



# OCTOBER 2012

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	1	2	3	4 LASFS MEETING	5 Open House	6 Estrogen Zone
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14 BoD— Second Sunday Open House	15	16	17	18 LASFS MEETING	19 Open House	20 - CFO // Tom Safer Cartoons
21 Time Meddlers	22	23	24	25 LASFS MEETING	26 Open House	27 - LOSCON Meet//Autumn Holiday Party
28 LASFS CLOSED	29	30	31			

## 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

## THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**OCTOBER 4** - Forry Award Nominations and vote/selection  
**OCTOBER 11** - H. P. Lovecraft's video "The Whisperer in  
 Darkness"  
**OCTOBER 18** - **BIG** Auction  
**OCTOBER 25** - LASFS Limber-up Work-out

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)

## 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 - "Silver" Screen Cowboys



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

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 476– October 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.lasfs.org](http://www.lasfs.org). *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

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

I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah\(at\)sbcglobal\(dot\)net](mailto:martyhoohah(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 July - December, 2012

**President:** Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Greg Bilan. **Scribe:** Liz Carlie. **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 Ellern (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 (2013), Eylat Poliner (2014).. **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moflatt, 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://www.lasfs.org>>:** 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:** Arlene Satin. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Cat Liaison:** Don Wenner.

### Honorary Officers

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

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### Meeting 3910, July 19, 2012 President Matthew B. Tepper, President Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe

**DATELINE:** Los Angeles, California! In the secret society headquarters of the heroic alliance that is the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, also known as LASFS, meeting #3910 came to order, with President Matthew Tepper, also known as Duckman, presiding alongside Scribe Elizabeth Carlie, aka, The Mighty Pen.

LASFS member Marcia Minsky paid a walloping \$1.50 to name the minutes "A NOTE FROM ARTIE."

With a program looming over the horizon, the fearless society regulated itself to the perilous AGENDA LIGHT to conduct the night's business.

Business began with an announcement from Marty Cantor. He announced that copies of DE PROFUNDIS, the unofficial newsletter of the LASFS will be available next week for 55 cents for a paper copy. PDF is available online.

**Patron Saint Bill Curry.** In a fine case of punnery, Marty Cantor noted that Saint Bill Curry had a spicy character and the pun fine was levied! Marcia Minsky followed that it was a fine fine! Another fine levied! Darnell sang the praises of our honoree, reporting that years ago when Bill was a regular, he enjoyed many a fine conversation with the noble, sainted crusader back in 1998. He was a nice fellow, and made him notice that

there was more to LASFS than science fiction and a whole mess of STAR WARS! Joe Zeff added that years ago, Bill sold large numbers of used books at the old clubhouse. The plot thickened when he revealed that, instead of having them in boxes with prices, all were priced individually with a little slip of paper! It was hard to see how he decided what sold for what, but it made sense to him.

President Tepper also agreed that the Sovereign Saint of the evening was a regular attendee in the Seventies, as well as the 80s & 90s. Back when our dashing duck was scribe, Bill always had a ready laugh for any alleged jokes for his minutes at the time.

**Patron Saint Bill Curry** received three rousing cheers and a mile high ice cream cone.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** CLJII passed the lantern of Jack with help from Marcia Minsky to gather contributions for the Society's autumn holiday extravaganza. It takes place at the end of October, so please come, and give heartily!

Arlene, reported on the reading of the Hugo Nominated Short Stories that took place on 7/18. It went very well.

GOODREADS is up to 220 as of 5:30.

LASFS HAS BOOKMARKS! They can be found in the tray, and there are more, grab 'em while they're hot! Features artwork by older member Jack Harness, and found while packing for the legendary move to new quarters. Info on the club is on the back, don't miss out!

Eylat Poliner reported on LOSCON'S Facebook page and congratulated its latest contest winner, SUSAN KIENU. Enter to win autographed books from Jerry Pournelle, Larry Niven, and more. Fliers can be found with the new bookmarks...will YOU be our next winner?

A round of applause was decreed by President Tepper in honor of Arlene's organization of the Hugo reading.

