



# JUNE 2013

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## 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

**JUNE 6** - Tim Griffin performs (at 8:30 pm) a musical show  
**JUNE 13** - Procedural Elections  
**JUNE 20** - BIG Auction  
**JUNE 27** - Eric Hoffman Presents: ATTACK OF THE 50 FOOT TRAILERS? A 30 minute show in honour of Ray Harryhausen

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 - 1943 Batman Serial



**July 11 - SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL VACANT BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEAT**

# DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 484–June 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.

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@sbglobal.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.

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

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

**Meeting 3938, January 31, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

After a brief discussion of the pun fine rule, President Matthew Tepper called the meeting to order at twelve minutes after 8. There were no special orders of business.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "Look! A Duff Delegate!", and Christian paid the pitiful sum of \$1 to so name them.

Patrick Fahey reported that Prof Busby has lost about 3" of metatarsal along with the toes of his left foot.

There was a short auction run by Christian McGuire.

**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 delegate 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 was a nice guy to know. 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 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. (*Would it not be nice if he were invisible the rest of the time?* - ed.) 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.

**Meeting 3939, February 7, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Lamenting the cost of the puns he was about to inflict, President Matthew Tepper called the meeting to order at seventeen minutes after 8. "Now is the winter of our disinterment. Yes, they believe they've found the remains of Richard III under a car park. How did they find him? They had a hunch. He's been spending a lot of time under the Tudors." "Didn't they say anything about a Planted Agent?" -- Milt Stevens "He was staging a Coupe." -- Marty Cantor. There were no special orders of business.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "Don't be late to the funeral", and Deborah Levin paid the pitiful sum of \$2 to so name them.

Eric Hoffman told of the program: Back in time to 9/53, when BBC took its first foray into serious SF. "The Quatermass Experiment". We have one of the two kine-scoped episodes.

**Registrar** Michelle introduced our guest, Chris Haber.

**Committee Reports:** Bill Green announced at 11:26 PST, Asteroid 2012 DA14 will pass close to earth, closer than the Clarke orbit. Comet Isaan, a sun grazer, will pass within 14 million km of the sun. If it survives, it will be a bright apparition in the sky of Loscon. Another comet might reach third magnitude, around March 10.

BBC world news reports that in Italy, they have a detector, filled with lots of argon, hoping to detect some particles of dark matter. Karl remarked, Der Spiegel said they were using Xenon in their detectors. (Further research shows they're hoping dark matter will turn out to interact through the weak force, so they're looking for beta decay phenomena.) Ben Levin wondered if the new UU elements they've been discovering might hold the key to finding dark matter. Matthew Tepper pointed out the microscopic half-lives of these.

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

**Patron Saint Mike Glycer:** Marty Cantor: Mike's a wonderful person and has been for a long time. Unfortunately, now separated from Diana and living in Arcadia. He works for the IRS and has been an agent for a long time, on the business section. He will be Marty's executor. He came up with the fanzine title The Speed of Dark. First met at the first clubhouse on Ventura Boulevard. He's managed to lose a lot of weight. He has been scribe a couple of times. Only two people Marty's found totally impossible to edit -- there wasn't anything to cut. Mike was one of them. He's a fantastically good writer. He puts out File 770, which is also a fannish news zine. (*John DeChancie is the other person whose minutes of LASFS meetings were impossible to cut.*—ed.)

Milt says he has a reasonable claim to being the best fan in the world. Hugo winner as fan writer, DUFF winner, and run a Worldcon. Matthew Tepper: he started out as a six-time Hugo loser. Joe Zeff: Mike not only wrote magnificent Minutes, he composed them on the fly in long-hand in ink. (*Did he ever tell you how he got the fly to stay in the same place long enough so that he could write on it? - ed.*) And, except for a witty opening, what you heard was what he had written. And it was Mike who started the custom of the unsympathetic cold reading. He would not glance at them until it was time to read them. He would pronounce typos, misspellings, etc. as written.

Hare Hobbs: Corner him and ask him about a Worldcon committee in New Orleans -- he and Rick Foss took over the programming on two months' notice. Jerry Pournelle: Mike was at one time fond of introducing himself as a character in a Niven/Pournelle novel. He is married to a notable CS Lewis scholar who has written a good book on the subject. They have adopted a daughter who is apparently thriving. **Patron Saint Mike Glycer** was given Three Cheers and a brand new hectograph.

