



# MARCH 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

**MARCH 4** - No programme item scheduled at this time.  
**MARCH 11** - Video: Early British TV SF: "Stingray"  
**MARCH 18** - Speaker: Peter H. Brothers, author of /Mushroom Clouds and Mushroom Men/ The Fantastic Cinema of Ishiro Honda  
**MARCH 25** - Speaker: Author/LASFS member Len Wein on "Human Target", his DC comic series now a FOX network series  
 (programme items subject to change without notice)

## MEMORIAL POTLUCK

There will be a Memorial to observe the recent passing of two LASFS members

Phil Castora  
 Ken Porter

The Memorial will be held at the LASFS clubhouse, 11513 Burbank Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91606.

The Memorial will commence at  
 11:00 am  
 Sunday, March 7, 2010

(Bring potluck for everyone to share)  
 A limited number of copies of Phil's autobiography will be available

## DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 445– March 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](http://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@sbcglobal.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.

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### 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:** Marty Cantor (2012). **Other members:** Marsha Minsky (2012), Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2010), Milt Stevens, (2010), Mike Thorsen (2010), Darnell Coleman (2011). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

#### Official Committees

**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 Gavel:** 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.

#### Honorary Officers

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

If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out ____
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#### 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](http://www.lasfsinc.info))

#### Meeting #3773, December 3, 2009 President Christian McGuire, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

"We will never surrender! (for eighteen months)" – Jerry Pournelle

Meeting 3773 was opened at 20:08:34

**Special Orders of Business:** Marty Cantor has a Rob Holstock update. He had a very bad E. coli infection. On Sunday, he passed away despite the excellent progress he had been making. He was 61.

Arlene Satin announced the passing of the mother of Eytan and Dani Kollin. They are observing Shiva. Marcia Minsky announced that a sympathy card is circulating.

Charlie Jackson announced the passing of Alex Baker, Bay Area fan, recently gaffiated from the club. He passed on 12/1. We also lost the co-creator of ComiCon, Ken Kruger.

We had a moment of silence for the worthies mentioned

above.

And now, for something much more cheerful, Christian announced a postcard from Australia, from Bill Anderson. He wanted to send greetings to the multitudes.

Jim Harmon, writer at Loscon, overdid the hiking around the convention area and had a slight heart attack. However, he's feeling much better. But remember – conventions are hazardous to your health.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as “Harry Red”

**Patron Saint: Marty Massoglia.** He's in the room! CLJII: has known Marty for far too long. Among his other fine accomplishments, he has the best taste in Loscon bar none. Darnell Coleman: He was always friendly to him, which is hard for some fans. Matthew Tepper: In addition to being friendly and helpful and cheerful, he's one of the best resources if you're trying to figure out a book or story you read once. He's very good at remembering plots of stories.

Milt Stevens: He's read more SF than any of us, and may have read more than all of us put together. Hare Hobbs: Before he had his bookstore, he brought books here to sell. He told Hare the Cordwainer Smith novel was not well edited, and better read in the original pulps. He brought the pulps for Hare to read. Joe Zeff: Back when the minimum bid at auctions was a nickel, the minimum bid for a book that was genre was 30c, because Marty had a minimum bid of 25c so they didn't go too cheaply.

MaryAnn: If you tell him the plot, he'll come up with author, title, cover, cover price, publisher, etc. Marty Massoglia was given three loud cheers and a spelling edit.

**Committee Reports:** Arlene Satin spoke of Neverendingpanel.com. Between 6 and 7 at the clubhouse, we have a panel, which is podcast on neverendingpanel.com. Please go there, watch the panels, comment on the panels, and refer your friends. We also have designer stuff on zazzle.com/lasfsinfo.

**Old Business:** Tonight's old business is the opening of nominations for the President of the LASFS. Charlie Jackson announced the duties of the office.

Nominated were: Christian McGuire and Milt Stevens.

**More Committee Reports:** Charlie announced the Winter Holiday Party, taking place on 12/25. The soda machine will be set at 50¢ for the evening.

Although we have elections next week, for the next two weeks we have no programs. December 31, we have a new year's eve party.

For the first week of January, “Arthur C Clarke, Threat or

Menace (in honor of the new year).

