



DE PROFUNDIS 417



October 2007

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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 - Noon

Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Estrogen Zone - 2 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 Reading of SF Shorts - 7:30
 Time Meddlers - 10:30 am
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever

Thursday Program Items

October 4 - Happy Birthday Sputnik!

October 11 - What Have You Been Reading Lately?

October 18 - TBA

October 25 - A Salute To Don Herbert (Mr. Wizard)

Calendar Details

Autumn Holiday Party - 2 pm to midnight
 Asian Cult Cinema - None this month
 BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm

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.

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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Peggy Crawford R.I.P.

Margaret ("Peggy") Ruth Finn Crawford died June 23, 2007. She was born September 22, 1924 in Indianapolis, IN. Her late husband, longtime SF publisher Bill Crawford died in 1984. They were married July 1, 1942 in Kansas City, MO and had three children.

Peggy and Bill were regular LASFS attendees in the early forties. At the end of WWII, they founded Fantasy Publishing Company, Incorporated (FPCI) and were part of the small press SF boom of that period. They were involved in publishing the magazines *Fantasy Book*, *Spaceway*, *Coven 13*, and *Witchcraft & Sorcery*. They also ran a series of small SF and fantasy conventions in Los Angeles.

LASFS Rummage and Co-Op Yard Sale Saturday, October 13, 8 am

Got unwanted stuff too good to throw out? Don't have a yard to hold a sale in? Then the LASFS Rummage and Co-operative Yard Sale is your solution. Donate items to the club for the Rummage Sale, and sleep in that morning. Or share the club's yard and sell your stuff yourself (the club will receive a minor cut of your proceeds). For further questions, contact the sale coordinator, Gavin Claypool, at the club, or gclaypool@hotmail.com Please note: due to storage limitations, donations for the Rummage Sale will be accepted at the clubhouse only on the Thursday and Friday evenings immediately before the sale (October 11 and 12).

Next LAFA Filksing

Saturday, October 6, 2007, 7 pm
Brandyhall
Hosts: Lee and Barry Gold
3965 Alla Road
Los Angeles, CA 90066
(310) 7456

For Further LAFA Information
Contact Lee and Barry Gold
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Worlds of Wonder Seminars

LASFS will be hosting a series of seminars on topics related of SF and fantasy. We are seeking club members who enjoy lecturing on their areas of expertise and are willing to help the club in this fund raising and attention getting effort. If you are interested, get in touch with Charles Lee Jackson, II at the club, or by phone at (818) 246-2552, or at the-emperor@excite.com or the-emperor@CLJII.com. A small honorarium will be offered for your time and talents.

The first Worlds of Wonder Seminar, "Monsters and Madmen, Horror and Fantasy in Hollywood's Golden Age" will be held at the LASFS Clubhouse at 7 pm on Tuesday, October 9. Admission is \$5. Future topics include "Fantasy Literature in the Twentieth Century", "Santa Claus in Film and Literature", and "The Golden Age of Marvel Comics".

LASFS Video Collection New DVD Acquisitions

Arabian Nights (with John Hall and Maria Montez)
Edward Scissorhands (Full Screen)
The Four Skulls of Jonathan Drake
Jack the Giant Killer (with Kerwin Mathews)
"Jason of Star Command" (TV Series)
Jungle Girl (serial with Frances Gifford)
Jungle Jim (serial with Grant Withers)
King of the Royal Mounties (serial with Allan Lane)
The Manchurian Candidate (1962)
The Phantom Creeps (serial with Bela Lugosi)
Re-Animator (special editon)
"Space Academy" (TV series)
Star Wars Episode IV A New Hope
Star Wars Episode V The Empire Strikes Back
Star Wars Episode VI Return of the Jedi
Superman II (the Richard Donner approximation)
Voodoo Island (with Boris Karloff)
X-Men
X2
X-Men the Last Stand

Recommended Viewing List

LASFS is re-issuing the recommended viewing list of weird and wonderful films. Any suggestions for additions to the list will be considered, so send them to Chares Lee Jackson, II at the-emperor@excite.com or the-emperor@CLJII.com.