**Patron Saint Frank Waller:** Debra: He's one of those who makes sure this place stays clean. He takes out the trash. He can be very friendly. Scratch: some years ago, he did a marvelous I Mudd at LASFS. First time, superb. Second time, not so much. Zeff: Frank became a Patron Saint by letting others pay for it. He donated stuff to auction and eventually his donation credit added up to Sainthood.

CLJII: He's a good sport and takes a certain amount of joshing. Able to put up with the day to night artistic scrawlings of his sister Polly.

Hare: He takes being the brunt of jokes with a kind heart. Jerry Pournelle: He is frequently cheered for having absolutely nothing to say. Patrick Fahey: met him as Harry Mudd, said he had a phone message for him from Stella. At a market near where he lives, they had a car show. Frank Waller was gate guard.

Matthew: He gives timely notice of car shows, especially at Bob's Big Boy in Toluca Lake. Scratch: He's a nice guy. Matthew: feels privileged and glad to know Frank, one of the most helpful people around, good for bringing a smile to his face. **Patron Saint Frank Waller** was given Three Cheers and shut up or I'll go home with you.

**Patron Saint Albert Sheean:** Matthew introduced him for his second round in the hot seat. Marcia Minsky: shortly before we moved out of North Hollywood, he was generous enough to bring donuts. Thanks so much! Scratch: he has a knowledge and hobby of motorcycles that he's had responses from Japan about. He's provided information to the writers of several manga. He used to have a collection of cannon cartridges, but those were sold off.

Michelle Pincus says Albert helps a lot behind the scenes at the club. He's a good friend and fun to hang out with, and interesting on many levels. **Patron Saint Albert**

**Sheean** was given three cheers and a new manga.

**Announcements:** Robbie Bourget announced the weekend after this one features a convention. If you don't have a membership, you're not going to. Better luck next year. (Or sign up for LOSCON!!!)

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Marcia, for the I'm not Sure It's Fannish Committee reported on the kindness of strangers. Today, pushed it a bit too far with car and ran out of gas. Coming in to local Costco, and car died on her. Looking for someone to help. Found a couple of guys and told them her situation. "Can you help" Sorry lady. Next people, the same. Saw people in Navy camo. Tapped on window, told tale of woe. Can you help me? "Ma'am, it would be our pleasure." They got her to the line, through the line, waited until tank was full, made sure car started. She said, "You can't walk away from me. Thank you for what you did for me, and thank you for your service to the country. Navy rocks."

Matthew will pass this along to his father who was an officer in the Naval Dental Corps.

**Miscellaneous:** Jerry Pournelle had a miscellaneous item. The gaming company that publishes Warhammer has trademarked the name Space Marines and induced Amazon to remove from publication several novels that have that term in the title. That is actually not allowed under Trademark law, but Harlan Ellison's lawyer says the problem is the law is so goofy that in order to defend your trademark you have to tell people they can't do things everyone knows they can so you can prove you're defending the trademark. Warhammer has been catching flak from the internet, and Amazon's response was probably due to automatic systems. Welcome to the crazy world of American trademark law.

(Should we be issuing take-down notices to anyone who has a capital L, A, S, or F in any of their works?)

Matthew added, one of the animated cartoons associated with Captain Kangaroo. Tom Terrific cartoons crabby appleton was rotten to the core, and they were probably venting against Joe McCarthy. His evil deed was to copy-right the alphabet.

Jerry Pournelle notes Dr Savannah in Captain Marvel managed to copyright the letter E, and Marvel had to enforce it. But he did it without ease.

Milt Stevens: Dragon Con is media con opposite Worldcon. Just this week, phil foglio and wife are boycotting it. Reason: profits go to Ed Cramer, recently arrested for child molesting. (So when did he become a cardinal?) Cramer's take on Dragon Con was \$150K. He's been removed from management, but still owns stock.

Time, in the process of running out, wants the meeting to adjourn so it can finish running out. Marcia Minsky made the usual admonition about chairs and policing your area.

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

**Meeting 3940, February 14, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Pepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Matthew Pepper called the meeting to order at ten minutes after 8. There was one special order of business. Michelle Pincus moved that the LOSCON vote be postponed until next week. Three abstained, the rest voted in the affirmative; it was postponed.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "Oh, whatever Joe was going to say", and Christian paid the pitiful sum of \$2 to so name them.

