



# DE PROFUNDIS 408



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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 - A Salute to George Cheseboro  
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
 Time Meddlers - 10:30 am  
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever  
 TSPC - Underdog

### Calendar Details

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

### Thursday Program Items

January 4 - Nothing Scheduled

January 11 - Nothing Scheduled

January 18 - Nothing Scheduled

January 25 - Nothing Scheduled

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## 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](mailto: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.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. Interjections in square brackets [[ ]] are solely the responsibility of the editor.

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### LASFS OFFICERS

#### Elected Procedural Officers

President: George Van Wagner. Vice-President: Mike Thorsen, Tadao Tomomatsu, Joan Steward, Dr. Susan "Arizona" Gleason (tag team). Scribe: Martin Young. Treasurer: Liz Mortensen. Registrar: Peggy Newwine, Michelle Pincus.

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Chairman: Karl Lembke (2009). Vice-Chairman: Mike Thorsen (2007). Comptroller: Brett Achorn (2008). Secretary: George Van Wagner (2008) Other members: Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2009), Ed Green (2009), Tadao Tomomatsu (2009), Liz Mortensen (2007), Cathy Beckstead (2007), Bill Ellern (2008), Elayne Pelz (2008). Special Advisor: Charles Lee Jackson II. Advisors: Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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Master Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity: Roy Tackett. Windmill-at-Arms: Kees van Toorn. Samurai-at-Arms: Takumi Shibano. Librarian-at-Arms: Heather Stern.

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# Just Arrived In Our Dimension!

Kira Elizabeth Korp arrived on our local planet at 8:55 pm on Monday, December 11. She hasn't extended very far into this dimension as yet, but on arrival she was 21 1/2" in length and weighed 7 lbs 15 oz. Fortunately, she has relatives on the planet in the person of her parents Mike and Laura Korp. She will be staying with them for the next couple of decades. Her arrival caused a major disruption in the space-time continuum, but her parents, and even her grandparents seem to be recovering.

## Honorary Membership

The Board of Directors has nominated Philip Klass (aka William Tenn) for honorary membership in the LASFS. The general membership will vote on this matter at an upcoming meeting.

## LASFS Officers January - June 2007

We had elections, and the results are,

**President - Christian McGuire**

**Vice President - The Pentagang:**

Susan Gleason  
Marcia Minsky  
Joan Steward  
Mike Thorsen  
Tadao Tomomatsu

**Scribe - Karl Lembke**

**Registrar - Michelle Pincus**

**Treasurer - Liz Mortenson  
(who wasn't actually elected this time)**

## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

*LASFS Board of Directors Meeting  
November 12, 2006  
Karl Lembke, Presiding  
George Van Wagner, Scribe*

**Attending Board Members:** Karl Lembke (Chairman), Tadao Tomomatsu, Brett Achorn (Comptroller), Bill Ellern, Mike Thorsen (Vice-Chair), George Van Wagner (Secretary), Ed Green, Liz Mortensen (Procedural Treasurer), Bob Null

**Absent:** Elayne Pelz (excused for illness), Cathy Beckstead (excused for work).

**Others attending:** Joyce Sperling, Michael Pell, Milt Stevens, Fred Lazelle, Marty Cantor, Phil Castora, Joan Steward, Sherry Benoun, Marcia Minsky, Joe Zeff

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am. Minutes of the October meeting were approved as submitted.

**Maintenance:** New benches have been acquired and assembled and old, broken benches have been moved to offsite storage. Old benches will be put up for auction at some future date for those who feel handy enough to repair them.

The damage on the west wall has been examined. No-one has yet talked to the neighbor, as we neglected to appoint anyone to do so.

(due to technical recording problems, there is a 5 minute gap in the record at this point, during which we discussed the

## Next LAFA Filksing

Saturday, January 6, 7:30 pm  
Pooh Bear Lair  
Harry, Mara, and Madeline Brener  
325 Sharon Road  
Arcadia, CA 91006  
(626) 334-1664

Pre-filk Dinner at 5 pm  
Tasty Choice, 200 S. San Gabriel Blvd.  
San Gabriel  
(626) 286-3338

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west wall damage and who would bell that particular cat.)