The **Registrar** introduced guests. Dan Sutton, who heard about us by word of mouth, Samantha Davis, heard about us from the website. Jessica Middleton and Amber Sinne, working on a SF action movie. Currently in the building is Greg Smith, a friend of Tim, and Heath Row, a research manager.

Marcia Minsky announced for Loscon 36, for those who signed paperwork for volunteers, staff or committee – get hours to her ASAP. Final attendance was 1184/1095.

Charlie Jackson rose to remind one and all that the winner of the Forry Award is Fred Patten, and the Evans Freehafer award winner is Robert Powell.

The Committee for the simplification of the LASFS web domains has acted. We have a GoDaddy account

**Fannish committee reports:** Joe Zeff offered a proforma announcement. He finished over 50 kilowords for NaNoWriMo. Total word count for everyone was over 2.5 gigawords.

**Reviews/Misc...** CLJII reviewed Keep Watching the Skies, the 21st Century Edition. \$100. It's 1000 pages, oversized, slick paper, and very heavy, lots of photos, and stuff that's never been published before.

John DeChancie reviewed StarRigger, published in 1983. Jerry said it's well worth reading. It still holds up, quite a good yarn.

The meeting adjourned at 21:10:30.

*Meeting #3774, December 10, 2009  
President Christian McGuire, Presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

“Fans are very giving – especially with any diseases they have.” – Michelle Pincus

Meeting 3774 was cowed into some semblance of order at 20:13:16.

**Special Orders of Business:** John Hertz announced the death of Ken Porter. He was found in the past couple of days. He had missed a couple of appointments, and relatives investigated and discovered why. The cause is not known at this time. He is being cremated. Services will be held at The Winston House, 9501 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 323-757-2271. CLJII added that Kenny was very happy to have found the LASFS and fans, as it was the only place he felt at home.

Hare used to joke that he was a member of the snoring chorus. Christian: He was very soft-spoken and thoughtful. He was a wonderful gamer, and gave of his energy in whatever capacity he could to the community. Joe Zeff

mixed up in the hell games. Scott Beckstead called him a hell of a Hell player.

John Hertz notes he was on a panel with Ken, "Why is SF so white?" He notes when he found SF, he was pleasantly shocked to find no one cared about his color. Or his size. Jerry Pournelle notes he was a very astute observer, and he and Larry would have him review urban scenes in their novels for authenticity.

CLJII also reported on the death of Harry Crosby Jr, who wrote under the name of Christopher Anvil.

We had a long moment of silence for the departed.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "in memory of Kenny Porter"

**Patron Saint; Fred Patten.** He's under the weather. Hare: Probably the most responsible for bringing Japanese animation to America. He's quiet and soft spoken, but opinionated. He's roomed with Fred, and he's always been a gentlemen about everything.

Christian: He's chaired Loscon, Westercon, and was a signatory on the LASFS articles of incorporation. CLJII: has known Fred for 42 years and 3 weeks. They met at Charlie's first LASFS meeting, and he was quite taken with Fred as being erudite and personable. Back then, he was into European comics, including Tintin and the Schtroumpfs. He was always promoting something, sharing his interests as much as possible – European comics, Mexican mad scientist comics, finally anime.

Marty Cantor: when he enjoyed something, he thought everyone else should enjoy it. He started in APA-L #1, and had a zine in every disty until fairly recently. (#2280) Milt: he was a reviewer for Library Journal. He also could tap dance. Jerry Pournelle: he published fanzine that published Richard DeLap's review of The Mote in God's Eye, the worst ever review of Mote in God's Eye. Fred is a very good friend, and he does not resent the review.

Marty Cantor forgot to remark on DUFF – it was co-founded by Fred.

Joe Zeff: Back when Fred was considerably healthier, it was not uncommon for him to attend a party, stand in the corner reading a book, and later, be able to recount everything that happened at the party. Matthew Tepper: He had the ability to fall asleep standing up. CLJII: he just received the Forrest J Ackerman award for service to SF, but his service to fandom has been significant. Gizmo: when Fred had his stroke, he participated in the donation of his papers to the Eaton collection at UCRiverside. The Collection had to open up a whole new anime section with the two truckloads of stuff donated. Fred Patten was given an amazing three cheers. (and 2280 disties of APA-L)

The **Registrar** introduced Russ Maheras. He's from Chi-

cago, where it's 11 degrees outside. Also, Sean Boundy, one of the TARDIS movers. (Fortunately, there are no TARDIS shakers!)