**Registrar** Michelle reported we did have a guest. Lawrence Azcarate, heard about us from his father who did a documentary back when we were meeting at Clifton's Cafeteria.

We honored the evening's **Patron Saint, Craig Miller**: Matthew recalled that Craig joined the club at about the same time he did. Fan of comics, SF, humor, and had a flair for PR. Craig Miller has grown up, and grown up good. He's been publicity for Lucasfilms.

Hare: Way back when, I went to my first Worldcon. Waiting for Hugo ceremonies to start. Craig was on stage and asked Hare to do stuff. Karl Lembke is now scanning in issues of APA-L that contain issues of Milarky, done by Craig Miller. CLJII: Like Pelz and Stevens, member of epitome of evil ltd, robs from rich and gives to poor, minus 10%, each. Craig is married to Jenny Dazzo. One of the things they're known for is being cat people, and their cats tend toward longevity. Taking care of a cat and allowing it to live a long life and be loved is very meritorious.

CLJII: You noted the resemblance between Craig and a certain cat-stroking villain. Well, a certain pediatric doctor matches the description of Goldfinger perfectly.

**Patron Saint Craig Miller** was given three cheers and a good egg.

The auction committee declared insufficient crowd for even a medium auction. (*Obviously, not many people are interested in bidding on mediums.* - ed.)

**Announcements:** Scratch had an announcement on science: found a statement: We all know what printing is. Printer puts ink on paper. Tech mentioned is more than one layer: multiple layers to make a 3-D object. Currently used to make one-off items in resins, etc. Now casting in a vacuum weightless -- making parts for a space ship, instead of grinding on Earth and blasting up to space. They've done a flight experiment where they do parabolic flights and printed a little wrench. It took 30 minutes, or 120 rounds of parabolic flight.

Matthew remarked 3d printers have many uses. Prototypes are one, also bioengineering uses, Marty: it's been used in SF in a way that shows it could ruin any economy. Pepper: Mad Holiday in Venus Equilateral, The movie: The Fifth Element in which a character is recre-

ated from a small sample. Cantor: if you could take someone and transmit him to a distant planet, you could theoretically make a recording and copy. Pepper: rogue moon by Budrys. (*As I have implied, this has been around in SF for a long, long time.* - ed.)

Karl: someday we'll be able to Xerox a person. A copy either will or will not be a perfect copy, mentally. Either way, it will be an astonishing result. Ben commented on the implications of 3-d printers. Matthew said, you will probably see things I won't be able to imagine even reading SF.

**Miscellaneous:** CLJII today's a very important holiday for those with heartfelt feelings for the important things in life: National Crème-filled Chocolates Day. Jack Benny's birthday, too. And on boxing day this year, Benny will have been a corpse for 39 years.

Not being here, Marcia Minsky did not make the usual admonition about chairs and policing your area.

Ben Levin moved we adjourn. It was seconded, and passed that we adjourn.

**Meeting 3941, February 21, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Pepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

An accord having been reached, President Matthew Pepper called the meeting to order at two years and eight minutes after 8. The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "A close call", and Peter paid the not terribly pitiful sum of \$10 to so name them.

**Registrar** Michelle reported that we have no guests, but we have Tom Galloway, Lynn Maners, Carol Tribble, and Casey Loch returning after a long absence.

Matthew Pepper exercised his prerogative to announce that LASFS member Lawrence Schoen has a short story, Barry's Tale, nominated for a Nebula award. For those who like books, Claudia Christian (Cmdr Ivanova) has a book, Babylon Confidential signing at BookStar in Studio City tomorrow evening at 7 PM.

**Old Business:** Christian McGuire presented the bid for LOSCON 41. Christian explained himself. He had said he was doing one, and another two. But in January he announced his burn-out. Scott Beckstead has stepped up to chair LOSCON 41, but since this was very late, we haven't had time to think about themes.

**LOSCON 41:** chaired by Scott Beckstead, Hotel Liaison: Christian, Kim Marks-Brown, and Jason Justice. Treasurer is Elayne Pelz The bid was carried forward and the Beckstead, McGuire, Brown, and Justice committee will run LOSCON 41.

