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Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

- BoD - Board of Directors
- CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization
- Cinema Anime - Japanimation
- Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
- FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
- Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club
- TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment
- TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10 am
- Work Party - Varies with what needs doing

- CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
- Estrogen Zone - 2 pm
- FWEMS - Cancelled this month
- Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
- Time Meddlers - 10:30 am
- TRIPE - Noon until whenever
- TSPC - Fantasia 2000

Thursday Program Items

- October 26 - Mathom Mania (special auction)
- November 2 - Board of Directors nominations
- November 9 - Board of Directors election
- November 16 - Latest Trends in E-zines with Chris Garcia.
- November 23 - Nothing Scheduled
- November 30 - Gizmania, Tech Gadgets We Can't Live Without

Calendar Details

- Asian Cult Cinema - None this month
- BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm
- Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends

COLOPHON

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We 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, Milt Stevens, can be reached at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his address: miltstevens@earthlink.net. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

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.

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Letter to DeProf

Hi:

In De Prof #405, I noted that I was the patron saint for the August 31LASFS Meeting. That was news to me, as I thot patron saints were noted at the meeting closest to their birthdays; mine is in mid-November.

I was amused to read Rick Foss's comments about me. I wonder which of Rick's alternate realities contained the John Trimble he was pointing out. Sounds like I had fun there. If I had ever worked for a radiostation that reported on ferry stops, I'm sure that I would have added imaginary ones.

Best to all,

John Trimble

Next LAFA Filksing

Saturday, November 18, 2006,
7 pm
House of Perpetual Commotion
Hosts: John and Mary Creasy
3754 W. 170th St.
Torrance, CA
(310) 329-6772

Isaac Newton's Birthday Party
December 25, 3 pm
Brandyall
Lee and Barry Gold's residence
3965 Alla Road
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Filking optional, but the law of gravity must be obeyed.

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Peggy Corrigan Gasparik RIP

Peggy Gasparik died on Tuesday, October 11. Initially, it was suspected that she had bleeding ulcers. Surgery was performed in order to conduct a biopsy. This surgery revealed that she had stomach cancer. She experienced a heart attack during the surgery. A second surgery was conducted to remove her stomach, and she experienced a second heart attack during this surgery. After the surgery, she had a massive stroke.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Gasparik, who may be reached at;

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CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(Copies of the complete minutes are filed in the archives.)

*LASFS Board Of Directors Meeting
September 10, 2006
Karl Lembke, Presiding
George Van Wagner, Scribe*

BOD Attending: Karl Lembke (Chairman), Mike Thorsen (Vice-Chair), George Van Wagner (Secretary), Bill Ellern, Tadao Tomomatsu, Ed Green, Elayne Pelz, Bob Null, Brett Achorn (Comptroller), Cathy Beckstead

Absent: Liz Mortensen (excused)

Others Attending: Joyce Sperling, Marty Cantor, Michael Pell, Milt Stevens, Sherri Benoun, Tony Benoun, Charles Lee Jackson II, Joe Zeff, Fred Lazelle, Christian McGuire, Marcia Minsky, Joan Steward, Greg Bilan, Arlene Satin

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 am.

Minutes: The August minutes were approved as offered.

New Members: Thomas Rechtenwald of Lenzkirch, Germany, Wilf James of Letchworth, UK, Krystal Raines of North Hollywood, and LeAnn Mizzi of North Hollywood. were approved for membership in the society.

Treasurers Report (conveyed by Ed Green with the treasurer being absent):

The new dumpster is in. It should be sufficient for our normal volume of trash, though it is straining under the immediate post-Worldcon load. The board requests that the members please wait at least a month before kvetching.

The dentist to the east has been complaining about the height of the billboard (not the LASFS sign) which he feels is blocking his use of the side of his building) and has been making lawyer noises. It was moved and approved that we advise the society's real estate lawyer of the situation and see what she recommends. It was also requested that the procedural president make an announcement at the weekly meeting requesting that any club members whome the neighbor might approach should simply refer him to a board member.

The question was also raised about the possibility of the neighbor's addition of a locked gate having an impact on the east side emergency exit. Due to the above conflict, it was decided to not pursue it at this time.

Facilities- Building:

Terminix has been requesting scheduling for a termite inspection. Due to their past inability to show up as scheduled, there was some discussion of how we can arrange for a keyholder to be present for the day of the scheduled inspection. Due to some members experience with Terminix's warranty, it was suggested that we examine the possibility of using a different firm for pest control. The matter was handed off to the vice-chair to explore.