After a quick announcement for people to pick up ballots.....

**Old Business:** Nominations for President were reopened. Nominations were promptly closed.

Christian McGuire was re-elected President.

The Tag Team of Gizmo and MaryAnn was railroaded back into power as Vice President.

In a hard-fought contest, Karl Lembke was re-elected Scribe.

The Science Minotaur was railroaded in as Registrar.

**Committee Reports:** CLJII: Michelle passed the Lantern O'Jack to collect funds for the Winter Holiday Party. This starts in the afternoon of December 25. There will be videos shown, covering the history of B movies.

In January, we have a program, Arthur C Clarke, Threat or Menace?

Scott Beckstead announced the Loscon 37 website is up. Price is \$25 until the end of the year.

The Sage rose to speak on a very short item.

At the Copenhagen world climate thingy, the chairman of the IPCC announced this past October was the hottest in the history of record keeping. According to the Telegraph, it was the 70th warmest October in 140 years. Readings across a large part of Russia were 10 degrees higher than normal. Why? According to the Russian Government, temperatures were not released. Figures from September had been carried over and repeated 2 months running. (The second time this sort of thing has happened.) Goddard says it was unable to check the figures because of technical difficulties. What Hath Goddard Wrought?

Problem: How do you calculate the temperature of a planet?

David Okamura recounted two stories:

1.

After 150 years from its proposal, there are now two working difference engines. Charles Babbage has been vindicated. It took 17 years to build them, and they are hand cranked. It's 7 feet high, 11 feet long, and 5 tons. Video on NPR.ORG. The printer alone is amazing. (Christian notes Paul Allen paid for the construction. He will house his machine at the SF machine in Seattle.)

2.

There are some recreations of Leonardo DaVinci's devices, including a harpsichord viola.

We adjourned at 21:54:48.

**Meeting #3775, December 17, 2009**  
**Christian McGuire, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

“Master of Antique Technology” – CLJII “That makes you the official MOAT.” – Karl

Meeting 3775 was divinely created in some form of order at 20:02:08

The **Menace** were read and accepted as “Tis the Season for Giving Goddard Wrought”

The **Registrar** announced a guest. Randall Harris, heard about us from the internet, and likes stuff.

**Patron Saint: Steve McGinty.** Scratch: He gave us money. Matthew: He has a great name. Milt: he originally wandered in with the Granada Hillions, and shows up from time to time. Matthew: He occasionally attends meetings, bringing a Mac Book with him. He doesn't say much, but what he says is worth listening to.

CLJII: He's always a pleasant fellow. He has a limp he acquired after joining fandom. Steve McGinty was given three cheers and the governorship of a small South American country.

**Committee Reports:** Arlene Satin reported that Never-EndingPanel.com was filmed tonight, with guests Larry Niven, Karl Lembke, and Ed Hooper. Eytan Kollin hosted.

Matthew Tepper announced, that at least the new Sherlock Holmes movie picked an actor experienced with cocaine. He declared it method acting. Larry Niven responded, “That's Methadone acting.”

The Science Minotaur reported that South Korea has selected XCOR's Lynx as its launch vehicle for suborbital operations.

The President, as Board Liaison, reports repairs to the roof have been authorized. The repairs will address the depression in the roof. *(But the address of the roof is 11513 Burbank Boulevard in North Hollywood, and that address is what might be causing the roof to be depressed. –ed.)*

**New Business:** Corwin read an apology to the people who encountered him at the Gift Exchange. He brought Chocolate. *(And I personally thanked him for his apology. –ed.)*

**Reviews:** Milt offered a review of the very bad, Beyond Sherwood Forest which bears no resemblance to any version of Robin Hood you've ever seen. The Sheriff acquires a shape-shifting monster from another dimension to do in Robin.

Christian convened the Committee to Gouge...

**Misc.:** Don Wenner thanked whoever left the cat toys on the Freebie table a month ago. The cat at Iliad Books is very happy with them. Scratch asked if there's been a review of the expanded Iliad yet. Matthew stated there had been one.

We adjourned at 20:58:02.

**Meeting #3776, December 24, 2009**  
**Christian McGuire, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

“Remind everyone John wrote a Witchblade novel. Maybe someone'll buy it to give to him.”