**REGISTRAR REPORTS:** After introducing member Dan Deckert, a former president of the society now living in another State, potential recruits to the LASFS reported for duty, and were introduced to the club by Registrar Michelle Pincus.

Antonio Hall learned about the society through various authors, and came to see Robert Sawyer speak! He is an author by trade. // Zaccheus C. Richardson Jr., aka ZACK, came to LASFS through a friend, having attended a previous gathering in 1995. He returned to our ranks because he moved back to LA, and maintains his secret identity by working in computer security, and as a writer.

Ali Shadle's connection to the LASFS shocked and astounded one and all: SHE DATED A HUGO AWARD WINNER!! Here to see Robert Sawyer speak, she is a freelance writer and...STUFF. // Paula Crock has attended a previous LASFS meeting and works as a scientist! Will her brilliant mind drive her to become a mad

scientist? The plot thickens... (*As do some soups ... big deal!* - ed.)

Lee Gold announced that her books are available in paperback, and, to the shock of the audience, revealed that despite titles such as BLOOD SLUT, WILD BLOOD, & ARISTO BLOOD, and the fact that the MC drinks blood and has fangs, she is not, in fact, a vampire...but a HEALTH CARE AIDE.

Marc Schirmeister became a granduncle at 6 am to a beautiful 7 lb little girl, who arrived way ahead of schedule! (NOTE: ask for name!!!) CONGRATULATIONS!!!

A motion was made, seconded, and the vote to adjourn was executed.

**Meeting 3911, July 26, 2012**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, Presiding**  
**Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe**

For a bank-breaking sum of \$2.00, Eylat Poliner donated her right to name the minutes to the LASFS's own former scribe, Karl Lembke, who named the minutes "BAM, POW, CRASH, AND DON'T FORGET THE ZOWIE!"

**PASSAGES:** Noted was a devastating blow to the Society and to the world of science and the heroes corps of astronauts: Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, succumbed to pancreatic cancer, at the age of 61. She was a recognized pioneer in the American space program, and in our eyes worthy of a somber moment of silence to honor her memory.

Eylat Poliner announced that July 27 will be her 15 year wedding anniversary to Marc Poliner.

In a terrific show of commerce and club support, the committee held its mini auction, in which the scribe purchased her first ever copies of books by Larry Niven. And the battle for the soda machine slot went down to the Poliners bidding against each other. Coming out on top was Mark Poliner, who won the slot for a whopping TEN DOLLARS.

**REGISTRAR:** Michelle Pincus, introduced LASFS guest, Greg Scalise. He learned of LASFS through LOSCONs and osmosis, and came because he was missing the Dreamer Fifth! He works as a DBA/SysAdmin to preserve his secret identity.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Michelle expounded on the adventures of the children's library event in Pasadena, where SEAN CROSBY came as Obi Wan Kenobi; and, in a shocking revelation, brought Yoda. Michelle attended as a Jedi and the kids loved it as Yoda read GREEN EGGS AND HAM. The event featured light-saber training, and will be held again in winter to recruit further young souls to the heroic cause of literary wonderment!!

Marcia Minsky mentioned that as of today, she has only two classroom classes left. Next week, Monday and Wednesday - and then she is finished with formal training.

## PATRON SAINTS.

First up, former many times president, **Patron Saint Ed Green**. Hare Hobbs, says that Ed's job was to call out the National Guard when there was a disaster or riot, and did so during the Rodney King riots and the Northridge quake! During the quake, he went up in a helicopter to assess the damage, & could follow the old path of the LA River by houses wrecked. His service was not only to us, but to the people of this city. Tom Safer thanked Ed, because when Molly was president, the honored saint of the evening was responsible for getting the Saturday morning shows started. Patrick noted that Ed, in addition to being a patron & a friend, was in charge of volunteers at LOSCON some years back. Thanks to him, Patrick won a prize for doing what amounted to an hour's worth of work!