The board entered a brief closed session. Open session resumed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Although there were new member applicants, the paperwork was not present. It was moved to table consideration of new members until next month.

**Community Relations:** We appear to have finally gotten some response from the sign rental people concerning our Eastern neighbor's concern about the billboard partially blocking the side of his building. They are coming out to examine and see if the billboard can be raised, as per the neighbor's request.

We had requested a letter from the neighbor as to what exactly it was that he wanted to do, but have not yet received such a communication. There was some continued discussion about who should be delegated to talk to the neighbors so that we can present a consistent front. There was no definite decision made.

**Events:**

**Loscon 33:** There will be a work party on Nov. 18th and a committee/staff meeting on the 19th. It was reported that the Writer GoH has advised the programming team that he will not be taking off his clothes without a large sum of money involved. There was much relief expressed.

**Loscon 34:** Confirmed Guests: Writer GoH: Robert J. Sawyer, Artist GoH: Teresa Mather, Fan GoH: Capt. David West Reynolds, Music GoH: Dr. James Robinson. All seems to be going according to plan.

**Gift Exchange:** Will be held on Dec. 15th.

**Communications:**

**Marketing:** There will be a meeting on November 15th to prepare for the fan table at Loscon. Readings will resume in February and are being moved to a bi-monthly basis.

**Gestetner:** Is still functioning. Printing for APA-L will be done Wednesday morning, the 22nd, so that the Gestetner can make it's annual trek to Loscon.

**Website:** Mr. Thorsen wished to thank those members who have signed up for the forums on the LASFS website and further wishes members to join the community and participate so the spammers don't get lonely. However the administrator assures us that he is blocking IP addresses of spammers as fast as he can.

It was moved that the board recess until the librarian arrives with his report. The board recessed at 12:02 pm

The board reconvened at 12:45pm

**New Business:**

There was a suggestion that we establish a new tier of

membership (tentatively with a title of member emeritus) for pro writers over and above the existing honorary membership. It was further suggested that we amend the bylaws in such a way to confer this membership upon every Forry Award winner (historic, current, and future). Continuing discussion touched on membership rights and privileges and how a new membership class might affect these, as well as whether, considering the current existence of the honorary membership category already in the bylaws, this is strictly necessary. This discussion did not end in any definite conclusions and will be continued next month. A committee consisting of Ed Green, Brett Achorn, George Van Wagner, Liz Mortensen, Bill Ellern, and Mike Thorsen was appointed to study this issue and draft a potential addition to the bylaws if such is deemed to be necessary.

It was moved and approved with one abstention to nominate Philip Klass (a/k/a William Tenn) as an honorary member of the LASFS. This should be announced in the December DeProfundis for voting on by the general membership at an upcoming meeting.

**Library:** Greg Barrett brought a preliminary version of a library acquisitions policy for the board to review. His stated purpose is to develop an overall library policy of which the acquisitions policy will be a part. He requested that the board review this draft and offer suggestions. It was moved and approved that the discussion of the library policy be tabled until the December board meeting to give the board members time to review the materials.

A final motion was offered and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

**Meeting # 3612, November 2, 2006**  
**George Van Wagner, President**  
**Martin Young, Scribe.**

8:11:00 Call to order Meeting 3612

This is Professor Bernard Quatermass recording for anyone who might survive the coming events, and who might eventually be in a position to make sense of it all. The lobster on the table was only the first sign. The BBC has procured advanced technology for the delivery of pointless drivel, and yet there is now a kind of virus that attacks machines instead of biological organisms. The Griffith Observatory is back online, but for how long?

A man called Nigel Kneale recently died. He was 84 years old and was a writer of pointless drivel for television, and yet his death seems very significant to me. I know nothing more about him, except that if he had been a cat, he would not have had a tail.

