



JANUARY 2010

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.
 BOD = Board of Directors - 11 am
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am
 Gift Exchange = 7 pm

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever
 BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm

Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 FWEMS -

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

JANUARY 7 - Discussion "Arthur C. Clarke: What the Heck?"

JANUARY 14 - (not scheduled at this time)

JANUARY 21 - (not scheduled at this time)

JANUARY 28 - (not scheduled at this time)

(programme items subject to change without notice)

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 Looking for a gift for friends and family?
 Want to help the club raise money?
 Then check out our new store!

20% of the proceeds go to benefit the LASFS.

GO TO: <http://www.zazzle.com/lasfsinc>

January's Board of Directors meeting is canceled. The Second Sunday Open House will start at NOON!

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 443- January 2010. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. The club's web site is: www.lasfsinc.info. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

Westercon is a service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Incorporated (LASFS, Inc.). Worldcon and NASFIC are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS).

I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address *c/o De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-built Intel dual-core computer (using the XP Pro operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

Addendum: At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. martyhoohah (at) sbcglobal (dot) net. January 2010. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1446. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Cathy Beckstead, Charlie Jackson, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers January—June, 2010

President: Christian McGuire. **Vice-President:** Maryann Canfield, Rob Powell (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year,

serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2012). **Vice-Chairman:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2012). **Comptroller:** Christian McGuire (2011). **Secretary:** Darnell Coleman (2011). **Other members:** Marsha Minsky (2012), Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2010), Milt Stevens, (2010), Mike Thorsen (2010), Marty Cantor (2012). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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De Profundis Editor, Speaker to Gestetner, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** C.B. McGuire, Elayne Pelz. **** Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Bob Null, Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://lasfsinc.info>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Ministry of Silly Gavels:** Bob Null. **** Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, **Editor. Computers & LASFS Archives:** Bob Null. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II.

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

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at www.lasfsinc.info)

Meeting #3764, October 1, 2009 President Christian McGuire, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

"I shouldn't come over here." – Karen Anderson

"It's a salt lick for humans." – Marc Schirmeister

Meeting 3764 was opened at 20:11:01

Special orders of business. Marty Cantor rose to announce the passing of a fan in Teaneck NJ, Ben Indick. He was interested in plays, and did reviews. He was in various APAs. He was 86.

Tadao Tomomatsu announced Joe Haldeman is in an undisclosed hospital in Cincinnati. Matthew Tepper announced Haldeman has an account on Facebook, which his wife is updating on a daily basis.

Janis Olson announced Glenn's dad, Bill Olson is in the hospital with an infection. The infection is not responding to medication yet.

Jerry Pournelle's neighbor, Mr Philip Rose, died at age 94. He was the make-up artist for Brando, starting with

his earliest films. Thus, he also made-up Jor-el.

Darnell Coleman's uncle, Mr. Butts, passed last week due to metastasized prostate cancer.

We had a long moment of silence for these worthies.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "Shut up, Probie"

Patron Saint, Steve Bilan: Greg Bilan was asked to talk about his brother. Steve has a degree in computer science, from back when it first started. He now lives in Hawaii, and works as a TSA agent. He's been Greg's brother for 52 years. CLJII: Steve was found in a very large cradle by the side of a logging camp, and was adopted by the loggers, grew to tremendous height, found a blue ox, etc, etc, etc. Tadao had something to say. Steve Bilan is one of the smartest non-members we have had. When asked to comment on the locked running car incident, he said, "I don't know these people" and ran off.

Our **Registrar** announced a guest – Cassidhe Holke. We also have two new members = Lloyd Little, and Madeline Goth.

Old Business: Charlie Jackson played the Gift Exchange Rules video. Remember, the purpose of the Gift Exchange is to have fun. Michael Thorson was assigned appropriate blame for being the fiendish mind behind the video. Christian explained what word "fughead" was not.

Time Bound Announcement: Matthew Tepper has been asked by Anita Nunez to announce that she will be moving in a few weeks and would appreciate help from any who are able to render assistance. More details to follow. The move should be within Burbank.