**Patron Saint Maureen Garrett:** Marty: She used to attend long ago, and drew the cover for *Holier Than Thou #1*. Her artwork improved much from that day. She eventually left to run the fan club for Lucasfilms. Matthew remembers Maureen as a sweet and good-

natured person. She would describe a circle, and within the circle create some wonderful alien planet landscape. They were all different and all wonderful. She lives in the Bay Area and is missed. **Patron Saint Maureen Garrett** was given Three Cheers and a paint brush.

**Reviews:** Lynn Maners is reading Mongoliad by numerous authors. About a time when everyone was terrified of the Mongol hordes, and a group bands together to get the Khan. "Khaaaaaan!" Think 50 Shades of Mongolians...

Michelle reviewed Gallifrey One. Incredibly large, friendly convention. 371 ribbons was her final count.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

CLJII misced about how last week he had injured his hand. He had been at the doctor. Was told, "Your hand is OK, but you're tachycardic". Off to the ER, as soon as the bus gets him there, at his convenience. Hooked up to machines before paperwork filled out. Shunt in arm caused incredible pain. Had a moment of vertigo, fell down, banged his hand, and had to revisit the ER a few days later. So it's all down to ticker tachycardia. Interesting how it took an ER full of equipment and experts to tell him what his primary physician had already told him. The upshot seems to be, better a tacky cardia than no cardia at all.

Jerry Pournelle rose to speak about the Siberian meteorite. How does a big rock come in, and only a few grains hit the ground? As the rock comes in at 25,000 fps, the pressure builds up until the force outweighs the cohesion of the ball of rock. It turns into molecules and sand and gravel. The energy turns into heat as moving gas, with 200 KT of energy.

How often does this kind of thing happen? Maybe a dozen a year. 80% of the world is water, and the rest is either uninhabited or not wired to post things to YouTube. Historically -- this may have happened outside the gates of Jerusalem.

Julie announced that while doing massages at Gallifrey, the two daleks were parked behind her chair, and nobody could get to her chair. She informed them they'd have to leave, and they left quietly. She defeated the Daleks

Jerry Pournelle bears greetings from NESFA. When asked to make address, he thanked them and reminded them we have not forgotten the shaft.

Karl Lembke has made 613 donations of platelets. That is the number of commandments in the Torah.

Marcia asked people to police their areas and pick up their chairs, and moved to adjourn. It was seconded and passed that we adjourn.

**Meeting #3942, February 28, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Matthew Tepper called the meeting to order at

two weeks and eight minutes after 8.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "And I wasn't all there at the time", and Maryann Canfield paid the pitiful sum of \$0.75 to so name them.

**Special orders of business:** jan howard finder (who prefers to be lower case) Marty: jan howard finder has died. He's one of the guys with the Aussie hats. Lin Daniel was there when he died and sent Marty a lot of material. Jan was the world's greatest enthusiast and spelled his name lower case to annoy a boss. It also intrigued his students. He taught chemistry. Auctions -- if you wanted an auctioneer, he was the one you wanted. He died a week shy of his 74th birthday, which would have been Saturday.

We note two hospitalizations: Jim Busby hurt his back, so he hasn't been doing his walking. He has kidney stones. He's getting very close to walking again. Send good thoughts and wishes. (*Maybe he can teach his kidney stones to walk.* - ed.)

Heidi Nichols is recovering from cancer surgery to remove a tumor. The surgery has been very successful. (*She taught the tumor to walk!* -ed.)

Marcia Minsky announced her new job. She's a contractor for a company that does corporate health fairs. It's \$30/hour. First gig is 8.5 hours.

Mara Brener passed away last night. She was part of the Filking community, widow of Dr. Harry Brener, and may have been known to LASFS. Posts in Filker. The funeral/burial took place at MOUNT OLIVE CHABAD CEMETERY, 7231 East Slauson Ave. Commerce, CA 90040.

**Registrar** Michelle reported that we have a brand new member, Christopher Itobel. Michael Molisani, who hasn't been here in 12 years, is back and may do more of that. (*More of what, return every 12 years?* - ed.)

**Announcements:** Michelle mentioned the new coffee maker. It is not open stock. The coffee is one dollar a unit.

Marty Cantor announced that APA-L will have issue 2500 in six weeks. Anyone who wants to contribute to it should let Marty know so he can adjust copy count accordingly.

Larry Niven donated a copy of Bowl of Heaven to the LOSCON volunteer spiffs.