Arlene doesn't see him often, but does see him on Facebook, and is still a friend beyond the social network. He's a very nice guy, an intelligent man, and though he has differing opinions from hers, can have a conversation with him on opposite sides without wanting to kill each other! CLJII reports: When Ed joined the club ages ago, in the primordial ooze of LASFS, with the Moffatts his fannish parents, he was an interesting little fellow. A teenager at LASFS, he was excited about stuff & very quickly became a fan of Charlie's stuff. As his trusty sidekick, shock came when he went into the military and vanished from our ranks. Thankfully, he returned and did what he could to impose martial law, which worked not at all. He had had an Afro when he started as President, and the rest is history. In 1991, when he (Charlie) was starting a new series of stories, he invited Ed to join, and Ed became one of a half dozen who appeared as characters. He provided a nice link between the adventures and the real world. As a liaison/officer between the US and Empire, it was a thankless job that soon he came to realize caused him greater harm than any military action. He was a good contributor, provided research on military and government beyond the web, and while not around, is an active member of his friends.

Mike Thorsen declared that, during the first several years of his involvement in the club, Ed was principal auctioneer in addition to being president. During the heyday of silly bids, Ed was highly entertaining to watch during auctions, getting agitated & visibly frustrated the sillier the bids got. Was it an affectation to encourage bidding? The world may never know... Hare reminded all that Ed was president during the great Smoking Debate. Not only was he president at this time, but the debate was unresolved when he ran yet again. Stupidity or loyalty? Again: we may never know.

Matthew Tepper, closed out the honors by remarking that as the club was changing twenty years ago, good and bad, Ed was a man who felt he could give organization to the meetings. He & Matthew discussed, then ran as a ticket for president & scribe. Order & Merriment was the name, and so well did they work together that they held the ticket for four consecutive terms. When they both felt they had contributed all they could, they decided to step down...only to be elected yet again, this time with Mat-

thew acting as president and Ed as scribe. Thanks to Ed's organizational skills, the group got through those rough times. And in conclusion, thanks to the reign of Order & Merriment, the position of scribe became a job any reasonably competent person could do (as Liz has proven), and the job of president became one that any fool could do, as Matthew himself has proven.

**Patron Saint Ed Green** received three cheers and a big, friendly German Shepard.

**Patron Saint Tom Safer:** Liz declared that Tom is an awesome dude, and she remains remiss in attending his Saturday morning presentations: a mistake that begs correcting. Eylat declared that Tom was her fannish brother, a very sweet and generous person who always takes care of you. She loves him, as do we all! (*FEH!* - ed.) Debra, says Tom is one of the sweetest, kindest people she's ever known. She enjoys talking to him, they have lots in common, and he's an all around good guy. (*Oh, what sickening goo.* - ed.)

Hare's family is involved in animation, and while he may not show his appreciation of Tom's knowledge and admiration of the industry as often as he might wish to, he has great respect for it. Mike Thorsen: In addition to Sainthood, Tom is also a Sacred Object of the club. This is special in that he did not plan on this. He kept on making contributions until he qualified; and, with nothing in mind, looked around and became the Sacred Video Projector. Joe Zeff notes that not only does Tom, on occasion, have very nice animated programs, he's very considerate about working in special requests when appropriate.

President Tepper echoed all sentiments expressed, and added that he values Tom's knowledge. He can literally phone the man, give him a line of dialogue, and not only will he know where it's from, he'll know its background as well. Tom is also a fine singer, and sings in at least two choirs. A feather in his cap, Tom has also sung with the Wagner Ensemble.

**Patron Saint Tom Safer** received a hearty Three Cheers and a Hearty Left Turn at Albuquerque.

Arlene made a motion to clean up, adjourn, and put chairs away so the limber up workout could commence!

### Meeting 3912, August 2, 2012 President Matthew B. Tepper, Presiding Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe

The bidding was heated as, for an astronomical figure of \$3.00, David Okamura named the minutes "GOOD EVENING, MR. & MS. LASFS, AND ALL THE SHIPS IN SPACE, LET'S GO TO PRESS."

#### Patron Saints:

**Patron Saint Sean Cleary.** David Okamura, noted that Sean is more involved in SCA, roleplaying, and the local filking community. He's got an engineering degree,

is a former substitute teacher, and a father of two daughters who have been seen at LOSCON in recent years. He's very enthusiastic, and very loved among local filkers. President Tepper added that Sean was a more frequent attendee about twenty years ago, and is glad to know he's still around. **Patron Saint Sean Cleary** was given a rousing Three Cheers to honor his all around good quality!

