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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  
 L.A. PostgreSQL Users Group: 7 pm - 9 pm  
 Harryhausen Memorial = 2 pm

## THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

AUGUST 1 - Club programming feedback panel  
 AUGUST 8 - Video Night: Twilight Zone  
 AUGUST 15 - Astronaut/Artist Aldo Spadoni  
 AUGUST 22 - BIG Auction  
 AUGUST 29 - Karaoke/filking

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  
 FWEMS - A Day of Comedy



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

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 486–August 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 \(at\) 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-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 July - December, 2013

**President:** Eylat Poliner. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

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**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), Gavin Claypool (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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**Kees van Toorn, Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

**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 3948, April 11, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #3948 to order at a dozen minutes after 8.

Joe Zeff had a very time-bound announcement. Today is 4/11, the 43rd anniversary of the launch of Apollo 13.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "We're not crazy, we just belong to the LASFS!", and Eylat Poliner paid the pitiful sum of \$7 to so name them.

Jerry Pournelle clarified the business of the Voluntary Active Membership Fee. When we got the first clubhouse, Heinlein phoned Jerry Pournelle, dictating a speech, and asked what it would cost to be a long-distance member. Bruce Pelz came up with Voluntary Active Membership Fee.

Bruce was having an off week because he did not immediately suggest an Involuntary inactive membership fee

and a voluntary inactive membership fee. Two money-making opportunities and Brucifer missed both of them! **Committee Reports:** Eylat Poliner rose to announce the “winners” of the Mah Jongg tournament. Marcia Minsky got winner certificate, Debra Levin got the runner-up certificate.

Christian rose to re-read the motion to increase dues. The vote was 27/4/3. It carries, and goes into effect July 1.

Susan Fox observed Smoke City Barbecue is donating 20% of the check to a purchaser’s favorite nonprofit. (Karl likes Smoke City Barbecue.)

**Registrar** Michelle introduced Jack Walker, who heard about us from a friend. And tonight’s speaker, Steven Paul Leiva, We welcomed Hare Hobbs’ new grand niece.

**Patron Saint Elliot Weinstein.** Christian spoke of Elst as being known for having the Wine and Cheese party at LOSCON every year. He and his co-conspirators always do a great job every year. Schirm remembers his sense of humor, including the Ranquets at McDonalds. What he founded was the Hogu Award, a wooden block, scorched on top, from which the rocket has departed. Someone else invented the Black Hole award.

Jerry Pournelle called him an old friend. Elst was a torch bearer, and helped keep the club going. Scratch: He’s also a reasonably good doctor. Milt: He founded the church of Herbangalism, based on Herbie Popnecker, and published the Holy Babble. He issued titles such as Vestigal Virgin. He handed out skate keys, keys to the wisdom of Herbie. He was involved in founding an APA for hoaxes, and a requirement for membership was that you not exist. He also published “For This You Die”. One feature of the game was the Black Hole, and the distance from which you could no longer escape the black hole was called Pournelle’s Point.

Schirm recalled Oivin Roy’s cartoon, where Oivin is invaded by chicken men, and builds a Col Sanders robot that axes chickens while shouting “Finger Lickin’ Good” Joe Zeff: At the Burbank Hilton, a gentleman who cut his hand trying to cut ice cream was treated by Elst. Pediatrician Elst later commented that the patient was the hairiest patient he’d ever treated.

CLJII: He inspired an APA-L cover with a parody of a fictitious Boston medical institution whose name is subject to the pun fine. Matthew Tepper: Elliot is one of his closest friends in the club, and their adventures are legendary. At one point, he, Elst, and Glycer were looking at art by an artist with a long name, and said “Wow, this Schirmeister guy can sure draw.” He remembers many evenings of fine dining and driving around. Oh, yes. Glycer and Weinstein’s Hoax-a-rama and the Illustrated Fan Dictionary. **Patron Saint Elliot Weinstein** was given Three Cheers and the key to Herbie’s teachings.

Eylat thanked Mark for the certificates for the Mah Jongg tournament, and Karl Lembke for the wind counters awarded as prizes.

LOSCON Facebook contest is back. We have cool prizes, and Greg Barrett just won Fleet of Worlds, signed by Larry Niven. We also have memberships for LOSCON and Gallifrey. We have a number of other prizes as well.

