



SEPTEMBER 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

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

SEPTEMBER 2 - No programme as of press time
SEPTEMBER 9 - The prisoner - special presentation
SEPTEMBER 16 - No programme as of press time
SEPTEMBER 23 - Big Auction
SEPTEMBER 30 - Forrest J Ackerman Award for Service to Science Fiction nominations and voting.

(programme items subject to change without notice)

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 - Musical Comedies

DE PROFUNDIS

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COLOPHON

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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 address: martyhoohah (at) sbcglobal (dot) 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 Profas* 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 longterm subs.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. martyhoohah (at) sbcglobal (dot) net. August, 2010. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1515. 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 July - December, 2010

President: Arlene Satin **Vice-President:** Greg Bilan. **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:** Mike Thorsen (2010).. **Comptroller:** Christian McGuire (2011). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2012). **Other members:** Marsha Minsky (2012), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2012) Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2010), Milt Stevens, (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:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi :** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achom. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://lasfsinc.info>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, **Editor, Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Bob Null Memorial:** Marty Cantor, Eylat Poliner. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Cat Liaison:** Don Wener.

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 ____

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 #3799, June 3, 2010 Vice-President Rob Powell, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

Wait for it.....

President Gizmo opened Meeting #3799 at 20:18:01

Special Orders of Business: We have several of them.

Jeanne Robinson, wife of Spider Robinson, has passed due to cancer. She was 62.

We have good news. Norman Spinrad is getting better. The "inoperable" cancer has been successfully operated on, and he's now home.

We had a moment of silence for Jeanne Robinson.

No one has talked to Bob Null in the last three days.

Julie Scott presented some laser art shuttle photos from her father.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as “Mary Ann Doesn't remember any of this”.

Patron Saint, Ed Baker: Milt Stevens says he had many strong interests, including the RC church, Ayn Rand, and Esperanto. Sometimes he'd mix them together into something quite confusing. He was a member of The Cult, (which is an APA). At one point, just to confuse things further, he published a Cult Fantasy Rotator entirely in Esperanto, after which he was thrown out. He was the club librarian for a while. At the time, the library lived in garages. He is one of the few fans to get himself murdered. Shot to death near his family home on Crenshaw. It seems to have been a robbery.

Bill Ellern found Ed a quiet fan, to a large extent not flamboyant as so many are. He did not make a wild impression on people. He met an unexpected demise. Patron Saint Ed Baker was given three cheers, and a cup of coffee with fourteen spoons-full of sugar. (But not stirred.)

Old Business: Nom Nom Nominate President!

Nominated were: Arlene Satin, Michelle Pincus, CLJII, and Joe Zeff. Nominations were recessed until next week.

Registrar Michelle introduced Walt, in absentia.

Committee Reports: Arlene Satin reported on a couple of things, (*all of which were so time-bound as to be of interest only to time-travelers into the past.* - ed.)

Time Bound Announcements: CLJII: Programming – next week we disband the club rather than explain the election procedure. Then we elect officers.

Whisky got a call from Rich Stewart who needs help with boxing and moving stuff. If you have it in your heart to help, call Whisky or see him to offer help.

Doug Crepeau rose to report on some science – NASA had an instrument on the Chandrayan spacecraft. It has discovered some 600 million tons of water in lunar craters. This is over and above the water found at the south pole. (*Is this water on pillars so that it will stay above and not mix with the South Polar water?* - ed.)

Reviews: Tom Safer reviewed a rare experience. He was able to see in Carnegie Hall, the Burbank Chorale performing John Rutter's piece, Mass of the Children, conducted by John Rutter. So how do you get to Carnegie Hall???? (*Either an aeroplane ticket or a new pair of shoes are two options.* - ed.)