Someone is reading a report of a meeting, but in the background another voice is softly chanting "java java java java java java java java ..." none of it makes any sense to me.

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There was a reporter, Todd Ruiz. He wanted my opinion on a man called "George Lucas," apparently another creator of pointless drivel involving spaceships and magic.

These are all distractions. I am convinced that the key to the puzzle lies with a man called "Bill Rotsler," but it is hard to get a definite picture of the man. An apparently mad scientist by the name of Pournelle insisted that Rotsler led a shadow life working for an organization known as "SFWA," working behind the scenes to create and distribute awards. He also taught Pournelle how to use something called a "movieola machine." He had fond memories of Rotsler's Christmas cards, and spoke movingly of the time Rotsler came to his house to get drunk when Terry Carr died. Pournelle said poignantly that Rotsler is the one he misses the most. An arcane technocrat called Zeff recalled that Rotsler had once provided a quantity of videotapes that could not have been sold as viewable. They were auctioned as blank tapes, and the names of their former contents were not read until after the winning bid was received.

Perhaps this writer, Francis Hamit, knows more. A musician by the name of Van Wagner asserted that Hamit is a damn fine journalist. He said that Hamit wrote an important piece for Columbia Journalism Review on the need for a copyright small claims court. The little green man returned and said that Hamit had provided many things, including CPR certification and the play "Tracers."

I was forced to sit through an auction. This was extremely distressing as at least one of the items was pornographic, and the rest were pointless drivel.

I seem to fallen in with a shadowy cabal. They may be able to help me understand these mysterious events, or they may indeed be part of the shadowy force that presently threatens the existence of humanity. I must be careful. At first I thought that I was fortunate to be present while they began the process of selecting their leaders for the coming months, but the issues upon which the elections are to be decided make no sense to me. For instance, at the beginning of the process, the behatted walrus called out a motion to "railroad," but was told that this could not be done since there were no nominations as yet, and the election was next week. I suspect a conspiracy.

The qualifications for office seem to be bizarre. Tadao Tomomatsu accepted his nomination on the grounds that he is happy to be with the club. Karl Lembke accepted his nomination because someone heard someone else say that Lembke was valuable to the club. Ed Green is considered suitable because of his value as an irritant. The reasons for selecting Arlene Satin, Bob Null and Marty Cantor seemed equally mysterious.

The cabal has plans for the coming Saturday. Apparently the mission is dangerous as there was a call for volunteers. They're only reward will be a public thanking, and I much regret that I am in the wrong persona to derive anything humorous from that fact.

At last the cabal begins to discuss its plans for the upcoming weeks. Next week, those nominated today will vie for positions on the group's governing body, hopefully without bloodshed. On November 16, a man called Chris Garcia will talk about mysterious activities known only as "TAFF" and "zining." On November 23 the group will have no program due to a mass gathering near the Los Angeles airport. On November 30, the group will practice levitation, or at least they have several things up in the air for this date. December 7 and 14th will concern even more of this group's bizarre electoral processes. On December 21 they will discuss how they will continue to fund their mysterious activities.

At this point, the group's presiding officer chanted the ritual incantation, "neighbor chairs should PDF the board on a deadbolt!" For some reason, this seemed to make sense to the membership.

Mysterious events and activities were then reported.

Joe Zeff reported that he is roughly on track in his attempt to write a novel in a month. He also reported that 34 million words have been written worldwide in similar endeavors. I am momentarily awestruck at the prospect of 34 million words of pointless drivel.

Bill Ellern pointed out that for the next two days people could still enter their names on a disk that is to be affixed to the "Don" mission to the asteroid belt. Scott Beckstead pointed out that placing your name on this probe might cause you to be blamed by the owner of any spaceship into which the probe crashes. Beckstead also pointed out that the cabal's allotment of hotel space at something called "LosCon" was filling quickly.

Ed Green gave an enthusiastic but complicated review of the TV show Jericho. The characters in the show do many stupid things, but for every three stupid things they do, they do one spiffy thing, whatever that means. Green advised the membership that if they hadn't been watching the show, they shouldn't start now, but if they had been watching, they should continue to do so as the show is fascinating to diehards.

