



## MAY 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 LASFS MEETING	3 Open House	4 Lecture
5	6	7	8	9 LASFS MEETING	10 Open House	11 Cinema Anime
12 Second Sunday Open House - <b>NOON</b>	13	14	15	16 LASFS MEETING	17 Open House	18 CFO
19 Time Meddlers	20	21	22	23 LASFS MEETING	24 Open House	25 Tom Safer Cartoons
26	27	28	29	30 LASFS MEETING	31 Open House	

### KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am  
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm  
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons  
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation  
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing  
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club  
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**MAY 2** - Guest Speaker Trina L. Ray, JPL Senior Science Systems Engineer will be speaking on the latest information on Cassini  
**MAY 9** - Video Program: Tom Safer will be showing animated Star Trek episodes written by LASFS members.  
**MAY 16** - **BIG** Auction.  
**MAY 23** - No programme scheduled.  
**MAY 30** - 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

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm  
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends  
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Work Party - 10:30 am  
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am  
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm  
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
 FWEMS -



May 23rd: Special meeting programme to vote on a by-laws change

# DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 483– May 2013. 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.

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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 \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.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-modified Intel quad-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, 2013

**President:** Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Marcia Minsky & Eylat Poliner (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

## Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2015). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Michelle Pincus (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2015) 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 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://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.

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

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

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE  
(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the  
LASFS' files and can be read there -  
also at [www.lasfs.org](http://www.lasfs.org))

**Meeting 3934, January 3, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Called to order at nine minutes after 8 and Joe's battery is dead. The President thanked our outgoing Scribe, Elizabeth Carlie, and welcomed back Karl Lembke. He also thanked Greg Bilan for Veeping, and welcomed our new VP team, Marcia and Eylat

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted in perpetuity as "The last will and testament of Elizabeth Carlie". Marcia Minsky paid \$10 for the privilege. It was noted that keeping something in Perpetuity is a problem since Perpetuity has gone to pot.

Passages: Writer Peter A David has had a stroke which has left him with little or no use of his right arm and leg. His thinkology appears unimpaired.

**Committee Reports:** President Tepper had a report from Eylat Poliner, for the Grilled Cheese Throwdown. We have a throw-down, and there are rules. Judges will be Mark Poliner and some stranger named Karl Lembke

The **Registrar** reported that we have a new member.

John P. Reidy is one of us now. And we have people returning from decades past. John D. Evert showed up after an absence of some years. DeVera and David Johnson returned after decades. James Ransom is a new member. Consensus: The new new building is awesome. The library is a real library!

There was no **old**, and no **new, business**.

We honored **Patron Saints**.

**Patron Saint Dan Alderson** was first: People said nice things about Dan: Scratch said he worked at JPL, and was a mathematical genius. He had a wonderful collection of books and a neat personality. He enjoyed being around Dan. Unfortunately, diabetes took him from us piece by piece. Joe Zeff was his seeing eye person. Hare Hobbs: Dan was one of those who was quiet and soft-spoken, but very interesting to listen to. He's one of those who was very worth knowing

Milt Stevens: Most memorable quote: Dan commented they were thinking of having a self-denigration contest at LASFS. "But I'd lose." Joe Zeff: I don't know what he was like when he was young, but by the time I became familiar with him, it was known that if he were ever at JPL at 8 AM, it's because he'd been there all night. This casualness toward the clock became a complete disregard for what time it was, to the point where he'd leave for a 3 PM appointment at 3:30. CLJII: His birthday was 10/31. It was not until he was an advanced age he learned people weren't dressing up for his birthday. He developed TRAM, which allowed spacecraft to maneuver, and helped Voyager get through the asteroid belt.

Jerry Pournelle: Niven and I got several books and characters out of Alderson. As usual, we showed him as he wanted to be rather than as he was. He was a self-educated polymath. He had few external credentials, but he was one of those who understood what small computers could do. Home computers didn't exist. Dan could do magic with an old 1620 that no one else could. Some of his programs on low-thrust trajectories -- a matrix system that could take account of gravitational perturbations -- still remain in bits and pieces in software NASA and JPL use. 40-year-old code that's still in use, because no one can figure out how to improve it. Dan would make the mistake of assuming people who read his instructions were as smart as he was. The Alderson Drive came about when Jerry Pournelle told Dan the conditions he wanted for a space drive were, and Dan came up with the science underlying it. (Jerry needed chokepoints to stage battles in.) Dan would solve problems no one else was interested in. (E.g., planets where vampires are the natural life, and humans the invaders.)

