information
 Programming and Entertainment.
 BOD = Board of Directors
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organization
 Work Party = General cleanup
 FWEMS = Fourth WeekEnd Movies
 FUCC = Fandom Universal Computer Club
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who Club

CALENDAR DETAILS

LADWVS - 7:30 pm
 FWEMS - F & SF films - '70s films
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever
 BOD - 11:00 am, games start at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 FUCC -
 TIME MEDDLERS - 12:30 pm
 *** LASFS meeting of 21st - Proposed by-laws
 change.

BOOK SIGNING

Dangerous Visions

13563 Ventura Blvd.

Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Tuesday, Sept. 19th from 6-8 pm., **Terry Brooks**
 signs *Isle Witch* (Del Rey, \$26.95)

SOMETHING NEW - AN INVITATION TO JOIN APA-LASFS

*This is a new web site where LASFS mem-
 bers and other fen, both local and from
 around the world,
 can connect with one another
 and with other fans who are interested
 in LASFS, things LASFASian,
 and all other fannish topics.
 Set up by Tim Merrigan, you can join by
 going to:*

Subscribe to APA-LASFS at APA-
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MEET . . .

*(Occasionally I will be able to corner a member who is a regular attendee and get them to write something about themselves. If that person is an officer of the club, this may take the form of writing about their job. The entry this time is from **Bill Ellern**, a member of our Board of Directors. If any regular attendee wants to write about some personal information, please get me a short piece of material. Remember, I may be ruthless in my editing, so do not write about Ruth.)*

Growing the LASFS - 4 by **William B. Ellern**

Last month I wrote about a vision. If you read it and liked it, you have a bunch of questions. The answer to all of those questions is "Put together a dedicated organization with a purpose." As pointed out by "The Purpose Driven Church" by Rick Warren, a clear purpose statement forms the foundation of an organization. With a little purpose, you get a little organization that can only do a little bit. With a big purpose, you can build a big organization that can do anything.

My church has a purpose statement. It's gobbledygook. It was written by people who didn't know what they were doing, or people who didn't want to lose their control of their little group and fear a big one. A clear statement of the purpose is essential. A clear statement of the purpose of LASFS should be written down and made known to each member of the club. It immediately does five things to those who read it and understand it.

1. **It builds moral.** If everyone has the same purpose, it unifies them. It gives them a mission. People with a purpose don't waste time in arguments over trivialities. It solidifies agreement. People in the group can say to others "Our group does this!" Without a purpose, morale is low and people go somewhere else. Nothing discourages the people in a group like not knowing why it exists.

2. **It reduces frustration.** It permits the group to ignore things that don't matter. It defines what we need to do, AND what we don't need to do. It helps those around you move in the same direction. It increases effectiveness. You can measure your job

against the goals. It replaces personal agendas; because you can measure the job someone else wants you to do against the real goals.

3. **It allows concentration.** It focuses the power of a group. A flashlight illuminates; a laser cuts through steel. How many committees and activities does LASFS have? How beneficial are they? How much more beneficial would they be if they were focused with the purposes of LASFS. "But my favorite activity won't be on your list!" you say. Wrong. Activities fall out of purposes. The purpose of your activity may change, but I feel certain that what we are presently doing will remain.

4. **It attracts cooperation.** When people know where an organization is going, they want to join it. It gives meaning, purpose, and direction to life. It excites people and they will support it. It gives them a mission. Our purpose should be explained to every person who wants to join — before they join. If you allow people to become members without understanding your purposes, you are asking for trouble later. New members often have personal agendas, and preconceived ideas about the club. Unless you deal with them up front these will cause problems and conflicts.

5. **It assists evaluation.** If properly written, the purpose statement becomes a way to measure the club's health and growth. It helps answer two questions. "What is our business?" and "How is our business?" What do we need to do better? Are we on course?

Now before you say, "YES! That's it! A purpose statement and we're on our way!" I want to warn you that it is only a very important **first step** along a path filled with potential problems. It is the step upon which others will be based, and it must be done correctly.

