



## FEBRUARY 2012

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			1	2 LASFS MEETING	3 Open House	4 Estrogen Zone
5	6	7	8 D.I.G.	9 LASFS MEETING	10 Open House	11 Cinema Anime
12 BoD 2nd Sunday Open House	13	14	15	16 LASFS MEETING	17 Open House	18 CFO
19	20	21	22	23 LASFS MEETING	24 Open House	25 LOSCON MEETING
26 FWEMS	27	28	29 Sadie Hawkins Day			

### 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 = 7 PM

### CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever  
 BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm  
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends  
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Work Party - 10:30 am  
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am  
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm  
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
 DIG—7:30 pm  
 FWEMS - A tribute to actress Jennifer Runyon

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**FEBRUARY 2** - Video: Twilight Zone Episode 38, shown in 1961  
**FEBRUARY 9 - Big Auction**  
**FEBRUARY 16** - Voting for LOSCON Committee  
**FEBRUARY 23** - Movement Class, Tai Chi-like. See web site.

programme items subject to change without notice)

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:  
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## DE PROFUNDIS - the unofficial newsletter of LASFS

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 468– February 2012. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

*De Profundis* is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544. The club's web site is: [www.lasfsinc.info](http://www.lasfsinc.info). *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### LASFS OFFICERS

#### Elected Procedural Officers January - June, 2012

**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 (2014).. **Comptroller:** Bill Ellem (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2012). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2012), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2012) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Arlene Satin (2013), Mike Thorsen (2012), Eylat Poliner (2014).. **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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

### Meeting 3872, October 27, 2011 President Marcia Minsky, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting #3872 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 20:04.

The **Menace** were read, and Eylat Poliner paid \$2 to name them "We love you Michael Mason and we miss you".

**Patron Saint, Lee Jacobs**, was honored. Milt Stevens says he was a member of FAPA and the Spectator Amateur Press Society for years. notable piece of writing was The Ballard Chronicles, featuring Ray Ballard who was a Seattle fan. One of his stories was made into a movie, The Musquite Kid Rides Again. Bjo was a dance hall girl, Ron Ellik was Ray Ballard, Jack Harness was editor of the Corflu Creek Gazette, and Ernie Wheatley was the villain, assisted by Bruce Pelz and one other. The film is lodged in the time capsule known as the Trimbles' Garage. **Patron Saint, Lee Jacobs**, was given three cheers, and "dead silence".

**Registrar** Michelle announced a new member, Chuck Erickson. And Alan Hawkins.

David Okamura announced a very long **Moment of Science**. Scientists at the University of Hawaii found a planet still in the process of formation, 450 ly away. The German satellite has fallen in the Bay of Bengal.

A NASA satellite is finally going up tomorrow morning from Vandenberg. This satellite will scan the earth's weather. Also going up is the Dragon capsule, from SpaceX, to be launched from Florida before the end of the year, to dock at the ISS. The Chinese are getting ready to launch a space craft to dock with the module they launched earlier.

Mysteries... 1) stellar mystery about the first documented supernova. It was a bigger than expected supernova, about 8000 LY away. And, a puzzling storm this week that created vivid northern lights way down in the deep south. They're still talking about the night the lights went on in Georgia.

Montebello (SS Montebello) torpedoed by the Japanese during WWII. Worried for years that the corroding hull might release 3 million gallons of crude oil still in the hold. Examined using remote control vehicles, and found it to be empty. // An 18th century cipher has been deciphered.

Finally, a lasting enigma: we know that the late Steve Jobs was still working on different products. We'll be seeing a lot of them soon. There were hints about his next Big Thing – how to create a more simple television. Anyone juggling remotes can sympathize. If apple can market a TV with the style and ease of use of other Apple products, they can charge a lot for it and still make a killing. *(If it is made by Apple one can be sure of several things: it will be a good product but so overpriced that mostly followers of the Apple Cult will buy it. - ed.)*

**Committee Reports:** Tim Trzepacz announced information about the Internet. On Monday, AT&T came by to install the Internet. The tech said we have 400 KB. We paid for 6 MB. We'll try it. The highest he got was 38K. He called and asked if they can make it faster. They couldn't. Anyone with bright ideas for solving this see Tim offline.