Committee Reports: Karen Anderson, The Science Monitor, rose to tell us all about Corot 7-B, about which they keep finding out new stuff. It's hot enough to melt rock, and the atmosphere is suspected to be comprised of rock vapors, and it probably rains sand. Corot 7-B has about the same mass as Earth. Its star-facing side has a temperature of 4220F. The far side is -369F.

In August, a second planet, called Corot 7-C, was discovered.

Matthew Tepper reported on another area bookstore, Samuel Johnson on Venice near Centinela. The SF selection is small but choice. It's early books, pre-1950 hardcovers. The history and military history sections are excellent. Philosophy, music, and general literature as well.

Christian tried to remember what he wanted to say at this spot.

And, Nick Smith made an announcement. We've finalized

negotiations for Westercon 63: It will also be ConChord 23. So bring out the Con-Con dancers. Look for details at ConChord.org and Westercon.org.

Reviews: Nick Smith – The Stonekeeper's curse, the Second volume of Amulet by Kasu Kibuishi is out. It's the first book he's seen where a house gets to punch someone out. Kibuishi also did a SF train robbery story, Daisy Kutter, The Last Train... He's an interesting writer as well as artist.

Mike Thorson reviewed the St Joseph's Emergency Room. He woke up with a strange condition where his chest hurt if he breathed deeply enough. It got worse, and so after work he went over to the ER. They have improved their service greatly over 5 years ago. Instead of processing him through in 10 hours, it only took 6. In that time, he discovered his problem was not heart or lung conditions, or pulmonary thrombosis. It's a Latin term that means "hurts to breathe".

Jerry Pournelle was going to review Tom Bethel's Questioning Einstein – Is Relativity Necessary, so he'll wait until he has time to explain relativity.

Misc.: Scratch said this October 3 is the date he and Francis Hamit celebrate their joint October birthdays. No cake, because of the smoke alarms.

Joe Zeff commented that all members should remember not to stand in such a position as to leave footprints on the wall.

Martin Young noted Huntington Library is receiving Octavia Butler's papers.

Tom Safer announced October 17 is his regularly scheduled TSPC show, Nightmare Before Christmas. (*Why be specific? All of his shows are nightmares. - ed.*)

Michelle moved we adjourn.

And with that, we adjourned at 21:40:00.

Meeting #3765, October 8, 2009
President Christian McGuire, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

"Fortunately, Marty's in the APA. Gee, I never thought I'd say that." – CLJII

Meeting 3765 was opened at 20:06:57.

Special orders of business: Nobody who died bothered to call in and report it. We had a moment of non-silence for these worthies.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "I forgot what I was going to say"

We have a **treasurer's report**.

Patron Saint, Beverly Kanter: Scratch said money was put forward to turn her into a saint. Marty Cantor notes the money for sainting her was paid by her live-in boyfriend, Harry Andruschak. Joe Zeff recalls once being at their apartment and being told when, if, and as they broke up, the arguments would be “why should I take this, I bought it for you.”

CLJII: When they were in the LASFS, there was a nude artist and photographer's model, and no one could ever figure out why. Joe Zeff: “These are the nice things!”

Christian called for three cheers for Saint Beverly Kanter

Ketchup on past guests... On Friday we had a guest. Audrey Campbell.

Time Bound Announcement: Since nobody brought any forward, that was a false alarm to get your hopes up.

Committee Reports: Arlene Satin: Last Sunday was the Book Fair. We had two people who wished to apply as members. They're in. We made \$56.55 from selling excess library books. We had smaller attendance because of nearby construction. Thanks to Michelle, Darnell, Greg, Hare, and Nick, and Rob.

Marty Cantor, the committee to have fun reiterated the announcement Mary Ann made.

The **Registrar** announced another guest – Rena LeBlanc.

The Science Minotaur rose to tell us about the LCROSS mission to bomb the moon and force it to pass water.

Reviews: Milt – Stargate Universe, a bunch of uninteresting people get marooned in a ship where they spend two hours being suffocated by the script.

Christian: The creative consultant is writer John Scalzi, and anything good in the show is his doing.