Misc.: Jane Shevstov reported on toxins that do weird

things, about a month ago, she was at a biology seminar at UCLA. A guy from Berkeley studies the effects of atrazine on frogs. We use huge amounts of the stuff, and it's banned in Europe. It's not something that kills, but messes with hormones. It makes genetically male frogs turn female. And they can reproduce. Kermitina?

Timon thanked one and all who showed up at his product demo at the convention.

CLJII: has been posting movie reviews on Twitter, and interrupted for a few days because his access was down. He's back on, and will soon print out reviews in a file. CLJII is his Twitter tag.

Mary Ann moved we adjourn to the program. Kevin voted Aye.

The motion to adjourn passed at 21:17:15.

Meeting #3800, June 10, 2010
President Christian McGuire, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

“Hare, did you live?” “No!”

Impeached President Christian McGuire opened Meeting #3800 at 20:09:25

Special Orders of Business: Milt Stevens brought chocolate to note this is his 50th anniversary in LASFS. (*I feel deprived as I am a mere neo of only 35 years.* *snif* - ed.)

Marcia Minsky announced that the kitten has been adopted. This was the kitten that emerged from under Monstro. (I wonder *who - or what - got Monstro pregnant?* - ed.)

Charlie Jackson then announced the **Sad Special Order**. Marc Schirmeister announced that member Ray Capella has died from the effects of Alzheimer's. He was 77. The Scribe pulled up a couple of examples of his work for all to see. There has also been a birth in the family, so plans have been in flux. We had a long moment of silence in his honor.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as “You've got a fiend in Jesus”.

The **Treasurer** admonished one and all to fetch ballots.

Patron Saint, Jim Glass: Sandy Cohen spoke, saying he was active in the 60s and 70s. He was a reader and worked at Change of Hobbit. He was also involved with some publications, but Sandy can't remember which ones. He was very active in the club and supporting it when we were building toward our first Worldcons. He

osite. Milt didn't know him very well. CLJII pointed out that when he was residing in his own domicile, he did not toss rocks. Patron Saint Jim Glass was given three cheers, and auditing until he was completely, well, never mind...

Time Bound Announcements: Marty Massoglia announced a going out of business sale at A&M Book Cellars. They will maintain their online business and their convention presence. We hope.

If you don't have your cards, go to Elayne and get them.

CLJII was called up to explain the voting process. (*And nobody understood them this time, either.* - ed.)

Old Business: Elections!

Nominated for President are: Arlene Satin, Michelle Pincus, CLJII, and Joe Zeff. No one else held still long enough to be nominated, so we closed the nominations and ducked to voting (Aflac!)

Arlene Satin won the position of President, and will rule with an iron fist in a satin glove.

Next, following the actual order in the by-laws, we nominated for Scribe: Nominated were Karl Lembke and Joe Zeff. Karl Lembke won the race for Scribe in a hotly contested election.

Treasurer: Nominated were Elayne Pelz, and No One Else. In a major squeaker, Elayne Pelz won out over the rest of the field and took the office of Treasurer.

Registrar: Nominated were Michelle Pincus, and no one else. And so Michelle was railroaded in.

Vice President: Nominees for the job were Greg Bilan, Darnell Coleman, and dead ballot. Greg Bilan lost his saving throw, and is Veep for the next semester.

And there was much rejoicing.....

Committee Reports: Neverending Panel has Harry Turtledove, James Kerwin, and Chris Hardeman as guests. Alternate History, no such thing as an original idea, and terraforming planets – what elements are essential for life. (*One element I mention as essential for life is smartassery. Well, it is essential for my life.* - ed.)

Mike Thor sen had a question. Is Cage Fight part II still planned for the program? Maybe not.

It was moved that we move the meeting, #3803, to the Westercon venue. LASFS members won't need to be badged to attend the meeting. The motion carried. Now to see if Arlene can persuade the program committee head to find some space for a meeting at the hotel.

Fannish Committee Reports: Greg notes a survey on where the smartest people in the US were. SF was 1, LA

138th. (Science Fiction was 1st? Gowrsh. - ed.)