**Reviews:** Larry Niven reviewed the cover of his new book. Ooh. Fate of Worlds is the fifth and last Fleet of Worlds story. The Ringworld will not appear. It's vanished. He's had a great time helping write these books.

Jerry Pournelle announced something regarding books not yet written. He, Niven, and Steve Barnes had a conference over Skype with a Jack Cohen, a biologist in London who's contributed to a number of aliens. They have the work done except for the actual rewrite which is Steve Barnes' job.

They discovered Terry Pratchett is doing one last Discworld book.

Dan has skimmed through current Aviation and Space Technology with some of the most heartening and disheartening projections. By the mid 21st Century, we should be able to have reactionless drive. But on the other hand, the work being done in Iran and other countries on attacking people they don't like – Iran has been experimenting with missiles capable of delivering an EMP to America.

And we're expecting massive solar storms that will affect the power grid.

**Miscellaneous:** Darnell is in another episode of Shameless.

Mike Thorsen notes the committee to prevent burglaries asks that people exiting through Monstro make darn sure the door is solidly latched.

Hare Hobbs: Iliad has hard covers of Barbara Hambly's mysteries.

Arlene asked everyone to pick up around themselves.

And we adjourned at 21:25.

### Meeting 3873, November 3, 2011 President Marcia Minsky, Presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting #3873 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 20:07.

The **Menace** were read, and Mike Stern paid \$2 to name them “Approved by the dark tentacle emanating from the pool in the northeast corner of the room”.

**Patron Saint, Bill Rotsler**, was honored. Scratch: Bill Rotsler was a man of many talents, and had a phenomenal ability to have young lovelies wearing not much around them. Jerry Pournelle: He was a porn photographer for God's sake! Hare Hobbs: There was a time when Rotsler was ghost writing Tom Swifts. By Contract, he couldn't autograph them, so when his cousin John came up and tried to get one autographed. Rotsler drew a cartoon inside the cover and autographed that.

Marty Cantor; Rotsler was a gentle man, contrary to his photo on APA-L. He was a master of the simple line. More than any fan artist he can think of. He'd sit there and talk to you and he'd be drawing. When Bill Rotsler died, Bill Warren, who was very close to him, went through Rotsler's house and gathered up all his stuff. Rotsler had thousands and thousands of illos. Warren couldn't get rid of them all, so he gave them to Marty and he's been using and distributing them to other fan-eds. There's so much original art going out he could still qualify to win a fan artist Hugo. He did win the retro-Hugo and a Patron of the Arts fiction Hugo.

At the 2006 Corflu, and by pre-arrangement, Marty was the last person on the program. He got up and said a few nice things about Rotsler. And one last thing, he had two thick envelopes of Rotsler illos. “Anybody who's interested...” and he dumped thousands of illos on the table. There was a rush to grab them. Mike Stern didn't know Bill very well, but he did get a chance to talk to him a few times. He was very easy to talk to. If you sat down to chat, it was like you'd known each other for years. The first thing Mike said to him was “Bill Rotsler, I know that name. You're a Playboy photographer!” he was. Hare

And some of his photos, and some of his articles, and some of his SF stories.

June Moffatt remembers the banquet at the Odyssey. Rotsler got there early, and by the time everyone else got there, every bread plate had a cartoon on it. They offered to buy the plates from the restaurant. Milt Stevens remembers the Francisco banquet. Philip K Dick had a paranoid attack and didn't show at the banquet, so Bill Rotsler played the part. Jerry Pournelle: He had a habit of sending his friends cards, but they weren't Hallmark. They were his design and were not open cards. They had to be delivered in a plain brown envelope. Rotsler surrounded by 25 naked women and the caption read "Wish you were here".

He was a good man. Mike Stern says he was in the navy in WWII. He didn't look old enough to be in that war. CLJII: Think of all the wonderful things Rotsler could have done with his life if he hadn't wasted that hour drawing cartoons. **Patron Saint, Bill Rotsler**, was given three cheers, and "and a beautiful girl".