Meeting 3776 was invoked at 20:05:35

**Special Orders of Business:** According to Charlie Jackson, no one officially died this week. I see a movie title – “The Emperor Takes a Holiday”!

The **Menace** were read and accepted as “We wish you a whiny Festivus”

**Old Business:** Shall we or shall we not acknowledge the existence of Matthew B Tepper for another year? Nola pointed out we've acknowledged that Matthew Tepper's Ipod exists. Matthew pointed out such an existential question is a religious discussion, not germane to this venue. Indeed, it is positively French.

Bill Anderson sent a post card showing a Dalek getting a parking ticket.

We have received a letter from the Michael Mason Foundation: Contributing \$1000 to LASFS for the needs of the LASFS Library. This brings the Foundation's total of donations up to \$5500.

The **Registrar** announced we have no guests.

**Patron Saint:** We have three saints – count them – three!!!

**Robbie Bourget:** Marty says, “she pronounces it bour gett” *(With a soft 'g' like a 'zsh'. - ed.)* “If I don't say nice things about her, she'll be unhappy.” She might be one of the better things he contributed to the club. By finding her at a Worldcon in Chicago and marrying her.

Mike Thorson recalled she was treasurer for many years. She inaugurated the war cry, “we have money, we can't

**LAFa**

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, March 27, 2010, 7 PM  
Pre-filk dinner at 6 pm. See notes  
House of the Prancing Skiltaire  
Hosts: Mark Merlino & Rod O'Riley  
13412 Gilbert, Garden Grove, CA 92844  
(714) 539-6547

Pre-filk dinner: 6 pm, Do-it-yourself burritos, ingredients provided.  
[Extras appreciated]

Directions: Thomas Guide Orange Co., page 798, C-7

Notes:

1. Very limited crash space available; call ahead to see if it's possible.
2. Allergy note: there is one cat living in the household.
3. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
4. NO SMOKING indoors PLEASE!! (except users of smoke-filter ashtrays)
5. There be computers here! (PC clones)

LAFa info: Barry & Lee Gold:  
(310) 306-7456

spend it.” She also Gm'd a nice game of Dr Who. Christian: first time walking through the door of the LASFS, he encountered two people having a loud and energetic argument about the proper use of stencils and the Gestetner. He saw what looked like Prince Valiant smoking a pipe having an argument with a pale redhead in Western garb. It was a while before he realized not only was the subject of the argument real, the two arguers were married. To each other.

Hare: When she was treasurer, she also used to yell “give me money!” and people did. She is also one of the most authoritative people in the club. If you didn't do what she told you to, you were in trouble. Nola: Her game mastery was very good. She would introduce Canadian history into the games she ran. Once, she gave Nola a priceless piece of information that helped her keep the job, “the only way to guarantee being on time using the MTA is to show up early.” Marcia: enjoys sitting down for a game of Hell with her when she's in town. Greg Bilan: never challenge Robbie at Hell, and never try to take anything from her off the street.

Joe Zeff: Years ago, Robbie helped found Gallifrey. Being the very first, it was called Gallifrey One. It lost so much money, people swore there would be no Gallifrey Two until after the losses of the first one were paid off.

Christian: Robbie arrived in Los Angeles with an idea for a Dr Who convention. She was finally able to make it

come to fruition, and it is celebrating its 21st year this year.

John DeChancie: first met Robbie Bourget at a Loscon in 1990 or thereabouts. Something he said pissed her off, and she remains pissed off at him. And she won't tell him what it was. Hare: Another thing she used to say was, since she worked at the Canadian Consulate, was she took the MTA to Canada to work every day.

She was vice chair to Worldcon, chaired a Loscon or two, and in 2009 she chaired the Montreal Worldcon. She's also won the Evans Freehafer Award and she was on the Board of LASFS Marty: She won Duff with Marty Cantor, and a year or two later, NorWesCon Alternicon invited her and Marty as co fan guests of honor.

Christian: Oh, she has a son and a daughter in law. Robbie Bourget was given three cheers and no reveal and Kill Sandy.

**Marty Cantor:** Christian called him the dean of Curmudgeons, and when he passes, there aren't any ten who can stand in his shoes. (*Unless the undertaker leaves the shoes next to the coffin.* - ed.)