**Reviews:** Jerry Pournelle spent last Thursday in Irvine, where they had panels and conversations about a book called Oath of Fealty. We wrote that book when the computer revolution was just beginning. The book was written on a personal computer that is now on display in the Smithsonian. He and Niven imagined instant communications, among other things. Apparently, SF is bigger in English departments than Jerry would have thought. They brought Steve Barnes out from Georgia, so they had a budget.

As to the communications built into the novel, it exists. We all have it. He included an example of the instant communications we have now – it’s iPhones and Facebook. They had more esoteric names in the story. Oath of Fealty may have been their least popular bestseller, but it’s now selling 400 copies a month on Kindle.

Matthew Tepper reviewed the Paperback Collector’s Show and Sale in Mission Hills. Imagine you go to a con and you walk into the dealer’s room and it’s a huge room, all books. And imagine there are two more rooms, doubling the space. Not all the books are SF, some are other genres, but it’s largely SF and mystery. Some of the dealers are people you know. Jerry Pournelle added, it’s an annual event and there are unexpected things there. One year he went out and seated at the nearby table was Cookie from 77 Sunset Strip, signing pictures of himself. Elvira has been there, as well.

Eylat Poliner notes a gentleman named Mike is replacing the broken toilet seat. This news was given a seated ovation.

**Miscellaneous:** Marcia made the usual announcement about chairs and Tom Safer moved to adjourn.

We adjourned to the program, a speaker tonight, Steven Paul Leiva.

**Meeting 3949, April 18, 2013  
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Matthew Tepper called the meeting to order at a dozen minutes after 8.

We pause this night to remember those killed and injured in the Boston Marathon, their families, and their friends. We had a moment of silence in their honor.

We also note the passing of Nick Pollotta, SF author, and conductor Sir Colin Davis, and (reported by Marty Cantor) Allyn Cadogan, one of the founders of Corflu.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as “Would you buy it for a quarter?”, and Matthew paid the pitiful sum of \$0.25 to so name them.

**Patron Saint Stan Burns:** At one of Niven's parties, Stan fell over an urn and cracked his hip, and didn't sue Larry. Tepper: He's an agreeable fellow, and joined LASFS doing questionnaires for a sociology project. Milt: He got some results, but after all these years who remembers them? He is a photographer, and lives in the Riverside area. **Patron Saint Stan Burns** was given Three Cheers and the defeat of Agfa.

The LASFS library has most of the Hugo nominations for reading.

**Registrar** Michelle was summoned. We have a guest and new member, Jill Ellern. She's a second generation fan.

Matthew Tepper announced: We thank Marc Schirmeister for the floral beautification of the entryway. Marc has been tending to them lately. We also thank David Okamura for his vegetative efforts.

Patrick Fahey: **Moment of Medical Science:** Jim Busby called. He's been at a rehab facility in an undisclosed location. He's been rolling around in wheelchairs, and may take his first steps next week. As soon as he can walk again, he wants to come back. Arlene also has medical issues.

Stephen Libis had his first story published in *Writers of the Future*, under his name of Chrome Oxide.

**Announcements:** Marcia Minsky is now legally licensed to draw blood. (*Maybe, one of these days, she will learn to draw other subjects.*—ed.)

Larry Niven announced his and Matthew Harrington's book, *The Goliath Stone*, will be out in May. It already has starred reviews. It's funny nanotechnology.

We adjourned to the auction...

**Reviews:** With Marc Shirmeister's reappearance, he was thanked in person for his efforts at plant parenthood.

Scratch read the latest Honor Harrington book, and found it quite enjoyable.

Hare read the most recent Weber book, and it ties up a lot of threads in other books.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Tom Safer's workplace has the internet newsboard in the elevator, Captivate.com. Judge finds self in contempt of court after his own cell phone goes off during trial.

A message from Heide, leaving at 3 am tomorrow for surgery. Expects to be in 4-6 hours, should be fine, and will be staying overnight, coming back Saturday. But nobody's telling her for sure, because they don't know until they go in and have a look.

Susan Gleason has been in hospital since Monday with renal failure. They're trying to figure out what's wrong. She either gets released and consults with a specialist or

transferred to Sacramento to hospital with renal specialist.