Marty Cantor: Dan had a major failing we should all take to heart. He did not take care of his health. He could have gone on many more years had he taken care of himself. CLJII: There was a time he was incredibly scrupulous about his diet, and the government kept outlawing stuff he could eat -- he gave up. Joe Zeff: In defense of Dan, if you are familiar with how computer algorithms were described in the 70s and 80s, Dan's description of the LASFS voting method is very simple, clear, and

straightforward. (*If you prefer mathematics to the English language, the LASFS voting system is clear. Real people do not understand it.* - ed.) Joe finds it easy to understand. (*Nuff said.* - ed.) WE had three rousing cheers for **Patron Saint Dan Alderson**. -- And a brand new map of Toadland and a car license plate that reads Froggy.

Next up was **Patron Saint Joe Zeff**.

Hare Hobbs: Joe Zeff took care of Dan when he was at his worst, right to the end. Scratch: Has known Zeff for a day or two. He enjoys games, he has an active mind that comes up with things just a little different. He enjoyed the ideas Joe came up with for AD&D. He had to tone them down for his students who were teenagers. Patrick Fahy: Joe is the one with whom I could walk in the door and we could discuss naval history. He did honorable service as a member of the Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club. Jerry Pournelle: There is one person who did understand Alderson's explanations of stuff, and that is Zeff. Some of the senior management of the founders of Earthlink considered him a last resort tech support guy because he could explain things to people who were considered irretrievably stupid. And he did not get complaints from customers. His problem was, he didn't care to manage anybody else. He used to report on Computer Users Too Stupid To Live.

DeVera Joe: When we used to have LASFS and LOSCON meetings at the Hilton, there was one time, she didn't know Zeff very well, and there was one time at one LOSCON when he had his cart filled with stuff. She heard it beeping. "Joe Zeff -- Gamemaster for hire," she said to her future husband. Patrick: almost forgot: He has this staff which he absolutely cannot take into an airport.

Marcia Minsky: His sister. Joe and she share living space. There are times when Joe gets on her last nerve. There has never been a time that any of her computer problems go unsolved. He annoys the crap out of her, but we're family. **Patron Saint Joe Zeff** was given three cheers and a hamburger for which I will gladly pay you Tuesday.

Scratch moved to run away, and DeeDee seconded. The achoos had it, and we sneezed adjourned!

**Meeting 3935, January 10, 2013**  
**Eylat Poliner, vice-presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Thanks to posthumous intervention by the Minister of Silly Gavels, the meeting was called to order at ten minutes after 8. There were no special orders of business.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "Welcome M Christian" the guy with a hat paid \$2 to so name them.

There were no **old**, and no **new**, items of **business**.

We honored patron saints:

**Patron Saint Bruce Pelz.** Hare: Bruce was one who helped educate Hare. He was very good at it. He was our elephant when it came to club history. He knew everything about the club. He also started selling books in the courtyard, and turned people on to a lot of authors. Scratch: Bruce was a unique individual. Most of us have collections. Pelz collected collections. Elayne did not add a comment because she was not paying attention.

Joe Zeff: Bruce was a very good card gamer and Hell player, and more than happy to tell you everything you had done wrong in playing a hand. There was one response that would always stop him: "I made my bid". Frank Waller: Bruce was one you could talk to. I asked him a question and he would not fade into the darkness like some folks. He came up with an answer or did research. Jerry Pournelle: Bruce was one of the most remarkable people Jerry knew in a long career. He could manage any project he set his mind to, and those being managed didn't know they were being managed. Paul Turner came up with the mad idea that LASFS could buy its own clubhouse. Bruce helped make it happen.

CLJII: Bruce had a number of things he enjoyed doing. He enjoyed running conventions, then he enjoyed directing convention runners so he could sit in the dealers room and sell books. He knew more things about more things than most people knew about one thing. He would assume people knew things because he knew them, and discover whether his assumption was correct. At one point, he was selling off books. He took them to Bouchercon, and he turned out to have 2/3 of a set of Ellery Queen. CLJII asked how much. "You couldn't afford them, but since they're going to a good home..." He named an outrageously small price he'd accept from Charlie.