Arlene notes from Yahoo news that they found the oldest leather shoe ever. It's older than the ones on the Ice Man. This is 5500 years old. (*They found them on my feet.* - ed.) Where is Imelda Marcos when you need her?

Don Wenner added to Marcia's topic. There are at least two more kittens back there. As unofficial cat liaison with Actors and Others for Animals, he's been trying to coax the critters out. They will continue to work on it.

Christian appointed Don official Cat Liaison for the remainder of the term.

Misc.: CLJII misced about no one having heard from Bob Null for the past week now. Marcia Minsky then spoke up to make a liar of him. She said she saw Bob that Thursday, last week, in the Costco in Canyon Country. He's staying with his brother, Richard, in Canyon Country, and appeared to be all right. No further info.

Fred Patten continues to do well.

The motion to adjourn passed at 21:54:13.

Meeting #3801, June 17, 2010
Christian McGuire, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Impeached President Christian McGuire opened Meeting #3801 at 20:11:23

Special Orders of Business: Marc Schirmeister rose to announce the passing of his grandfather Hiram. He passed Tuesday morning. He was 103 years of age.

For this worthy, we had a long moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "I think the vibrator has it".

Patron Saint, Sandy Cohen, (also sacred Chancellor of Chocolate)

Chocolate!

Tepper: For someone who can be amazingly rude, he is a civil engineer. Karl: He runs a heck of a Green Room.

Christian: He's been volunteering at conventions for 20 years, since back when he wore a Nehru jacket. He's helped Elayne send stuff overseas. Michelle: He's a heck of a hell player.

Scratch: On good days, he's pretty nice. Patron Saint Sandy Cohen was given three cheers, and a trip to Hershey, PA.

Patron Saint, Hare Hobbs: Christian: He's already given us food tonight. Milt Stevens: Ex-wife met him on a bus, and he followed her back here. But that's not why he divorced her. Michelle: He's always a great audience member at Neverending Panel. Christian: He knows music and albums the way Marty Massoglia knows books and stories. And for reviews, he consistently reviews books. Matthew Tepper: This from someone who has a reading disability and has managed to overcome it.

CLJII: Though he's been with us for a long time, he's still a green kid. (*I know that Ed Green had been pregnant, but this is silly ...* - ed.)

Yes, going green is very important. Patron Saint Hare Hobbs was given three cheers and a transistorized amoeba.

Registrar Michelle introduced guests. She introduced a bunch of them. Nicole, who heard about us from Mary Ann Canfield's nephew. Also, Sean Kelly, from Meetup.com. Today, we have Brian Pohl, Jody Hughes, Jaime Winterrose, and Mike Winterrose,

Also, Neverending Panel will take place next week. Guests will be Karl and a senior moment. Oh, Martin Young and The Emperor. (I'll be senior in all the old familiar places...)

Fannish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff reported on putridity. Last week, he received a package by UPS, one cubic foot. (*I do not know anybody with feet in that shape.* - ed.) Filled by a styro chest. Inside, three bags of blue ice and an envelope. In the envelope was one vial of insulin. The insulin is refrigerated before opening. Once uncapped, it doesn't need refrigeration.

Reviews: Hare Hobbs read Steve and Tananarive's *In the Night of the Heat* [by Blair Underwood, Tanaarive Due, and Steven Barnes]. Enjoyed. Wishes Steve would put in the action he used to put in his mysteries. Next up, "Roof on a Hot Tin Cat".

CLJII reviewed *The Battle for Christmas* – nonfiction, the struggle for Christmas and how it came about. Now, reading about Christmas in the South during slavery.

Christian read Kage Baker's *The Castle Under the Sand*. It's about a girl's adventures in a place called "the dunes". He wants to see it as a movie, because of the vivid imagery. He'd like to see it directed by either Tim Burton or the director of *Amelie* [Jean Pierre Jeunet]. But who would Johnny Depp play? This was the book dedicated to David McDaniel.