Darnell has enjoyed Marty Cantor when they played board games. Darnell is a vicious player. And when his uncle passed, it was Marty who was the most sympathetic. Karl: He's the man who puts the “cur” in curmudgeon.

Joe Zeff: Recently a mailing list was created for the purpose of annoying Marty Cantor. When he heard about it, he insisted on being allowed to join it. Hare: Two years in a row, he's gotten a cat present at the Gift Exchange. (*And I am one of fandom's premier cat-haters.* - ed.)

George Mulligan: They've had their rows, but there are plenty of people who will gripe about what happens here. Marty has always busted his hind end doing stuff for the club, for conventions, etc. He's put a lot of work into this organization. He is the Little Tin God of the Stannous Church of LASFAPA. And he's been known to write fanzines, with *Holier Than Thou* being his Hugo Nominated fanzine. His current fanzine is *No Award*, which gets nominated in every category of the Hugos, but never wins. Marty Cantor was given three loud cheers and a Bronx Cheer. (Better than a Queens Cheer)

**Elayne Pelz:** Darnell: Years ago, he did a few bad things in the club, earning himself a black mark. Elayne allowed him to work with her when she took over the library, and he learned how to work with her and she

erased the black mark. He also credits her with getting him onto the board.

Christian: She is not a pillar of the LASFS, but she is part of the foundation. She is treasurer of the LASFS, outgoing and incoming Loscon, keeper of the entire database of Southern California fans; Treasurer of Anime Los Angeles, maintains the database for Gallifrey One. She does them because she'd rather do them herself than see them done badly. And she's chaired a Loscon or two, and won the Evans Freehafer award twice. And she recataloged the library of the LASFS during the run-up to Worldcon she was treasurer for, because she didn't have enough to do. Scratch: If you want something done, give it to a busy woman.

Hare: Was she the original She Who Must Be Obeyed? No, but she's in the running. She was treasurer when he first joined. She used to have a cash box, and she would stand there with the cash box, and look at you, and you knew what she wanted. Money. She also found time to be very busy at Anticipation.

Frank Waller: She is very much a force in the club. She comes around and looks at you, and says nothing, and you know exactly what she wants. Greg Bilan: She was married to Bruce Pelz

Karl: She's also one of our Sacred Objects – the Sacred Sprynbok. Christian: She used to host something called Feast. A bunch of people would pay \$25 for meals at her house. The money raised would go to the Building Fund. And she's a baker. She bakes wonderful stuff. Elayne Pelz was given three cheers and a Sprynbok.

**Time Bound Announcements:** The January Meeting of the BOD has been canceled. Just because nearly half the directors will be at some convention. Second Sunday open house starts at noon.

**Committee Reports:** The Science Minotaur gave her copy of the report to Christian. Project Icarus, a project to design a probe to fly by Barnard's Star. There's a website. IcarusInterstellar.org.

**Reviews:** Christian reviewed The Horn of Time, by Poul Anderson. The stories are well written, and they hold up over time.

George Mulligan read a book, about a south seas Island where people were cast adrift when the US pressured the UK to give them up as a colony. A Feast of Freedom, by Leonard Wibberly, the author of The Mouse that Roared. Cover art is by LASFS member Cathy Hill.

We adjourned at 21:23:58.

**Meeting #3777, December 31, 2009**  
**Christian McGuire, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

“Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind, you must be a LASFS saint.”

Meeting 3777 was ordered up at 20:07:27.

The **Menace** were read and finally accepted as “Blue, but not enough to moon it”

**Patron Saint: Forry Ackerman.** Christian: He's been here forever. He's here in spirit. He didn't start the club, but was an early adopter. Hare Hobbs: all you gotta do is see The Sci Fi Boys and you'll know what an impact he had on the world. And that was just the movie industry.

Christian notes Forry's wife translated the book Metropolis from German into English. And all the better, since she was never a fan. Jerry notes he had a career as a literary agent, and was instrumental in the careers of writers like Bradbury. He was always very generous. Doug Crepeau: Before Forry died, he told him we were onto theories that would permit interstellar travels. He also arranged for the star of Double D Avenger to visit Forry Marty Cantor notes he only spoke to Forry in fan lounges in Baltimore and Denver, but not very much, so not much to say.

