



FEBRUARY 2011

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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

FEBRUARY 3 - No programme as of press time
FEBRUARY 10 - No programme as of press time
FEBRUARY 17 - No programme as of press time
FEBRUARY 24 - Serials I won't show (sez CLJII), part two

(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 - Tribute to Andree Melly



DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 456- February 2011. 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 address: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto: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 long-term subs.

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LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers January - June, 2011

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 (2013).. **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 (2013), Bill Ellern (2013), 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 Achorn. **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. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Cat Liaison:** Don Wenner.

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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 #3821, November 4, 2010 Vice President Greg Bilan, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

Vice President Greg Bilan Star Trekked in meeting #3821, of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, called to order at 20:09.

Special Orders of Business: Charlie Jackson announced a distinct lack of Special Orders of Business.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "Eh?"

Old Business: CLJII reminded one and all we have nominations for members of the LASFS BOD. If you wish to run, make sure the nomination is arranged in advance. Nominations close at the end of the meeting next week, and do not re-open the week of the vote.

The **Registrar** announced guests: Cat Weekly, and Lee Bohannon.

Committee Reports: The Emperor summoned his Lovely Assistant to pass the Lantern O'Jack. He announced the Winter Holiday Party, taking place on 12/25.

Programming: next week, we nominate. Week after, we have elections, and the week after, we give away showers of gold to everyone who shows up.

Jerry Pournelle reported on dead satellites walking. He first explained Lagrangian points. A pair of space craft that were supposed to be dead are flying to the moon. This will put them in more nearly constant sunlight, and since the lunar Lagrange points are just outside Earth's magnetosphere, it gives them a good vantage point to study the solar wind. They've found something strange. It turns out there is a flux window that opens periodically, sending lots of charged particles past the Earth. This led to a discussion of great magnetic storms, such as what happened in 1859 and set telegraph offices alight.

Patron Saint, Francis Hamit: Hare Hobbs notes Francis did a lot of things for the club, including holding a CPR certification. He has also written two books, one on virtual reality, and one Civil War novel, The Shenandoah Spy. He's a pleasant guy, he's been involved with security, and he's a nice guy to know. Scratch Galloway commented on a similarity between the two: One is older by a few days. They usually celebrate birthdays at the same time.

Jerry Pournelle: He and Leigh live in Frazier Park. He's an old friend. He's done lots of research on electronic publication. He knows more about it than many people, except maybe Norman Spinrad. Matthew Tepper: He's working very hard for authors' rights. Maryann Canfield: Shenandoah Spy is a good book. The book on virtual reality is also enjoyable. Patron Saint Francis Hamit was given three cheers, and something.

Patron Saint, Bill Rotsler: Jerry: Wish you were here. Milt: he was a very prolific fan cartoonist. He could do a completed cartoon faster than Milt can sign his name. He was also a sculptor, a photographer, a naked lady photographer, he got a Hugo for Patron of the Arts and sold many words to men's magazines, Hare Hobbs: When Playboy was first getting started, Bill published one of his SF stories in it, along with a number of articles and cartoons. Once he met Marilyn Monroe, and Norma Jean. Rotsler also wrote rules for masquerade productions, including Short is better than long, Funny is better than Not, and No Costume is No Costume.

Joe Zeff added to the Rules: Short and Funny is best. Also, it is quite possible Bill Rotsler is in part, present tonight. There's no indication his urn was washed between the time his ashes were scattered and the urn was given to the club. Milt Stevens: Fanac is anything two or more fans can do together. Patron Saint Bill Rotsler was given three cheers, and a brand new set of butter dishes waiting for artwork.

Jerry Pournelle added, the thing he remembers best is the cards from his location shoots. "Wish You Were Here". Scratch: There are some pictures he hopes to get to the club of some of his Christmas cards. They're done with taste and quality.

Fannish committee Reports: Matthew Tepper announced a project a LASFS member is working on. Matthew is working on a film festival which will be presenting To Kill A Mockingbird.