**Registrar** Arlene announced a distinct lack of guests.

**Patron Saint, Francis Hamit**, was honored. Hare: He brought the Red Cross in to teach CPR. He also fought for laws to make sure authors were paid when their articles were published on the web. He's a nice guy. He wrote a book on virtual reality, that's obsolete by now, and *The Shenandoah Spy*.

Jerry Pournelle: Francis was a nonfiction writer/ journalist. He published 300 articles. The profession owes him for getting a judgment forcing libraries that had been putting everything online without copyright to pay for the work.. He always wanted to be a fiction writer, but *The Shenandoah Spy* is quite a readable book. Francis is a knowledgeable chap. Sometimes he doesn't know as much as he thinks he does, but he's a good person to know. Matthew Tepper: He's one of the few LASFS members who's written plays that have been performed.

Scratch: "We're both Vietnam vets. I'm Navy, he's not. And he has a housemate who is also a LASFS member. she's ex Army. Leigh has been able to focus Francis on getting things done. For that she deserves a Sainthood." Francis Hamit was given three cheers and a virtual cheer.

David Okamura announced a **Moment of Science**. The NASA observation satellite was successfully launched. A Russian supply ship has docked with ISS. Manned flights will resume soon. The Chinese have been busy. They have launched their spacecraft which docked with their module in space. Apparently, it docks itself. // Boeing is setting up shop at the Kennedy space center, developing their 7 astronaut vehicle. // Earth has reached 7 billion. (*Rasbuckniks? As tronauts? Zits?* - ed.)

Tesla has announced it's going to make a profit, and seems to want to avoid increased scrutiny following Solyndra. // They have found a 3-eyed fish in Argentina, in a lake fed by water from a nuclear reactor. Doh! // Scientists have found a prehistoric squirrel like marsupial.

That's what killed the dinosaurs – Squirrel!!!

Last: Cold fusion. Maybe it's bologna, but a scientist associated with the University of Bologna claims his system using hydrogen and nickel produces ten times as much energy as is pumped in. They don't know what kind of reaction is causing it, but it seems to be more than chemistry would account for.

Jerry Pournelle commented on the Bologna experiment. It's not confirmed, and the observation teams weren't permitted to examine the setup. There was a steam flash, but there was a lot of heat going in, and there aren't very good measurements of input and output. Is it a scam? Is it just a mistake? "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence." // Jim Busby: Chinese docking system – Chinese docked on their first attempt. Their docking system looks a lot like the ones used since 1975 developed for the Apollo Soyuz missions.

**Committee Reports:** Internet: We had another confusing contact with AT&T. They're now offering something that would be nice if we can get it.

**Reviews:** Matthew Tepper is a member of an organization less discriminating than LASFS. He gets mailed stuff. This month's Westways has Loscon listed as #4 in its "Five Worth the Drive". Matthew also donated his copy to the club for its archives.

Jerry Pournelle discovered this book when John DeChancie and he were panelists at WeHo Book Fair – MagicNet. It comes in hardback or paper, or you can probably buy one directly from John. MagicNet was written in the 90s and projects a combination of magic and the Internet that's surprisingly still a good story. More of the capability came from magic than tech, but he didn't do a bad job of projecting magic into it to make it do what it does now. It's an interesting story, combines classical fantasy magic with some hard SF. It also has two interesting characters in a location on Coy Drive in Sherman Oaks – Ellison Wonderland. Harlan and Susan Ellison appear in the story. Harlan's actually not objecting to how he's portrayed. (*This is an interesting review of a book whose name was not recorded by the scribe.*— ed.)

**Miscellaneous:** Arlene made her usual clean up announcement.

The Committee to be Obnoxious's motion was seconded, and we adjourned at 21:27.

**Meeting 3874, November 10, 2011**  
**President Marcia Minsky, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting #3874 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 20:10

**Special Orders of Business:** Tomorrow being Veteran's Day, we should have a short cheer for our mem-

The **Menace** were read, and Eric Hoffman paid 75¢ to name them “tjhorihgfdidd – huh?”.