Don Wenner: Christian and Arlene had a discussion. He's now Cat Liaison in the next term, too.

The motion to adjourn passed at 21:11:55.

Meeting #3802, June 24, 2010
Sitting in for the impeached president,
Christian McGuire, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

"Funny enough, I need him immediately."

Impeached President Christian McGuire opened Meeting #3802 at 20:06:13

Special Orders of Business:

Charlie Jackson has been mulling this over – the curse of survival meaning so often your friends don't. This week, we lost Bob Null. It was not unexpected, but when last he was here, he was looking better than he had in the past and still making plans for the future. Bob was a mainstay around the club. He was the sort of guy who jumped in with both feet on any new interest, and for many years he did jobs around here and expanded them to the point where, when he stopped doing them, it took four or five people to replace him. He has been diagnosed with two years to live for the past four to six years. We will be having a memorial and maybe something at Westercon.

Marty Cantor noted, both of them being retired, at times one or the other would need transportation to the hospital. Seven years ago, Bob Null was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. He developed prostate cancer, skin cancer, and eventually a brain lesion.

According to Bob's brother-in-law, we were more family to Bob than his biological family. Hare Hobbs had been looking forward to talking about the Canadian earthquake with him. He also wanted to talk about rumblings at the Yellowstone supervolcano. Darnell added, Bob Null and Marty were helpful to talk to when his uncle had prostate cancer

Tom Safer: It's hard to say goodbye to someone one who is fun to talk to, intelligent, and willing to listen. He will be missed. Bill Ellern: Do we have honorary officers? Yes. Let's make him honorary vice president. From Jerry Pournelle: "Please convey my regards and respects for Bob Null, a fellow cancer survivor and a very old friend. His service to this club was consistent, large, and very competent." Joe Zeff: Years ago, tried to persuade Bob that the internet was worth doing. Within six months of getting on it, he was trying to lecture Joe on how to do things on the Web.

**WHO KNOWS WHAT ETHER
LURKS IN THE MINDS OF FEN?**

The fannish autobiography of
Phil Castora
edited and pubbed by Marty Cantor
pdf file available at
<http://efanzines.com/Castora/index.htm>
paper copies from Marty Cantor for \$5.00

LAFa

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, September 25, 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

CLJII: Bob has been particularly helpful driving him to run errands and dropping him off at the club. He enjoyed it, saying if he wasn't out driving Charlie around, he'd be in front of his damn computer. When they had time, they'd explore new routes. He also did a lot of miscellaneous things just for the heck of it. He once found one of the coins used as a locator disc in a Superman episode. He was many things, annoying, silly, etc, as needed.

Christian: One irritating thing about Bob, if you didn't have quite enough people to play Hell or Mahjong, he'd allow himself to join and then win quite handily. And he was a gracious winner, and if he'd ever lost, I'm sure he'd have done that graciously too. He really took to the moniker "Soda Fairy", with wings and a wand and everything else. Karl: It was an accidental designation. He had intended "soda ferry" like the boat, and the newszine editor at the time used the wrong homonym... CLJII: Elayne, saying, "Oh, in charge of logistics, Bob Null" this provoked a standing ovation, because they knew stuff would get to the con. Hare: When he first started volunteering for Loscon, he noticed Bob tweaked the loading process and made it go a lot faster.

CLJII: When he first showed up with his new teeth, he provoked a great deal of comment. Dan Deckert: When he knew he was going to visit the club after a lapse, he was looking forward to meeting Bob again. Christian added: We've dedicated Westercon 63 to the memory of Merlin R. "Bob" Null. And there's a Bob Null Easter egg

in the program book.

For Bob Null, we had a full minute of silence. And it was so quiet we could hear the soda machine start up.