A lady known only as Crystal highly recommended the Griffith Observatory.

A duck gave a report on a pelican. In Saint James's Park, a pelican gulped a pigeon, which then took 20 minutes to go down the pelican's throat, kicking and flapping all the way.

Charles Lee Jackson the second reported that he had finished the third session of something called an ephemeral cinema, which had raised a couple of hundred dollars for the cabal. He then thanked all who had come to the cabal's autumn debauchery.

The cabal's meeting then adjourned, and I found myself no closer to understanding these mysterious events which threaten to transform all life upon this earth.

This is Professor Bernard Quatermass recording .....

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**Meeting # 3613, November 9, 2006**  
**To the tune of the Schizophrenia Waltz.**  
**George Van Wagner, President**  
**Martin Young, Scribe.**

8:11:00 Call to order Meeting 3613

At the time the lobster hit the table, the sun had rotated 2049 times since a fellow called Carrington decided to start counting on this day in 1853. The airplane flight that took place this day in 1904 wasn't the first airplane flight, but it was the first to last more than five minutes. Hmmm, I wonder what Chris Garcia was doing that day.

Under special orders of business, Charles Lee Jackson the second announced the passing of the composer Basil Polidorous, who wrote the score for both Conan movies. Maybe Chris Garcia could record some music. It's probably too late for him to star in a Conan movie, although he couldn't possibly do worse than Schwarzenegger.

The minutes were read and approved as "Drivel in the Dark."

The registrar announced a guest who was not here, but who had been here on Friday. Hmmm. Maybe I can find a way to exploit Chris Garcia after he's been here. Gotta think about that. The guest's name was Brian Trygstad. According to Michelle, it probably still is Brian Trygstad. He's not here now, so she can't ask. Brian learned about us from the Internet. He's a literature fan who's into adventure, alternate history, military and hard science fiction. Michelle warned us not to scare him away, because he's a retired librarian. Note to self, make sure Garcia's zeens are in our library. No, scratch that, make sure they're not in the library. Heh heh heh.

Our patron Saint was Woody Dodge. The duck said that Woody was a Vietnam veteran who now lives in the VA. He is a kind and gentle guy who helped the duck with his first Subaru, and who actually appeared in a Subaru commercial. The Len Moffatt pointed out that Woody does much good work on behalf of our veterans. Somebody quacked that Woody's official name is Sherwood, but I couldn't see who quacked.

The Committee to Gouge was bypassed. We left them in the dust, looking very folorn. Let's hope they never figure out it was us.

There was Old Business, to wit, LASFS board elections. And for those of you who are interested, I have been waiting nearly 17 years for the opportunity to use the words "to wit" in a sentence. Those nominated were Marty Cantor, Ed Green, Karl Lembke, Bob Null, Arlene Satin, and Tadao Tomomatsu. As the LASFS scribe, I have discovered that elections are rather a good thing, since basically all I have to do is record the results. If I feel like it, I can record things like Christian McGuire's comment that it was actually moving quite fast for a LASFS election, but I don't really have to. I suppose I should say that it was an Australian Alderson ballot in which each voter voted for a preference ordered slate of candidates, and that lower preferences were counted as higher

preferences became eliminated at various stages of the voting. Ballots were collected with the usual delays, and voting was conducted with the usual discussion about what to do about uncast ballots. The ballots were a lovely maple color, and the counting gave me a lot of time to think about how I'm going to make money out of Chris Garcia's upcoming visit.

Oh yeah, the winners were Ed Green, Tadao Tomomatsu, Bob Null and Karl Lembke in quadruple-reversed inverse contrapositive Alderson kangaroo-drive order.

From appointive committee reports regarding next week's programming. The TAFF awards have been canceled. Hmmm, that's sad. And consequently, Chris Garcia has ..... canceled?

CANCELED!

CANCELED!