Two of the outside benches returned from Worldcon with some damage. The Worldcon chair has offered to replace the benches, rather than our repairing them. One of the vice-presidents has expressed a desire to repair the benches. Discussion is being deferred until next month when it will be determined if the benches have been repaired.

Facilities- Computers: There is a possibility of a computer donation to replace the pubs computer, so a purchase is being deferred until that possibility coalesces or evaporates (which should be by the next board meeting).

Communications: The video projector is having its bulb replaced from the backup projector and an attempt made to clean the lenses. It is hoped that the lens cleaning will fix the discoloration we've been experiencing.

It was noted that people using the A/V equipment on the weekends have not been paying proper attention to powering down all equipment after use and CLJ II requested that this be made a regular announcement.

Library:The curator of the video collection provided the board with the formal acquisition policy that had been requested. The written policy is as follows:

1. To purchase as cheaply as possible DVDs for the society. This policy reflects a change in that we no longer seek videotapes for the society except under extraordinary circumstances.
2. To purchase DVDs of science fiction, fantasy, and some horror topics, with priority given to obscure titles over recent blockbusters and priority given to titles requested by society members. It is our belief that members are more likely to obtain for themselves recent releases, and that members who are unable to purchase or rent their own will make a request for a particular title.
3. To accept all donations, DVDs and tapes, but to keep only those covered within the genres covered in the society's raison d'tre: science fiction, fantasy, horror with a fantasy basis, and comedies and other subjects with a strong fannish interest, and nonfiction material of interest to the society.
4. To use all non-genre acquisitions to provide new cash to augment our budget, to both acquire new titles and replace old titles previously lost or held on videotape with new DVDs.
5. To re-catalog the collection bringing the contents of the shelves, filing cabinets, and offsite storage in line with the information in the database, and to update with corrected material the printout now available in the library.

I am being assisted in these areas by Elayne Pelz, Tom Khamis, Gavin Claypool, Ed Buchman, and the Library staff.

Charles Lee Jackson, II
Curator, LASFS Video Collection

The board asked a number of questions of the curator, including what the exact mechanism was for requests, what the relationship is between numbers of requests and impetus to purchase, what mechanism was in place for soliciting donations to the collection, Questions being answered to the satisfaction of the board, the board thanked the curator and moved to the rest of the library business.

Inventory is ongoing for the rest of the library. It was suggested that the board mention to the librarians that they would like to see the library purchase the current Hugo Nominees every year. There was some discussion as to whether this should be a resolution or simply a suggestion. The suggestion seems to have won out.

Website: The website is slowly getting updated and new material is being added as it is forwarded to the webmaster. The suggestion was made that clicking on the pictures of the authors on the front page automatically link to an Amazon search of that author's work.

New Business: Tadao Tomomatsu presented a proposal that the board create a regular meeting of the board chairman and procedural president with the representatives of those groups which use the Society's facilities for weekend events (CFO, Cinema Anime, T.R.I.P.E., etc.) to foster better communication with these groups and more integration with the general aims and purpose of the Society. It was suggested that the attendance by representatives of these sub-groups be mandatory, to ensure that all communications are speedy and forthright. It was brought up that 4 meetings per year should not be a hardship and with sufficient advance notice, all groups should be able to find a suitable representative for any given meeting. It was moved that the board of directors establish a town council to meet with all sub-groups on a quarterly basis to exchange information. All sub-groups will be required to send one representative to each meeting, except as excused by the board standing rules. The final schedule and composition of these meetings will be established by the board standing rules. The chair of the council will be the current chairman of the LASFS BOD and the vice-chair will be the current procedural president. This motion was passed unanimously. It was suggested that, since this was passed, there should be some additions to the standing rules put together for the next board meeting.

Marketing: The success of the Worldcon table was discussed. Many people showed up and much swag was handed out as people signed up for the mailing list. The trip to O.C. Mensa to promote the club was

successful and they desire to establish a relationship with the LASFS.

As of the date of the board meeting, there was no one yet signed up for the October Ephemeral Cinema course.

LASFS was mentioned on both KPCC and NPR in relation to Worldcon coverage. Karl has received several inquiries about The Spice Cadets Cookbook due to mention of it on the NPR coverage of the con.

Worldcon: The Executive Committee of the 64th World Science Fiction Convention expressed its sincere thanks for the use of the equipment and facilities of the LASFS that were used to help make LACon IV a smashing success.

Loscon 33: The chair was at home working on the Loscon website, but his representative announced an upcoming general Loscon meeting at the clubhouse on September 23 at 1 pm. A request was made to department heads to supply material for Progress Report 2.