**Miscellaneous:** Frank Waller went to Olive View Med Center urology unit, and they catheterized him. He has kidney failure. He has an appointment on 5/25. In the mean time, we hope for a pleasant resolution.

Marcia made the usual announcement about chairs and Tom Safer moved to adjourn. We adjourned at 9:45 or so.

**Meeting 3950, April 25, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Matthew Tepper and the friendly or unfriendly spirits called the meeting to order at a dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "I don't want to name these stinkin' minutes," and Eylat Poliner paid the pitiful sum of \$1 to so name them.

Carmine Infantino has passed. Matthew Tepper noted he did some elegant artwork for Flash, and he drew narration balloons with hands coming out of them pointing at the utterers. He passed at age 87.

**Registrar** Michelle advertised David Gerrold's play. He would love it if we all came to see it. It's at CSUN, 4/30 and 5/1. It's called Uncle Daddy Will Not Be Invited.

Guests: Roberta Barnes, Kristen Gorlitz, and new member, Sean McCabe.

We had a quick auction, auctioning off some posters and the last soda slot.

**Patron Saint Bill Warren:** Tepper: He's famous for the book, *Keep Watching The Skies* (KWTS). Cantor joined when we were at the first clubhouse, and Warren was The Lord High Janitor. When we moved to Burbank Blvd, he continued in that position. He was instrumental in getting a lot of the work done with Jerry. We took over two buildings, with the back building being a warren of twisty little rooms, all different. It needed emptying out and strengthening, and the construction lasted 30 odd years. Very odd years.

Eric Hoffman remarked both editions of KWTS are a labor of love and insanity. Bill used to borrow movies and scripts he hadn't seen from Eric. It's an incredible job. Hare Hobbs: Looking through KWTS is amazing. There were movies he saw as a kid, and he never really remembered them. CLJII: Will say that the first edition was quite a good piece of work. The millennial edition is better because he talked to some who had seen films he hadn't seen when he wrote the first book. He was able to fix the few errors in the first edition. When we got the second clubhouse, Bette Davis came by, looked at it, and said "What a dump!" Remember, he did something many have never forgiven him for. He gave CLJII the info to find the club.

He's been a guest of honor at LOSCON. Tepper: He produced an opus, a murder mystery taking place at a SF con. *Fandom Is A Way Of Death*. With Bill Rotsler and Allen Rothstein, artwork by Charlie Jackson, II.. It was done as a program, everyone at the con got the story, except for the last page. The last page given at the end of the con, all the victims and suspects were gathered together into a room, and just as they announced "and the killer is", the lights went out.

**Patron Saint Bill Warren** was given Three Cheers and a wombat on toast.

**Announcements:** Mark Poliner announced tomorrow is his daughter's 11th birthday.

Mark's 50th birthday is next Tuesday.

Marcia Minsky has a birthday Monday, the 43rd anniversary of 25th birthday.

**Reviews:** Milt has read two and a half of the five novels nominated for the Hugo Award.

2312, a nice travelog. Among its features is Terminator, a city on rails on mercury, and the most memorable sex scene encountered in an SF novel.

Blackout by Myra Grant -- childish piece of crap, but he doesn't want to over-praise it. Zombie rising (yeast or baking powder?) But she doesn't have the action very clear. All the characters talk and act like 13-year-olds and are fascinated by Coca-cola.

**Miscellaneous:** With nothing else remaining, Eylat Poliner moved to adjourn. Marcia made the usual announcement about chairs and We adjourned at 9:00 or so.

**Meeting 3951, May 2, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Matthew Tepper unHolst-ered meeting #3951 at a dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "Thank you Traditional President", and Marcia Minsky paid the pitiful sum of \$2 to so name them.

This will be agenda semi-light as we do have a program, an actual real scientist! We hope to begin at 9:15. (*If so, why are you starting at 8:12 pm?* - ed.)

We sadly note the passing of Andrew J. Offut, fan ed and president of SFWA two terms.

He customarily spelled his name in Lower Case.

**Patron Saint Larry Niven:** Scratch: Larry Niven is a gentleman, he tells marvelous tales, and has chosen a very good co-author. Enjoyed reading anything he writes, including Man of Steel, Woman of Kleenex. Joe

Zeff: recalls that for a number of years, Larry used to host an Irish Coffee bar at LOSCON every year. Michelle: He's a sweet guy and a wonderful friend.