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

*LASFS Board of Directors
Sunday, August 12, 2007
Karl Lembke, Presiding
George Van Wagner, Scribe*

Attending Board Members: Karl Lembke (Chairman), George Van Wagner (Secretary), Tadao Tomomatsu, Elayne Pelz (procedural treasurer), Brett Achorn (comptroller), Ed Green, Mike Thorsen (vice-chair), Bill Ellern, Liz Mortensen, Bob Null, Cathy Beckstead

Others Attending: Vanessa Van Wagner, Joe Zeff, Milt Stevens, Marty Cantor, Greg Bilan, Marcia Minsky, Joyce Sperling, Michael Pell, Frank Waller, Gavin Claypool, Arlene Satin, CLJ II, Matthew Tepper, Marcia and Joe's Mom, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Scott Beckstead.

Called to Order: 11:07 AM

Minutes: Minutes approved as submitted

New Members: Eris Young Anaheim, CA, Joyce Matthews Canyon Country, Patricia Kim Manhattan Beach

Treasurer: Budget submitted. Approved as submitted.

Special Item: Marcia Minsky requests a parent-in-tow status for her mother for whom she is now providing care. The situation will be handled as for children in tow who do not attend with their parents. An application is to be filled out and the \$5 fee to be submitted. Weekly dues will be waived.

Maintenance: Bathroom electrical problem has been repaired. We have hot water again. The sink cabinet probably needs replacement due to deteriorated wood on the bottom. George and Scratch are researching possible solutions and will come back to the Board with their plan.

Asphalt paving needs maintenance. Ed Green will get a number for what this will cost.

Furniture is holding up okay.

Update on crash bars. Our regular locksmith recommends that we do not put them in unless compelled by a government agency. Would need a separate key. Can be opened with a credit card. Would have to remove all other hardware on door (no deadbolts). They cost over \$500 apiece to put in. If we want quick access we can install a doorknob with a quick-push mechanism. Further research is needed on getting one door done similar to East emergency exit which has no lock. Taking the discussion offline, George to do further research.

Lock problems: Both locks on back door of front building is difficult to open and is getting worse. Graphite will be applied, but maintenance is required along with the re-keying.

AC Problems: Someone re-set the AC and now we have a breaker problem. Members need to be reminded that the AC is not to be adjusted except by the Vice-Presidents.

Flower bed and drainage area: Any progress on this front? Ed was told not to say anything to Chris until other things have been done. Other than LaLaCon chair trimming the bush to make sure it opens fully, nothing new has been done. Institutional memory recalls that we planned to pitch it to the neighbor that we are making these changes to prevent water from running onto his property and pose it as we are doing him a favor, so that if he has any objections, let us know but otherwise we are going to do these things to avoid causing drainage issues. We need to make a formal and polite request that he remove the plants from our property. Move that the Board draft a polite letter that due to problems we have noticed and from past neighbors of their backyards flooding and that section being a drainage area, we would like to have you perhaps move your flowers to potted plants or over to the other side or better drainage should the rains come. The letter should make clear that the drainage area is our property. Brett will type something up and run it past the Chair and Secy. Upon their approval, he will send it to the neighbor.

Old fridge successfully disposed of.

Matthew Tepper has donated a supply of paper plates for use on Second Sundays.

Electronic Equipment:

AV Equipment: Video is fine now – “visual hum” no longer visible.

Computers: All seem to be working fine. Some of the gaming computers need keyboards replaced. Scott will pick up some inexpensive ones.

Communications: Gestetner is holding up okay. New copy machine is working fine. New answering machine is working fine.

Library:

Books: We are buying new books based on member requests. Otherwise no news to report.

Video Collection: Received a big pile of stuff from Bob Null and made some recent purchases from Gavin. Inventory: shelves have been checked against the computer. Now we are going to check the computer against the shelves to eliminate items that are in the computer that we don't actually have anymore. When the inventory is complete, we can print out a list of what we have available.

Website: Brett and George have been in communication with Scott. The three of them are getting things done.

Recommended video list is being updated and will be submitted for posting on the website. The De Prof archive is no longer available on line. Will be put up on lasfs.info. Only goes up to late 2006. George has missing issues (starting with #328) available, will get those to Scott for hosting on our site. Issues 275 to 299 are on the pubs computer. Bob Null will burn them to DVD and give them to Scott.