Christian: Forry has a prize named after him, awarded every year. We should also remember that his record of attending Worldcons has yet to be broken, though it's bending. We're at 70 Worldcons, and he made 63, and the runner up is in the 50s.

Bill Ellern: Forry was the ultimate collector, starting as a young man. His collection was probably the most extensive at one time. He had extensive runs of pulp magazines. He became an agent in order to make a living. He specialized in providing publishers with stories by authors who had either disappeared or were dead. He provided the results minus his commission to the family. He collected extensively from movies and films, having numerous file cabinets full of stills, which led to Famous Monsters of Filmland. This book got numerous people interested in exploring make-up and making monster movies. He had incredible patience, was a friend to almost everyone. He and Bill discussed one author Forry tried to represent, but when Hollywood knocked, the author split from Forry and got a different agent. When he fell on hard times, he wrote Forry asking to borrow money. Forry wasn't sure he could afford to loan the money, but he was seriously considering it. He was always willing to listen to people. He enjoyed being invited to speak at conventions, and would bring back boxes of books. He held parties, at least once a year, and at those parties some of the fans would entertain the crowd, and the entertainment was wonderful. At one party, A.E. Van Vogt was in attendance. He had a theory that a SF magazine was dependent on the imagination and the way to

inspire imagination was to never sleep more than 15 minutes. So for over 10 years, he had an alarm clock that would wake him every 15 minutes. Having perused his stories over that period, it didn't work.

Forry was a friend of everyone, and had enormous birthday parties to which he invited 500 of his nearest friends. He did things like, at the Egyptian theater when they were opening, he bought 143 seats at \$1000 each. They bore his name on plaques. At one time, he had an agreement with a town in Germany to transfer his collection there. They got all of one room, and then reneged on the deal. He had a collection of manuscripts by authors that had to be seen to be believed, including manuscripts by Doc Smith (also some unpublished stories).

Hare Hobbs: Note: Ray Bradbury were good friends in high school, then after high school, he and Ray Harryhausen became good friends. These three were kept together by Forry.

CLJII: has mentioned more than anyone cares to hear, found LASFS through Forry. Forry was important to him as a teenager, because until he discovered Famous Monsters, he didn't know anyone who also liked those movies and magazines. The fact there was a national magazine that people would buy was a big deal. It was a pleasure knowing in his last years, he was one of Charlie's readers. Forry was always very gracious, sharing. Sometimes too generous. Sometimes people would take advantage of him. Once, in 1984, he almost swore off loaning stuff to him. Forry was someone Charlie was proud to have had as a friend. He has learned, in the beginning of the century, he was one of Forry's closest friends. An honor he only shares with half a thousand people.

Forry Ackerman was given three loud cheers and a big green star.

In the absence of Karen and Michelle, Christian the Science Monitor announced this Sunday, Mars Rover Spirit marks 6 years of exploration. It was supposed to work for 3 months at most. Well, it did so 24 times in a row. But it's stuck in a sand trap. Maybe they need to call the Martian Auto Club. (Larry Niven suggested Tiger Woods could get the probe out of the sand trap.) (One of these days, Tiger, to Mars!) The highest priority for this mission is to stay mobile, if possible.

Bob Null notes the Russians have announced they're developing a project to make sure the asteroid Apophis doesn't hit the earth.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Hare Hobbs notes they're using the San Fernando Valley for an experiment. They're getting houses to host weather stations, putting 25 to 100 sensors around each house, to see how much temperature variability they see over small areas.

Christian reminded one and all. If you have a time-bound

and tell him what it is. And all committees are re-appointed.

**Reviews:** Marty Cantor says, if you're not aware of the fact that LASFS member Jim Tanenbaum was the sound engineer, for Avatar – well, now you are.

Christian reviewed Fred's new wheel chair. It looks cool, but it's heavier than the old one.

Christian read a book called Couch. It's a quest book, about three slackers sharing an apartment in Portland. When they're thrown out with the couch, they go on a quest with the couch, chasing down Incan legends, and traveling to South America on the couch.

Joe Zeff reviewed the replacement wheelchair they got for his mom. It's lighter and more maneuverable.

**Misc.:** Hare moved we dethrone the Emperor.

We adjourned at 21:39:03.