Hare reviewed his adventure with the West Hollywood Book Fair. Nicholas Meyer, writer and director of Wrath of Khan and Star Trek VI was there, and gave an interesting talk. The big experience was, after helping to pack up, riding up Santa Monica Blvd after dark, and seeing the strange characters emerging from the bars and night clubs. Despite traveling by bicycle and bus, he still beat the truck back to LASFS for unloading.

Jerry Pournelle asked if anyone wanted to hear about relativity. He spoke at length about a book by Tom Bethell: Questioning Einstein – Is Relativity Necessary? A non-mathematical treatment of the subject. Maybe special relativity wasn't right. One quick story about Bethell. He and Jerry were together in a bar in Moscow in 1989, and Jerry pulled out his Atari Portfolio, a pretty powerful

palmtop for the time. Tom pulled his out, and they both proceeded to try to write their columns, and he wrote 2000 words while Jerry did 250.

Christian having had to leave with his ride, Mary Ann took over the meeting.

Misc: Joe Zeff had an announcement – a very miscellaneous fannish committee report from a committee that hasn't had the opportunity to report in a while – computer users too stupid to live. He follows a Usenet group devoted to helping people use Windows XP. In one thread, there are some very puzzling error messages. Asked user, “have you considered searching Google?” “How do I search Google”. He replied, “If you are serious, my advice is pack up the computer, and take it back to the store and tell them you're too stupid to use it.” I love it when a punch line comes together

We had a motion to adjourn, and so
....
we adjourned at 21:30:33.

Meeting #3766, October 15, 2009
President Christian McGuire, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

“Such a light meeting I don't even have an Overheard quote.” (*Yes, dark meetings fills one's ears with stuff. – ed,*)

Meeting 3766 was opened at 20:04:05

Special orders of business: Marty Cantor had a special order... Just notified that Joe Haldeman is out of the hospital, in rehab, and eating food.

The Emperor announced that Edward Valigursky, artist for SF paperback covers, passed away. We had a moment of silence.

Christian recalls William Tenn is in the hospital. He's stable, which is not a good thing for a SF writer. Send him good thoughts.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “Brilliant.”

We have a **treasurer's report**. It's on the table.

Patron Saint, Randy Greiner. Marty: He lives in Glendale, and doesn't come around much anymore. He became the first known as “human wallet”. Scratch vaguely remembers meeting him, and it was a positive experience. At least not a negative one. He was a quiet sort, but contributed to the club in his way which included supporting auctions and giving us money. For whatever reason, he's stopped coming to the club.

Randy Grainer was given three cheers and a bucket of

Patron Saint, Michael Mason. Hare Hobbs: Michael was one of those guys who might come off as kind of quiet, but you could get him started on something and he'd keep going. Once, coming out of the Metro Station, he ran into Michael and triggered his sports gene. Michael went on and on and on about how his team was robbed in the previous night's game. Milt Stevens: he was one of the few people who would handicap the Hugos each year. (*¶ think the Hugos have their own built-in handicaps and do not need any outside help. - ed.*)

Michael was a fan of various levels of ecdysiast. (My spell checker never heard of that word. It suggested Ecclesiastes, and then enthusiast.) Joe Zeff: One year, everybody at his place of work was surprised when he came in, in costume, and stayed in character all day as a Trappist monk. Charles Lee Jackson II: He was also a fundamental subatomic particle. Quark Quark! Hare Hobbs: He loved football and baseball, and was moderately successful in Fantasy leagues.

He was Librarian for 10 years, he was on the BOD, chaired a LOSCON, and posthumously won a very unique Evans Freehafer Award. Greg Bilan: He was also the subject of a short film, on what not to do at a restaurant. Matthew Tepper: He left us far too soon. He was delighted at anything that interested him and anything that interested any of his friends. Shortly before his passing, he had been making plans for a trip to the UK. He spoke at length about the places he wanted to go, including Land's End. He would do a favor for a friend, just like that. When Matthew was setting up his shelves, he brought extra shelves to fill out his shelving units. Arlene: He could hold a conversation, with himself if need be. She could depend on him if she needed to talk to someone at 3 in the morning.