Reviews: Karl Lembke is reading Dracula – the Undead. This is a sequel written by Dacre Stoker, the great grand-nephew of Bram Stoker. It's a good story, not written in epistolary form. In this story, Dracula is not the ultimate villain – that turns out to be Countess Bathory. Recommended.

Scratch is working through the seventh book of the Dresden Files. Also recommended.

Eric added, they have a lot of Dracula stuff on the History Channel.

Tim Trzepacz reviewed Mindcraft, a computer game. It's a game where everything's made out of blocks. you show up in the world, you can chop down a tree and build stuff, but at night, zombies come out. Check it out, or not. It's a major time sink.

Jerry Pournelle commented on Dracula stories. Recall Fred Saberhagen's series. (N.B., Saberhagen has written another Holmes/Dracula story, as part of a collection by various authors.)

Misc.: CLJII misced about something amusing. Yesterday walking down the Strasse, saw a woman in a floral print top. It looked like she had one long sleeve and one short sleeve. She had tattoo that matched the shirt, and a white band looking like a cuff on her wrist.

Doug Crepeau: The shuttle will launch tomorrow.

The motion to head screaming into the night passed at 21:17

Meeting #3822, November 11, 2010
President Arlene Satin, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Arlene Satin Opened up the Golden Gates to meeting #3822, of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, called to order at 20:12.

Special Orders of Business: Charlie Jackson thanked all our Johnny Doughboys on Armistice Day, and gave a salute to our men in uniform on Veterans Day.

Glenn Goodnight, fan, passed this week. He was founder of the Mythopoeic Society.

We had a moment of silence.

The **Registrar** announced no guests.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "Lunch: The Shuttle."

Committee Reports: Arlene had a committee report. The Book Fair we had sold \$983.73 in the Barnes and Noble store, and \$125.60 on-line. We only got 10% because we didn't break \$2000. But since our outlay was under \$20, we got \$110 we didn't have before.

Old Business: Nominations for the Board of Directors.

Charlie Jackson rose to explain the procedure of nominating and voting for Directors of the LASFS Board.

Nominated were: Arlene Satin, Bill Ellern, Mike Thorsen, Tim Trzepacz, and Michelle Pincus. With that, the motion to close the nominations passed without abstention. Since there are more candidates than seats available, there will be an election next week.

Patron Saint, Woody Dodge: Scratch noted that he gave us money. Matthew Tepper: he is another LASFS veteran. He's lived at the VA in West Los Angeles for many years. He's been a very affable, helpful, and kind person. He helped with the first of Matthew's two Subarus. He was once in a Subaru commercial as a satisfied customer. Patron Saint Woody Dodge was given three cheers, and a new trans-axle.

Time Bound Announcements: Karen Anderson

rose to announce, anyone being in New York on 12/7, there will be a celebration of the life of Ralph Michinanza, the agent who handled Poul's estate, from 6-8 PM, at the NY Public Library for the Performing Arts.

Reviews: Doug Crepau notes, if you check the schedule on History Channel, they're re-running a piece on the Library of Congress.

Julie was scared by something on the History Channel, IRT – Deadliest Roads, about roads not intended for vehicular traffic.

CLJII: this afternoon watched Episode 2 of Highway Patrol. Kidnappers kidnapped a computer that fit inside a medium sized tractor trailer rig.

Arlene reviewed the nonexistent Discovery launch. The Kennedy Center was fabulous. It's an amazing tribute to the astronauts, to science, and all the stuff we love to think about.

The astronaut museum was also amazing, a wonderful tribute to all the astronauts. The non-launch of the Shuttle was less than impressive. It has been postponed to 11/30. For not seeing the launch, it was still a wonderful week. And to top it all off, the tix were on the Banana River, 3 miles from the launch site. We were guests of NASA, and it would have been

Misc.: Doug Crepeau reported on experiments with stem cells, regrowing retinas damaged by chemicals.

Jerry Pournelle reported on two things: General interest: lunch with Congressman Rohrbacher. He's in line to be chairman of Science committee and space sub-committee. Jerry mentioned there's no organization whose job it is to plan for the future. "You can't predict the future, but you can invent it." So how to invent it? Any who have anything to contribute, feel free to e-mail.