In other news, Scratch has to move. He was supposed to be out by Wednesday. He has a reprieve until next Sunday, and they need help packing and moving.

There is a funeral for Bob Null, Wednesday, June 30. Details on the board and the website.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "Blessed by the blue Soda Fairy".

Patron Saint Ted Johnstone: Milt Stevens notes when Dave McDaniel and a couple of his friends decided to visit LASFS, they joined under assumed names. Fred Langley became Steve Tolliver and George Fields became George Williamson, and Dave McDaniel became Ted Johnstone. He was a very active fan, and joined all the APAs when there were only five of them. He was active in filk, in the LASFS, he was president a few times, secretary any number of times, and he sold a number of stories to magazines, and a bunch of Man from UNCLE novels under his real name. He wrote a bunch of fannish stuff into stories, and an acrostic into The Monster Wheel Affair.

Karen Anderson notes one characteristic of his novels was Thrush in SF was run by variations on members of SF Holmes fandom. He was also a G&S fan and would attend Lamplighters productions. Jerry Pournelle has noted in previous years, Ted Johnstone did not live up to his full potential as a writer. Matthew Tepper: Dave was one of his mentors in his early years in LASFS. He was witty, acerbic, but if he was your friend, then you were very fortunate and would have a trusted and true friend. He gave Matthew advice, and he eventually took some of it.

In the aftermath of a spill on his motorcycle, he wound up in traction. Whenever someone came to visit him and asked how he was doing, he'd reply, "I can't kick". Bill Ellern: Ted Johnstone had the distinction of starting the first LOTR fan club and published several fanzines.

Joe Zeff: In one of the early UNCLE novels, The Dagger Affair, he revealed what THRUSH means. He also revealed the existence of DAGGER = Destruction A Go-Go and Electronic Revenge. The Committee for Law and Order of All Kinds opposed DAGGER. David Okamura: In the Loscon archives, you'll find a letter to Lee Gold thanking her for her contributions to the organization [THRUSH]. And there's a photograph of his car – a large green hearse [ambulance], Worsel. CLJII has a few McDaniel stories. There came a point where even he recognized getting him to put words on paper was like pulling Bob Null's teeth. At one point, CLJII persuaded him to write one page a week for APA-L, and he called his zine Cowbird. CLJII took to bringing his writings in a bag il-

illustrated with images from UNCOLA – United Network Command Of Lazy Authors. Some of the stuff wound up in David McDaniel stories. Patron Saint Ted Johnstone was given three cheers, and a rich UNCLE.

Time Bound Announcements: Michelle Pincus introduced a guest who couldn't remember if he filled out a green card back in 1989 – Alan McFarland. He does special FX for movies.

Christian then introduced someone who needs no introduction, former president, former Loscon chair, etc – Dan Deckert.

Committee Reports: Karen Anderson rose to report on some science. From Gerald Nordley, Space X and the Falcon 9 operating successfully. Their test vehicle can put 35 metric tons into LEO for \$75 million.

Tom Safer moved we adjourn.

The motion to adjourn passed at 21:36:17

***Board of Directors meeting
July 11, 2010
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary
July Board minutes
July 11, 2010***

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Darnell Coleman, Mike Thorsen, Arlene Satin, Milt Stevens, Elayne Pelz, Marcia Minsky, Christian McGuire, Rob Powell, Marty Cantor. There is one vacant position on the Board.

Members and Guests: Greg Bilan, Kevin Dodds, Joe Zeff, Barry Gold, Lee Gold, Michelle Pincus, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Heide Nicolls, Jeni Burr, Sundance, Tim Trzepacz, Mike Donahue, Don Wenner, Frank

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

Opening Remarks: The Chairman noted a Special Order of Business, the passing of Board member, Bob Null.

Minutes: The June minutes were accepted as corrected.

New Members: We had a membership application from Harry Turtledove. This was passed with interesting comments, some of which were on the application.