Hare: He was either the longest serving or second longest serving librarian, and worked very hard at it. Christian McGuire: Of the people who died this past decade, I miss him the most. Charles Lee Jackson II: The only thing he liked better than working in the library was chatting with people, thus he worked better as librarian when he was alone. Don Wenner mentioned a few years when he managed the Gift Exchange, and did a very good job of it.

Michael Mason was given three loud cheers and a brand new trowel.

The **Registrar** introduced Diana Paxson, Laurie Wood, Karen, and Elizabeth.

Committee Reports: Karen Anderson had some science to monitor. LCROSS slammed into the moon. The empty Centaur stage hit the crater Clavius at 4:31. LCROSS recorded the explosion just before impacting, four minutes later. The probe recorded the impact, and the crater. Spectra suggest an ejected cloud occurred. There was a strong sodium signal, indicating an interaction with the moon's exosphere material.

Program! (Diana Paxson...)

Let it be known, there are books for sale.

Program Diana Paxson read, and discussed the research for her books. There was a large crowd and much rejoicing...

LOSCON chair had to take her mother home, but otherwise all is well

And so it was moved that we adjourn. 21:43:12.

Meeting #3767, October 22, 2009
President Christian McGuire, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

"That's OK, Elayne takes checks."

Meeting 3767 was opened at 20:05:17 by the tell-tale gavel.

The **treasurer** claims we have money with lots of 8's in the amount.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "Finnigan's wake-up call"

Patron Saint, Lee Jacobs: Milt Stevens called him a long time fan, a member of FAPA and SAPS. He wrote a long series of fanfic, starring Ray Ballard the Musquite Kid. It cast such worthies as Bruce Pelz, Bjo Trimble, and many others. He gave us one share of some stock that actually paid some dividends.

Jerry Pournelle called him a formidable poker player when poker was an addiction for the LASFS. When asked whether he was up or down, he'd say, "I'm even". He was a crazy ham operator back when long distance calls were fairly expensive. Once was awakened at 3 am because Lee got a ham connection to a friend of Jerry's, so he could have a free conversation with Jerry over radio. Jerry promised to kill him if he did that a third time. Didn't have to – he died. Milt: You could tell he was dead – he missed a bridge game.

Lee Jacobs was given three loud cheers and some cured ham.

Time Bound Announcements: Arlene announced starting October 29, the crew from Neverending panel.com will be recording a panel discussion, from 6 to 7. Next week's topic: what sci-fi classic movies should Hollywood do remakes of and why? Weekly topics are chosen by fans and viewers who were not on the panel. This will be going on as a trial for three months. It should be every Thursday.

Christian reminded all that he needs to be notified of any

LAFAs

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Filk: 7 PM to ???

Terry Brussel, host

8515 Penfield Ave., Winnetka, CA 91306

1-818-886-0069

(hit # as soon as you hear a voice, to skip the answering machine messages)

Pre-filk dinner: 6 PM Potluck and BBQ

Directions: Thomas Guide LA Co, page 530 E1

Filk style: moderated chaos

Notes:

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

LAFAs info: Barry & Lee Gold:

real time bound announcements in advance.

Committee Reports: Charlie Jackson's lovely assistant carried the Lantern O'Jack around the room. There will be a Winter Holiday Party. We'll serve dinosaur parts and stuff out of the ground, as well as stuff high in disaccharides.

Arlene announced the reading program is on hiatus until Summer. The old children's librarian is no longer working there, and she'll introduce herself to the new librarian.

The **Registrar** introduced Arnold Lopez, brought by Gary Gibson.

Reviews: Jerry Pournelle reviewed the book he got, and which he intends to throw in the waste basket.

Christian reviewed Time Management for Anarchists (.com) a fun little read.

Scratch moved we run away.....

And so it was moved that we adjourn. 21:08:37.

Meeting #3768, October 27, 2009
President Christian McGuire, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting 3768 was opened a couple of days early at 19:55:55

We had one special order of business. Today, the LASFS is 75 years old. That means nobody took it seriously when we had the retirement banquet ten years ago.