**Patron Saint, Woody Dodge**, was honored. Elayne Pelz: He's sitting in the front row! Matthew Tepper: as mentioned on Facebook, it's a pleasure when he shows up. He's a good man and true, he's a veteran, and has sometimes helped Matthew on repairs for his first two cars – Subaru. And he's famous for appearing in a Subaru commercial. Woody has an apology he'd like to make. For any who may have sent him a note on Facebook – it won't let him back in, so he can't answer notes. **Patron Saint, Woody Dodge**, was given three cheers and the Pleiades.

**Registrar** Michelle announced a second time guest, Lindsay.

David Okamura announced the asteroid that missed us. (*Aw! That is a sweet thought. We miss it, too ...* –ed.) We spotted it before it passed, so we're getting better at detecting these things. // The Russian rocket that's supposed to explore Phobos is still stuck in low earth orbit. If the next stage doesn't fire, it's coming down.

Paintings done in France showed horses spotted like leopards. Must have been artistic license. Guess what – DNA shows horses in that era had that pattern. // Jim Busby: Boeing announced in 2014, it will launch the first Orion space capsule on a test.

**Committee Reports:** Tim Trzepacz announced: Internet: AT&T has given us our money back. They seem to think we've signed up for U-verse, which may or may not be possible.

**Nominations for Board of Directors!** CLJII gave his spiel about the Board of Directors. Nominated were: Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman, Christian McGuire, Rob Powell, Michelle Pincus, Tim Trzepacz, and Eylat Poliner. And, after that, nominations were closed...

Elayne admonished us to be kind to Joyce, who will be acting as Treasurer while Elayne gets her hardware removed.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Tim Trzepacz noted a recent news event that affects us all. Adobe has decided to stop developing the mobile version of Flash. This is a terrible mistake. It's used for animated content, and HTML-5 is not ready yet. No, Adobe, don't do it, Save Flash! Jerry Pournelle suggested appealing to Apple.

Hare: fans of Lucifer's Hammer may note a fellow successfully surfed a 90-foot wave. Some idiot will soon try to surf a soliton wave.

**Miscellaneous:** Marty Cantor: between now and mid December, a 1 bedroom apartment comes available. It's a mile and a half north of the old clubhouse.

Milt Stevens, in the last week, got some cheery emails from Ben Indick. Ben's been dead for 2 years. Someone is ghost writing for him. Marty Cantor thinks it's one of Ya-

hoo mail's usual delays.

Elayne announced the roof people were here, and Elayne will wait for them tomorrow while the new couches come in.

Hare Hobbs announced he's going to have his brain waves scanned next week. This is supposed to be the last time. (*The last time? I guess that his brain is waving good-bye.* - ed.)

Jerry Pournelle has a couple of things. One, a little startling: for 40 years in his military stories, he's had the ability to regenerate tissue and missing limbs. University of Pittsburgh is using pig stem cells, surgery, and a rigorous daily workout to grow slabs of muscle that have been used to rebuild parts of people. So far, it's simple muscle tissue, but it's ten years ahead of schedule, and it's on the way to regenerating limbs.

A long time ago, John W Campbell editorialized someone had been born who would never have to die of old age. He was wrong, but someone writing the same thing now may not be.

Also, he's had a cocktail party theory about human evolution – dogs and humans may have co-evolved. The same chunk of the brain you use to think with is the same chunk dogs use to smell. Dogs keep their sense of smell and humans get smart, and we'll take care of each other's kids. Villages with dogs had more kids grow up to reproduce, and more puppies grow up to reproduce. // Scott Beckstead saw a Discovery Channel program confirming this, and saying were it not for dogs, we wouldn't have civilization.

Hare reviewed the Philip K. Dick book he bought. It's a collection of his notes. (*Philip K. Dick wrote and collected Hare's notes?* - ed.)

The Committee to be Obnoxious moved to adjourn. It was seconded, and we adjourned at 21:10.