Bruce was nominated to be head of Epitome of Evil. Ltd. Bruce, Milt Stevens, Sue Fox, and Craig Miller. Marty Cantor is very frustrated. Bruce and Marty were both fanzine collectors, and Bruce's collection went to the Eaton collection. At one point, Marty's fanzines had been willed to Bruce, but Bruce went and pre-deceased Marty.

Milt Stevens: He was an Eagle Scout and could play the piano. **Patron Saint Bruce Pelz** was given three cheers and lots of stickers on his trunk. (Gronk!)

**Registrar Break:** Our Registrar introduced guests: Douglas Stingley "The Captain" who heard about us from a Star Trek club. Chris Kuhn, who heard about us from friends. And Chris "M Christian" who heard about us from a website.

**Patron Saint Christian McGuire:** Scratch: Christian has a gentle habit of rocking. He has a marvelous ability to make people comfortable and to irritate people. And to cause them to buy things they don't want -- Pournelle

Joe Zeff: years ago, then President assigned Christian to report on Science, so he could be Christian the Science Monitor. Maria said Christian is amazingly willing to lis-

ten to people who may not be good. Karl: Christian has run the occasional con, including this little shindig in Anaheim, LA Con IV

**Patron Saint Christian** McGuire got three cheers and (...*something the Scribe did not record.*—ed)

**Announcements:** Patrick Fahey announced that NASA is taking bids for companies to send crews to ISS. SpaceX will likely win, since they've been delivering supplies to the ISS. Jerry Pournelle: NASA has undertaken a study of projects to bring an asteroid into trans-lunar orbit. The money they're talking about is ridiculously small.

No **old** or **new business.**

Maria: We had a survey on panel and demo ideas for LOSCON39. We'd like to do this again, but don't know what to put on the survey. We need 2 pages of ideas by the end of February.

**Reviews:** Ben Levin reviewed the Doom Books based on the video game. The first two are more to do with the game. There is a certain amount of mature content, but they're great books and worth reading. Hare Hobbs: Brad Lineweaver and Daffyd ap Hugh co-wrote the books.

Milt Stevens reviewed Triggers, by Robert J Sawyer. It starts out with the president of the US getting shot in the back -- it's pretty promising. While the President's in the hospital, someone blows up the white house, and this shock disturbs a memory experiment, so people wind up getting each other's memories. It's an interesting premise, but likely won't interest enough people to make a TV series

Jerry Pournelle: Many years ago, he did TV shows and was required to join AFTRA. Now he's in SAG-AFTRA. He's kept up his dues because that way he gets paid for interviews and other appearances on TV. Now he has a mailbox full of DVDs so he can vote in the Oscar awards. Not sure what he'll do about it all, with a dire warning of terrible things that will happen if he loans them out.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Karl Lembke notes the story: In a Sao Paolo prison, a cat has been arrested for attempting to smuggle contraband. Prison officials remarked that it was hard to determine who was responsible because cats can't speak. And the guard who attempted to waterboard the cat is recovering from his wounds in the hospital.

CLJII: 911 operators were alarmed by reports of a baby lion in the street. This was determined to be a labradoodle groomed and colored to look like a male lion.

Jerry Pournelle: 50 years ago, when people were more relaxed about pets, a girl in a sorority house across from the main campus at Univ of Wash had a full grown male lion as a pet. Jerry was animal room manager, and he got to take the waste down to the garbage for disposal. One time, he sees a lion running past with a leash, and no

one on the leash. A couple of minutes later, a blonde girl comes past asking, have you seen my lion?

Eylat reported on an insult: at Anime Los Angeles, 99% of the people there were under 25, and in costume. For the scavenger hunt, someone snapped a photo of her in her mundane clothes -- including the Star Fleet Academy shirt. "What's StarFleet Academy?"

Patrick Fahey rose to the defense of CLJII. He saw the dog on a cable show. "That's not a cat, that's a dog!" he said.

**Miscellaneous:** Jerry Pournelle misced a request. He acquired a 1914 California 6th grade reader some years ago. He was impressed by the stories in it. He's working on getting it reprinted for home schoolers and people with some appreciation for western literature. That never quite worked, but it's now possible with the electronic book revolution. He will add a couple of stories, because nothing in it was published after 1914. He's added some Kipling poems and Just So Stories. In 20 days, other stories come into public domain.

If you know of a 6-8 grade appropriate fantasy story whose author died before 1943, let him know. Think about it, and contact him offline. (Martian Odyssey is a bit too long)

It was moved, seconded, and thirded that we adjourn, and so we did.