Treasurer: Our Budget will be discussed later in the meeting. Check with the Treasurer to see how much is in our treasury.

**30 Second Reports
(Board Members)**

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Bob Null): (Excused absence.)

Secretary (Marty Cantor): I will talk about the Bob Null Memorial later in the meeting.

Comptroller (Christian McGuire): No report.

Library (Darnell Coleman): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Nothing new – but I will have the roofer here next week for estimating the cost of fixing the leak in the front building roof.

AV Equipment (Robert Powell): The Av machine is working.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Soda units sold: 13,854 to date, 374 this period. Soda money: \$10,541.00 to date, \$280.00 for this period. Still have paper supplies. Manual accounting being done because machine is not calculating correctly. (Last month's recalculated amounts were put into the June minutes.)

Publications (Milt Stevens): Milt is still scanning items for the web site and Fanac.org. LOSCONs 15-22 videocans have been acquired and we should get them digitized – Milt has these items in his car and will give them to Elayne (who has the machine which can do the digitizing). Barry Gold is still working on the Dik Daniels photos. Lee Gold says that they are still getting identifications of unknown people on photos.

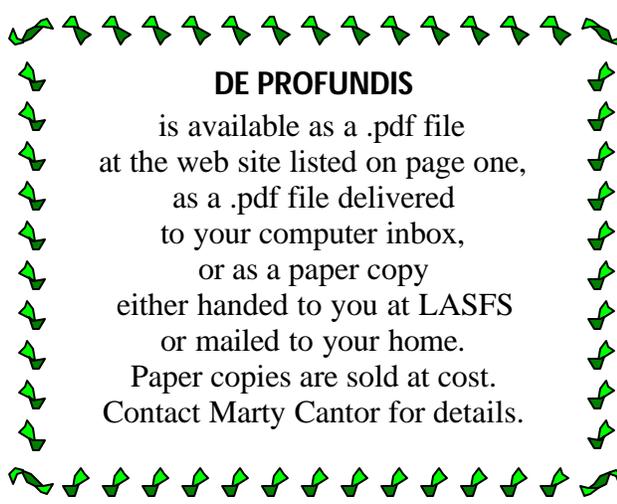
Events (Marcia Minsky): Westercon 63 has happened. // There will be a Bob Null Memorial on August 14. LOSCON will be in November.

Fundraising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin): There is not a whole lot to report. Barnes and Noble will be contacted later because of Westercon business. The Book Faire will give us the same table we had before (and that was a good location). There will soon be a private meeting with West Hollywood officials. We will have good presence at the Book Faire. Zazzle.com has had only one sale to date – from Milt.

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin): Children's reading programme is on-going. There is also an adult reading programme. This month's adult reading will be the Hugo nominees reading, as will be the reading in August, and the readings will be subbing for Marketing committee meetings. The next marketing committee meeting will be in September.

At the August 12, 2010 regular meeting of the club, Warren "Whiskey" Johnson was elected to the LASFS' Board of Directors to fill out the remainder of the late Bob Null's term.
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Club President (Arlene Satin): There is nothing to report right now.

Agenda Items:

Special election: Karl said our by-laws required a special election to be held within 13 weeks of a vacancy. There was a discussion of how to notify the members, mostly talking about postcard versus e-mail. The upshot is that Elayne will send out postcards. The date of the election was picked, August 12, 2010. // Mike Thorsen was elected as vice-chairman of the Board to succeed the deceased Bob Null. This was passed 9 to 0, with one abstention. // The Board discussed the first draught of the *DE PROFUNDIS* Special Edition which Marty had distributed to members. A typo was found (and corrected) and two additions were recommended (and put in).

Budget Review: Elayne has no idea, yet, about cost of roof repair on the front building – and asked Thorsen to belay front building lighting. Thorsen said we might have people donate light fixtures and have those monies credited to their Sainthood. Christian asked Thorsen to find out the costs of the fixtures and Mike said he would purchase one as an example and would put that before club as a model. // Donations, so far, are higher than estimated; dues and fundraising are on par. The budget was accepted and passed unanimously.