Fahey: He was on Hour 25, and Larry pronounced blasphemy by intoning that NASA had outlived its usefulness. History shows he was right. Tepper: Larry has given us many scientific adventures, known space series, and volumes in collaboration with Dr. Pournelle, David Gerrold, Steven Barnes, Brenda Cooper, and Dr. Benford. Marcia Minsky looks forward to seeing him when he comes in.

Ben has been hearing almost entirely good things about his books, and looks forward to reading them. It's an interesting thing to know the writer of books you like to read. Patrick Fahey: In his stories, Larry has included fictionalized versions of many members of the club. (*Technically, this is called "Tuckerization" after its sf originator, Arthur Wilson "Bob" Tucker.* ed.) Doug Crepeau: saw a picture on the Internet. Larry on the ground with three other authors, and a small Mars rover was driving over them. (Took place at the Writers of the Future award.)

Jerry Pournelle: You can find out about Niven's works because they're published and in print. In 1980, after the Presidential election, Reagan asked them to form a committee on space based defense. Jerry had written "The Strategy of Technology". They had to find a way to have a meeting of some 80 people, including Buzz Aldrin and the administrator of NASA. Where do you do that? How do you do that? It helps if you have a friend who's a millionaire who has a large house in Tarzana, a wife who can tolerate the crowd, and a staff who can put together gourmet meals for the 80. They decided to invite science fiction writers because technical writers would describe how to design a wrench, but that wasn't quite what they wanted.

This led to SDI, which Ted Kennedy labeled Star Wars. Two years later, Reagan announced SDI. Six years later, the USSR collapsed. There is arguably a causal connection, and the Nivens may be credited with hosting the meeting that made this possible.

And we gave **Patron Saint Larry Niven** Three Cheers and a pristine hiking trail.

**Registrar** Michelle announced Guests: Umesh Sawhari, Mary Matthews, Bonnie Matthews, Dharya Pandya, Alex Estrin, Cal Apego, Dennis Apego, Naomi Apego, Chris Bradfield, Maya Bradfield, Raymond Chibnik, and Paul Kaufman. (*A Baker's Dozen! Quick, get out the flour and the ovens.*—ed.)

**Announcements:** CLJII announced the cover of the first of his new e-books, which goes live next week. (*Doctor Frankenprint, I presume?* - ed.)

**Reviews:** Peter reviewed the Unincorporated Man tetralogy. Loves the characters, even Hector Sambianco the very evil villain. It's a lot of work to get through.

Debra Levin agreed with what Michelle said about David Gerrold's play. If it ends up being shown again, see it. Tepper: David said he was hoping to take it elsewhere, so it may run again. Uncle Daddy Will Not Be Invited is non-genre, but lots of fanboy references. Given by a workshop at CSUN.

Larry Niven: If your memory is long, you may recognize Man Kzin Wars I cover. It's 25 years old. Read the Poul Anderson story, you need to.

**Miscellaneous:** Marcia made the usual announcement about chairs and policing.

We adjourned at 9:12 or so.

**Meeting 3952, May 9, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

With the strains of Sinbad's Voyage, President Matthew Tepper called meeting #3952 at a dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "George", and Debra Levin paid the pitiful sum of \$1.50 to so name them.

Matthew Tepper observed we were missing an opportunity. We could auction off what the Menace are, what the name of the Menace is, what the Menace are called, what the name is called, and so on. CLJII paid a quarter to call the name of the minutes Fizzbin, and that put an end to our Carrolling.

We sadly note the passing of Ray Harryhausen, long-time member of the LASFS, age 92. He is now in fully stopped motion. There will be a memorial at the club. We may be able to devote the May 30 meeting to him in depth.

Registrar Michelle announced Jay Lake has been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

**Registrar** Michelle introduced guests, Ryan Shreve and Mikos Zavros,

**Announcements:** Club is having an event July 27, in memoriam of Ray Harryhausen. It will start in the early afternoon, run for several hours, feature documentary footage, food, reminiscences, etc.