Christian read a short item from Wonder Stories about the Los Angeles Chapter, announcing the formation of Chapter 4 of the Science Fiction League.

The reading of the was deferred until after Old Business.
Menace

The **Registrar** announced of guests. Welcome back to Michael Everling and Paul Gibbons, who haven't been here in a couple of years.

Patron Saint -- well, it's not Thursday. Christian read the list of Patron Saints.

A couple of people were invited to speak about Forry Ackerman, the odd saint out. Charlie Jackson rose to say a few words about this worthy.

For 53 weeks of saints, we had three cheers and a jungle full of tigers. It turns out to be 71 saints in total.

Old Business: The club itself.

Speakers were invited to speak, beginning with the indescribable Larry Niven.

The Chairman of the board said a bunch of stuff, but the Scribe fell asleep and missed it all.

Lee and Barry Gold sang Freehafer Hall in the Sky

Tom Khamis introduced the videos we were about to see.

Victoria Shapero spoke of her years of experience with the LASFS. One of the things she appreciates about the LASFS is, we don't talk down to children.

Kay Shapero rose to offer a performance of The Childish Edda, for our Eddafication.

John DeChancie told us about his wonderful speech, which unfortunately, his printer was too narrow to contain. Or something like that. Instead, he promised that for the next 75 years, he wouldn't be embarrassed to be a member of this club.

He was followed by our own Dr. Laura, Laura Brodean Kelly -Freas.

Charles Lee Jackson II spoke about getting involved in fandom, and

Arlene Satin gave us her tour-de-force of a Power Point presentation

It was moved that the meeting be in recess until Thursday, October 29, at 8:10 PM.

Meeting resumes, October 29, 2009
Vice President Robert Powell presiding
Karl Lembke scribe.

Vice President Powell called class to order October 29, 2009, 20:07:40

Special Orders Of Business: Charlie Jackson called Matthew Tepper to start off the special orders of business.

Don Ivan Punchatz has passed at 73. He was an SF illustrator, his work includes covers for Avon books and Playboy

The Veep called Marcia Minsky with an update – George Mulligan is in the hospital with a major inflammation of one of his remaining toes. There may be no info until Monday or so. A card was prompted for, wishing him a Toe-tal recovery.

Tuesday was the 75th anniversary of the LASFS.

And today is the 40th anniversary of the first test message transmitted over the ARPAnet. It was sent from somewhere in Silicon Valley, and was supposed to be the word “Login”. Unfortunately, it crashed after the second letter, setting the pattern Microsoft would follow for decades...

Charlie Jackson introduced Alex Trebec, who introduced Christine Valada, the wife of Len Wien, who has won a nice sum of money on Jeopardy.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “Elayne Objects”

Patron Saint: Bill Rotsler, and many others almost too numerous to name. Milt Stevens: He had many careers, as photographer, writer of men's magazine material, novelist, and naked lady photographer. Since he was a really good guy and had photo shoots with lots of naked women, he'd invite fans along. Pictures with fans and naked ladies would show up in the strangest places. Hare Hobbs: He may have a distinction of having one of his stories syndicated in Playboy, writing articles for Playboy, and having photos in Playboy, and may or may not have had one of his cartoons in playboy.

Marty Cantor: The fannish activity Bill's most known for is his cartoons. He would sit talking to you and he could draw a simple line drawing that would convey precisely what he was thinking. He had a few stock characters, and the way he thought was unique. He would also cartoon to order. He was a fantastic artist. Bill Warren wound up with thousands of illos, so he gave them to Marty to distribute to fan publishers. The only stipulation to the art is, be sure it goes on paper before it goes online.

Hare: The President (Obama) had gone to a hamburger joint he liked. Photos of the event showed, on the wall of

Rotsler's soft-core porn movies.

Bill Rotsler was given three cheers and an officially blank tiger.

Patron Saint, Francis Hamit: Nick Smith: He has an unusual background in terms of having written encyclopedia articles on espionage and a Civil War novel. Hare Hobbs: One thing he did was organize the Red Cross to teach the CPR certification class here. Frank Waller: He was very knowledgeable about private security and related matters.