Next week's program will be picked out of a hat. Well, I hope you've got something in that hat that will tie in with 42 cases of Chris Garcia T-shirts in assorted styles, colors and sizes! That's all I can say!

November 23 has no programming, so no luck there. They're still working on November 30, so maybe there's a chance. What else can Garcia do? The posters are already printed, so I'll have to alter them with Post-it notes. Think, Martin, think!

December 7th and 14th are procedural elections. Oh God, nobody's going to show up for that! And what am I going to do with all these action figures? 500 plastic models of Chris Garcia distributing fanzines and other amateur publications. Maybe I can get Arlene to erase the writing on the little plastic zeens so I can offload the figures on Hallmark as endearing newspaper boy figurines. Yeah, they'll buy that. But, newsboys with chin beards? Oh God!

On December 21 an open discussion about LASFS funding will run in the middle of the meeting. Okay, maybe the relaxed atmosphere will allow me to sell some of my "Be Chris Garcia Disguise Kits!"

Deadbolt your neighbor's pdf to a chair with a board. What? WHAT?

This Saturday at 10 a.m., preceding cinema anime, Tom Safer presents Fantasia 2000, and the answer to what happens when you introduce a yo-yo among a flock of flamingos. Okay.... this might be a chance to offload some of those "Chris Garcia in the Zeeniverse" animated short DVDs. Good, good.

On the 18th and 19th, which are this Saturday and Sunday before LosCon, there will be work parties here at the clubhouse. The perfect chance to sell some of my Chris Garcia musical lumbar support belts.

Thanking God for the three laws of robotics, and in preparation for the advent of our upcoming robot overlords,

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George Van Wagner announced the existence of an electromechanical robot sommelier that can identify foodstuffs by taste. According to the electro-sommelier, a certain reporter is bacon, and a cameraman is prosciutto. I've got it! I can get some of these robots, glue on Chris Garcia disguise kits, dress them in various European national costumes, and create a series of *collectible* electromechanical anthropo-gastronomical zeening Chris Garcia TAFF monsters!

A motion to run screaming into the night was passed at 9:34:40. Oh God, why did I talk him into making a spoken word album?

**Meeting # 3614, November 16, 2006**  
**George Van Wagner, President**  
**Martin Young, Scribe.**

8:11:00 Call to order Meeting 3614

We mourned the passing of Jack Williamson. Williamson was one of the big guns. He sold his first story at 20 years of age. He was mentor to Ray Bradbury, and was a fine fellow all-around. His memorial was today in New Mexico. Mourners are invited to donate to the Jack and Blanche Williamson scholarship fund. He passed in his study surrounded by people who loved him. Some time before his death he said that he had lived a wonderful life, and that he dies with no regrets. Len Moffatt pointed out that Williamson was 98 years old. He was mentor to a lot of writers. He was the last survivor of the Mañana Literary Society, which included Robert Heinlein, L. Ron Hubbard and others. It was so named because the society's main activity was discussing all the stories they were going to write mañana.

Tadao Tomomatsu announced that Rusty Havilin, a prominent Midwest fan, was recently checked into hospital. It was not a coronary, but was some kind of infarction.

The minutes were read, and approved as "The Scribe Is Beginning to Scare Me," upon a motion by Eric Hoffman.

Our guest this week was, S. Michelle Klein-Hass, aka "Miss Geek." She knows about us because our illustrious history precedes us, and visited because a friend suggested it. Miss Geek told us about a website she maintains at [www.toonmag.com](http://www.toonmag.com), which is a continuation of the now-defunct print magazine Toon Magazine.

Our patron Saints were Milt Stevens and John Trimble.

Christian Maguire pointed out that Milt Stevens has achieved several milestones. He chaired an event called LA 2000, which is now known as LosCon. He co-chaired the largest Worldcon ever. And he has been a fanzine fan for years and years. George Van Wagner pointed out that Milt actually reads this science fiction stuff, and he recalled wide ranging conversations in which Milt entertains and elucidates.