WBE

*(to be continued next month)
(when Bill continues to develop his thesis)*

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE
(complete minutes can be read in APA-L and are
filed in the archives)

Meeting #3283, July 13, 2000
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, secretaring

A deep discussion of karaoke was rudely interrupted

by the 3283rd meeting of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, which was opened at 20:18:43.

Special Order of Business: Dwain Kaiser has been hospitalized on account of his heart. He was having a bout of congestive heart failure.

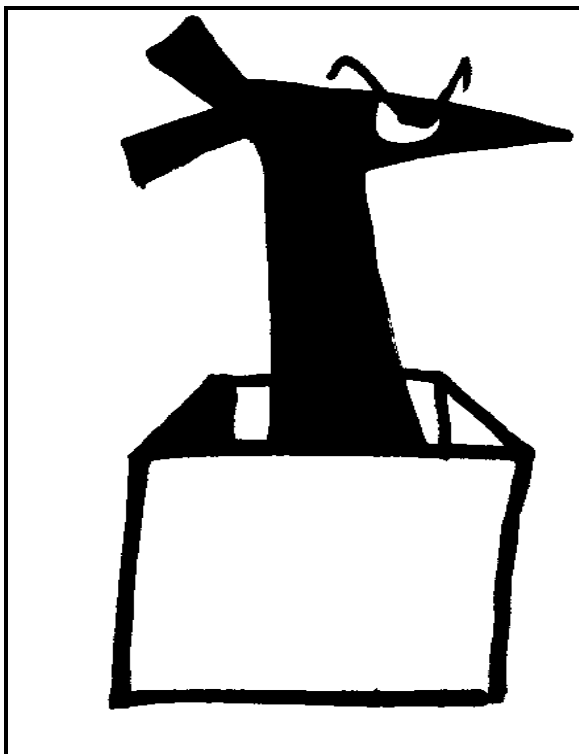
The **Menace** were read and loudly corrected, and then approved as "Submitted in writing before the meeting, but not enough signatures."

Old Business: The proposed by-laws change is still on for discussion at the September 21 meeting.

New Business: It was recently discovered that the two Westercon-related service marks owned by LASFS - WesterCon and West Coast Science Fantasy Convention - have lapsed. A motion of \$650 to renew both, in their correct spellings and phrasings, was approved without dissent.

Patron Saint Marc Schirmeister, was announced to the club before the ice cream he had brought could finish melting. He was described as "one of the best fan artists never to win a Hugo nomination." He was given three cheers and maybe a Hugo someday.

Francis Hamit remarked that the winner of the Bulwer-Lytton contest had, in an earlier decade, invented the pet rock.



A Tom illo used in Microwave '82

Hare Hobbs called our attention to a new Heinz product - green ketchup. Apparently other colors were considered too silly. (Darn! I was looking forward to the plaid ketchup!) (*Walt Willis invented plaid ink. - Fanhistorical fact by ye ed.*)

Registrar: Lynx introduced an observer: James J. Giordano.

Bill Ellern mentioned that, just like LASFS itself, the LASFS web site has some missing links. If you want to help correct this situation, talk to Mike Stern.

Greg Barrett stated that the library is looking for people to review the review copies of books on the shelf.

Tom Safer remarked that he was in a performance at Carnegie Hall, and that it was beautiful. Whether it was because of or in spite of his contribution, he declined to state.

A motion to mutate passed at 21:15:50.

Meeting #3284. July 20, 2000

Cathy Beckstead, presiding

Karl Lembke, secretaring

"Okay, now that the mike's working, we can start a meeting!" declared President Beckstead. "Whatever for?" asked the club. Well, whatever the reason for the meeting, it was called to order at 20:15:15.

Special Orders of Business: Phil Castora reported that Don Koenig had died Monday.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "Something better."

Patron Saint Bill Curry. He sells good books, and walks a lot in his employment with the Post Awful. He is often seen in a stocking cap. He was given three cheers and another garage full of books.

Registrar: Beckie and Lynx introduced Nikki B, from Cincinnati, OH.

Mike Stern noted that many of the people on the Patron Saints list are also eligible to be Sacred Objects. Only a very few Sacred Objects are listed on the web site. He requests that anyone who is a Sacred Object to make his or her choice of Object known to the club. Or at least to the webmaster.