Jerry Pournelle: Francis has written a large number of nonfiction articles. When the internet came along, he managed to get a couple of court rulings that have been significant for the rights of artists whose work gets incorporated in big databases. (Kern County alone is paying \$25K/year for access to these databases.) He pays attention to rights. Hare: A long time ago, when virtual reality was just getting started, he wrote a book on the subject.

Matthew Tepper; He's a good friend, very loyal, extremely outspoken, and he is a playwright. He wrote a play on Christopher Marlowe which he researched thoroughly. He supports the line of thought that Shakespeare's plays were written by Shakespeare, not Marlowe.

Francis Hamit was given three cheers and a Mah Jong tile.

Committee Reports: Arlene Satin thanked everyone who helped, participated in, and showed up at the Banquet Friday. That carried on to Tuesday, and we had more entertainment and presentations, so thanks to all who participated.

Also, today we inaugurated the panel discussion recording. Neverending panel.com. It's working very well. They start at 6, and finish up at 7.

The **Registrar** introduced Bryan Wolf, who heard about us from a book convention.

The Committee to Gouge auctioned off parking spaces and the Soda of the Month. The soda of the month will be Grape (not necessarily crottled.)

Reviews: Joe Zeff reviewed a book, titled No Plot, No Problem, how to write a novel quickly. It's time bound because NANO starts in a few days. The author's premise is, what you need to get a novel written quickly is a deadline. Nothing concentrates the mind like a deadline. And if you're busy writing a courtroom drama and six ninjas walk in and want to sit down, let them. The author is Chris Baty.

Hare Hobbs reviewed the second Twilight book, New Moon. It's a bit heavy on the angst. Then it gets into some action. It wasn't quite as bad as the first book. – Now for something weather-related. On Tuesday, in Hollywood,

he saw a woman walking her tiny dog in a headwind. The dog was on the verge of being blown away whenever he tried to leave his mark.

Marcia Minsky: Westways magazine has under events, LOSCON. We have also discovered a message on the answering machine. It was left by a lady who wanted more info on LOSCON. It's working...

Misc...

Frank Waller offer a misc. He has stuffed animals that make noise, a military bear and a Hanukkah bear, \$20 each, or \$24 for the pair.

Scott Beckstead moved to Rob Cole, and it happened at 21:07:41. (*How soon they forget: there is no such motion as "Move to Rob Cole" as Rob Cole was a Johnnie-come-lately to moving to adjourn right after the meeting was started - and sometimes even before - by me, decades before Rob did it. It should be "Move to Marty Cantor." - ed. *grump**)

**Board of Directors meeting
November 8, 2009
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Darnell Coleman, Secretary
unofficial minutes by Marty Cantor**

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Darnell Coleman, Mike Thorsen, Bob Null, Arlene Satin, Milt Stevens, Elayne Pelz, and Marcia Minsky. Rob Powell arrived late and Christian McGuire was absent. One Board position is vacant.

Members and Guests: Marty Cantor, Jeni Burr, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Michael Pell, Joyce Sperling, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Michelle Pincus, Jeni Burr, Greg Bilan, Fred Lazzelle.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:08 am.

Opening Remarks were made this time by Marcia Minsky. Marcia reported that George Mulligan is a diabetic and is in hospital. He just had a toe-ectomy, done because of a diabetic complication but he hopes to attend LOSCON.

Minutes: The minutes were accepted as corrected.

New Members: None at this time.

Treasurer: There is money on hand, see the treasurer for the amount. The Banquet made some money, which was put into the treasury. We spent \$1000 for some carts and \$800 for the new 42 inch HDTV set.

30 Second Reports (Board Members)

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Bob Null): Things are going well and there is nothing specific to report.

Secretary (Darnell Coleman): The last meeting was not recorded, but this meeting will be recorded.

Comptroller (Christian McGuire): No report.

Library (Elayne Pelz): The money on hand will go to LOSCON purchases of books.

