

# JULY 2011

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	<p><b>It is quite possible that our packing/box loading will get finished earlier than expected. If that is the case, Sunday work parties may be ended before the contractors finish their work in our new building. Please pay attention to information about this at our meetings and on our web site. Also, after whatever Friday it is when we actually move, we will need a MASSIVE number of people at both the Saturday and Sunday after the move to Put Everything Away.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>STAY TUNED</i></p>				1 OPEN HOUSE	2
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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  
 D.I.G. = Developer Interest Group

### 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  
 DIG—7:30 pm  
 FWEMS -

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**JULY 7- BIG** Auction.  
**JULY 14-** Tom Safer presents cartoons.  
**JULY 21-** Forry Award nominations and voting  
**JULY 28-** "Serials I won't show at LASFS"

programme items subject to change without notice)

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:  
[http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com\\_events&Itemid=185](http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185)



**LASFS HAS SOLD ITS CLUBHOUSE AND PURCHASED A NEW PROPERTY. WE WILL BE MOVING NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1.**

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

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 461 - July 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](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 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 long-term subs.

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### LASFS OFFICERS

#### Elected Procedural Officers July - December, 2011

**President:** Marcia Minsky. **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:** Christian McGuire (2011).. **Comptroller:** Bill Ellem (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2012). **Other members:** Marsha Minsky (2012), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2012) Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2013), Mike Thorsen (2012), 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 ____
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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.org](http://www.lasfsinc.org))

#### Meeting #3843, April 7, 2011 Greg Bilan and Arlene Satin, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

A mule is an animal with long funny ears, and you'll see any number of them attending meeting #3843 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, called to order at 20:11.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson announced we have some. We have some good stuff: June Moffatt rose to announce Len's poem is being published in Sherlock Holmes Mystery magazine.

Marty Cantor is celebrating his 76th birthday, which is today That's the spirit .

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "the never-ending meeting".

The **Registrar** announced guests. We have two

new members who joined Friday, Javier Flores and his brother. Neftali Castellon was also present Friday. We also have Edward Jackson.

**Patron Saint, Tom Stern:** Joe Zeff: a nice man, a gentle man, very involved with American animation who doesn't show it at the club. (*Ah. Somebody who understands that just because he likes something which is not science fiction is no reason to foist his non-science fiction likes on a science fiction club.* - ed.)

Marty Cantor: On April 7, six years ago, there were four of us who gathered here to celebrate our combined birthday, even though each of us were born in different decades, with Tom being one of the four. Matthew Tepper: Tom is a genial gentleman, married to Marina Stern who happens to have the same last name. They have moved to Oregon to run a restaurant. **Patron Saint Tom Stern** was given three cheers, and a mickey mouse watch.

**Patron Saint, Chuck Donahue:** Karl: Up, Chuck! Hare: He's one of those responsible for the ban on clothing reviews. He was one of those who was very active in the club and then got burned out. He's a good person, good at what he does, but you don't want his clothing sense Michelle Pincus: He's interested in anime, he's a good Hell player.

Matthew Tepper: He had an interesting girlfriend who was much cuter than Mr. Mixed Pickle. Joe Zeff: He was a very popular President of the club.

CLJII: He was one of those who caused money to leap out of members' pockets in his general direction. (*Fortunately, his "general direction" was ultimately towards the LASFS' Treasurer.* - ed.) **Patron Saint Chuck Donahue** was given three cheers, and a no two bid.

**Committee Reports:** Tim Trzepacz for the D.I.G. reported last night's meeting was lots of fun. We had a musician, we had people set up displays of projects, and a good time was had by all. We're going to try to continue this. Next meeting is the first Wednesday of May. Tables will be available for those wanting to sell stuff.

**Time Bound Announcements:** Jim Busby announced next Tuesday marks a historic day -- 50th anniversary of manned space flight, the launch day of Yuri Gagarin. Locally, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics has a free event at

Griffith Observatory, 7-9 PM. There will be speakers.

We've been contacted by Scott Dolores who's investigating the cold case of the murdered LASFS members, the Sohases. Last time we were contacted, only a handful of people remembered him. If you remember anything about either of them, we have phone numbers.