We still don't understand the universe. There are a number of constants that we don't have any handle on. We don't know why they have the values they do, they just do.

The fine structure constant, from QED, has to do with the speed of an electron around the nucleus of an atom, and its relationship to the speed of light. If it changed by more than a tiny amount, we wouldn't be here.

(From the latest issue of New Scientist.) Based on recent measurements, the value of the fine structure constant is different very far from here. It seems to be smaller in one area, and larger in another. It implies a gradient to the universe, which makes no sense at all.

Karl Lembke announced the BOD meeting Sunday, at 11AM.

The motion to head screaming into the night passed at 21:40

Meeting #3823, November 18, 2010
President Arlene Satin, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Arlene Satin had LASFS meetings for sale or rent, and especially meeting #3823, of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, calling it to order at 20:12.

Special Orders of Business: Charlie Jackson announced no one has told him any SOB stories, so "In your pants."

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "Arlene's Excellent Adventure (and leave me out of it)"

Patron Saint, Milt Stevens: Marty Cantor said Milt is probably one of the finest of current fan writers in fandom. He doesn't produce very much, but it's well written and usually very, very, funny. Matthew Tepper: Strike the word "current". Joe Zeff: Not only did he give the club money, he gives Joe money to bring him here.

David Okamura: He was very helpful in explaining LASFS history, especially during the creation of the 75th Anniversary table decorations. Arlene: They've worked together on programming, and served on the board together. He's easy to talk to, has a good sense of humor, and has done stuff for NeverEndingPanel. It's a pleasure knowing him. Patron Saint Milt Stevens was given three cheers, and doesn't John Trimble share this night?

Patron Saint, John Trimble: Joe Zeff: he puts up with Bjo. Milt: he was heavily involved with *Shangri L'Affaires* in the 60s. He's chaired a Westercon, he was Procedural Director back when that's what Presidents were called. Patron Saint John Trimble was given three cheers, and a barony in the SCA.

The **Registrar** announced two guests. One here tonight. Sunday's guest is "Dr. D" Waer, who came for gaming. Here tonight is Karina Maloney, interested in all kinds of things.

Time Bound Announcements: Jim Busby announced the Aerospace Legacy Foundation on Columbia and Lakewood will have a lecture, "Whatever Happened to the Shuttle Launch?" It was the most exciting doldrum you'll ever have.

Committee Reports: Charlie Jackson had his lovely assistant pass around the Lantern O'Jack. He announced the Winter Holiday Party. In the meantime, we're going to have tonight's program any moment, this is the election of Board members. Two weeks from tonight, we open nominations for President. Three Weeks from tonight, we continue nominations for President, nominate for other officers, and elect everybody. (*Even more people than there are running for office? EVERYbody? Gowrsh.* - ed.)

The week after that, the night before our Gift Exchange, we have a Big Fat Auction. (*If you want fat which is much smaller than the big stuff, you are outta luck.* - ed.)

Old Business: Election for the Board of Directors to the LASFS Board. Nominated were:

Arlene Satin *

Bill Ellern *

Mike Thorsen *

Tim Trzepacz

Michelle Pincus

(*The first three listed above, with asterisks, were elected to the Board.* - ed.)

Reviews: Jim Busby reviewed SF and Fantasy Modeler. There's an article about the making of The Sci-Fi Airshow. www.scifi-airshow.com.

Misc.: CLJII misced about putting in a cash order. He now has a packet of \$2 bills. Maryann will take a \$2 bill, but a \$52 bill.

Tim misced about trying to file for a Trademark for his company, SoftEgg. A company called NewEgg is piddling in his trademark. They want to buy his

LAFa
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, February 26, 2011 - Filk: 7 PM to ???
Terry Brussel, host
8515 Penfield Ave., Winnetka, CA 91306
818/886-0069

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

Directions: Thomas Guide LA Co, page 530 E1

Filk style: moderated chaos

Notes:

1. Crash space available at the filk site -- 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 filk site is air conditioned

LAFa info: Barry & Lee Gold:
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name off him for a paltry sum.