Loscon 34: The chairman of the con being absent, there was no news, only rumors. Theresa Mathers is still the artist guest of honor, despite last months minutes.

De Profundis: Electronic distribution finally goes in to effect with the October issue. Promises were made by various parties to exchange information.

Next month's agenda: Quarterly Budget Review, discussion of fundraising options.

Printing and Duplication: Marty Cantor presented a report on possible replacements for the Gestetner: modern digital printers from Risograph that use technology similar to traditional Gestetner tech. They're very fast, cheap to run, and have discounts for non-profits. There was some discussion of the urgency of the need for such a machine and whether its cost is justified by the society's current printing needs for flyers and marketing materials. It was decided that, there being no current overwhelming need for such a machine, we will not be investing in one at this time, but the board thanked Marty for his time and effort in unearthing the information to be taken under advisement against future need.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 pm

Meeting # 3604, September 07, 2006
George Van Wagner, President
Martin Young, Scribe

Counting on both claws and all its little feet, the LASFS lobster worked out that this exact day in 3114 BC is the origin point of the Mayan "long count" calendar system. The Von Danniken Institute for Accurate Prehistory recently announced that a temple wall in an ancient Mayan city bears the long count date for this day in 1947, and clearly depicts Philo Farnsworth demonstrating the first use of television in San Francisco. Another Mayan monument reportedly depicts aliens introducing the use of synthetic rubber in asphaltic concrete to the citizens of Akron Ohio on this day in 1948

There being no special orders of business, the minutes were read and approved as "Serious, Because We're Complaining about Them."

Guests were Rob O'Malley and Winston Eagle. Rob learned about us from LACON IV, and is a graduate student at USC. Winston is an editor, and learned about us from word-of-mouth.

Tonight's first patron saint is Emil Luwish. Emil is a saint because his son Mike Luwish donated money in his name. Emil was awarded three cheers and a better institutional memory.

Our second patron saint is Greg Bilan. Charles Lee Jackson the second pointed out that Greg is the only LASFS patron saint mentioned in the midnight ride of Paul Revere. ("One if Bilan, two if by CLJII.") Matthew Tepper added his belief that Greg was the only LASFSian to serve on the USS Enterprise. "Wrong!" Cried Scratch. Greg added that he served on the nuclear wessel. Ed Green cited Greg's uncanny ability to work on projects, when LASFS needs projects. He added that Greg is one of the more deserving recipients of the Freehafer award. Another fan added that Greg has many times displayed great consideration and kindness to him or her, and others. Greg was awarded three cheers, two lambs and a volunteer table.

The committee to gouge auctions some comic books, audio books, a cigar press and a cigarbox. CLJII auctioned an artistic T-shirt for which the name of the artist, Galen Trip, was not revealed until after the auction.

Arlene Satin reported on her expedition beyond the Orange Curtain. She gave a lecture about lasfs to the Mensa Regional Gathering. The meeting went well, she made some contacts, and they want a relationship with

us. Next step, dinner and a movie.

George Mulligan reviewed the two volume Gojira and Godzilla DVD set. He said that Gojira was better without Raymond Burr because certain subplots and conflicts were removed when the movie was Americanized. Confusingly, Gojira is called "Godzilla" in the subtitles. Otherwise, the subtitles are pretty good, and contain charming errors.

Kyla reviewed Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norral, by Susanna Clarke, finding it very Dickensian. (Or maybe Susanna Clarke gave the review.)

Dr. Jerry Pournelle reviewed Talledega Nights, which he considered a movie he was most unlikely to like. His wife forced him to see it, and he found it to be the most hilarious movie he had seen in the last five years. He spent ten minutes laughing so hard that he could not leave the theater. The scribe wishes to point out that two LASFSians have given glowing reviews of this movie, and both hold doctorates. That's what edumacation can do for you!

Michelle Pincus testified that The Illusionist is a must see movie, as it is fabulous, wonderful and breathtaking.

Fred Patten reviewed Harry Turtledove's the Grackle Grapple. Don't start it if you haven't read the series. Fred is still not convinced by the idea of the American South living under a tight dictatorship, but Turtledove tells a good story if you like alternative history.

As a Fannish Committee, the scribe reported that there will be more worlds to conquer than previously thought.

Meeting # 3605, September 14, 2006
George Van Wagner, President
Martin Young, Scribe.