**Committee Reports:** Eylat announced the Mah Jong tournament the first weekend in April and the Chili Cook-Off June 9. The LOSCON Facebook page will start having a contest as soon as the LOSCON page is up and running.

Joe Zeff requested advice on drafting a regulation regarding cooking contests. Need an appropriate definition of cooking. Suggestions should be given to Joe offline.

**Patron Saint Marji Ellers:** Scratch: Marji was a lady who did much for the club. She re-did the tiles in the bathroom (in the old building), and the wallpaper in the bathroom in the back building (on Burbank Boulevard). She was a noted costumer, making, wearing, and judging. She was a grandmother. She did a Barbarella costume, and had the figure to carry it off.

Joe Zeff: she was a warm, well-liked person. She made an arrangement to be at LASFS shortly before her death. She brought chocolate ice cream, and arranged for it to be brought out when she arrived so she could have some as well.

Matthew: Her depiction of Queen of Air and Darkness by Poul Anderson was quite stunning. Scratch: Speaking of costumes she wore, one photo we have shows her when she was in her 20s, Eric Hoffman: Marji was one of the first fans he met in fandom. After his mind stopped bay-ing at the moon after seeing her in her costume, she made him feel so welcome, and is one of the reasons he remained in fandom.

Scratch: One thing she enjoyed doing was Regency dance. There were never enough male dancers, so she would don male persona and garb giving another partner for the ladies. Karl: Lee Gold's Hair Story -- Lee Gold had managed to catch her hair on fire. Weeks later, she encountered Marji Ellers who said, "Oh, I see you caught your hair on fire. Don't worry, it's almost grown out, in a few weeks, no one will be able to tell." She was the first person to have noticed Lee's hair had been on fire.

**Patron Saint Marji Ellers:** was given Three Cheers and an eye patch.

**Patron Saint Bill Ellern:** Eric Hoffman called Bill in the same category as Marji, one of the first he met in fandom. He has come to Eric's aid during troubled times. And they even let him go through their library. Frank Waller: Rill Ellern was one of the few who tolerated Frank, talking to him without him having to be the Good Sport. Bill actually listens to and talks to him. He's a fantastic human being

Scratch: He has the gift of gently irritating people and generating money for the club, and he has learned not to bid against him. Dr Pournelle: No, you've learned to bid just enough. Scratch: Marji Ellers -- elegance. Bill Ellern -- Common Sense. Sort of the adult supervision of this club. Sorry Bill's no longer part of the Board. This club owes him a larger debt than many think. He's put in a lot of time and effort where it doesn't show.

Marcia: Bill has been an extremely good friend, and a source of advice when needed. Maryann: Bill also brought cookies!!! Matthew: We moved into this building 9/1/11. Before we moved in, we moved out of the old building of 32 years' occupancy. There were many here for the move, but some went to the old site to say farewell and document it in photographs (and make sure the movers got everything). Bill was the person who ceremonially turned off the lights and locked the doors of the old building.

**Patron Saint Bill Ellern** was given Three Cheers and And a Dollar, Bill.

**Reviews:** Milt read Existence by David Brin. Something like Stand On Zanzibar, a snapshot of a future period in the middle of this century. Lots of good essay material, but it slows down the novel part. Doesn't get rolling until a third of the way through. Offers a unique idea on why aliens would come here, and how they'd go about doing it. Method of coming sort of resembles a virus.

Larry Niven added, he took it slowly. Might have been put off by arrogance of naming the book with that title, but what the hell, it's David Brin. It's powerfully persuasive. Overview of this age's future, as seen from 2010.

**Miscellaneous:** CLJII observed that sometimes procrastination can be good. He finally opened a PayPal account and checked on the status of a book he wanted to purchase. A year ago, it was \$300 obo. Now it's down to \$50. Only 66 copies were made in the first place -- The Valley of the Cliffhangers Supplement, gives plot synopses and credits for all but one of the Republic serials.

Milt announced someone from LA Fandom's past has been called to tell about an incident from the 1972 Worldcon. Scott Shaw showed up at the masquerade as The Turd -- wearing 10 pounds of crunchy peanut butter and nothing else. The convention had to pay for clogged drains (not true) Rumors of a shoot on sight policy were unfounded.