### **Meeting 3875, November 17, 2011 President Marcia Minsky, Presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marcia Minsky interrupted a bunch of conversations to ensure that meeting #3875 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 20:01

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II deferred to Hare Hobbs. After 17 years, the dog bought at a garage sale has died.

The **Menace** were read, and Michelle Pincus paid \$5 to name them “Vote For Michelle”.

**Patron Saint, John Trimble**, was honored. John Trimble is the Baron of the Angels in the SCA, and is several years older than his SCA mother, the former Baroness. Scratch: he has the ability to be married to a lady who has different abilities, and that's all he's going to say.

CLJII: And he's good to his mother. Jerry Pournelle: He sells rope, and at one time his daughter and Jerry's #3 son were an item.

Anyone who can stay married to Bjo Trimble for that long must have extraordinary abilities. HE and Bjo were named Fan Guests of Honor at Con Jose in 2002. **Patron Saint, John Trimble**, was given three cheers and a manual freckle counter.

**Patron Saint, Milt Stevens**, was honored. Eylat Poliner thanked him for the comfy seating. Darnell Coleman thanked him for Loscon history lessons and help with clothing. Jennifer: Milt was her first contact by email before she moved out and gave her great advice. (*Milt advised her to move back?* - ed.) Matthew Tepper: we recall him as publisher of *The Passing Parade*, a magazine, featuring his observations on life. Jerry Pournelle: Milt is one of the most quietly competent members this club has. Many years ago, we had the first international space development conference. In theory, Jerry co chaired it with Milt. Milt ran it. It was so successful it's now in its 25th or 26th year.

Marty Cantor: Milt co chaired the largest Worldcon there has been, 1984 in Anaheim. He has a very dry wit. He is also very funny. He did at times, years ago, work for the police department. He collected interesting and hilarious stories. Marty has been lucky enough to use Milt's writing in his fanzines. HE is very talented in that regard. Christian: next weekend at Loscon 38, recall the 2000th celebration of LASFS, LA 2000, eventually became Loscon. Once, deciding there should be another horse in the Presidential election, he ran, bribed people not to vote for him, Tom Safer: When he programmed Loscon, he gave Tom two-hour program slots.

Joe Zeff: He's not only a Patron Saint, he's two levels above that. Tim Trzepacz: not only funded our efforts to fund the Internet, played a soviet spy on Neverending Panel. CLJII: In those days when memory was green, there was a great need for covers for his zine. One recurring theme was Captain Buchman battling the epitome of Evil. Arlene: He's one of the nicest, sweetest, and most generous men she's ever met and she's glad he's a member. Marcia Minsky: It's a privilege to give him rides to the club. We have great conversations. **Patron Saint, Milt Stevens**, was given three cheers and a Mark VII (Clang).

**Old Business:** Election to fill four seats on the Board of Directors! CLJII gave his spiel about the Board of Directors.

Elected to the Board were: Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire, Rob Powell, and Eylat Poliner. Congratulations to our new Directors, and may Roscoe have mercy on their insteps!

Two weeks from tonight, we open nominations for President. Nominations re-open the following week, following which we have elections.

**Registrar** Michelle announced a guest. Mya Stark, who heard about us from a friend.

David Okamura said some things are happening in space. A Russian capsule has made it to the ISS. The Chinese have re-docked with their space module. The Russian Phobos probe is going to fall around January.

**Committee Reports:** Tim Trzepacz announced that, finally, the Internet may arrive. It will cost twice what we originally budgeted. Other options are being examined. They want \$70/month, but it's 12 Mb.

**Miscellaneous:** Hare Hobbs was worried about Don Wenner. Don's been seen, so he hasn't been abducted by aliens yet.

The Committee to leave now moved to adjourn. It was seconded, and we adjourned at 21:30

### **Meeting 3876, November 24, 2011 Substitute President, Marty Cantor Substitute Scribe, Marty Cantor**

Welcome to regular LASFS meeting of November 24, 2011 – meeting number 3876. The meeting started at 8:00 pm. We know that it is the regular meeting as LASFS always meets in Freehafer Hall and the sign over there says "Freehafer Hall." I have heard rumors that there will be a rump meeting of the club at LOSCON this evening. Well, I hope they have a lot of rumps there.