**Reviews:** Barbara Harmon recommends Martin J Graham's book *The Green Hornet*. 550 pp. It covers all the genres the Hornet was featured in. He went to the original sources to do his research, and did a beautiful job. (*Original sources? Does that mean that he even interviewed the Green Hornet himself?* - ed.)

**Misc.:** Eylat Poliner has a serious problem. Her 9-year-old has finished the Narnia chronicles. She's started on Harry Potter. She would rather read than play with her friends. (*Oh, dear me: a traditional science fiction fan is growing up. I wonder when we can induct her into APA -L.-ed.*)

LOSCON has added a new discount, for active military. \$5 off weekend rates.

Tom Safer: TSPC is a week from Saturday. We present Johnny's Golden Quest (1993) based on the Johnny Quest series.

We adjourned at 21:37.

**Meeting #3844, April 14, 2011**  
**President Arlene Satin, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Arlene Satin called on the other Chairman to fly her to meeting #3844 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, called to order at 20:13.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson announced one special order. June Moffatt rose to announce the passing of Gail Kimberly, who had been in the hospital for six months, unable to eat. They thought she was stabilized, but she took a turn for the worse. She was the author of a number of fantasy stories. She died on April 8.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "The mule is a mutant who can change how you feel".

**Old Business:** WE have a jar on the treasurer's desk for the LASFS/Red Cross Japan Relief Fund.

We're at \$45, let's keep it going.

The **Registrar** announced nothing at all, since she was not in the room.

**Patron Saint, Elliot Weinstein:** Milt Stevens notes he devised the Hugu Ranquets featured at Worldcons for many years. These were alternates to the Hugo Banquets. Elst was an excellent hoaxer. He invented APA-H, and in order to contribute you had to not exist. Matthew notes Dr. Weinstein is a long-term member. He was amused at how Alva Joseph Svoboda shortened his name to AlJo, so he became Elst. His hoaxes went back to his high school days when he founded a religion based on Herbie Popnecker from the comic books. Elliot is now a pediatrician practicing in Upland. He and his wife give wine and cheese parties at LOSCON every year. Marty Cantor notes he wound up getting his training in Mexico. (Guadalajara) Turns out to be one of the best training colleges for pediatricians in the hemisphere. His parents were bakers, and it turned out he's the one who put the Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover in the first gift exchange that had one.

**Patron Saint Elliot Weinstein** was given three cheers, and a reasonably clean butter knife.

**Committee Reports:** Science: Jim Busby can walk. Still can't kick. We've had an interesting week. Shuttles have been bought by various museums. The surprise is that Endeavor will come to the California Science Center.

CLJII: We did record two installments of LASFS Spotlight with Marty Cantor. Arlene notes the panel came out really well, and Charlie did a fabulous job.

Matthew Tepper, on behalf of CRAB: Book Alley in Pasadena has done the same thing Iliad has been doing. They have lots of books going up on brand new shelves. Excellent for SF paperbacks and pretty good for SF hardcovers.

Arlene Satin reported on WonderCon. We donated money and lots of books. Between 5500 and 6000 books were donated to the con.

We've been contacted by an organization called LAVA. They meet the last Sunday of every month, and have asked the LASFS to send someone to talk about the club. They meet at Clifton's, an earlier LASFS meeting place. They want a speaker willing to talk for a few minute's about the club's history.

**Misc.:** Jerry Pournelle then rose to advise us all to get sun block. Remember the ozone hole? It's back. Jerry's question is, how does this great big chlorofluorocarbon molecule get into the ozone layer to destroy it? In other news, Fukushima is still not Chernobyl. Recovery is slow, partly because every time there's a 7.5 aftershock, the reactors in the area scrambled, and they're having a shortage of workers who haven't hit their annual limits on radiation dose. The Japanese are coping as well as they can, and they're doing a magnificent job, but they keep getting quakes and all the problems associated with them.

We adjourned at 21:22.

**Meeting #3845, April 21, 2011**  
**Greg Bilan and Arlene Satin, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Arlene Satin had a dream, but woke up to the nightmare of meeting #3845 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, called to order at 20:12.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "Faster Minutes Kill Kill".

Because of Agenda Lite, the **Registrar** introduced guests: Sarai Benavides, and John Powell. Welcome!!!