**Patron Saint David Okamura.** Michelle remarked on the irrigation system that David has been working on for the lemon tree. It's very elaborate, featuring such components as a bookshelf and a giant Sparklett's bottle. It's really just a big science project...in a shocking revelation, she also exposed the fact that HE'S TRYING TO FATTEN US ALL UP. He always brings in chips and sweets of various kinds, which is much appreciated. Scratch noted that David has a skill at describing the moment of science, makes wonderful models, and is a man of many talents beyond his description...and isn't just saying that because David was seated behind him! Were those, in fact, DEVIL'S horns springing out of the saint's head? The plot thickens.

Matthew Tepper seconded Scratch's sentiments on his models and stated that his models were some of his most impressive. They were a range of various space ships from science fiction movies, beautiful little models that also adorned tables in the common area at LACON four to six years ago. The details are wonderful, and his models were also featured at a reading event for children at the library in North Hollywood some time back. They are truly wonderful. Patrick noted that his artwork has been seen by the world through its showing at LOSCONs. He's found a grateful audience for his wonderful work, and he can't wait to see what comes next. Matthew added that he is at a loss to think of many people who are as soft spoken, kind, and polite as David. He is truly a gem of a person.

Liz stated that she enjoys David's MOMENT OF SCIENCE, and always learns something new. He comes very well prepared, and floors her with how well he speaks on the topic every week. Marcia added that, as a past chair for LOSCON, she had the privilege of having one of David's models for her LOSCON table, and thanked him for his work. Debra agreed with all presidential praise as well as all Michelle-related kindnesses, and added that he is frequently here on Fridays for the open house. She enjoys playing games with him, and misses him when he doesn't have a MOMENT OF SCIENCE!! **Patron Saint David Okamura** received an earth-shaking Three Cheers & A MOMENT OF SCIENCE.

One which we all received in return with David's **MOMENT OF SCIENCE**. Surprised that Jim Busby isn't on hand to discuss it, David informed the club that the landing on Mars is this Sunday at 10:30 local time. There are many other things happening, however, that are going on in the world of science. Everyone knows about the Space X & supply missions to the space station. The Russians have been at this for quite some time, so it shouldn't come as any surprise that they felt under

pressure by newcomers. Last week, in a shocking turn of events, Progress 47 last week had a snag. It failed to dock the first time due to the fact that they were using a new docking system. They were able to dock later, but they had to wait for the Japanese supply ship to dock in between times. They managed to nail it on the second go-round.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Academic Achievement: Marcia Minsky. Starting in June of last year, through her first set of classes, she had a perfect score of 4.0, which oscillated, but at the end of this set of class (just one)... ANOTHER 4.0. PERFECT ATTENDANCE. 3.73 GPA OVERALL. The graduation bling will be epic in proportion, including an honor cord, stole for president's award, medallion & plaque...and the crowning glory of her hero's conquest: She Will Be Valedictorian.

CLJII passed the Lantern of Jack with help from Michelle Pincus with donations going to contribute to the autumn/winter parties. MOVIES, FOOD, FUN. There's an all snake theme for the movies shown this year, such as Snake Woman! about contributions)...buy your tickets early and often.

Lost & Found report by Scratch: a telephone headset remained unclaimed and was returned to Elayne's desk.

**FANNISH COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Tom Safer reports on a crazy, mixed up lawsuit in England where vacationers are suing a cruise line for sailing in bad weather. The suit indicates that the travel company should be held liable for sailing with foreknowledge of said bad weather, especially given that some passengers were injured and even died on the trip, but as ever, lawyers are denying liability on behalf of the cruise line.