Physical Plant (Tadao Tomomatsu): Lake LASFS reconstituted itself atop the rear building and leaked into the meeting room; Mike Thorsen drained it (with it being the lake atop the meeting room, not the members *in* the room).

AV Equipment (Robert Powell): Everything in the corner cabinetry is hooked up, including the new television set, and everything works. The boxes of Legos will be put into the rafters. The white boxes are from Forry and will eventually go away, either into the proper filing cabinets or out to a University Library collection - after they have been inspected for content.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): We purchased paper goods and cleaning supplies and are now in good shape with these. // Soda units sold: 13,621 to date, 336 this month. Soda money: \$9119.00 to date, \$252.00 this month.

Publications (Milt Stevens): Barry Gold: the problem with the calendar page is fixed. New photos will be up on the web site soon: Andy Porter and Bill Warren have provided these photos. Marty reported *De Prof* continues to be monthly and continues to be run as if it were the OFFICIAL club newsletter. Elayne reported that the web site needs to be transferred but this is expensive - we should do this next Summer. Destinations should be researched so that we can find a proper one. Elayne mentioned GoDaddy.com or Dreamhost.com and said that Dreamhost.com gives free registration to nonprofit corporations. Karl had a question: who is funding the LOSCON.org web site? Elayne said we should check with Susan, Chaz, and Scott about this. The account needs to be transferred to the club.

Events (Marcia Minsky): Marcia thanked Arlene for the work she did on the 75th Anniversary celebration LOSCON is moving along. The Winter Holiday party and the Gift Exchange will be in December. Arlene said 82 people showed up at the Banquet and there was good food and fine presentations. There was sound overflow from the neighboring room. The Banquet seemed successful. The October 27 celebration meeting had a reprising of some speeches plus some new things - and many flavours of ice cream - with 70 people showing up. Lee Gold asked for these speeches so she could put them online at our web site. Technical issues precluded a complete visual recording of the events. (There was a round of applause for Christian and Arlene for putting on these events.)

Fundraising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin): The Zazzle.com project is still on-going, and one piece of art is ready.

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin): The Valley

Plaza Library librarian has retired and Arlene and Marcia attended her retirement party. There are two more libraries interested in our reading programme for children, but the new programme will not start until next Summer. Arlene will audition for readers this coming March. // There has also been an e-mail posting to Karl from Christopher West, forwarded to Arlene, about Star Trek: The Exhibition. The Exhibition is now at the Hollywood and Highland Center in Hollywood. This e-mail posting is an invitation to the club to “explore some opportunities together for your organization.”

Club President (Christian McGuire): (Absent, no report.)

Agenda Items: Arlene reported that the Podcast recording went well and the producers want to do more.

Charlie Jackson wants LOSCON timeline and continuity. LOSCON should report to the Board but this is not happening. Domesday books for each department should be constructed. We should think about this but not get into the weeds today. We do not need micromanaging but general guidelines are good.

And the LOSCON web site should be updated from last April.

There should be separate domesday books for each area each director controls. (Marty recommended that each area of interest should have its own book.)

Open Forum: Rob mentioned that some electrical outlets are missing cover plates. Extension cords in back of couches should be installed correctly.

Bob Null: APA-L room ballast is going – we might want to rewire the lights. Bob and Rob will first attempt to replace the ballast and possibly bad florescent tubes.

Take-Aways: (Karl Lembke) - Ballast, Karl will follow up with LOSCON.org, calling roofer, and domesday books. Get well card for George, and Karl will get the card.