Samantha is producing a web series, "End of the Line". It's going to be a well-written romantic vampire thing.

The motion to head screaming into the night passed at 21:28

Meeting #3824, November 25, 2010
Marty Cantor, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marty Cantor did not attempt to sing in meeting #3824 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, called to order at 20:10. And there was much rejoicing.

Special Orders of Business: Charlie Jackson was not here, so Matthew Tepper announced the passing of the very well liked fan, Asenath Hammond, who passed away suddenly Monday. She was 60, and a fanzine and convention fan. A moment of silence was held in her honor.

Marty Cantor announced two special orders:

We have also lost Sally Syrjala, who was in LAS-FAPA for a while. She was very active in N3F, and in a couple of other APAs. She was 62. Several years ago, she walked into the kitchen and found her husband lying dead on the floor

Len Moffatt is in the hospital, getting better, so not to worry. Well, worry a bit – he's 87. He's been in intensive care, on a food-free diet. Now he's out of intensive care, and he's being allowed liquids. (OK, worry a lot. – editor) *(Some other editor, not the editor of this zine. - ed.)*

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "it might have been funny the first time, decades ago". *(That "funny" thing to which I was referring was the no-longer funny naming of the minutes. - ed.)*

There is no **Treasurer's Report**.

We have no **Registrar**, but we are graced with the presence of John Gallant, living in Winslow AZ, back after 20 years.

Patron Saint, Jim Tanenbaum: Marty Cantor remembers Jim from back in 1975. He was a member, contributing to APA -L. People kept misspelling his name, adding a second N. He got to the point of slashing out a second N, in his name. Then he'd submit a zine, signed with just the slashed-out N and everyone would know who it was. He's a sound man locally, and he's won an Emmy for his work on one of Oprah's TV movies. Patron Saint Jim Tanenbaum was given three cheers, and a fir coat.

Committee Reports: Marty Cantor, as the Unofficial De Prof Committee – the latest issue is printed, is on line, and has been sent to Cathy as a pdf file for distribution to those who receive it that way.

Time Bound Announcements: There's a convention going on this weekend. *(But the dedicated LASFS members are here, at the LASFS meeting. - ed.)*

Reviews: None!

Fannish committee Reports: None!

Misc.: Quack.

A motion to head screaming into the night passed at 20:32. And so we adjourned.

Meeting #3825, December 2, 2010
Arlene Satin, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Arlene Satin brought a meeting of laughter, a meeting of tears, meeting #3825 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, to order at 20:15.

Special Orders of Business: And now, a cheerier than the usual SOB – every year, the club presents the Evans Freehafer award. This year, it was given to Karl Lembke. Now, Charlie says, “Report that without sounding like me.”

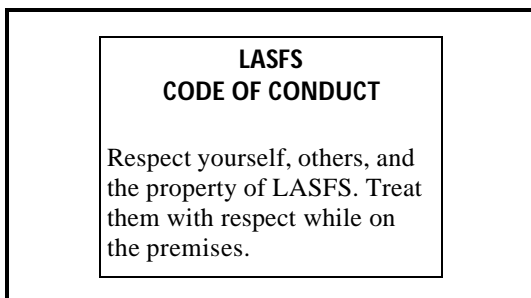
And we have a sad item, which deserves to be singled out from the other items. We’ve lost a member of the club, and an active member of the society for 64 years. He was a friend to everybody, a father figure to some, has been one or another officer on any number of occasions, and helped create Boucher-Con, of mystery fandom.

Len Moffatt, 1923 – 2010. He passed due to complications from an annectomy 64 years ago.

We’ll take a couple of minutes for others to say something, and we’ll have a memorial in January so everyone can have their say.

George Mulligan recalls Len and June have been a part of this place forever. He also remembers Bouchercon 22, one of the best conventions he’s ever worked at or even attended. Milt Stevens called Len his oldest fannish friend, whom he met at the first LASFS meeting he attended. He’d been a fixture of the club even then, all the way back to 1947. Hare Hobbs notes there are people who have always been here. Bob Null was one, and Len was another. And they’re all starting to disappear. He learned the history of the club from Len.