Jerry Pournelle found *Chicken Run* to be great, and *Rocky and Bullwinkle* to be awful - bad enough to make a person appreciate *Battlefield Earth*.

There was a motion to evacuate at 20:08:52.

Meeting #3285, July 27, 2000

Bob Null, presiding
Karl Lembke, secretarying

“Good Evening!” said President Beckstead. “That’s your opinion and you’re stuck with it!” declared Ray Capella. The club, however, was stuck with a meeting, called to order at 20:16:12.

Special Orders of Business: Master costumer Adrienne Butterfield is no long with us.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “Oy vey is Mir.”

Patron Saint Ed Green. He’s served as the club president, as Chairman of the Board, and as LASFS’ roving camel correspondent. He still hasn’t found the three nukes assigned to him. He was given three cheers and G-R-E-E-N!

Frank Waller mentions that just as his eye was recovering, his back went out. (Isn’t one of the signs of aging that your back goes out more often than you do?)

Frank Waller suggested that taking a Pokemon freak to see *Patriot* would be a good way to mess him up.

This led to a motion to mess up the meeting at 21:06:36.

Meeting 3286, August 3, 2000

Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, secretarying

President Beckstead interrupted her juggling routine to call meeting number 3286 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 20:19:07. The **Menace** were read and approved as “Field Rations.”

E-List: Tim Merrigan announced the existence of a new e-list. To subscribe, send mail to APA-LASFS-subscribe@egroups.com or go to the eGroups web site.

Tadao Tomomatsu, has demonstrated that he is a true reincarnating Buddhist, after being shot 32 times. (*He may be an actor, but this proves that he is holier than thou. - ed.*)

Someone mentioned that her dogs have a great appetite for even-numbered Harry Potter books, having devoured them.

Patron Saint Sean Cleary, who has a birthday this week, was honored. He was a nice guy, was active in

LASFS for a year before heading to Northern California. He’s a go player, and an indifferent cook.

This led to a motion to end the meeting at 21:11:31.

BoD Meeting, June 12, 2000

Mike Stern, Chairman
Starting Secretary, Mike Glycer

ATTENDANCE: (Board) Bill Ellern, Mike Thorsen, Shaun Lyon, Kim Marks Brown, Joe Zeff, Bob Null, Mike Stern, Mike Glycer, Liz Mortensen, Bruce Pelz, Elayne Pelz. (Others) D. Wenner, J. Sperling, E. Green, K. Lembke, A. Morell, M. Cantor, Tadao Tomomatsu, S. Benoun, T. Benoun, C. McGuire.

MINUTES: Glycer read his and Shaun’s collaborative minutes. Shaun corrected that Cathy Beckstead had reported on plaques. Mike Stern deemed the minutes approved as corrected.

CLUB MACHINES: Gestetner Optics: Marty Cantor stated we would still need to get a repairman, or else wait for the next service call and make sure he was on hand. It was determined the repair would

FABRIC SALE

Sat., Sept. 30 -- 10 am to 8 pm
Big blow-out fabric and notions sale

Alta Mt. Sierra Masonic Lodge, 33 E. Sierra
Madre Blvd, just East of Baldwin
Ave, in Sierra Madre, CA

This will be a well-advertised event, through various groups, including the SCA and Regency dance societies, plus local newspaper ads, and a large lawn banner.

Table spaces available for those sewing or costume-related items, including books, trim, patterns and UFOs (UnFinished Objects)! We’ve already rented nearly half the hall. Contact Bjo Trimble soon for table availability and rates: (626) 359-3398 or <bjot@usa.net>

**lots of stuff
for lots of people**

paid advertisement

be made a lot sooner if a repairman were called.

Video Projector: Bruce said the order has been in for longer than it should have. One of the projectors has been shipped. The other will be coming.

NEW MEMBERS: An application was received from Carl Nelson. His membership was approved by voice vote, unopposed. Mike Stern said, "Congratulations to Carl, death will not release him."