The vending machine in front building was discussed: the peanut section is turning into a biosphere. Rob has been trying to get this solved but is having problems getting a key to the lock. It was moved to thank Patrick for the use of these machines, but he should take them back. This was passed with one abstention.

Christian wants to take over the archives. With no objections, this was done.

The Domesday Committee meeting was again canceled, but this time not by Christian.

Rob has gotten several components for lights in the East

driveway, but he has been too busy to take care of the Monstro screening. Marcia reported that all of the kittens living under Monstro have been removed.

Open Forum:

Heide asked who is in charge of Hall Decorations. No answer was recorded.

Greg wanted to talk about a/the LOSCON banner. There is a banner, already, but it must be searched for.

The next meeting will be on August 8.

CLOSED SESSION.

Take-Aways:

Front building roof: Elayne Pelz
Barnes & Noble promo: Arlene Satin
Vending machine issues: Rob Powell

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

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...)

Chaos Mode	Anthony, Piers
Rings of Ice	Anthony, Piers
Diamond Star	Asaro, Catherine
Earthman, Come Home	Blish, James
Crucible of Time, The	Brunner, John
Proud Enemy, The	Busby, F.M.
Changeless	Carriger, Gail
Fortress of Dragons	Cherryh, C.J.
Hammerfall	Cherryh, C.J.
Paladin, The	Cherryh, C.J.
Wizardry Consulted, The	Cook, Rick
Characters from Tolkien	Day, David
Shine	De Vries, Jetse
Bride of the Castle	DeChancie, John
Saardu: The Adventure Begins	Dillion, Carma & Leleu, Ludovic
Makers	Doctorow, Cory
In the Stormy Red Sky	Drake, David
Farmers & Mercenaries	Drake, Maxwell Alexander
Grantville Gazette IV	Flint, Eric
Atlas of Pern, The	Fonstad, Karen Wynn
Kingdoms of Light	Foster, Alan Dean
Smart Dragons, Foolish Elves	Foster, Alan Dean & Greenberg, Martin H.
Harpy High	Friesner, Esther
Shrine of the Desert Mage	Goldin, Stephen
Ruled by Radio	Hadfield, Robert L. & Farncombe, Frank E.

Automaton or the Future of the
Mechanical Man
Invaders from the Dark
Phoenix and Ashes
At the Mountains of Madness
Ballroom of the Skies
Kingmaker's Sword
I am Legend
Dragonseye
Powers That Be

Skies of Pern, The
Narabedla Ltd.
Fires of Freedom
I Shall Wear Midnight
Exiles Vol. 1: The Ruins of Ambrai
Tenth Class, The
Inside Out with Gadget
Arabesques
Gabriel's Ghost
Under the Yoke
Jump Gate Twist
Kitty Goes to War
Art of The Incredibles, The
Dread Empire's Fall

Hatfield, H. Stafford
La Spina, Greye
Lackey, Mercedes
Lovecraft, H.P.
MacDonald, John D.
Marston, Ann
Matheson, Richard
McCaffrey, Anne
McCaffrey, Anne &
Scarborough, Elizabeth
Ann
McCaffrey, Anne
Pohl, Frederik
Pournelle, Jerry
Pratchett, Terry
Rawn, Melanie
Ripley, Karen
Shono, Haruhiko
Shwartz, Susan
Sinclair, Linnea
Stirling, S.M.
Van Name, Mark L.
Vaughn, Carrie
Vaz, Mark Cotta
Williams, Walter Jon

BOB NULL MEMORIAL

Maybe I am too close to this and others should weigh in and comment; but, I think that the Bob Null Memorial went off smoothly.