Marty Cantor announced Second Sunday is Mother's Day. Since the Board didn't have enough votes to move Mother's day, the meeting is canceled. We'll open for gaming and stuff at noon.

**Patron Saint Bob Null:** Marty Cantor: He was the brother I never had. A renaissance man, liked and learned about a lot of things. When he found out Marty had a passion for 16th Century Renaissance music, he started studying it and in two weeks knew more about it than Marty did.

Bob was Veep for 20 consecutive terms. He would accrete jobs into the office when he saw them not being

done well. It took a tag team of 5 people to take over when he finally gave up the job. One job he couldn't do was run a meeting, and he hated the few times he was forced to. Marty and the other pallbearers at Bob's funeral were all LASFS members. His family considered LASFS to be Bob's other family.

One thing that surprised his family was the number of fans who spoke at his funeral. They were hearing things about him they'd never known. And at the memorial, we found out from his brother Richard that Bob was a genius off-road racer. Eylat Poliner rose to say Bob Null, Soda fairy, was known for his skill at shopping for sodas, and kept us in stock for 20 years. If you ever needed anything at the club, just call him and he was there. He was incredibly sweet and generous. He would do anything for anybody. He was here in 1984 when Eylat joined. Mike Thorsen: Bob had this strange and somewhat annoying quality -- it was impossible to be mad at him. Times were when he (Mike) was directed at a board meeting to get sensor lights. He got exactly what he was ordered to get. Bob was dissatisfied with them. He dismounted the lights, smashed them so they couldn't be remounted. Eventually pulled him over at the side of the road, tirade ready. Bob rolled down the window and the tirade vanished. "Well, now I can't get a refund, so next time, maybe just hand it back to me?" Bob's guardian angel just didn't allow anger

Hare Hobbs graduated from school with a second-grade reading level. Bob was a very important part of Hare's real education. He had the reference books and the answers. When Hare joined in 1980, Bob was very active, despite having joined only 6 months before. CLJII: Bob Null was extremely helpful. When he retired, he suddenly had extra time, and used that to be even more helpful. On Thursday afternoons, he'd drive from next to the clubhouse, pick up CLJII, bring him to the club, and then take him home. Often there'd be errands along the way. A few weeks after retiring from his technical job, his employers were gobsmacked when he declined re-hire as an independent contractor. They had to hire several people to take over his job. We were going to name a part of the building in his honor. The space between buildings was named "The Null Space". Now, the patio is The Null Space, and the family is quite happy with this.

Tom Safer remembers Bob as very generous and helpful, and willing to talk to you if you had troubles that day. He'd listen. Joe Zeff had two stories. When the internet first started getting popular, he had trouble getting Bob to try it. Within 6 months, Bob was telling Joe how to do interesting stuff on the Internet. Back at the old clubhouse, we had trouble locating the gavel for the meeting. Bob got out some tinker toys and made an emergency gavel. He became the Minister of Silly Gavels. Scratch: Bob Null was a friend to anyone who needed a kind word, or a kick in the shins, and Scratch considered him a friend.

Matthew Tepper: He had many interests, which included old time radio shows, numismatism, particularly exonumia, history of Turkey, music of Stephen foster. And he loved to buy gifts for people. When he learned Matthew

like Jack Benny shows, Bob found him a silver plated medallion of Jack Benny. He found a CDR of the Boston Blackie radio show. CLJII: Somewhere, someone told him CLJII had an interest in cliffhanger serials. He presented CLJII with an object -- the coin used in motion pictures, but it was the exact coin Luthor used as the key to his teleportation device.

Karl: Bob saved the lives of his siblings. When he was diagnosed with colon cancer, his siblings were all tested, some had cancer, and it was caught in time. Marcia Minsky: as a Veep can say Bob Null set an extremely high bar. Patrick Fahey was similarly diagnosed six months after Bob was. Bob was a great source of support.

Marty: we both went to Kaiser, and if one needed a ride, the other would transport. After he was diagnosed, they gave him 2 years to live. He lived on for eight years instead of 2. At the very end, he was very weak. It was rough to see someone that hardy waste away. Bob was the most wonderful person in the world.

And we gave **Patron Saint Bob Null** Three Cheers and a visit from Sam Void.