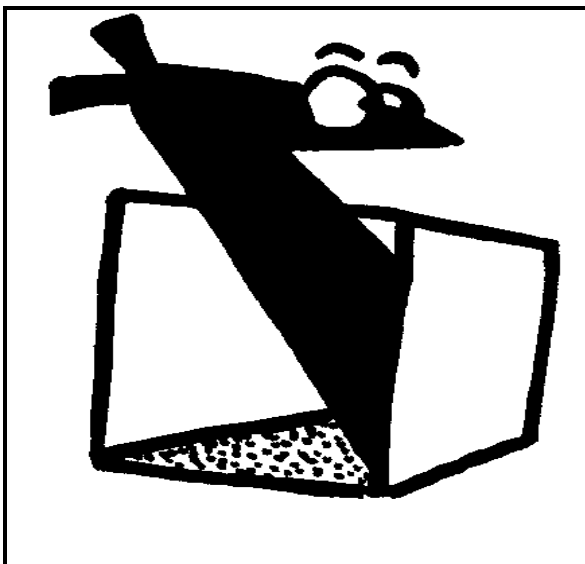
TREASURER'S REPORT: Liz's report showed Treasury, \$15,824.17; Festival of Books, \$122.54; Library Fund, \$1,004.22; Video Fund, \$152.89; Century Fund, \$28,118.46; Key deposits, \$350.00; Video R&R, \$144. Total club funds: \$45,716.00.

Liz distributed the year-to-date and proposed year-end Budget. After discussion, it was approved by voice vote.

ARCHIVES: Bob Null had added stuff. Mike Stern said he wanted to round up people willing to discuss a recommendation to start a Westercon archive.

MORE CLUB MACHINES: There was more discussion of the Gestetner optics. Mike Stern asked for a sense of the Board how many thought it would be a good idea to make the repair. Most directors did. Stern asked Bob Null to schedule a service call. The directors also discussed how often to have regular service done. The estimated cost for a routine maintenance call seems to be \$300 according to SCIFI's experience.

Mike Stern asked Liz to add \$300 to the budget for Gestetner service.



ATom illo used in Microwave '82

Shaun Lyon announced that he is donating a fine computer. Bob Null talked about the limitations of running some of our old software on newer computers. Glycer asked whether any LASFS computer was loaded with newer DTP software than Ventura Publisher. None was, but Shaun said he would donate his copy of PageMaker.

HALL RECONSTRUCTION: Under the subject of plumbing, Bob Null described the pipe repairs that could be done for \$1600. He wanted to avoid repair methods that required cutting up the sidewalk, due to the expense of restoring it to city specifications afterwards. He is getting estimates.

Bob also said the termite people visited. There were no termites, but they found a puddle of water under the building. Also, some wood left over from the library reconstruction. He will ask Scratch to go under the building and take it out, so it can't be a source of future infestations.

The directors talked about access for a wheelchair-bound member. Mike Stern had talked to him, and the member's opinion is there needs to be a ramp built one foot in length for each inch of elevation (if you don't have a railing; if you do, it's one foot for each 2 inches of elevation.) Stern supposed a 6' ramp with a railing would do the job.

Joe Zeff wondered about our hypothetical parking spaces in between the buildings that might be blocked. Mike Thorsen asked about the requirement to do all ADA improvements if we do any. Kim's opinion was that if we're not required to do it, this is a moot discussion. Stern felt we are morally obligated to do it. Ed Green said that since the person is a member, we may not have a choice. Null said that we might even have to make the library and entire premises wheelchair-accessible. Bruce suggested dropping the matter until we absolutely have to make improvements. Stern felt if we weren't proactive, we'd wind up further in the hole.

Mike Thorsen reported on the large outdoor umbrellas that had been purchased. Also the new tables.

LIBRARY: Michael Mason said donations are down from five boxes to one box a week, so they are catching up cataloguing

VIDEO: Mike Stern reported on a video/library work party. They worked right through TRIPE.

LISTS: Children's Recommended Reading List: No Greg Barrett, no report.

APA-L: Bruce said other projects have taken priority.

E-Mail List: Joe Zeff sent out an update. He will soon distribute a typo correction. Stern asked him to add the officers and directors to the list.