**Old Business:** Discussion of the New Property, a candidate for the new headquarters of the LASFS...

Eventually, Ed Green moved the club authorize the Board to proceed as it sees fit in the matter of the new building. It was seconded, and there was a vote. It passed unanimously.

And there was much rejoicing.

We will work out a date to have a sample meeting at the new facility.

Back to the regularly scheduled meeting.

**Patron Saint Stan Burns:** Karl: He gave us money. CLJII: he's been a member since the 70s, or earlier. used to come more often, but now lives on the east coast. For a long time, his work involved cameras. Matthew Tepper: What CLJII said. The way Stan came to LASFS was he was in college and assigned to approach a group and give them a questionnaire to find out more about them. He did.

Larry: he was at a party at Larry's house and tripped over a ceramic cat, shattering his hip. He didn't sue.

George Mulligan remembers Stan as a regular Hell player. He was a reasonably pleasant and amiable fellow. **Patron Saint Stan Burns** was given three cheers, and a promise to not get screwed by AGFA.

**Committee Reports:** Arlene: If you haven't bought membership for Loscon, memberships go up to \$40 after April.

**Reviews:** Eric reviewed a collection, *The Addams Family*, an *Evil-lution*, a compilation of Chas Addams' cartoons, including many never before published. It's a blast.

Kay Shapero was at the Yuri Gargarin event. They had a nice presentation.

George Mulligan stumbled over a YA fantasy novel (and did not sue Larry Niven) by Joan Lennon, *Questors*. A marvelously imaginative and interesting story. Well worth the looking.

We also had a review of the Mercy Thompson adventures. It's a good read.

We adjourned at 21:42.

**Meeting #3846, April 28, 2011**  
**President Arlene Satin, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Arlene Satin gets no kick from champagne, so she called to order the real pain of meeting #3846 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, called to order at 20:13.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson announced that we have two special orders. Matthew Tepper rose to announce that Joanna Russ, professional writer, is in hospice, and is not expected to linger.

And now the happy one: Charlie got a telephone call from a feeble, shaky voice, informing him she'd had her operation. She was home and hurting, but doing OK and expecting to get better. Michelle Pincus announced that Jackie Freas is recovering nicely from open-heart surgery. We had a moment of silence, an awkward pause, and a couple of cheers.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "the board

sees fit".

The **Registrar** announced Jonathan Scott, who heard about us from a friend, George Cotic, who heard about us from Craig Miller, and Josh Ling, heard about LASFS from a friend. And John Powell is now a member.

**Patron Saint, Bill Warren:** CLJII: Bill Warren came to work with and for Forry Ackerman, and as a side effect found the LASFS. He was a regular contributor to APA-L, worked around the clubhouse, and helped with refurbishing of this building. Declining health and burnout have cut down on attendance. He's always been interested in horror, sf, and fantasy movies, and worked for a long time as a reviewer and critic. Hosted a French TV program filmed by Rotsler, and author of *Keep Watching The Skies*, the finest if not the most definitive guide to 50's movies. He is the person who told CLJII about the LASFS. He still comes to conventions, still watches and writes about movies, and has written the latest guide to movies.

Hare Hobbs said he's got the most recent copy of *Keep Watching The Skies*, and it's a fun book to flip through. Only the most rabid fan would read it straight through, it's 1000 pages not counting the index. It has lots of info and a great sense of humor. Matthew Tepper: he regarded Allan Rothstein one of the finest people in existence, which makes him an excellent judge of character. And he considers Matthew a jerk, which confirms it.

**Patron Saint Bill Warren** was given three cheers, and some skies to watch.

**The Committee to Gouge** auctioned off stuff. The part of Christian will be played by Michelle Pincus. Space and Bubbles were auctioned off.

**Fannish committee Reports:** Joe Zeff reported on putridity. A week ago yesterday his right cataract was removed. This morning, at Sepulveda VA for follow-up, nurse had him check eyes against eye chart. Read chart quite well with right eye. Left eye, "what chart?"

CLJII reminded all that Clark Kent was called by selective service, he failed the eye test because he looked through the chart and read the chart in the next room.