**Meeting 3936, January 17, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Welcome to the club where people sometimes think before they speak. // Hacking, but not computers, President Matthew Tepper called the meeting to order at ten minutes after 8.

There were no special orders of business.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "Eylat of sound and fury, and signifying nothing.", and Mark Poliner paid \$10 to so name them.

The **Registrar** reported that we have guests. Sunday's guests, a lovely couple who live in the neighborhood: Zach Nock and Sally Steranko. Lori Willey and Bonnie Milani showed up today.

Christian announced Loscon 39 is handing over \$9738 -- about \$4K more than last year.

And now it's time for the medium sized auction. Much stuff was auctioned off.

We honored the evening's **Patron Saint, Jeff Siegel**. Jeff was a neighbor of Jerry Pournelle, and went into the Air Force. He is now a pastor. He's a good guy, and a right good fellow. Alex Pournelle added, on Facebook, Jeff Siegel lives with his wife Gail in Des Moines, IA,

where he is a pastor for a local church. He has a second job at a hardware store. He left the USAF after 15 years about 10 years ago. They have three cats.

**Patron Saint Jeff Siegel** was given three cheers and put out to pastor.

The **Registrar** had more business: Thaddeus Bejnar was introduced as a late-arriving guest.

Eylat Poliner reported on the Grilled Cheese Throwdown. We had 50-60 people here. The participants were Marcia Minsky, Scott Beckstead, Sue Fox, Harold Goldstein, and Nick Smith. Harold Goldstein won first place, Scott Beckstead took second, Sue Fox won the popular vote.

**Announcements:** Keri is leaving the state, and won't be attending LASFS meetings for the foreseeable future.

**Reviews:** Nick Smith read a book not marketed as SF, *Everyday* by David Levin. Spends one day as any one person -- takes over a person's life for a day each day. It turns into a love story. He meets a person and has to figure out how to maintain a relationship with one person. The main character has never had his or her own body, has jumped through bodies all his or her life. Neat approach to people who are different on the outside

Niven: *Gefilk*: filking convention in Atlanta, GA over the past weekend. He brought his nephew, and they had a wonderful time.

Milt Stevens: last night saw second strangest movie -- *The Bed Sitting Room* by Spike Milligan. It's British. It has a 90 minute running time, so it's nasty, British, and short.

Julie read "Forsaken" by Andrew Van Way. This is the scariest book she's read in her life, an art professor receives a painting from an anonymous artist. It turns out to be something horrifying.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Patrick Fahey: 1/31/56 a child was born. Said child will have a birthday on Monday, reaching the age of 57. Beats the alternative.

Marcia Minsky on weirdness in the classroom. Working on formal presentations for finals. Instead of drawing lots, assigned groups by birthdate. No January, no Feb, no March, April (2). One third of the class is left-handed. Two left-handed are Marcia and the other person born the same day on April.

Matthew Tepper shared the story of running into a girl who shared the same apartment he did at a different time.

Bill Ellern: It's amazing what you can find on the net. Who's familiar with D30? It's a company. Any who have played with corn starch mixed with water, noticed it has certain properties -- D30 company occurred when a gentleman in England had an accident in the Alps and was considering what kind of body armor might prevent accidents like his. Orange body armor, pieces of plastic that

are flexible at low speeds, but turn rigid at high speeds of impact. Thin pieces are baseball bat resistant, thick pieces are bullet resistant.

**Miscellaneous:** Matthew Tepper had some items from the Board meeting: If you use the barbecue, turn it off when done, and turn off propane. Heat in all segments of the club is to stay at 70 or below. We want to keep power consumption down. Parents are responsible for their children on premises. The club is not a babysitting service.

Marcia Minsky asked people to police after themselves and put away their chairs.

It was moved, seconded, and thirded that we adjourn.

**Meeting 3937, January 24, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Wielding a big stick, President Matthew Tepper called the meeting to order at ten minutes after 8. There were no special orders of business.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as “Bazinga.”, and John DeChancie paid \$2 to so name them.

Michelle Pincus reported that Michael Bloom was in the hospital with some heart problems. Well wishes are requested.

Matthew Tepper reported that Jim Busby had more problems with his foot. He is now only able to count to 15. Healing thoughts are requested. Joe Zeff asked if it was appropriate to request an appropriate card. (*I think that Jim is old enough so as to not need carding.*—ed.)