Due to a clerical error, John Trimble gets two saints days. Double the Trimble, double the fun. Minutes from that previous, erroneous, Saints day report that "John has done

many, many things for fandom. Rick Foss pointed out that John has done more jobs than most people. He once worked on the kind of radio station where ferry stops are reported as news, and amused himself for some considerable time by progressively adding imaginary ferry stops to the schedule. Eventually, the good citizens of the area caught on to what he was doing. Eventually. [I am reliably told that John has debunked that story, but I was told this just after reading about a senior Bush administration official who talked about how the US empire now creates realities as it goes. So we're creating a reality where John Trimble is an impish radio host. What the hell, let's make him a pop star!]

The committee to gouge sold a very nice computer that was working as recently as last week.

There was neither old nor new business. Appointive committee reports covered paper copies of De profundus on the Liz desk, and the by proxy circulation of the lantern O Jack to raise money for swashbuckler's day.

The fourth Sunday in January he will see a salute to George Cheeseborough, a fine character actor from old western movies. Tonight's program will be documentary on the Apollo 16 mission. There will be a library work party on Saturday, November 4, at 1 p.m. November 23 has no programming, November 30 hopes to have someone from the Griffith Observatory.

Chairs should not use neighbors to hold board members open, and that's available on pdf!

Binding time, Tadao Tomomatsu announced that we have a leather card case that was apparently lost by one James Boatwright

For those with extra ribbons from previous conventions, Chaz Boston-Baden announced that his stepdaughter is working a costume made entirely of badge ribbons.

Doug Crepeau announced that this weekend is the time of this years Leonid meteor shower. George Van Wagner added that this Saturday at 10 p.m. will see him on top of a mountain, looking for meteors.

Reviews: Eric Hoffman collects soundtracks. Now available is a disk of the original soundtrack elements of the Seven Faces of Dr. Lau. The package thus includes several sound cues along with the musical themes and so on. Also available is the music from 1951's The Thing, and others. Also available is the 50th anniversary two disc set of Forbidden Planet.

George Van Wagner reported that the science fiction book club has printers list of the 50 most influential books, many of which he was pleased to see that he had read. As with all lists, there is always room for debate. And, since the list apparently includes The Sword of Shanarra, there is room for choking and puking as well. On the plus side, the list also includes a thing called Ringworld, by some guy called Niven or something. And Matthew Tepper was delighted to see

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many books he loves on the list.

The fannish committee of Charles Lee Jackson the second reported that the American Institute of people with too much time on their hands apparently has something on the ball, because the best toys hall of fame apparently does include the best toy of all time, the empty cardboard box.

There were no miscellany, and we adjourned at 2153 hrs, and 53 seconds.

**Meeting # 3515, November 23, 2006**  
**George Van Wagner, President**  
**Martin Young, Scribe.**

Meeting 3515 lobstered to order at 8:10:56. We, the diehards, were ready. As usual, Marty Cantor moved that the LASFS treasury be distributed among those present. It was a good idea, but we did not have a quorum. With my pocket knife and a little impromptu surgery, we could have had a minyan, but nobody liked that idea.

Those not present missed a wonderful reading of the minutes. They started slow, but built to a big finish involving dark humor and comedic violence. After the standing ovation, the meeting would have approved them as "a corpse is a corpse. Of course of course," but we didn't have a quorum. Marty Cantor voted no on all suggested titles.

Our guests, James Stanley Daugherty and Kathryn Daugherty needed no introduction, but the rules said we had to introduce them, so we introduced them to each other as a very small piece of cheese and Elmo the electric mongoose strangler.

Speaking of electricity, John Lee Love dropped in to demonstrate his electric pencil maker. Those who missed the meeting missed an excellent presentation, as the device includes a large reciprocating plunger, and is of course known as the Love Maker.

Our patron Saint was Jim Tanenbaum, or "/n" due to the fact that his name only contains two "N's," and neither of them are side-by-side. He won an Emmy for sound work, and duck said that Jim was a member for 30 years, he was a nice guy, and he gave us money. Jim was voted three cheers, four "N's" and a silent "Q."