Happily clicking its little claws, the LASFS lobster called meeting 3605 to order at 8:10:33. On this day in seventeen fifty two, England and the colonies adopted the Gregorian Calendar. On that same day, eleven other days disappeared. I've heard of lost weekends, but this is ridiculous. This day in nineteen fifty nine, the Soviet Union's Luna Two became the first spacecraft to land on the moon, causing the United States to suffer a loss of international prestige that it did not recover until this day on the following year, when a massive federal effort managed to get Chubby Checker's "The Twist" to number one on the hit parade. Take that, communism!

In nineteen seventy four, astronomer Charles Kowal was

rooting through his garage for some lens cleaner, when he discovered Leda, the thirteenth satellite of Jupiter. Curiously enough, the small moon had been there for eleven days before anyone noticed. And on this day in two thousand six, a dwarf planet in the outer solar system was officially named after your scribe's daughter Eris.

The minutes were read and approved as "That's Funny, You Don't Look Luwish."

The soon-to-be rich and famous game designers Randell "Sharkey" Widner and Eiton "Aton" Levy were introduced as guests. They were referred to us by Brad Lapin. We had another guest. His name was Tom Snyder, and he was in LA for the day after coming all the way from Simi Valley. Tom works in journalism and education.

Our patron saints were Dale Hales and Michael Thorsen. Dale's name was written as "Dale Hale" on the white board. The scribe rose to add the missing "S" and Ed Green offered the "friendly" amendment that it be changed to a "Q." Ed Hooper mentioned Dale's wedding present to him and Joyce. Joyce loves dragons, which made Dales present of a dragon-framed mirror especially thoughtful. Mar Aianna pointed out that Dale is well-known for finding gifts that fit a person well. George Mulligan acknowledged that it is thanks to Dale that George is mobile, since Dale sold George his present van for one dollar. Dale was awarded three cheers and a terminal "S."

Mike Thorsen was working, and could not be present for his Saints Day. Joe Zeff mentioned that Mike is a real workhorse. He once took over as vice president of LASFS when the current incumbent fell ill. In auctions, he used to bid in increments of nine cents to enjoy the spectacle of an auctioneer trying to add nine cents to something. He has ceased this practice, and now that it's in increments of twenty nine cents.

Joan Steward pointed out that Mike has in most interesting, quiet sense of humor. You really have to get around him and listen. Ed Green pointed out that if Mike sees something not happening, or something going wrong, he will change it. He won't work to change it, he will not try to change it, he will change it. When a long-ago Loscon canceled the masquerade, Mike created the virtual masquerade which has now been going on for many, many years. Mike is a creative genius, although he is very quiet about it. Mike was awarded three cheers, and twenty nine cents.

Rick Foss reviewed Dark Wing by Walter Hunt. Rick picked up the book after meeting Walter Hunt at the worldcon. Hunt has crafted a future universe in which

naval forces have to use the tactics of Earth's 17th and 18th centuries. Rick reported that the book does not begin to get good until you are fifty pages in. Readers who persevere will find that the humans get interesting after they meet the aliens, and that the book does a good job on the difficult question of what do you do after you win a human/alien space war.

George Van Wagner reviewed a movie running on the Independent film Channel and ostensibly based on a Nikolai Gogol short story, and released under various titles including "Black Sunday," and "Mask of Satan." The movie is beautifully shot and stars Barbara Steele in the role that got her typecast as a vampire witch princess returned from the grave.

There was a motion to Marty Cantor, and we cantered out into the night at 9:06:13

Meeting # 3606, September 21, 2006
George Van Wagner, President
Martin Young, Scribe.

Lobster, lobster, all fall down at 8:11:27. On this day in history in 1893, Frank Duryea drove the first United States made gas propelled vehicle. It was a car. On this day in 1897 the New York Sun ran its famous editorial proclaiming "Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus," thereby inaugurating the standards of moral courage and intellectual integrity that our media follow to this day. This day in 1903 "Kit Carson," our first cowboy movie premiered in the US, and on this day in nineteen thirty seven J. R. R. Tolkien published The Hobbit. At last, a historical event we care about!

The minutes were read and, upon an acclaimed motion from Jerry Pournelle, were approved as "give us back our eleven days."

Our patron saints were Len and June Moffatt. Marc Schirmeister pointed out that they are two of the nicest people he knows, and he considers the club very fortunate to have them. Phil Castora said that he would echo that sentiment at the appropriate volume, except that the appropriate volume would deafen everyone in the room. Karen Anderson cited them as the world's greatest fans of John D. MacDonald, and producers of the JDMW files. Charles Lee Jackson the second pointed out that they are two of the few people here who understand many of his remarks. (Referring of course to cultural breadth, and not age.) He added that they have many, many friends here, and no enemies. Len commented that that was because they had outlived them all.