Dr. Pournelle submitted a report to bridge between Fannish and Committee, sharing a story he was instructed to report on for the most urgent and important of reasons: his wife said to. Submitted under the Committee to tell stories that ought not be forgotten and passing along popular culture. Dr. Pournelle explained that he got into a conversation recently with someone about a book written in 1908 by Garrett P. Serviss called Edison's Conquest of Mars. Someone made a remark about Edison dressing like Santa, and that it was absurd...in fact, it was as dumb as Steinmetz being the Tooth Fairy! Well, to Dr. Pournelle's knowledge: Steinmetz did it.

President Tepper followed with an observation on the book that started it all: it's a loose sequel to THE WARM OF THE WORLDS, one that Forry Ackerman edited down to paperback form. It's quite a romp, where Martians came to Earth, then died out. Edison builds a fleet of spaceships, and proceeds to pound the excrement out of the Martians!

Karl Lembke, added on behalf of the Committee to plug stuff that fellow LASFS members are involved in the Farnsworth Invention, a play with NO involvement with WAREHOUSE 13, runs Saturday at 8PM at the CAMARILLO PLAYHOUSE. It features Patrick Beckstead and

others who are involved, so check it out.

Dr. Pournelle, on behalf of the Committee to plug stuff that makes him money, announced that the royalty statement for SECRET OF BLACKSHIP ISLAND was in, co-authored with Stephen Barnes and Larry Niven. As of May, it has sold 42,000 electronic copies published only by his agent. In five months, with no publicity and no publisher, it has sold 42,000 Kindle copies. Then came the moment which changed everything: A reader found a terrible hole. Pournelle, however, swooped in and saved the day by fixing that hole, and told not a soul. Many thanks to Amazon for being so good about that sort of thing.

Milt observed, again with regards to Edison's Conquest of Mars, that the book was done in 1890 as a pirated sequel to H.G. Well's WAR OF THE WORLDS, and the author was not allowed to read WAR OF THE WORLDS, you can see because the Martians are not the same. Some things are surprisingly right, however, such as the existence of air locks, the differences in weight & mass, the Martians even had a Fort Knox, even if having Martians on the gold standard seems a bit archaic now, it wasn't for the time.

CLJII left us with a parting thought on book sequels written prior to the turn of the century. A hundred years ago, it was common practice for authors to write sequels to the works of other authors. Jules Verne wrote sequels to Edgar Allen Poe stories, and the author of Fu Manchu was very surprised when Arthur Conan Doyle denied him permission to use Holmes & Watson in his work. So, naturally, he crossed out the names and wrote Smith & Petri instead. Matthew Tepper followed, citing that unauthorized sequels are also prevalent in music! In fact, Mozart's MAGIC FLUTE was so popular, Goethe wrote a sequel. Peter added that WAR OF THE WORLDS was actually an unauthorized sequel to the works of HG WELLS.

Arlene made a motion to adjourn and clean up. It passed.

**Meeting 3913, August 9, 2012**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, Presiding**  
**Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe**

The LASFS convened for meeting #3913.

David Okamura paid a precious penny at \$1.00 to name the previous meeting's minutes, "And You Were There." The LASFS was on AGENDA WEIRD due to the necessary Big Auction.

But first...**PASSAGES:** Among real scientists, Sir Bernard Lovell, founder of the JODRELL BANK OBSERVATORY, which is presently used to research pulsars, left us low with his departure from this world at the respectable life span of 98 years.

**PATRON SAINTS:**

**Patron Saint Tim Merrigan:** According to Hare Hobbs, he only once ever saw the soft spoken and even-keeled sainted

superstar get mad in all his days. Once on Thanksgiving Eve, some club members, Hobbs included, decided to help Misty Joyce move out of her apartment. Right on Hollywood Boulevard, Tim parked his car at the gas station, which told them he couldn't as he would be blocked in due to the Santa Claus Parade! Lo and behold, after the truck was packed and members returned, the Merriganmobile was, in fact, blocked in! This meant they all had to attend the parade, and while Tim was very mild natured, there was no question: he was MAD.