**Reviews:** Milt Stevens has read 3 of 5 nominees for the Best Novel Hugo. Throne of the Crescent Moon, by Saladin Ahmed. Looked like cookie cutter fantasy, but this one is first - rate. This is set in Middle Eastern Middle Ages, but no Islam. Very well done, story moves well, characters well drawn, and quite a satisfactory novel.

**Miscellaneous:** Mike Thorson has not been here Thursdays. Now that changes, because Brand X with Russel Brand has been canceled, so he won't be operating tape for them. Matthew Tepper recommended people read Russel Brand.

Eylat Poliner heard Google may be acquiring the Nook division of Barnes and Noble.

CLJII: Emperors Gambit went on sale at Amazon. First couple of days' sales good enough so they'll bring out the paperback tomorrow instead of in a couple of months.

We'll close out the meeting. If any want to say a few words about Ray Harryhausen, we'll have the opportunity.

Anna Safer had dinner with the man at a convention. He was a nice man, and very forthcoming when they wanted to pick his brains. (*Did you pick his brains for dessert or as an appetizer?* - ed.)

Tepper: he came to the old clubhouse in Feb 05, and he took an enormous amount of Q&A from members. Chaz Baden took lots of photos and his hard drive crashed. Every photo taken at that meeting was lost, but one photo showed Ray shaking hands with the President. He had it cleaned up, and that was the picture that survived the Crash of the Disk. Tom Khamis notes in terms of LASFS history, Ray Bradbury and Ray Harryhausen were best man at each other's weddings. They were that close. Everyone go to the July 27 event. Footage to be shown

will be one-of-a-kind.

Tom Safer: tried to do 2 Saturday Morning screens in tribute to Harryhausen. Not much attendance for Clash of the Titans. Got huge attendance for original King Kong.

Jerry Pournelle said that back when he first started coming to LASFS, Ray Bradbury used to have an office on the second floor of the Bradbury Building, and would invite friends to lunch on Wednesdays. At least twice, Harryhausen was there, and that was the only time Jerry met him privately. He was a remarkable man in that he was well known, and he did not act like someone who was pretty well known. He acted like someone who was just enjoying the conversation. He came at least once to a meeting, and at least once just to say hello.

Marcia made the usual announcement about chairs and policing.

We adjourned at 9:25 or so.

**Board of Directors Meeting  
June 9, 2013  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

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

**Members and Guests:** Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Greg Bilan, Tony Benoun, Sherry Benoun, David Okamura, Joyce Sperling, Michael Pell, Jeni Burr, Joe Zeff, Matthew B. Tepper, Ed Hooper, Tom Safer, John Christopher, June Moffatt, Barbara Harmon, Mary Ann Canfield, and Gavin Claypool.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am.

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** Welcome to the June Board meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting of April 14, 2013, were accepted as presented with one abstention.

**New Members:** There were 7 applications for membership submitted by: Jill Ellern, Sean L. McCabe, Ryan Shreve, Jonathan Olson, Kristen Renee Gorz, Shailana Wall, and Dean Johnson. All having paid their \$5, all were accepted.

**Treasurer:** We are still hovering about \$20,000 and we are still waiting until we have \$25,000 before she asks for money to do anything.

**30 Second Reports:**

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

**LAFa**

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, August 18, 2013

Filk: 7 PM to ???

Pre-Filk Dinner: 5 PM, The Palace  
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**Directions:** See Thomas Bros. L.A. Co., page 672, B-5 (1992 edition). Brandyhall is located southwest of the intersection of the San Diego (I-405) and Santa Monica (I-10) Freeways.

**Filk style:** Poker Chip (Non-Topological) Bardic,  
or Chaos

**Notes:**

1. No Smoking Indoors! -- Use the front porch in good weather; the enclosed patio during bad weather.
2. Please bring munchies & drinks to share.
3. There are no domestic animals in residence. (*You and Barry no longer live there?* - ed.)
4. Crash space available. Call ahead if you can to reserve a prime location. Who gets the spare bed will be determined at the filk, depending on who shows up.
5. Two Silicon life-forms are present. Copying can be done on the fax/copier or by scanning something and then printing it on a laser printer.

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**Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire):** (Excused absence.)