Brain Drain

1635: The Tangled Web
Chicks in Chainmail
Danger in the Dark
Defeated: Vol: 1
Furry!
Gathering Storm, The

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Hitchhiker's
Guide to the Galaxy, The

If I Were You
Imaginings of a Dark Mind
Keep Watching the Skies!
Professor was a Thief, The
Resonance
Spy Killer
Strip Mauled
Sun in Glory
Unseen Academicals
When Shadows Fall
Captain Future's Challenge
Castle of Otranto, The
Cloak of Aesir
Cold Copper Tears
Comet Kings
Crown of Shadows
Eye in the Sky
Gods of Mars, The
JLA: Liberty and Justice
Little Orphan Annie
Little Orphan Annie: "Daddy"
Little Orphan Annie: And the Haunted House
Little Orphan Annie: Bucking the World
Little Orphan Annie: In the Circus
Little Orphan Annie: Never Say Die!
Little Orphan Annie: The Business of Giving
Little Orphan Annie: The Dreamer
Little Orphan Annie: The Early Adventures
Little Orphan Annie: The Hobo
Little Orphan Annie: The Little Worker
Little Orphan Annie: The Man of Mystery
Little Orphan Annie: The Pro and the Con
Little Orphan Annie: This Surprising World

Murphy, Warren &
Sapir, Richard
DeMarce, Virginia
Friesner, Esther M.
Hubbard, L. Ron
McKee, S. D.
Patten, Fred
Jordan, Robert &
Sanderson, Brandon

Colfer, Eoin
Hubbard, L. Ron
Glass, James C.
Warren, Bill
Hubbard, L. Ron
Scudiere, A. J.
Hubbard, L. Ron
Friesner, Esther M.
Lackey, Mercedes
Pratchett, Terry
Hubbard, L. Ron
Hamilton, Edmond
Walpole, Horace
Campbell, John W.
Cook, Glen
Hamilton, Edmond
Friedman, C.S.
Dick, Philip K.
Burroughs, Edgar Rice
Ross, Alex & Dini, Paul
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LASFS WEB SITE

The LASFS web site is looking for photos of LASFSians. The web people are willing to do the scanning.

The web people are also looking for the words to the various speeches speechified at the 75th Anniversary Celebrations. These words will be put up on the LASFS web site, www.lasfsinc.info. You can contact the web people there.

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. Reading books, whatta concept...)

Magician of Mars, The
Odd Thomas
Outlaws of the Moon
Quest Beyond the Stars
Rather be Right, They'd

Hamilton, Edmond
Koontz, Dean R.
Hamilton, Edmond
Hamilton, Edmond
Clifton, Mark & Riley,
Frank

Rod Serling's Night Gallery:
An After-Hours Tour

Search for Ka, The

Sensuous Dirty Old Man, The
Ultimate Adventure, The
Winsor McCay Early Works
Winsor McCay Early Works III
Winsor McCay Early Works IV
Winsor McCay Early Works V
All the Weyrs of Pern
Daughter of Witches
Heavy Water
King Kull: Conan

Mayhem in Manhattan: The Amazing
Spider-man

Owlsight

Palace of Love, The
Science of Discworld, The

White Jenna
Lovely Bones, The
Brother Odd
Sidhe Devil
Extraterrestrial Encyclopedia, The
Magic Under Glass
Timekeeper's Moon, The

Skelton, Scott &
Benson, Jim
Garrett, Randall &
Heydron, Vicki Ann
Asimov, Isaac
Hubbard, L. Ron
McCay, Winsor
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McCaffrey
Wrede, Patricia C.
Sterling, Bruce
Howard, Robert E. &
Carter, Lin

Wein, Len &
Wolfman, Marv
Lackey, Mercedes &
Dixon, Larry
Vance, Jack
Pratchett, Terry &
Stewart, Ian / Cohen,
Jack
Yolen, Jane
Sebold, Alice
Koontz, Dean R.
Allston, Aaron
Angelo Jr., Joseph A.
Dolamore, Jaclyn
Sensel, Joni

(A plea from the editor)

CHOCOLATE-COVERED MANHOLE COVER MISSING

It is a tradition at the LASFS' Gift Exchange that whoever gets the Chocolate-Covered Manhole Cover as part of a gift either puts it into their gift at the next LASFS' Gift Exchange or makes certain that some other Gift Exchange participant does so.

Last year's Gift Exchange saw no Chocolate-Covered Manhole Cover - and neither did this year's festivities.

Is the tradition dead? I "won" the CCMC three times, and I *always* put it into the following year's Gift Exchange.

Will the person who last won the CCMC please make certain it is put into the Gift Exchange next year? *Thank you.*



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