Archive: Have been accessed for useful things lately (bylaws, Articles of Incorporation) Charlie Jackson is extracting information from paper

versions of SF-related obits and putting them into electronic form.

A photographer has offered to take group pictures. Another “Shoot the LASFS” day (3 days, actually) will be scheduled.

Events:

Loscon 34: Programming committee is meeting. Chair has not been around. PR should be ready by the Loscon meeting at the end of the month.

Loscon 35: Nothing new to report. Still awaiting responses from possible guests.

LaLaCon: Closed out, with thanks for the Chair to everyone.

Diamond Anniversary Committee: No report as Christian was not present

Classic SF Day: Raised \$100 in donations. Moved that we thank the members who produced the event.

Yard Sale: Looking at the October 6 (EZ) or 13th (Cinema Anime) as possible dates, with a slight preference for the 13th. Rather than just a club sale we could have members buy a space and sell their personal items. \$5 to buy a space and 10% of any profits over \$50. Overlap with EZ or Cinema Anime: sale will start early and the regularly scheduled Saturday events tend to start later in the afternoon. Sale will be in the front area and courtyard so use of the back building should be undisturbed.

New Proposal: Charlie Jackson would like to present a series of seminars similar to the ones he ran last year. These would be one-shot topics held on a regular schedule, the second Tuesday of each month. Find members who are experts on a topic and have them put a lecture together. Ideally the seminars would be heavily advertised outside of the LASFS, for instance on college campuses, as a way to raise awareness of the club and bring in some funds and perhaps get some new members. An honorarium would be offered to the lecturers out of the proceeds. The first and third, Charlie is preparing. Tom Kamus has volunteered to do one on the Golden Age of Marvel Comics. Looking for

an expert on fantasy literature to do a possible Harry Potter-related item two weeks before Loscon. If the first four work well, we can continue the series. Charlie requests a lectern to facilitate presentation of the seminars. George offers to donate an orchestral music stand for that purpose. Clean up is expected to be minimal since refreshments are not being served. Moved to approve the seminars as written, with a \$100 budget, with re-evaluation in January.

Institutional Memory Committee: Among the suggestions from the committee: Move to a City Council type of meeting. Committee reports are presented ahead of the meeting. Board gets involved when they are needed to deal with a problem. Proposes some changes to the agenda: make standard reports much shorter, keep up an agenda that we present in advance, have a period at the end where members are given a chance to tell us (briefly) what they would like the Board to take up for next time.

It was confirmed that the new dues structure is: \$3 weekly, \$10 monthly, \$110 yearly, \$1100 lifetime.

Marketing Committee Report: We will have a table at the West Hollywood Book Fair on September 30th, hours 10 A.M. to 6 P.M., expected attendance 20,000. Our guests will be Jerry Pournelle, Todd McCaffrey, Mary Jorgensen, and possibly Steven Barnes. We have suggested some programming ideas to the Festival coordinators. We will have two tables: one for our promotional display, the other for book distribution.

Marketing committee requests a budget for promotional items and has information available on prices for imprinted pens and keychains. \$280 + shipping and taxes. These would be for ongoing distribution, but it would be desirable to order these in time for the bookfair. There was a discussion of the effectiveness of imprinted items. It was suggested that bookmarks might be a cheaper, more attractive, and more useful item than pens or keychains. It was suggested that Tony

Todaro, who did our website, could come up with artwork for the bookmark. There was a suggestion that others assist the Marketing Committee with rounding up art. One member volunteered and invited others to do so. Several members state that they believe a marketing plan is needed before a budget can be determined. A special weeknight closed session was recommended. The budget for items to be given out at the West Hollywood Book Fair and the general budget for marketing committee should be discussed separately. Motion was passed for Arlene to get a number for cost of the bookmarks and email it to the Board. Budget to be approved by email. Bookmarks should say lasfs.org. We need to order more business cards. Motion passed to schedule a special closed Board meeting to put together a long-term plan with follow up mechanisms. Meeting to be held Monday, September 17 at 7:30 P.M.