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

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

**Comptroller (Michelle Pincus):** No report.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen) (report given by Marty Cantor):** Soda units sold: 26,061 units to date, 517 units this period. Soda money: \$20,798.75 to date, \$533.00 for this period. // \$110 was spent on the following operational supplies this period: paper towels and loo paper, scrub sponges, a replacement toilet seat of proper shape (unlike the donated replacement which was not of the proper shape), 1 can of graffiti-removal spray, 2 bottles of cleaning sprays (glass cleaner & Simple Green), and 1 3-pack of cockroach fumigant (3000 sq. ft. coverage additional to donated partial package of fumigant).

**Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson):** Desktop computer is dead, added a laptop instead. There was a discussion of the software we should use.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** We have archives.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** AC problem last month, it was fixed. We were low on freon substituted. // We have dead cockroaches after bombing.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** Was an issue with the DVD player videos were not playing – it was re-wired. Instructions have been written for the "challenged." Looking forward to installing color-coded wires.

**Events (Eylat Poliner):** We are having a Chili cook-off today. There will be prizes. In July there will be a Salad Bowl but there is a recommendation to move it to September – the recommendation was accepted. // LOSCON 40 – Elayne says that postcards will be delivered to her house this week. Eylat says the web site is coming along nicely.

**Fund-raising and Recruitment (vacant):** Anybody with ideas for fund-raising and recruitment they should speak with Michelle Pincus who is currently holding that chair.

**(Significant Others)**

**Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus):** Todd McCaffrey event is moving forward.

**Club President (Matthew B. Tepper):** Meetings happen, people attend, and programmes happen.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** Westercon web page has been transferred.

**Agenda Items:**

**Board standing rules (Karl Lembke):** Karl has rediscovered old ones, and one modified drug policy rule was read by Karl. There was a discussion of these rules and proposed changes. There was a motion to accept changes to one of the rules: Standing Rule 6 – There is zero tolerance for illegal drugs and illegal alcohol and such items on the property shall be at all times illegal. This was passed with six abstentions. A committee was formed to come up with changes to the Standing Rules.

**Joe Zeff proposed cooking rules for LASFS competitions.** It was moved and seconded to accept Joe's proposal with the amendment that the word "indoors" be added to it. It passed with 2 abstentions. Below is the proposal:

Proposed policy for indoor cooking competitions at LASFS

In order to allow members of the LASFS to indulge in such things as cooking competitions at the clubhouse with as little chance of inconveniencing other members as possible, the following policy is proposed:

For the purpose of this policy, cooking will be defined as "Original preparation and assembly of ingredients, including the application of heat." This means that a chili cook-off is not covered by this policy as long as the entries are prepared off-site and are only re-heated at the club. Also, any competition that

**LASFS'  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL ELECTION**

Gavin Claypool was elected to the LASFS Board of Directors to fill the vacant seat on the Board. The term of this seat expires at the end of 2013.

does not include the application of heat or only involves the addition of hot water is not covered.

As the intent of this policy is to avoid problems caused either by cooking fumes, or the side effects of airing out the building, it is proposed that such events only be allowed during regularly scheduled club events between the months of April and October, inclusive. Events of this kind that are held on days that the building is not normally open may be held at any time the planners and the club prefer.

**Proposed change to by-laws (Eylat Poliner):** Marty Cantor, Eylat Poliner, and Marcia Minsky were appointed a committee to prepare the proper wording for the rules governing the job of vice-president.

**Polling place? (Karl Lembke)** there was a discussion about the possibility of opening the club for public voting. A vote was held on this and the Board decided to not do this.

**Donation to the club (Michelle Pincus)** Sandra Stoller has gifted us with quite a few aerospace posters.

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans? (Michelle Pincus)** We had a preliminary discussion of this proposed anniversary celebration.

**Closed session:** This was very short, it taking longer for the room to clear than for the meeting itself.

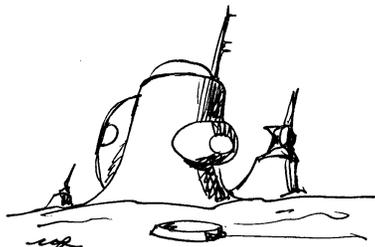
**Open Forum:**

Wants to hold another meeting of the L.A. PostgreSQL Users Group on July 2 for \$35. The Board agreed to this.

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

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



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