The **Registrar** reported that we have guests. Nancy Hapki and Peter Hapki, both of whom heard about us from a friend, David Bassini.

We had a small auction, including a Star Wars jigsaw puzzle with the seal intact. (*So, it had not yet been turned into a fur coat.* - ed.)

We honored the evening’s **Patron Saint, Rick Sneary**. Marty Cantor: Rick was crippled from birth, and effectively home-schooled. He never learned to properly spell, but fan-eds were so taken with what he wrote they thought he meant to spell oddly and declined to fix his spell-os. He came up with the “South Gate in 58” World-con bid but there was no place to hold it in South Gate. They held it at the Alexandria hotel, and the mayor of Los Angeles declared the hotel to be in South Gate for

**Committee Reports:** There has been some discussion of drawing in more people to Friday nights.

The **Registrar** reported that we have a guest: David Cake, the DUFF Administrator from Australia.

We honored the evening’s **Patron Saints:**

**Patron Saint Mike Luwish:** He’s an old-time LASFS member. Joe Zeff: Mike was the first LASFS member to buy a relative a patron sainthood. **Patron Saint Mike Luwish** was given Three Cheers and a good father.

**Patron Saint Gary Louie:** Hare Hobbs recounted that Gary was one of those guys who jumped in immediately when he joined the club. Marcia: he introduced the modified Hong-Kong Mah Jongg rules to the club, and she enjoys it very much. Hare added, “He and I moved around the club doing stuff, and frequently crashed into each other.” He was a nice guy to know. (*Well, you certainly would not be wanting to crash into somebody who was not a nice guy to know.*—ed.)

Joe Zeff: One day while he was at work, Gary suffered what was probably a stroke. One symptom was, he was unable to speak. He wrote up a report on his condition and symptoms and printed out a number of copies. One he gave to his boss. Every time someone en route and at the hospital asked what was going on, that person was handed a copy. Matthew: He did recover from the stroke, but sadly he was taken by a heart attack. He has been told second hand that the driver of the hearse got lost, so Gary was in fact late to his own funeral. He was a fine fellow, always had a friendly quack for Matthew. He was a great bibliographer.

Marcia recounted the story of how at one time he and his family had gone to Mainland China and Gary owned the family property for 15 minutes, because under Chinese law, whoever has physical custody of the deed is the legal owner. CLJII: One time, when Gary was down at the ABA, he wandered the stalls and accepted all kinds of free books, and later looked through to see what he had, and presented Charlie with two books, “Darn Right it’s Butch” which turned out to be an excellent book on who not to listen to in interviews.

Jerry Pournelle: Gary had a large and somewhat valuable collection of collectible stuffed animals which was distributed to LASFS members after his death. Jerry’s grandchildren get to play with Iago from Aladdin on occasion. Matthew: “I miss him, he was very quiet, and good to be around.”

**Patron Saint Gary Louie** was given three cheers and a Darth Vader Doll.

**Reviews:** Julie: read another book by Andrew Van Wey, *A Feast of Infinite Rot*, a really good book, along the horror lines. A man who tells stories winds up in a strange inn, doesn’t have money to pay for dinner, and the innkeeper accepts three stories in exchange.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Hare Hobbs reported on his sister’s engagement. Her intended has been around fandom but not terribly active -- we need to fix that.

Darnell Coleman asked the difference between Fannish Committee Reports and Misc. There was a discussion. If

you have to ask, you'll never understand the answer.

**Miscellaneous:** Darnell Coleman was in Storage Wars as an extra and will be visible in three or four weeks. It wasn't that eye-opening, but more than he thought it would be. He's in the red shirt, so you'll recognize him when he's hit by a phaser blast.

CLJII moved that we adjourn. It was seconded, and we adjourned to the program.

**Board of Directors Meeting  
March 10, 2013  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Michelle Pincus, Marcia Minsky, Rob Powell, Arlene Satin, Marty Cantor, and Warren "Whisky" Johnson. Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire, and Eylat Poliner had excused absences.

**Members and Guests:** Joe Zeff, Michael Pell, Matthew B. Tepper, Joyce Sperling, Greg Barrett, Frank Waller, June Moffatt, Jeni Burr, Tim Trzepacz, Ed Hooper, Tony Benoun, Sherry Benoun, Tom Safer.

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

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** The Chairman told us it was a Happy March and was named after the god Mars.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting of February 10, 2013, were accepted as presented.