Marty Cantor was fortunate at one time, he convinced Len that he should write his fannish autobiography. He didn’t start from when he began in fandom, but from when he came out here. It’s time to dig those out again and compile them into a small booklet.



CLJII: Len was one of those who came to LASFS briefly, passing through town on his way to an all-expense paid tour of the South Pacific at Uncle Sam’s expense. He was in Saipan, practicing for the invasion of Japan when word came that Japan had surrendered. Joe Zeff believes he had a number of SF short stories published in a number of magazines.

Marty: He went in on the occupation of Japan, and was stationed in Nagasaki. He was a corpsman medic, and was not supposed to treat civilians. He and the other medics did what they could anyway. Schirm remembers him as a very friendly presence, and admired his sense of humor. Tom Khamis interviewed Len and June at their home a decade ago, noticed that out of everyone from the 30s and 40s, Len was the only one who attended consistently with no breaks. Why you? You go where your friends are.

Arlene got to know Len and June while programming for LOSCONs and the like. They never said “don’t put me on this” – just put us where you need us, only make sure it’s in the morning so we can get home to bed. CLJII, on behalf of Ed Green: They pretty much adopted him, and made him one of their fannish children, to his gratitude. At a later date, he will probably have more to say.

For Len Moffatt, we had a full minute of silence. Even the soda machine was silent during the interval.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as “Worry a lot”.

Old Business: Nominations for President of the LASFS (Elections are next week): the candidates nominated this evening were: Arlene Satin, Tim Trzepacz, and Matthew B. Tepper. The nominations were recessed until next week.

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

Patron Saint, Frank Gasperik. Milt Stevens: he showed up in at least a couple of Larry and Jerry’s novels. Frank was a ne’er do well, but a good guy anyway. Larry: He made several good characters for several books. And he was a wonder – first encountered at LASFS as a motorcyclist, a hippie, and warrior background, and a minstrel. Joe Zeff: He gave us a lot of money at a time when he really didn’t have it to spare. He was also a good shade-tree mechanic.

George Mulligan: He was a friend. Remembers him as a minstrel. "You picked a fine time to leave me Faye Wray". Jerry Pournelle: He was truly a minstrel, in the oldest definition of the term. When we went on a motorcycle trip up north, we never had to pay for a drink. He'd start singing, and people would buy the two drinks. Jerry was researching characters, and the hard part was getting Frank to shut up so he could hear other characters. We don't plan to put him in our books, we just can't keep him out. Hare was at the second landing of the Shuttle, and he heard a familiar voice singing Leslie Fish's The Ballad of Apollo 13. He was being the minstrel for the waiting area.

CLJII: Frank would refer to himself as one of nature's noble men. He could be the best friend you ever had, but sometimes, in his cups, he could be a bit of a stretch. at one point, he decided he was the sieve of LASFS. Anyone who could put up with him deserved to be in the club. Sometimes he did get a little out of hand. David Okamura: If you take a look in the trophy cabinet, there's a portrait by Frank Kelly-Freas of Frank, with Apollo 13. Jerry Pournelle: He sang that song at the space conference Jerry and Milt ran. He sang it to Fred Hayes, one of the crew of Apollo 13. Robert Heinlein was on the same stage.

Scott Beckstead met him at the Burb in the rain. He missed him with his wheelchair, then they stood and talked for an hour. Frank Waller, at the Burb, more or less took care of Frank for a couple of hours to make sure he didn't wander off and do other things, and he was the most interesting person Frank's ever met. Jerry thought of another typical Frank story. When LOSCON was in the Huntington Sheraton, one year it fell on November 5. You can imagine what Frank made of it. He got a Guy Fawkes doll and collected pennies for the Guy, in increments of \$1.00.

Patron Saint Frank Gasperik was given three cheers, and a hundred pennies for the guy.