James Stanley Daugherty boosteractively moved that these minutes be named "You're Dead Jim." Those wondering about the etymology of the word "boosteractive," should recall that a booster rocket is the opposite of a retro rocket.

There was no committee to gouge, old business, new business, or appointive committee reports. However, John Lee Love did present an animated slideshow of his proposed device to mass-produce pencils by using ultra-high-pressure steam to blast thousands of pencil leads into a single large tree at high velocity. Again, those who missed the meeting missed a jolly good show. The sight of thousands of skinny graphite rods slamming into a giant redwood was quite spectacular. The device will of course be known as the Love

Blaster.

There was to be no program tonight, but at the last minute some heavily disguised people from an unnamed quasi-governmental agency stopped by to demonstrate their fully functional force field generator, antigravity engine and teleportation device. There was a short break while they briefly transported the clubhouse to a position orbiting the planet Saturn. We would have brought back chunks of ring material, but we didn't have an ice chest. Members who skipped this meeting, will be sorry they missed the trip to Saturn.

Make a pdf of your neighbor's board deadbolt.

Binding time, the gift exchange will be December 15. It will be at the usual time, whenever that is, and the purpose will be to have fun. Of course, that gift exchange will not be as much fun as the spontaneous gift exchange we had at that last meeting. For some reason, Doctor Who decided to stop by in his Tardis and take us all shopping. And by "shopping," I mean "stealing." Matthew Tepper got a flock of ancient Egyptian attack ducks, and by dint of an ingenious series of disguises, Phil Castora got to appear in every single episode of Guiding Light, Vanessa Van Wagner got to show her poems to Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Marty Cantor had a long and amicable discussion with Benjamin Franklin, Albert Sheehan got a nice collection of medieval siege engines and Fred Patten got a Japanese animation studio, Frank Waller got a pyramid and George Van Wagner got an electric guitar that was once owned by King Hammurabi of Babylon. History is stranger than you think.

George Van Wagner reviewed a really, really, bad science fiction movie. It contained the worst acting he had ever seen, a storyline that was virtually nonexistent, and an alien who kept dropping his gun. The movie was shot in Maryland, and George has blocked out the name of the movie.

Fred Patten reviewed a horror western movie, shot on location in some desert. In one scene, an old prospector Satanist goes into an outhouse, takes out a big piece of paper, lays it on the floor and draws a big pentacle on it. The reason he used paper was that the owners of the outhouse would not give the production permission to mess up their floor. There is also a scene in which the hero fires a large number of rounds at a large rattlesnake while otherwise alone in his hotel room. When bystanders rushed into the room, he reported that he was attacked by this big snake, but he jumped out of the window and got away. Well, that's what I always say when someone catches me firing pistol rounds randomly into the floor of my hotel room.

George Van Wagner unfortunately remembered the name of his movie. It was called The Galaxy Invaders, even though there was only one of them.

At this point, those members of LASFS then present became the first human beings to make contact with aliens from another world. An amalgamated mission from the united civilizations of the galaxy arrived to appoint whatever LASFS members they could find as their new Galactic Government.

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Jim and Kathryn Daugherty were appointed ceremonial Emperor and Empress of the galaxy. George Van Wagner was appointed galactic dictator, and official power behind the throne. Vanessa Van Wagner was appointed goddess of poetry and other literature. Phil Castora was appointed Minister of time travel, historical revision and tourism. Fred Patten was appointed minister of animation. Albert Sheehan was appointed minister of donuts. Crystal Sheehan was appointed minister of finding ways to annoy the minister of donuts. Matthew Tepper was appointed Minister of musical entertainment, and was awarded an army of oboe-wielding women in black pantsuits and high heels to do his bidding. Your humble scribe was appointed Minister of war and other things that can be made to explode in an entertaining fashion, and Marty Cantor continues in his present role as galactic curmudgeon.

Achieving dominion over a billion suns being enough for one evening, Matthew Tepper moved that we adjourn, and we did so at 8:50 exactly. The meetings last official words were Matthew intoning "mmmmm, oboes." I worry about that boy.