**New Members:** There was one application for membership in the Society presented to the Board: Christopher Haber. He was accepted.

**Treasurer:** Michelle reported that we have money but we shouldn't spend it and we should not even think of spending it until Elayne gets back. .

**30 Second Reports:**

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

**Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire):** (At Condor.)

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

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

**Comptroller (Michelle Pincus):** Everything is

Completely Comptrolled.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** Soda units sold: 25,233 units to date, 223 units this period. Soda money: \$19,952.50 to date, \$225.25 for this period. We purchased paper products and there was an emergency rain gutter modification. There was a mystery filler of our propane tanks. Kudos to whoever has filled our propane tanks.

**Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson):** There is a space problem as we have a lot of books and not much space for all of these books. Greg pointed out that we also need more people to help shelve books. Matthew Tepper was asked to bring up, at the Thursday meeting, the problem of not enough help. Greg Barrett said that another two people would be a big help.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** We have archives and they are available for use.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** Thorsen said that Marc Schirmeister will be helping today on the mailbox problem.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** Nobody has told him of any problems since the last meeting.

**Events (Eylat Poliner):** (Eylat is at Condor.) There will still be a LOSCON this year. Mah Jongg tournament is still on for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of April. The Chili Cook-off will be on June 9.

**Fund-raising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin):** The March date for the lecture series is gone by the wayside. There was a small discussion about a Weapons Demonstration – old weapons. The Board agreed that a Weapons Demonstration could be held at the club.

**(Significant Others)**

**Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin):** Arlene thanked Michelle for handling things during Arlene's illness. Michelle mentioned that she is working with the Burbank Library. Tim Griffin will be the Halloween programme for children in the Burbank Library. Shawn Crosby will be helping with a couple of things.

**Club President (Matthew B. Tepper):** Joe has spoken to the Thursday night meeting for definitions and guidelines for cooking at clubhouse. // There was a discussion of holding elections of the next LOSCON concom at Thursday meetings right after the accepted concoms were accepted by the

LAFAs  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, May 18, 2013  
Pre-Filk Dinner: 6 pm, cooked by Heide  
Heide Nichols

541 Valley Rd., San Bernardino National Forest,  
Crestline, CA 92325, 714-776-9588

(Note: This is a new date due to Heide's upcoming surgery.  
Be sure to contact the Gold's shortly before the filk, just in  
case of complications.)

**Pre-filk dinner:** 6 pm. Heide will cook dinner, pease  
porridge (vegetarian and NOT 9 days old), chicken soup, and  
beef stew. If that doesn't meet your dietary needs, please  
bring what you will eat. Feel free to bring side dishes and  
snacks.

**Directions:** See Thomas Bros. San Bernardino County,  
page 516 G2. Lat,Lon: 34.243914,-117.294892

Parking for 4-5 cars in driveway or on parking pad (carpooling  
recommended). More parking around the corner on Valley Road: turn  
right and then park at the ranger station or along the road on the left.  
Heide will post signs nearby pointing the way to her house.

**Filk style:** To be determined by hostess.

**Notes:**

1. No smoking, please.
2. No creatures with more than two legs.
3. Computer on site, but no printer or internet connection.
4. 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.
5. **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!

LAFAs info: Barry & Lee Gold:  
(310) 306-7456

Board, given small attendance at times.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** Marty Cantor  
reported that the web master had not given him  
any items to report.

**Agenda Items:** Building closing time on Fridays.  
Marcia asked for a consensus of the Board about  
when the closing time should be. The consensus of  
the Board is that closing is at the discretion of the  
last-attending key-holder. There was also a ques-  
tion of closing on Second Sundays. This should be  
posted and made official.

Matthew has been letting the meetings know of the  
business taken by the Board.

**Open Forum:**

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The next meeting of the Board will be April 14,  
2013.

**Take-Aways:**

**Taken Away from previous meetings:** Oasis  
letter.

Environmental Impact is being worked on.

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting  
at 12:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



Thursday evening  
May 23

Special meeting programme:  
there will be a vote on a  
by-laws change.

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OUT ALL AT ONCE**

**THERE WILL BE A  
CHILI COOK-OFF**  
on June 9, 2013  
along with the regular Second Sunday  
programming  
*Arrival time: 4:00 pm*  
*Serve time: 5:00 pm*  
*Judges will be served first*

This is an "anything goes" Chili Cook-Off  
There will be NO separate categories

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