Marcia thanked all who helped with cupcakes and celebrating 41st anniversary of 25th birthday. You

**LAFa**

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, July 23, 2011

Filk: 7 PM to ???

Terry Brussel and Greg Barnes, hosts

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:  
(310) 306-7456

will find you're aging less if you number years in hex.

**Building Committee:** Mike Donahue: The building inspector went through new building, and it looks very good. Very minor repairs to do, almost housekeeping. Dates were discussed, nothing decided. Everyone was pleased. Escrow closes probably June 21. We're discussing exact moving dates. Parking is slightly better than we thought. Courtyard is 15' wide and 35' deep. We have 2140 square feet in our current buildings. The new building has 4100 square feet. Monstro is 160 square feet.

CLJII notes the Orange Line, its track 1/2 block north of our new building, runs until after midnight in both directions.

David Okamura suggested that we make a fuss about the new building, keep documenting stuff, and create a show for Loscon programming. This will hopefully bring people in to LASFS. (*At the moment I am taking photographs of our packing work parties.* - ed.)

Janis Olson reminded one and all that there are conservation things that can be done that will save us energy, and therefore money.

**Reviews:** Eric reviewed some pastiches on Sherlock Holmes. The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. Fred Saberhagen, Séance for a vampire. The Giant Rat of Sumatra, and Sherlock Holmes and the Ectoplasmic Man. And Sherlock Homes, the War of the Worlds, by Manly Wade Wellman and his son.

Eric Hoffman added there's a magnificent book called Shadow Men, dealing with French pulp characters.

**Misc.:** David the Gemologist went to a gemology symposium. Two pieces of news regarding diamonds. A piece of paper was found in the Mogul library, "we just found this really cool big blue diamond. If you don't want it, we'd like to keep it. It was the stone that was cut into the Hope Diamond." On the science side of diamonds, one synthetic process is coating silicon chips with diamond to channel heat out. They can now coat chips with a solid diamond.

Doug Crepeau recalls CNN reporting babies being born with 232 toxic chemicals. Now it turns out they lower IQ by 6 points. (*That would be almost 39 chemicals per point. There are some people I know who must have been born with more toxic chemicals than there are in existence.* - ed.)

Frank Waller notes there's a BMW Isetta 300, one cylinder, 50 mph, downhill, 80 MPG. Also saw a 1930 Messerschmidt. (*At one time I was acquainted with twin brothers, both of whom drove Isettas. Yeah, they were weird.* - ed.)

Tom Safer notes Amber Kessel is going in for surgery. Think good thoughts for her.

We adjourned at 21:35.

**Meeting #3847, May 5, 2011**  
**President Arlene Satin, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

The minute President Arlene Satin walked in the joint, she could see we were fans of distinction. Even if their sole distinction was being at meeting #3847 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, called to order at 20:11.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson announced, yes, indeed. He's informed that we have in fact lost Joanna Russ. We've also lost Bill Blackbeard, who ran a comic strip museum in San Francisco.

For these worthies, we had a moment of silence.

Jerry Pournelle thought we should have given Joanna Russ a bit longer shrift than we did. She was a bit of a pioneer in her time.

Barbara Gratz Harmon had a comment about Bill Blackbeard. He went to libraries and offered to put all the cartoon sections of newspapers on microfiche for them. (And made himself copies). Karen Anderson remembers when he was publishing Queen Anne's Revenge...

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "Keep Watching the Minutes".

The **Registrar** did not announce anything, so Justin the guest was obliged to introduce himself. He's now at the L.A. Weekly, and is doing a profile about the LASFS.

**Patron Saint, Larry Niven:** Scratch Galloway: He's a very good friend of the man in front of him. He's a good storyteller, he makes his people believable. He has not given scratch money, but has given it to the club. Hare: he gave a loan to the LASFS to buy this building, and now that we're getting ready to move out.... CLJII: We had a ceremony where we paid off the Mortgage. Larry showed up, black mustache a-twirl,

DeChancie has a funny anecdote, but it's too long to fit in the space of these Minutes. He does heart-warming things.