There was old business. Upon review of ten-year-old meeting minutes, it was found that at the time of *LACONIII*, there were two lasfs meetings, one at the world con, the other at the clubhouse. There was some dispute about which one was the official LASFS meeting, and the motion was officially tabled until *LACONIV*. *LACONIV* is now passed, and the matter is now open for discussion. By unanimous vote, the matter was tabled until *LACONV*.

There was new business. This was the nomination and voting for this years Forrest J Ackerman award for services to science fiction. This award is given to writers, artists and even fans. It is a lifetime achievement award, so it also honors any future contributions the winners might happen to make. The nominees were: Greg Bear, William Tenn, Wilson Bob Tucker, C.J. Cherryh, Greg Benford, Lois McMaster Bujold, Terry Pratchett, Karen Anderson, Hiraoki Inoyue, Michael Moorcock, John Hertz, Christian McGuire (much against his will), Spider Robinson, CLJ II, June Moffatt, J. Michael Strazinski, John Williams (the composer), Stan Lee, David Gerrold, Joss Whedon, Steven Spielberg, Kurt Russell, Bruce Stirling, William Gibson, Bernie Wrightson, Stephen Baxter, George Lucas and Alan Moore.

The winner was William Tenn.

Bill Ellern displayed the Terry Pratchett diary he will auction next week. He also displayed the Terry Pratchett commemorative stamps that will sweeten the auction.

Christian moved to Rob Cole. Joe Zeff moved to Marty Cantor. Ed Green moved to lick the stamp. The meeting was hastily adjourned before anyone could move to combine any of the previous motions.

*Meeting # 3607, September 28, 2006
George Van Wagner, President
Martin Young, Scribe.*

Faster lobster cat, kill kill meeting 3607 at 8:11:01. At one time, these days were in the future. It was once true that in 1678 "Pilgrim's Progress" would be published, that in 1858 Donati's comet would be the first comet to be photographed, that in 1959 Explorer VI would find an intense radiation belt around the Earth and in 1965 Jack McKay would reach in 90.1 km high at 6006 mph in an X-15. That's a lot of progress, Pilgrim.

The minutes were read and approved as "Ed, Lick the Stamp."

In reference to our first patron saint, someone called out "Who the hell is Karl Lembke?" To which Charles Lee Jackson the second replied that he was our "Best Dam Scribe Ever!" Because Charlie had applied for a pun waiver before making this remark, the membership wondered where the pun was. Charlie explained that the word "dam" punned on Karl's employment at the water district. The membership reluctantly agreed that this was indeed a pun, and our president assessed a fine at four times the usual amount, which he paid himself. Joan Steward reported that when she asked Karl to keep his sense of humor during political discussion he would always reply "of course I'm going to keep my sense of humor. No one else wants it."

Our next patron saint was Ron Ellik, pronounced "eeeeeee lick." Karen Anderson reported that after Ron left the Marines he used to say of himself that he was a "trained killer," and suspected that he might be vicious. Karen also reported that Ron bore the nickname "squirrel," and did so much North-South driving that Karen called him "Ratatosk," after the squirrel that runs up and down Yggdrasill carrying insults between the eagle at the top and the dragon Níðhöggr beneath its roots. Karen also recounted the time she and Astrid had sat in the back of their Morris minor while Poul and Ron sat in the front sharing the driving duties. That drive was the genesis of the Childish Edda.

As the only committee to goember qualified to handle imaginary explosives, Ed Green auctioned off an empty beverage container vaguely shaped like a World War II grenade. George Mulligan asked if the beverage had been pineapple flavored. At one point, Ed looked at George Mulligan and cried "my god, his thing is orange!" There was some spirited bidding, and then George Van Wagner's thing was orange, and George had a thing for his lobster. After some initial disagreement, lobster and thing are reported to now be very happy together. Yee Ha!

Tonight's program is the OASIS presentation on space commercialization.

Under the rules of "agenda-lite," there were no reviews, fannish committee reports, or miscellaneous, although CLJII did report that in an episode of the Ghost Whisperer, an American flag was shown hanging backwards, and bearing only forty eight stars.

Despite Matthew Tepper's repeated and presumptuous attempts to mention that ~~Bob Newhart has twinkling blue eyes~~ (that is "twinkling," isn't it Matthew?) The meeting was adjourned sometime between eight o'clock and four a.m. the next morning.

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