LASFS.ORG: Stern said something was done on the page this week after lots of prodding. Bruce congratulated him on the rapid update of procedural officers.

The directors discussed whether Loscon.org is up or not. Stern sent Chaz a tickler, and Chaz had yet to respond.

LOSCON 27: Shaun reported a PR is being sent out this week. They threw two well-attended parties at BayCon. Shaun thanked various fans who pitched in at the tables and parties. There will be a party at Agamemcon.

LOSCONS OF THE FUTURE: Christian McGuire is trying to get the local representative's supervisor involved in their meeting. There is a great deal of difference between the new proposed hotel contract and our previous ones.

HULALACON: Tadao said there had been 90 people, and the event will turn over approximately \$2000. He has re-enlisted as chair of next year's LaLaCon - it will be called FaLaLaCon. Liz mentioned the big auction income came from items anonymously donated by Marjii Ellers' estate.

RECYCLING: Bob said recycling brought in \$49.85.

CONVENTION DELEGATES: New delegates to Westercon were Kim Marks Brown and Liz Mortensen.

LETTER TO CRASHERS: Stern had e-mailed the letter, with a BCC to the directors.

PRECINCTS OF FELICITY: Ed Green said the new Community Service officer was distinctly lukewarm about their discussion. The police are preoccupied with the Democratic National Convention. The officer told Ed we should use our common sense.

LETTER FROM A NEW MEMBER: Liz read a letter from Ron Gordon, which she had copied for the directors. Gordon made some suggestions, including having a "solid presentation" on the program once a month. There was lengthy discussion about including this wonderful letter in *De Profundis*. It was decided that by deeming it

SPECIAL VISITOR

Cathy Cuppitt
2000 DUFF winner
from Australia

will be ending her trip to the USA
in Los Angeles
and will be visiting LASFS
on Thursday, Sept. 21.
Come by and make her welcome!

incorporated in the minutes then Marty would automatically be entitled to budget the extra pages.

FANZINES

*The production of fanzines is an old fannish tradition and De Profundis is a zine in that tradition. Many of the regularly attending club members may not be aware of the vast number of zines which have been produced in fandom's past. Many may not realise that not everybody has moved their written fanac to the web and that there are many fanzines still being produced. Here is a list of the zines which the club gets in trade. I want to point out that **any zines for which the club trades can be picked up from the De Prof mailbox and can be read at your leisure.** For those of you who want to explore the universe of fanzines, I shall be most happy to make recommendations of available zines.*



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zines received in trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

club zines: **ConNotations Vol. 10, #3** (CASFS). **DASFax Vol. 32, No. 8** (DASFA). **Einblatt!**, August, 2000 (MinnStf). **Instant Message #669, #670** (NESFA). **The Lunarians, Inc.** (NYSFS). **NASFA SHUTTLE Vol. 20, #7 & Vol. 20, #8** (NASFA). **PSFS News, August, 2000** (PSFS). **SFSFS SHUTTLE #142** (SFSFS). **Southern Fandom Confederation Bulletin Vol. 7, #7**, July, 2000 (SFC). **Tightbeam #222** (N3F). **Westwind #250, June, 2000** (NWSFS).

other zines: **CHALLENGER #12** (Guy Lillian III). **TRAPDOOR #20** (Robert Lichtman).

NEW BOOKS

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. Here are some of the newest additions.)

Donated by Christian McGuire: **Saturn's Race** (Larry Niven & Steven Barnes).

Donated by Lucy Stern: **The Merchant Prince** (Armin Shimerman & Michael Scott).

Library Purchases: Bison, Terry - **In the Upper Room & Other Likely Stories**. Chalker, Jack L. - **Balshazzar's Serpent**. Clement, Hal - **Music of Many Spheres: The Essential Hal Clement**. Cook, Glen - **Soldiers Live**. Doyle, Debra & McDonald, James D. - **Requiem for Boone**. Egan, Greg - **Teranesia**. Kashina, Anne - **The Princess of Dhagabad**. Kress, Nancy - **Probability Moon**. Kurtz, Katherine - **King Kelson's Bride**. Lackey, Mercedes - **Brightly Burning**. Lawhead, Stephen R. - **The Black Rood**. Moorcock, Michael - **Count Brass**. Robinson, Spider - **Callahan's Key**. Verne, Jules - **Paris in the 20th Century**. Vinge, Joan D. - **Tangled up in Blue**.