**Special Orders of Business:** Well, Marty Cantor had some, and he reported on the death of Anne McCaffrey. he has an e-mail posting from her son, Todd, which read, in part, "Mum was getting ready to go back to the hospital because she was feeling 'puny' and collapsed while she was moving into her wheelchair. Her daughter, Georgeanne Kennedy, and son-in-law, Geoffrey Kennedy, were with her. She was in no pain and it was over in an instant." Todd also mentioned that Anne had had a heart attack in late 2000 and a stroke in 2001, "...so we were well-prepared and knew that we were on 'golden time' with Mum these past ten years and more."

Tim Trzepacz: Avatar, based on McCaffrey books, was very good.

Marty also reported on the death of a New Zealand fan, Michelle Muijsert, (Moysert) who lived, mostly, in Australia and who was quite a spark-plug in the 1980s, both socially and in the fanzine sphere, being one of the three editors of the fanzine *The Space Wastrel*. Michelle once ran for FFANZ (a fan fund between Australia and New Zealand) and twice ran for DUFF. Un fortunately, she lost all three races. She was only 49.

The **Menace** were read, but nobody paid to name them anything, so they were "accepted".

Our **Patron Saint** tonight is **Jim** Tanenbaum. Other than the usual that he gave us money, would anybody like to say nice things about our Saint? Marty Cantor: As I was the only person then in attendance who knew Jim

(who was a member when I started attending the club in 1975) I mentioned that he was a sound man who had won an Emmy for his work. I mentioned that he used to contribute to APA-L and how, as people used to continually misspell his name – Tannenbaum instead of Tanenbaum, he eventually took to spelling his name, simply, as just an N with a slash through it.

There were no guests, tonight. (And nobody to greet them, also.)

David Okamura is not here so there will be no Moment of Science.

And there will be no mini-auction tonight as there is no Committee to Gouge.

**Committee Reports:** Tim said there would be a D.I.G. Meeting in December and there is a Maker Room at LOSCON. And we still have no internet connection.

The Unofficial Committee to produce the Unofficial LASFS newsletter, DE PROFUNDIS, reported that the latest issue has been produced and is available on our web site, has been sent to the pdf list, and those who want it on paper have paid for their copies, with those picking up their copies at the club getting them a week late as they are at LOSCON.

**Miscellaneous:** Bill Green reported that Air and Space Magazine had an article on Elan Musk (Space X Corporation.)

A motion to adjourn passed and we adjourned at: 8:31 pm.

**Meeting 3876A, November 24, 2011**  
**Marcia Minsky, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marcia Minsky interrupted a bunch of conversations to ensure that meeting #3876 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 21:00

We are on Agenda Extraordinarily Lite tonight.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, not being present, said nothing anyone at the meeting heard.

The **Menace** were read, and Karl Lembke paid 25¢ to name them “Louder, please”.

**Patron Saint, Jim Tanenbaum,** was honored. Elayne Pelz, who is in a position to know, said “He gave us money!” Jim Tanenbaum was given three cheers and a fir coat.

**Registrar** Michelle announced guests. Hobbits! (*I wish that she would stop making a hobbit of this kind of announcement.* - ed.)

**Treasurer:** We don't have money. Don't spend it. The Committee to leave now moved to adjourn. It was seconded, and we adjourned at 21:02.

**Meeting 3877, December 1, 2011**  
**Marcia Minsky, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marcia Minsky interrupted a bunch of conversations to ensure that meeting #3877 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was called to order at 20:00. Ev eryone admitted to having an enjoyable Thanksgiving and Loscon.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II announced one very special order of business. Anne McCaffrey passed during the past week. Todd McCaffrey had sent word – He was grateful for the good wishes ev eryone sent. Thanks from Todd and his family. Scratch had the privilege of presenting to a small group of kids the first in the Pern series. All of them, within 8 days, had read the entire book. There are still readers to whom her works are new.