Take Aways:

Due to a malfunction of the electronic secretary, the action items summary is missing. Mea culpa.

Adjourned: 1:08 PM

Meeting #3651, August 2, 2007
President: Marcia Minsky
Scribe: John DeChancie

Having no choice, President Marcia Minsky called the 3651st meeting of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 8:09 PM.

The MENACE of the last meeting were read, and accepted as "A Whole Lot of Spakin' Goin' On."

The Saint was Sean Cleary, who is a filker, gamer, congoer, SCA guy and SF reader. Originally from Seattle, he found fandom attending MIT and was a member of the Northeast SF Association, Midwest fandom, and Bay Area fandom as well as the LASFS.

Many people got up and told how Sean Cleary gave us a lot of money and is an all-around prince of a guy.

Next, the Treasurer's Report was read. The checking account holds \$28,301, the savings account shows a balance of \$61,985.90, and cash on hand totals \$80.00, making a total liquidity of \$90,367.51, not counting the tidy sum stashed away in an account in the Cayman Islands. Or the Swiss bank account. Or the bearer bonds hidden in Marty Cantor's APA-L Room. Or the fallen spare change in the couches, which could be considerable. And that doesn't even take into account the masses of aluminum cans that Bob Null has been amassing (after all, one amasses masses, no?) lo these many years.

President Minsky then made announcement about upcoming after-meeting programming. It all sounded extremely interesting and there was lots of detail but the Scribe was as usual daydreaming and missed most of it, but then George van Wagner squawked something about a Space Chicken, which is a movie, which will be presented next week by a fellow named Frank Wu, not to be confused with Bill Wu, of which there are two, plus Frank, which makes three Wus total. That's Wu, Wu, and Wu.

On a more serious note, Karen Anderson talked about the late Paul Bohannon, the noted social and cultural anthropologist, as well as the Dean of Social Sciences at SC, who died very recently. The relevancy to LASFS was that he participated in a series of conferences between science fiction writers and anthropologists in which teams would dream up human societies of the future and non-human societies and cultures, then bring the two into theoretical contact. They did this in the form of a strategy game with moves and countermoves. Bohannon was one of the anthropologists participating in these games, and Karen got to know him well. These conferences were called Contact, and took place in the early 1990s in Santa Cruz, California.

Vanessa van Wagner then delivered herself of a library report. We have a new book about the Inklings, to which writers' group Lewis and Tolkien belonged. The Scribe himself got a hankering to read this book. The library has acquired other books, the Librarian reported, but the Scribe has no

interest in reading those.

Peggy Little, who is engaged to one of the aforementioned Bill Wus, got up and handed out little cards on which was something called SOULGEEK.COM was touted. Apparently it is a place on line where fans gather, with the possibility of .no, it doesn't bear thinking about. Never mind.

Thus arrived the part of the meeting in which fans get up to give reviews of various things. However, unfortunately by that time the Scribe was in a very deep state of REM sleep. This is regrettable, but he cannot guarantee that it won't happen again.

The Scribe woke with a start when someone—he thinks it was Matthew Tepper—uttered a review of the movie HOWARD THE DUCK. Repeat, HOWARD THE DUCK. Joe Zeff brought up the uncomfortable fact that the Club specifically passed an injunction against reviews of this film long ago, back when it first came out. Tepper's brazen act of deliberate sabotage was noted, and applauded.

Next came Miscellaneous Reports, and believe me, they were miscellaneous. They were all highly interesting and informative, and should have been minuted. The fact that they were not is yet another indication that the next general election of club officers cannot come any too soon.

Hare Hobbs rose and talked about the disaster at Mojave Spaceport, in which three members of Bert Rutan's Scaled Composites rocket company were killed in a test stand accident. Little has been released beyond the names of the victims so far. The Scribe himself read a news report which stated that the FAA has chosen to leave the bulk of the investigation to the proper agencies of the state of California.

The meeting proceeded with Fannish Committee reports. The Scribe's dog ate these reports.

A move to "Marty Cantor" came at 9:15 PM. Members left the building in droves.

Respectfully submitted,
"Yawn" DeChancie



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