Our fanzine publisher, Marty Cantor, remarked on the fact that Tim diligently put out *DE PROFUNDIS* for many years, utilizing a list of events instead of a standard calendar that was instituted in later years. He also ran APA-L for nearly twenty years, and was generally known as a very easygoing, nice guy. He was also a well-known night owl: he was not happy during the day, and tended to stay out all night, Joe Zeff reported an example of Tim losing his patience that illustrated perfectly the way he thinks. One weekend he showed up with his head shaved. The reason? His father got on his case too long about Tim getting a haircut. Classy. CLJII added that, while consulting with Tim about an appearance in his work, Tim decided he wanted to be a Manx cat with a prosthetic tail. He drew him just so: complete with a cowboy hat and a little red wagon to carry his prosthetic tail. President Tepper remarked that he always liked that trademark topper because it had a lot of buffalo nickels hammered into the band.

**Patron Saint Tim Merrigan** received three colossal cheers and a Princess.

**Patron Saint Jerry Pournelle:** Joe Zeff reported that Jerry has been a long-time fan and is a filthy professional writer. The sweeping shock of his absence for his saints night was softened by the news that Jerry was, in fact, in San Diego, celebrating his birthday with his family. Liz Carlie shared that she thought the world of Dr. Pournelle. He has no shortage of fascinating things to say and she always finds something new to learn from him when he has something to say during meetings. Back during her first night as scribe, she shared with the masses her frustration and delight as she tried to record a story told by Dr. Pournelle about the Library of Congress, on only a lowly pad of paper and the use of a pathetic pen. Still, she did her best, and always finds herself torn between just listening to Jerry and actually doing her due diligence and duty, writing the minutes. Scratch shared that Jerry had the simple advantages of being a scientist and an Army officer. He even commanded his own artillery battery by default. Starting as a low ranking officer, over a short period he became the highest ranking officer on the totem pole. His troops loved him, and gave him a Thompson submachine gun. He has the astounding ability to project scientific knowledge in his writing at will, and Scratch thinks it's marvelous.

Hare Hobbs first came to the LASFS just starting to read, as he began with a second grade reading level fresh out of high school. Jerry helped him with that, and it was very important in educating Hare in the sciences. Jerry was also an elephant in the basement of the Pentagon on behalf of the Navy. When asked why the elephants down there made him bull, he answered simply: he was the only one brave enough to yell at generals. Arlene Satin said of Jerry that he has done several favors for her, including participating in various panels and

other events for special programs and book fairs. Last time she called on him, he asked what she wanted with, "an old man like me?" She replied simply, "Jerry? You will always have a place in programming with me." He's just that kind of guy, and greatly appreciated.

Jim Busby shared that Jerry is one of those people who, when they first met at a con in the late 70s, he could only stand in awe. He's incredible to hear speak; Presidents would stop and listen to him. There was one scintillating scientific conference in particular where Jerry was scheduled to speak. On before him? The lady who came up with the first Mars Rover. She was running a bit over, and Jerry was waiting to go up next when he swept in a holler of "WHAT THE HELL'S ALL THIS NASA SHIT?!? YOU'RE RUNNING LATE, AND I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY!!" Jim ducked his head, helped the NASA folks, and got him onstage. He's so forceful, but when you get to know him you better understand that he's a man who gets right to the heart of things and makes difficult concepts very understandable. He's less intimidating rather than he is hard of hearing. You can earn his respect with a big enough bellow that his exhausted ears can detect. President Pepper said that, for personal reasons, he owes a lot to Dr. Pournelle. He's a great friend who continued to have faith in him in one aspect of his life when no one else did. He treasures that, and is honored to have him as a friend. Jim Busby agreed, stating that one of the highest points of his life took place standing outside the old clubhouse, when Jerry said to him "Why didn't I meet you twenty years ago?! You're so smart; you'd have been on my team." **Patron Saint Jerry Pournelle** received THREE CHEERS & A BOBBY PIN!

**REGISTRAR:** Tonight's guest is Random Schlosser, who learned about LASFS because Dad is a lifetime member and encouraged him to visit! He's interested in print, TV, movies, anime, & gaming in the genre. He's a student and a gamer, as well as a media & literature fan.

**FANNISH COMMITTEE REPORTS:** ug declared that, according to the Olympic committee, love was in the air this year! In total, for the 300,000 inhabitants of the Olympic Village, they provided 150,000 condoms, which were much needed...more even, for they ran short! There was also a bit of scandal when someone snuck in a brand not approved by the IOC.