Committee Reports: Matthew Tepper: Committee to Report on Area Bookstores: Counterpoint Books and Records in Hollywood. decent general interest, heavy on literature, one shelf of SF, hardly any parking.

David Kay books and memorabilia in Woodland Hills. Good history books, a few SF,

Next Chapter Books on 7140 Owensmouth Ave, a

new used book store. The SF selection is outstanding, outstanding humor, art, and military sections. It's an outstanding book store. Visit this one.

CLJII added: Brand book shop in Glendale across from Mystery and Imagination is having its holiday sale, with a huge discount and an incredible assortment . 30-40% off.

CLJII circulated the Lantern O' Jack for the Winter Holiday Party, 12/25

George Mulligan reports we did very well at the toy drive. He made off with a car full of toys, and everything got dropped off. There'll be another toy drive at the Blustering Gales.

Reviews: Hare Hobbs reviewed LOSCON 37. It worked very well for him this year. Emma Bull is so enthusiastic and cheerful, it was a pleasant surprise.

Milt notes he was on a number of panels where people wanted to get into WWIII. The panels weren't that strange, but the audience was.

CLJII: as a panelist, very pleased that all of the panels had whopping attendance.

George Mulligan suggests we line the room with plastic if we ever host that panel Milt reviewed again.

Jim Busby did two panels that were very well attended. "One way trip to mars" and on the second one, we were able to get Jeff Grayson from X Corp on commercial space.

Richard Foss had a question. This seemed like a larger LOSCON from the panels. Arlene: we were 100 people short of last year. Last count Michelle heard was 1084.

Bill Ellern was given a comment: an individual who claimed to be a convention fan said the panels at LOSCON were always dynamite.

We moved a vote of thanks to Mike Glyer.

Frank Waller reviewed the parties after the con. Most of the parties were very well attended and well stocked.

Misc.: Rick Foss: Jane Austin society meets in downtown LA, food and drink of Austen's era.

Arlene: LOSCON 38 website is up. Buy your membership while it's still \$30.

Jerry Pournelle rose to speak about Sam Cohen, one of the Los Alamos / Manhattan Project technical staff, and inventor of the neutron bomb.

Frank Waller went across the street and found a Recumbent Bicycle shop where the lawnmower shop used to be: 11522 Burbank Blvd.

And we moved to adjourn the club and leave the building standing at 21:32

**Board of Directors meeting
December 12, 2010
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

(The Board did not meet in January so the December Minutes will be corrected at the February Board meeting and printed in the March DE PROF.)

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...)

Dark Prince
An Hour with Marion Zimmer Bradley
Dinosaur Tracks

Halls of Stormweather, The

SF Books of Lists, The

Time Thieves/Against Arcturus

Wrecks of Time, The/Tramontane

Armageddon's Children
The Unwritten: Tommy Taylor and the Bogus Identity
Chessie Bligh and the Scroll of Andelthor
Ultimate Spider-Man, The
Best of Larry Niven, The

Dream Park
Dragonlover's Guide to Pern, The

Wild Animus
Captain's Peril

In The Presence Of Mine Enemies
One
Best Destiny
Canopus in Argos: Archives
Indulgence in Death
Serenity: The Shepherd's Tale
Ragged Edge of Science, The
Hobbit, The
Task Force Mars: Starstrike

For the Win
Sleeping Beauty, The

Feehan, Christine
Bradley, Marion Zimmer
Glut, Donald F. & Von Sholly, Pete
Greenwood, Ed & Smedman, Lisa
Jakubowski, Maxim & Edwards, Malcolm
Koontz, Dean R. & Putney, Susan K.
Moorcock, Michael & Petaja, Emil
Brooks, Terry
Carey, Mike & Gross, Peter
Gabriel, Thora
Lee, Stan
Niven, Larry & Strahan, Jonathan
Niven, Larry & Barnes, Steven
Nye, Jody Lynn & McCaffrey, Anne
Shapero, Rich
Shatner, William & Reeves-Stevens, Judith
Turtledove, Harry
Bach, Richard
Carey, Diane
Lessing, Doris
Robb, J.D.
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