Dozois, Gardner (editor) - **Modern Classics of Fantasy**. Erdmann, Terry J. & Block, Paula M. - **Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Companion**.

LETTER OF COMMENT

by Robert Lichtman

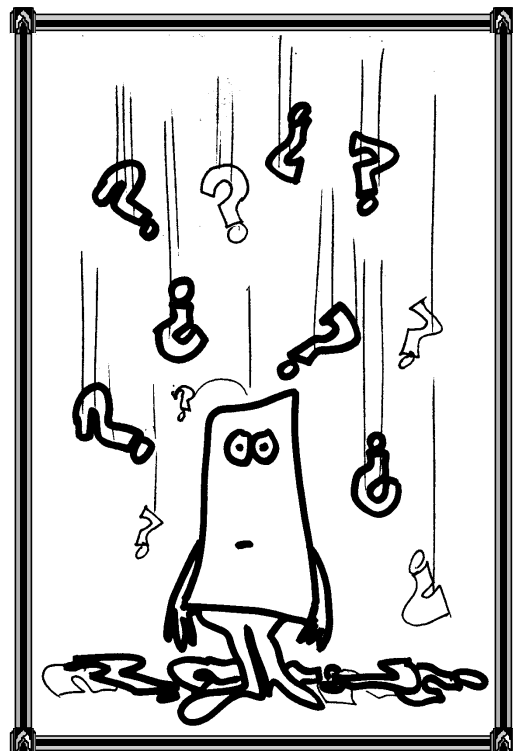
P.O. Box 30, Glen Ellen, CA 95442, USA

I laughed and laughed over Billern's **vision** for the LASFS. To get 50 acres anywhere near L.A. would require more money than I can ever imagine the club coming into -- unless someone with Bill Gates-like resources were to come on board.

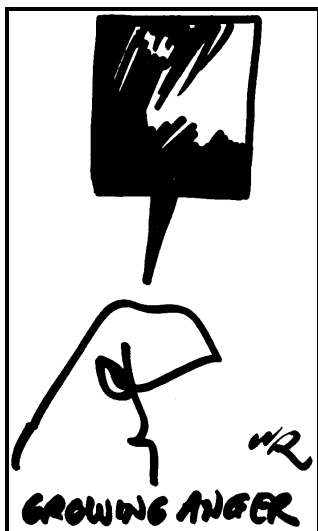
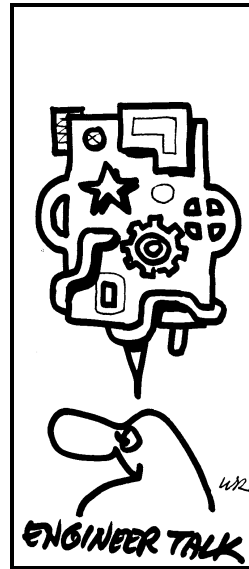
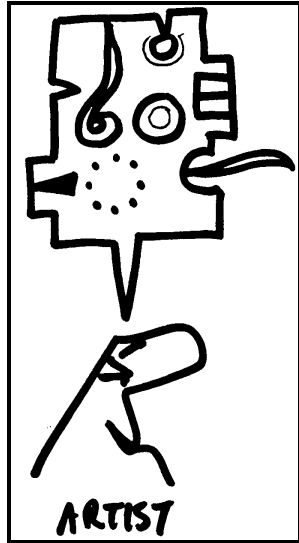
Other than that, it sort of reminded me of The Love Camp in the Ozarks, but with a Southern California flair.

(I find it somewhat sad that most current members would not recognise that last paragraph as a Degler reference - and probably do not even know the name, Claude Degler. Hey, people! Bruce Pelz is selling copies of Mimosa at LASFS, and that zine is a gold mine of Fan History information written as fascinating articles. - Free Plug - ed.)

(ATom illos in this zine are from an envelope sent by ATom to Bruce Pelz and recently unearthed)



Rotsler Portfolio





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