Karen Anderson: Becalmed In Hell is one o those stories you never forget. Hare recalls Larry and Ed Green begging in the hall of a convention. This performance was voted best fanac of the year. Milt Ste-

vens notes he wrote LASFSians into some of his stories, set at Bruce and Dian's divorce party. Tom Digby is the robotic intelligence test. Bruce Pelz shows up as Gregory Pelton, and Larry and Fuzzy show up having Hot Fudge Sundaes in Westwood in Inconstant Moon.

Doug Crepau praised the Known Space tales. And there was a spin-off where other writers were invited in to write about the Man-Kzin Wars. Jerry Pournelle decided to speak up. He's been friend, collaborator, partner for more than 30 years. They've done five best-selling novels together. He's the worst businessman he knows, and has no understanding of how to manage business. "Stick with me and we'll be rich and famous". Larry replied, "I'm already rich." "Okay, you'll be richer and we'll both be famous."

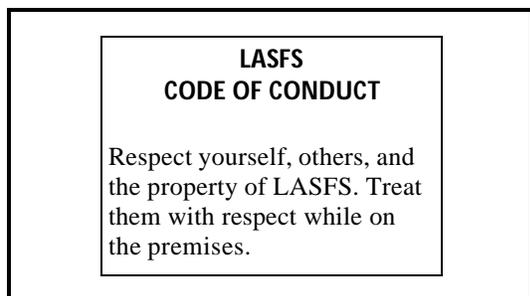
Larry has a funny attachment to this world, and doesn't see things quite the way you and I do, and so he gets all the credit. On the 35th anniversary publication of Lucifer's Hammer, Nature Magazine did a two-page retrospective review of Lucifer's Hammer, and they said many things about the attention to detail. Nobody remembers that because they open with that bloody surfer, which Jerry had nothing to do with. CLJII: Larry has been known to display royal attributes, including wearing a crown and ermine robe. He's the second most royal, so he tries harder.

John Hertz: Most remarks have focused on his writing, which is excellent. Let the record show Larry is one of the pro writers who has a fannish mentality. He's a good party host, has done pleasantly wacky things in the fan world, used to make Irish Coffee at conventions. Even I have collaborated with Larry Niven and he's a wonderful person to have as a saint. Tim Tr: Larry Niven was one of the first authors he read transitioning from children's books, and it had a profound influence on his life.

Arlene: he was a quiet man, and trying to draw him into conversation is like trying to pull teeth, but once he opens up, he's a wonderful conversationalist. Pournelle: Niven suffers fools less gladly than anyone I know except me.

**Patron Saint Larry Niven** was given three cheers, and a horse that flies.

**Committee Reports:** Arlene, for the Marketing Committee, we were contacted by LAVA to go to



Cliftons and talk about LASFS. Milt has volunteered to do that, and it's scheduled on the last Sunday in June, 12:00 at Clifton's.

We have a science report: Jim Busby announced today is Shepherd Day. 50 years ago at 9:43 EDT a guy was strapped into a rocket and went 116 miles up and 302 miles downrange, a couple of weeks after Yuri Gagarin. Not long after that, Kennedy proposed putting a man on the moon.

Yesterday, spaceship 2 made its 7th flight and did its first feathering of the wings, as for re-entry.

Jerry Pournelle commented on the early Mercury missions. In the mid 50s he was hired as an engineering psychologist. One thing he was supposed to do was come up with procedures for selecting astronauts. It turned out, there was nothing to pick. The Air Force had already done the choosing, and to get into the Air Force Test Pilot program, you had to be in perfect physical shape as well as being a hot pilot. The most important factor in addition to this was ability to endure being in a can for hours at a time. The best method of selecting – how long can you keep your feet in a bucket of ice water. It's a test of human will. (Or won't.) Unfortunately, it washed out the only Black astronaut.

Jerry told the story of stress testing John Glenn. After the stress was applied, Glenn's only reaction was to say, "you son of a bitch".

**Fannish committee Reports:** Tom Safer notes yesterday was Star Wars day, May the Fourth be with you. Karl added, "Today is the Revenge of the Fifth."

**Reviews:** Doug Crepeau reviewed Borders which is closing down. Avatar Activist Survival Guide, about the science put into the Avatar movie. It is half price.

Hare went to the San Diego Zoo Monday. (*I wonder if he looked into the monkey cage to see what he looked like?* - ed.) If you can afford the \$70 private tour in the golf-cart, it's worth it. You go behind the scenes. (*But who wants to look at monkey's backsides?* - ed.)