Marty Cantor has more details in the Menace. (*Plus I announced this last week and (at that meeting) read an e-mail posting from Todd.* –ed.)

Jerry Pournelle called her an old friend and longtime colleague. She was a grand master of SF. He and Larry had something in Fallen Angels where a character was asked how to define science fiction. Well, you can have dragons,



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and you can have time travel, but you can't have time  
traveling dragons. But she did, and did it quite well. In  
her honor, we had a full minute of silence.

Jerry had one more: Lynn Margulis age 73, was one of  
the authors of the Gaia hypothesis – that Earth is a com-  
posite living system. Also discovered there were at least  
five kingdoms in life. Carl Sagan's first wife. Professor of  
biology, and well worth remembering. A moment of sil-  
ence in her honor.

The **Menace** were read, and Peter paid \$1.50 to name  
them "A telling of two minutes".

**Patron Saint, Frank Gasperik**, was honored. Joe Zeff  
mentioned that Frank's day was last week. Frank was one  
of the more visible and noticeable members of the club  
for many years. In some ways he was a litmus test for  
new members. If you could stand Frank, you might stick  
around. If not, you wouldn't have anyway. Kay Shapero  
recalls at the last LA Worldcon – Leslie Fish was in a  
smoking room and Frank was there in all his glory. Kay  
was able to grab a seat next to a window where she could  
breathe. Hare: When he was at the landing of the second  
space shuttle he was in the back of his station wagon try-  
ing to sleep when he heard the Ballad of Apollo 13 being  
sung by Frank. He was playing the troubadour. He was  
always willing to pull out his guitar and entertain.

Jerry Pournelle: He sang that song at the space confer-  
ence Jerry and Milt co-chaired. He sang it to Fred Hayes,

one of the crew of Apollo 13. Robert Heinlein was on the  
same stage. He was truly a minstrel, in the oldest defini-  
tion 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 re-  
searching 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.

Marty Cantor said of him, he was a nice guy who was a  
bit bothersome to some people. (He did not mention that  
Frank was very bothersome to many more people.) He  
was a very good friend of Poul Anderson, Larry Niven,  
Jerry Pournelle. He has been written into a lot of Niven  
and Pournelle stories. CLJII: Frank liked to play Super-  
hero 44, a D&D-style game. In one game, the heroes were  
preparing to storm a stronghold. Frank playing a Dirty  
Harry character hurled a rope to the roof across the  
street. Reminded it was a one-story building, he reeled  
up the rope running up the street. Scratch: Frank had a  
sense of humor as varied as his guitar strings. **Patron  
Saint Frank Gasperik** was given three cheers, twelve  
strings, and two wheels.

Jerry continued: Frank was a minor character in many of  
his and Larry's books. In Footfall, you see the real Frank.  
He was fanatically loyal, had the worst judgment of any-  
one Jerry's ever seen. He was a troubadour and a min-  
strel. On a motorcycle trip up the coast, he and Jerry did-  
n't have to pay for a single drink. After the first two  
songs, everything was on the house. We're writing an-  
other book. Are we going to put him in? Larry: How  
could we keep him out? Karl: Write another book to serve  
as a decoy?

Marcia: Frank was a very good friend not only to Joe but  
to me. His wife Peggy Corrigan was like my older sister.  
We had many wonderful adventures together. Last time I  
saw Frank, Peggy had passed a couple of weeks prior.  
Gone to Vegas for a wedding, went to Cottonwood to be  
with Frank and help him sort through Peggy's effects.  
That was the last time I saw him, but I still think of him  
with fond memories. Frank Gasperik was given three  
cheers and a meter of ale – because he thinks of himself  
as being scientific.

**Registrar** Michelle announced we have a guest, info is  
forthcoming.

David Okamura announced some stuff has been happen-  
ing. One thing came down, another went up, Chinese  
spacecraft has landed safely after docking with its mod-  
ule. Curiosity is on its way to the Red Planet. Keep your  
fingers crossed.