Peter asked if we should auction off the flavor of the month. So we did so. Peter paid \$4 to set the flavor to Diet Barq's root beer.

Bill Ellern would like to say something in defense.. He chose this week for his Patron Saint's Day because of Marji Ellers. She was a magnificent woman, beautiful in every way., and if he had to share a week with someone, it should be Marji. Second, a lot of you are right about me being an angel to this outfit. Joined a long time ago, and found the members were congenial, incredibly intelligent in a bookish way, and incredibly kind to each other. Fascinated by them, and the club has continued to please him in that way. So this is one of the reasons why I'm almost fanatical to make it continue to exist.

Marcia asked people to police their areas and pick up their chairs, and moved to adjourn. It was seconded, and passed that we adjourn.

**Addenda:** Tepper: Actually Harvey Levan Cliburn Jr.

Joe Zeff: Add: not only looking for feedback on definition of cooking, but for what parts of the year would work in case club has to be opened for ventilation

Marty: jan howard finder was one of 4 fans who wore Aussie hats. And jan taught chemistry in Germany

Bill Ellern: The "costume" - he was actually wearing a pair of long johns, complete with trap door, and had smeared peanut butter over all of it, and he was dripping.

**LAFa**

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, June 8, 2013

Filk: 7 PM to ???

Pre-Filk Dinner: 5 PM, Hill Street Cafe

(See below for location & directions.)

Casa Griffin, host: Tim Griffin

<http://www.timgriffinmusic.com/>

1227 Flanders Rd., La Cañada-Flintridge, CA 91011

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**Filk style:** Host's choice

**Notes:**

1. No Smoking Indoors! Tim will arrange a smoking area outside if requested **in advance**.
2. Please bring munchies & drinks to share.
3. There are three large dogs, 15 chickens, and a 10-year-old boy on the property. The animals will remain outside during the filk. (*Does that include the boy?* - ed.)
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CLJII: correction to what he said -- all but two of republic serials, due to inflexibility on part of author on definition of "serial".

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**BY**

**BILL ROTSLER**

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**RAY HARRYHAUSEN**

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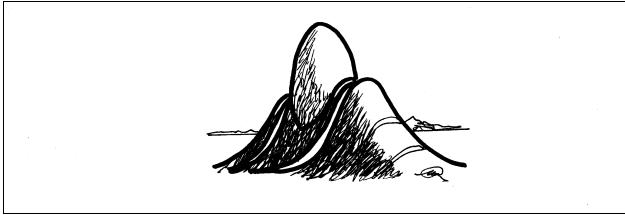
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LASFS will hold a memorial for  
Ray Harryhausen

on  
Saturday, July 27, 2013

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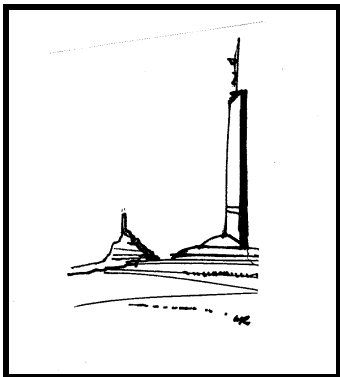




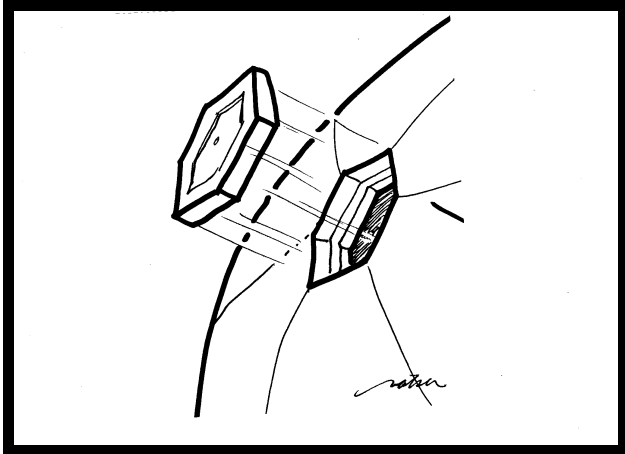
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 along with the regular Second Sunday  
 programming  
*Arrival time: 4:00 pm*  
*Serve time: 5:00 pm*  
*Judges will be served first*  
 This is an "anything goes" Chili Cook-Off  
 There will be NO separate categories



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