**Misc.:** Tom Safer misced about the Burbank Chorale, performing Carmina Burana and other pieces at Herbert Zipper Hall, 7:30.

David Okamura: those interested in aviation and

technology... beginning in 2013, we'll no longer have the Goodyear Blimp to look up to. The new supplier of materials is the Zeppelin company in Germany. (*Made in their Lakehurst, New Jersey, factory?* - ed.)

Don Wenner: The Autry Museum has a new temporary exhibit, Sky Dreamers, a history of the Van Nuys airport.

We adjourned at 21:27.

### **Board of Directors Special Meeting**

**May 1, 2011**

**Karl Lembke, Chairman**

**Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Darnell Coleman, Mike Thorsen, Arlene Satin, Bill Ellern, Elayne Pelz, Marcia Minsky, Rob Powell, Marty Cantor, Christian McGuire, Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (absent because of work).

**Members and Guests:** Cathy Beckstead, Greg Bilan, Joyce Sperling, Michael Pell, Joe Zeff, Timon Trzepakz, Tony Benoun, Sherry Benoun, Matthew Tepper, Mike Donahue,

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the regular meeting of April 10 were accepted as submitted.

The minutes of the Emergency meeting of April 17 were accepted as submitted.

**New Members:** There were no applications.

**Treasurer:** No report.

**30 Second Reports:** This being Agenda Lite, only important items will be accepted here. There were none.

Elayne reported that our new building is in escrow – we can back out anytime before tomorrow at Noon.

Elayne then reviewed the building inspector's report. There were some slight problems, but nothing too serious: cover electrical panels, the white building bathroom is not up to code, and the yellow building items are also minor. The inspector said that this is a really nice building with only some mi-

nor glitches.

We then compared as-is drawings to projected layouts. It was moved, seconded, and passed to go with the plan drawn by Elayne. And to buy the building. Unanimously. We then moved, seconded, and passed, a motion to renovate the building to the initial specs before we move in.

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting at 3:26 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 ...) But there will be no books listed here for a few months as we really do not want to move more books than we have to from our current to our new clubhouse.*

### PHOTOGRAPHING OUR FIRST MEETING in our new clubhouse

*For historical purposes - and the enjoyment of the photographers - our web site requests many people take photographs of our first meeting in the new clubhouse.*

### LASFS PRESENTS NEW WEBCAST SHOW

Making its debut on 1 MAY 2011 is "LASFS Spotlight," an internet series by and about the LASFS. After a special introductory episode (which may raise as many questions as it answers), subsequent shows will feature a guest discussing his or her history with the club, or some aspect of club activities or history: Members Milt Stevens and Marty Cantor have already recorded segments. Hosted by Charles Lee Jackson, II, the series will post new installments on a monthly to twice-monthly schedule on YouTube, and may be accessed there or through links on The Voices of Fandom and LASFS web-sites.

## LASFS PROCEDURAL OFFICERS

(2011, Second Half)

**President:** Marcia Minsky  
**Vice President:** Greg Bilan  
**Scribe:** Karl Lembke  
**Registrar:** Michelle Pincus  
**Treasurer:** Elayne Pelz

(All procedural officers serve for a term of 6 months except for the treasurer, who serves for a term of one full year.)

These officers take office  
in July

### LASFS MERCHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE!

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Contact Marty Cantor for details.

Except for the Board of Directors meeting and the Second Sunday Open House, weekends are being devoted to packing items so that we can move to our new building - all other weekend programming is in abeyance. *Tentatively*, our first meeting in the new building will be on September 1. In the meantime, we will continue to meet on Thursdays and have Friday Open Houses - amidst the boxes.

Our new building has three addresses. However, as the address on Aetna, the north side of the building, is for the door which will be the emergency exit from the library, and the north door on Tyrone Ave. leads to the library and the socializing area of the club, the south door on Tyrone Ave. the one leading to Freehafer Hall (our main meeting room) will be our "official" address. Therefore, when the LASFS moves, our address will be:

**LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY  
6012 TYRONE AVE.  
VAN NUYS, CA 91401**



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