### **Board of Directors meeting January, 2010**

January Board minutes would have been taken by Marty except the January Board Meeting was canceled. From this point onwards the Board minutes printed in *De Prof* will be the Official Minutes of the Board.

### **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...)

Feeling Very Strange	Kelly, James Patrick & Kessel, John
ElfQuest: Fire and Fight	Pini, Wendy & Pini, Richard
ElfQuest: Siege at Blue Mountain	Pini, Wendy & Pini, Richard
Immortality Factor, The	Bova, Ben
Belisarius III: The Flames of Sunset	Flint, Eric & Drake, David
Enchantment	Card, Orson Scott
Thunder of Time	David, James F.
Harpy Thyme	Anthony, Piers
Victory	Broadmore, Greg
Dreadful Acts: Book 2	Ardagh, Philip & Roberts, David
Terrible Times: Book 3	Ardagh, Philip & Roberts, David
Adventures of Samuel Blackthorne, The: Book 1	Emerson, Scott & Mullett, Viv
Grand Designs	Galanter, Dave & Gibson, Allyn



Hags, Sirens, & other Bad Girls of Fantasy	Little, Denise
Time Traveler's Wife, The	Niffenegger, Audrey
Clemency Pogue: Fairy Killer	Petty, JT & Davis, Will
Minstral's Kiss	Hamilton, Laurell K.
Black Magic Sanction	Harrison, Kim
Dragon Keeper	Hobb, Robin
Mushroom Clouds and Mushroom Men	Brothers, Peter H.
Starbound	Haldeman, Joe
Ice Song	Kasai, Kirsten Imani
Catalyst	McCaffrey, Anne & Scarborough, Elizabeth Ann
Restoree	McCaffrey, Anne
Flight of the Renshai	Reichert, Mickey Zucker
Leviathan	Westerfeld
Earth Strikes Back, The	Chizmar, Richard T.
Virgil Finlay's Women of the Ages	Finlay, Virgil
Life Expectancy	Koontz, Dean
Acorna's Quest	McCaffrey, Anne & Ball, Margaret
Star Wars Portfolio, The	McQuarrie, Ralph
Hero's Song	Pattou, Edith
Discworld Companion, The	Pratchett, Terry & Briggs, Stephen
War Machine	Remic, Andy
Lamentation	Scholes, Ken
Maus II: A Survivor's Tale	Spiegelman, Art
Dreamdark: Silksinger	Taylor, Laini
Flora's Dare	Wilce, Ysadeau S.
Dragon Haven	Hobb, Robin
Christmas on Ganymede and Other Stories	Anderson, Poul & Pohl, Frederik
Shadow Dawn	Claremont, Chris & Lucas, George
Shadow Moon	Claremont, Chris & Lucas, George
Artemis Fowl	Colfer, Eoin
Voyage, The	Drake, David
Elminster: The Making of a Mage	Greenwood, Ed
Cerulean Sins	Hamilton, Laurell K.
Micah	Hamilton, Laurell K.
Realms of Infamy	Lowder, James

**LOSCON 38**

At the February 11, 2010 meeting of LASFS, the club awarded Bidding Chair Arlene Satin her bid for LOSCON 38.

Chair: Arlene Satin  
Vice Chair: Martin Young  
Treasurer: Elayne Pelz  
Hotel Liaisons: Christian McGuire  
Joyce Hooper, Kim Brown

Theme: *Where's My Flying Car*

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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](http://www.lasfsinc.info). You can contact the web people there.

Children's Reading Auditions.

The Reading Rocketeers are expanding  
and we need more readers.

If you would like to help introduce children ages 7-14 to the world of speculative fiction literature please join us.

Friday, March 26th 7:30 pm at the  
LASFS.

You can bring your own material or you  
can cold read from something we will  
have on site.

If you have any questions please e-mail  
Arlene at [lasfsmktg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lasfsmktg@sbcglobal.net)

**MEMORIAL POTLUCK**

There will be a Memorial to observe the recent passing of two LASFS members

Phil Castora  
Ken Porter

The Memorial will be held at the LASFS clubhouse,  
11513 Burbank Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA  
91606.

The Memorial will commence at  
11:00 am  
Sunday, March 7, 2010

(Bring potluck for everyone to share)

A limited number of copies of Phil's autobiography  
will be available



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