The Russian trip to Mars' moon has basically failed. And  
there's another thing in orbit – X 37 B, orbiting for 270  
days. It's staying up a little while longer.

Jerry Pournelle commented. With regards to the Russian  
Mars probe.... it's not going to Mars, but it hasn't come  
down yet. One time LASFS guest Richard Hoagland theo-



oid with it. It doesn't look designed for that purpose, but the Russians are capable of doing strange things.

**Old Business:** Nominations for Club President. Marcia Minsky was nominated.

**Committee Reports:** Marcia Minsky thanked Mark, Eylat, and Anna Poliner for Thanksgiving dinner last week. Arlene reported we had a Loscon. We had press on Saturday, and we had an article in the LA Times, LA Weekly, NBC News. We had a lot of write-ups, and hopefully this will be reflected in next year's attendance. The Long Beach Examiner was there, as was The Nerdists – another press organ.

Eylat Poliner has a committee We had volunteers, and heroes among the volunteers. One staffed the anime room above and beyond the call of duty. We had another maintain the sodas in the Con Suite. One in particular, who never, ever, goes to convention, did a hell of a lot of the baking, and put together the gift baskets for the con: Allie Johnson. Thanks to Allie. And thanks to everyone who worked the con. Also thanks to our con chair

Arlene thanked everyone who worked the con, gave up sleep, and slaved to make it work.

**Registrar** Michelle introduced Mr. Steven Walters. He heard about us from ads in a newspaper. He was encouraged to visit by the West Hollywood Library.

**Perishable Announcements:** Eylat Poliner has been doing facebook promotions for Loscon and LASFS. She's become a facebook junkie. She is now doing it for pay. She just got a job promoting Charles Justice on Facebook and Twitter.

**Reviews:** CLJII reviewed Loscon. The people complaining were those who did so routinely anyway. HE was on two panels, one on vampires. He also got to moderate a panel with John DeChancie and Proctor Bergman. These are the sorts of panels next year's Loscon should be encouraged to have. Arlene reviewed the Make Room. IT was impressive Frank Waller seconded.

Tim Trzepacz reviewed Sky Rim, a newgame for PC from Bethesda. Hyped, and hype deserved. It's well done, acting is in fact acted, no text style stuff. They've streamlined some, and it's a much smoother game. Highly recommended.

Milt Stevens saw an English movie from a Japanese novel Never Let Me Go. Kids growing up in an English boarding school. It turns out they're not going to grow up – they're spare parts. It never occurs to them to rebel or even resent it.

**Miscellaneous:** Melanie reported she's in the paper. The Union Democrat in her home town. Sonora High Graduate creates world of Atara.

Gavin Claypool wanted to let us know that for about 4

seconds, he had a flying car.

CLJII: No one has mentioned something – the identity of the Evans Freehafer Award winner: Michdle Pincus.

Peter has read that Ray Bradbury has agreed to have Fahrenheit 451 as an e-book. Jerry: You have to read it on a Kindle Fire. So will they rename it 5000 volts per meter?

David Okamura: Star Wars exhibit at OC science center. David has fliers with discount coupons. Also, GM has announced full confidence in the Volt, but if anyone is nervous about it catching fire, they'll buy it back. Jerry Pournelle – people do not seem to think things through much. If you're going to store energy, well, that's energy. IF you get 30 miles to the gallon on a car, what would be the equivalent in a battery that will pull a car 30 miles? At least a gallon of gasoline.

Jerry promised something. He's been working up something to say about dark matter and dark energy. The more he looks, the more he realizes we don't know much. To make everything else work, assume 80% of everything is stuff we can't detect. There's one elegant experiment – if you move something at reasonable fractions of  $c$  through nothing, what would happen? You would encounter things. Quantum mechanically, there's no such thing as empty space. If you move fast enough, you should encounter photons that weren't there before you started moving through that space. They've re-done the experiment. They are appearing 60 ns sooner than they're supposed to. (*Obviously they are not fans or they would be appearing late.* - ed.)

The Committee to be obnoxious moved to adjourn. It was seconded, so we adjourned at 21:15.

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