After an interval for speculation on shady secrets and governmental giggery-pokery, Tim, told us that DIG is no longer meeting.

**REVIEWS:** Jim Busby reported that, last weekend, a friend of his asked if he had seen a particularly great book: THE LOST SCIENCE OF 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY by Apogee Crime Publishers. He was VERY well aware of it, being that it was written by the science advisor for 2001, Frederick Orway, a good friend of his. Busby has, in fact, seen him and the Ordway Archives. Being that he was a science advisor, Ordway was allowed on set with a camera, and took lots of pictures that have never been seen before. It's an expensive read at \$50.00, essentially an oversized coffee table book, but it comes with a DVD featuring four or five programs including a making of with Kubrick and Trummel, how they made the special effects, and even a guest appearance by recent LASFS speaker, Robert

J. Sawyer. It's hard to hook, but scour cyberspace for a copy. Jim, himself, will obtain an edition, as it's a book well worth your time!

With a motion from Arlene to clean up, clear out, and clam up, the meeting adjourned.

**Board of Directors meeting  
August 12, 2012  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellern, Marcia Minsky, Rob Powell, Marty Cantor, Christian McGuire, Arlene Satin, and Rob Powell. Warren "Whiskey" Johnson had an excused absence, as did Eylat Poliner. Also, Elayne was ill and was not able to make it to the meeting.

**Members and Guests:** Greg Barrett, Milt Stevens, Joyce Sperling, Michael Pell, Heide Nichols, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Matthew B. Pepper, Michelle Pincus, Tom Safer, Joe Zeff, Tim Trzepacz, Greg Bilan, Jeni Burr.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:24 am.

**Opening Remarks:** The Chairman apologized for being late.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting of July 2012, were accepted as presented.

**New Members:** There were no applications for membership presented to the Board.

**Treasurer:** With the Treasurer suddenly being taken ill, there was no Treasurer's Report.

**30 Second Reports:**

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** No report.

**Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire):** We have plenty of vice; fortunately, none of it is ours.

**Secretary (Marty Cantor):** No report.

**Publications (Marty Cantor):** No report.

**Comptroller (Bill Ellern):** No report.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** Soda units sold: 23,018 units to date, 350 units this period. Soda money: \$17,694.25 to date, \$357.00 for this period. We also purchased paper towels,

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Filk style: To be determined by hostess.

Notes:

1. No Smoking, please.
2. Computer on site, but no printer or internet connection.
3. Crash space for several, actually. There are two extra bedrooms, futons, and mats for sleeping. For those who crash overnight I will be making a pancake breakfast in the morning.
4. **Please feel free to come early** and enjoy the Lake, the town, and visit. **Also feel free to stay** and crash or visit in town the next day. I live in a beautiful place and like to share it!

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propane, and band-aids.

**Library (Warren "Whiskey" Johnson):** There was no report sent in by the absent Librarian nor did any of his assistants offer reports.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** No report.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** There was no report but it was noted that the building is still here.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** There was a breakdown – but it will be worked on after the meeting; the cable will be replaced and an HDMI setup will be put in.

**Events (Eylat Poliner):** Karl reported that there will be a Chili Cook-off on Sept. 9 at 5 pm. // There will be a LOSCON article going into Wikipedia. // LOSCON 39: is experimenting with a new harassment policy.

**Fund-raising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin):** No report..

**(Significant Others)**

**Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin):** We will again be at the West Hollywood Book Fair this year. We will not be doing a panel this year, for a variety of reasons. Eylat will be doing set-up, running, and tear down of the event. // There was a discussion of the bookmarks. // And there was a discussion of somebody wanting hi-res photos of Forry.

**Club President (Matthew B. Tepper):** We are still having meetings on Thursday nights. // We have a new member who is our new Scribe – and she is doing a good job.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** The Secretary gave us a CD of the photos he took of the Bradbury Memorial.