Earlier that morning I suddenly realized that the only photographs of Bob which would be on display would be those provided by his brother Richard, photos of a Robert Null much younger than that remembered by current LASFS members. All well and good, and maybe instructive to LASFS members, but not very enlightening to members of Bob's biological (First) family who would have seen them before. So I went to www.lasfsinc.info, clicked on "Memorials," then on "Merlin R. 'Bob' Null, and picked seven photos which I put into Publisher, one photo at a time. I retained the colour when I printed them, full size (8½ x 11), putting borders around them, and later put them on display at the Memorial. (After the Memorial I gave these photos to the Null Family. I also gave Richard Null the Guest Book which everybody had signed.)

On my way to the club I stopped at the Ralphs Market to pick up a few things which Eylat, the day before, told me we needed. I got to the club a bit before 9:00 am, prepared to help Greg Bilan do the setup which we had previously discussed, only to find out that he had gotten there early enough to just about finish the setup work. He had also put the orange cones on the parking spots to reserve them for members of the Null Family. A great idea—but why did not anybody mention it to me earlier when I had handy (at home) Richard Null's telephone number? The next best thing was to put signs on the cones, saying, "NULL FAMILY PARKING." A good idea, but ...

See, when the Moffatti showed up, they gave me 2 reams of blue paper for use in printing their zines for this APA. I took the paper and put them into the back of my car. When I closed the back door and turned away from my car, I noticed, coming down the street, the wives of two of Bob Null's brothers, soon followed

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by their husbands. (One of Bob's brothers had arrived earlier.) All of the brothers said that they were happy with where they were parked and that we should open up these parking spots for others. Which I proceeded to do.

Just before I started the proceedings I mentioned to members of the Null family where the two bathrooms were located. After all, the rest of the attendees were LASFS members and I made the assumption that they did not need this information.

Soon after 11:00 am I felt that there were enough people in the room to start things and I made a few preliminary remarks, welcoming all to LASFS, and asking people to give their names before they started speaking as a courtesy to others. I introduced Richard Null and asked him to introduce the other members of his family. I also told people how we would be proceeding, with me giving a few preliminary remarks and then turning the podium over to Richard Null. After that, anybody who wanted to could take the podium and speak for as long or as short as they wanted to. I also pointed out that there was a lot of food in the front building and if anybody felt hungry or wanted to take a short break, they could go the front building for these refreshments. Greg had taken the couches out of the front building and put them in the patio, under the shade of a plastic awning stretched between the two buildings. Greg also set up our picnic table under the shade of the lemon tree.

At Bob's funeral I had spent a little time talking about Bob; so, at this Memorial, knowing that there would be more people talking about Bob, I kept to a minimum what I had to say about the person who was like the brother I never had and soon turned things over to Richard Null.

At one point in the proceedings I again took the podium and mentioned to people that if they heard a speaker mention something which sparked a further recollection of Bob, it was all right to go back to the podium and say more words about Bob.

After several hours I felt it incumbent upon me to not only say a few more words, but to call for a short recess/food and drink break - but that anybody could continue to talk about Bob if they wanted to but that we would "reconvene" in the room afterwards.

In the front building there were lots of tasty goodies brought not only by LASFS members but also by members of the Null Family. It was easy to eat too much.

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After this food and conversation break, I called people back to the meeting room and reemphasized that it was all right to get up and speak again if one had already done so.

After some time it appeared that things were winding down, so I got up and asked if anybody else had anything else to say - and only one person did. I then asked the Null Family if they had anything to say, w ith Richard standing up to say only that they thanked us for this Memorial.

I then pointed out Greg Bilan, sitting in the Treasurer's chair, and thanked him for all of the physical work he had done to get the LASFS ready for this event. He was applauded. I also thanked Eylat Poliner for the competent arranging she did in putting out the Pot Luck food -and she also got applause.

After thanking the Null Family and the other attendees for helping all of us honour Bob Null, a person who was one of the most essential people we have ever had in the club.

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