**Meeting # 3616, November 30, 2006**  
**George Van Wagner, President**  
**Martin Young, Scribe.**

Meeting 3616 was called to order at 8:12:32 by the ceremonial popping of bubble wrap. This day in 1954 saw the first meteorite ever known to strike a woman. This being 1954, the police spent some time questioning Ms. Liz Hodges-Sylacauga Ala as to whether or not she had done anything to provoke the meteorite.

The minutes were read and, upon a motion by Mike Burlake, approved as, "ya had to be there."

Our guests were Sarkis K. Tou Toundjian, a friend of Mr. Bill Curry, and Bradford Lyau who is interested in the history of science fiction

Our patron saint was Frank Gasperik. Phil Castora has been a member of LASFS for 44 years, he knows a lot of LASFSians, and Frank is one of the best. Ed Green said that if there was ever a fan of who it could be said that his heart was in the right place, that fan was Frank Gasperik. He recalled an incident at one of the first film conventions at which somebody provided a Hanukkah gift for David Gerrold. This gift was a woman dressed only in three ribbons. In this costume, she walked straight through the hotel lobby. Several people called the police, who arrived in force. The first staff member they encountered was Frank Gasperik. Frank managed to get face-to-face with the lieutenant in charge of the police detail, whereupon Frank informed him that there was a masquerade going on, and that the woman was in fact not naked in that she had a three-ribbon costume on. Upon receiving this information, the cops turned around and walked out. Joe Zeff recalled the story of Frank playing the Green Hills of Earth for Robert Heinlein. He used his own favorite improvised melody for that song, and Heinlein said that that was just about what he was thinking of when he wrote the song. The tune was a modification of the theme from "Gilligan's Island."

Neighbors are deadbolting board members on PDF for chair adoption.

Under reviews, Eylat passed on a review of Worldcon from 4½ year old Anna Kay Polliner, who asked her mother, "is this over tomorrow?" Upon being told that it was over tomorrow, she commented "I don't want to go home tomorrow, I want to stay and have fun."

Rick Foss reviewed *The Stupidest Angel: A Heartwarming Tale of Christmas Terror* by Christopher Moore. He said that if you liked the other Pine Cove novels, you will like this one. And if you read the other Pine Cove novels, you will understand this one. Many of the characters will only make sense to you if you recall their appearances in previous Christopher Moore novels. Other Christopher Moore novels are titled to annoy People Who Should Be Annoyed. They include *The Lust Lizard of Melancholy Cove*, and *Island of the Sequined Love Nun*. They are really rather funny.

Karen Anderson reported that this year's LosCon shattered a fannish tradition, by starting the masquerade on time. Kay Shapero quipped that Worldcon also shattered that tradition. What is the world coming to, and who is going to clean up all these bits of tradition lying everywhere?

Michelle Pincus reviewed *déjà vu*, finding it to be intelligent time travel, as opposed to Hollywood time travel.

Mike Thorsen reviewed *Stranger Than Fiction*. He saw it in postproduction, but since the movie is now out, he no longer feels bound by confidentiality. He said it's a pretty good movie in which an IRS agent becomes aware that he is a character in a novel by virtue of the fact that he can hear the narrator telling the story. Jerry Pournelle added that Emma Thompson is the most wonderful neurotic writer he has ever seen. You have to see it.

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A miscellaneous Joe Zeff reported that at 4 p.m. this afternoon he had uploaded 50,000 words, making him one of 10,500 winners of this year's Write a Novel in a Month contest. Between them, entrants had committed, I mean written, over 900 million words, which is quite an abomination, I mean accomplishment.

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Vanessa Van Wagner reported on the results of the Write a Fanzine in an Hour panel. The result, named *Rotator Moderator* by Ed Green, is available on the Liz desk. Ed pointed out that his contribution was ghosted by one of the Steller lights in our community. Unless of course you like the material, in which case Ed wrote it.

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We adjourned at 9:19:39



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