**Open Forum:**

Arlene read an item about non-cleaning at the LASFS. There was a discussion of how to handle the problem. Too many groups are not cleaning up after their events. This led to a discussion of responsibilities of officers in charge of certain events and the responsibilities of those hosting events.

Milt spoke on the Parking Petition.

Heide said she now lives in Crestline.

Milt spoke about the affair at Northridge in September.

Tom Safer is putting out money for royalties he pays for some items he shows at LOSCON. He is requesting Patron Saint credit for this money. A committee will be appointed to study this and Christian, Elayne, Tom Safer will be its members.

Mike Thorsen thanked Triage Entertainment for contributing fruit.

Bill Ellern has given away spindles of CD-Rom and DVD-R discs to Archives and the Library.

**Agenda Items:**

Rob: Sandwich board sign. The Board liked what Rob presented.

SOB: Any objections, in absence of a major sponsor, to Samantha calling the Go Tournament "The LASFS Go Tournament?" There were no objections.

Our next meeting will be September 9, 2012.

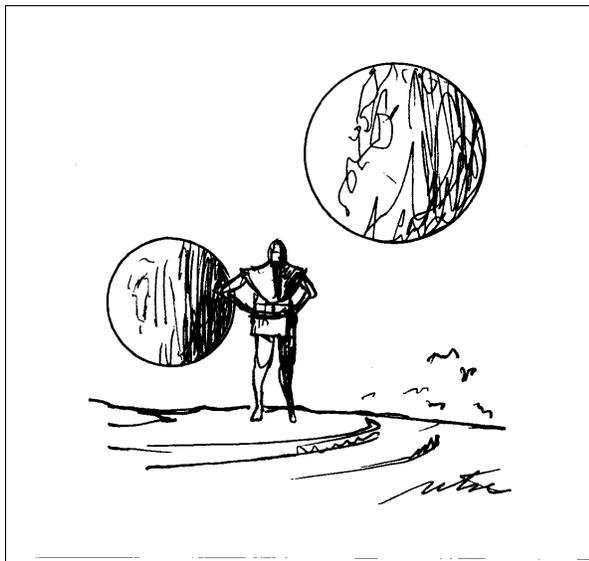
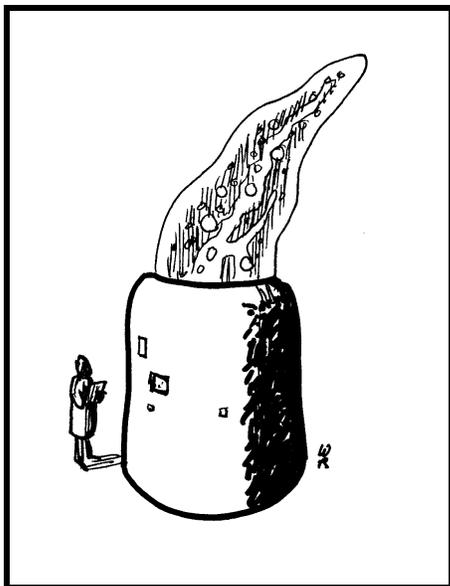
**Take-Aways:**

Rob will work on perfecting the sandwich board.

Karl will be talking with people about resurrecting the checklist we used to have posted by the door in the old building. This was a list of things that were Expected on the part of responsible people for events at the clubhouse.

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting at 01:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



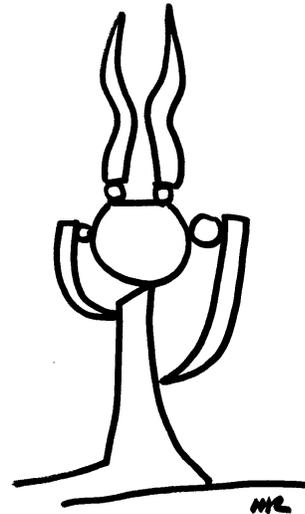
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**LASFS Programme, October 11**

H. P. Lovecraft's video "The Whisperer in Darkness"

A film starring Matt Foyer and Barry Lynch. Since the story was written circa 1934, the film was produced to have the feel of an early talkie, although the film was made in 2011. In fact, it is found to be a film very reminiscent of an early Hitchcock film.

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