



## SEPTEMBER 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 LASFS MEETING	5 - Open House --- Board Gaming	6 -
7	8	9	10	11 LASFS MEETING	12- Open House --- Board Gaming	13 - Cinema Animé: Cosplay Sewing Circle
14 - BoD Second Sunday Open House	15	16	17	18 LASFS MEETING	19 - Open House --- Board Gaming	20 - CFO - Tom Safer Cartoons
21 Time Meddlers	22	23	24	25 LASFS MEETING	26 - Open House --- Board Gaming	27
28	29	30				

### KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

Estrogen Zone = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am  
 2nd Sunday Open House = Board and other gaming - 2 pm  
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation - 1 pm  
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing  
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
 Time Meddlers = Dr. Who club - 11 am  
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**SEPTEMBER 4** - Robert A. Heinlein celebration  
**SEPTEMBER 11** - No Programme  
**SEPTEMBER 18** - BIG Auction  
**SEPTEMBER 25** - "Hallowe'en Haunts, Highlights, and Hi-jinks"  
 Sampler (power-point presentation of Facebook community page).

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  
 Work Party - 10:30 am  
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm  
 FWEMS -



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

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 499– August 2014. 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, DELL Workstation (using the Windows 7 Professional 64 bit 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, 2014

**President:** Marty Cantor. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **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:** Gavin Claypool (2016). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whisky" Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), Milt Stevens (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 toners, 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:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus; **Parking/MTA Liaison,** Milt Stevens.

### Honorary Officers

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

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 4002, April 24, 2014**  
**President Eylat Poliner, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Bang bang Eylat's virtual gavel came down upon the table. Eylat Poliner called meeting #4002 to order at 8:14.

**Menace** from the previous meeting were read. They were approved.

Marty Cantor had a special order of business. Bill Patterson who has been writing about Heinlein, has died, one month before the debut of volume two of the Heinlein biography. Marty met him in AZAPA, and he was a member of Iggy, the 78 Worldcon Concom. Also met him at the first Corflu in Oakland. He was a good person even though he failed to agree with Marty Cantor many times.

**Patron Saint Bill Warren:** Tepper: Keep Watching the Skies. Barbara Harmon: Bill and Beverly are sort of a package deal. She's known them since '77 or so. They love cats. Hare Hobbs: His knowledge of film is incredible. He saw every one of the movies in the book, except for one in the latest book. It's a very enjoyable coffee table size book. Get a copy if you can.

Marty Cantor: Bill is one of those unsung heroes who did all kinds of stuff for the club. He was Lord High Janitor. When we moved into Burbank Blvd, he worked in setting up and doing work there. He had helpers, but he was one of the more important ones doing the work. He deserves more praise than he got. Larry Niven: He's a great story teller. Jerry Pournelle: When I was editor of SFWA Nebula SF for the Year, I got Bill Warren to do a piece called The Year in SF Films. It was not picked up, even though he did it very well.

Barbara Harmon: Beverly enabled Bill to do most of what he did. They owned a house and Beverly saved for it without telling him, and one day told him "Guess what?" **Patron Saint Bill Warren** was given Three Cheers and a Beverly.

**Registrar** Michelle announced: We have a new active member, Brad Lapin, Carla Schiller, joined, Matthew T. Bivens (Friday Night Dice), Daniel Kam Gordon (Friday Night Dice), and Diane Hart (also from Friday Night dice).

There is some **New Business!** Gavin Claypool handled the nominations for the open Board seat. Nominated was/were: Milt Stevens and Albert Sheehan. Hearing no further nominations, it was moved, seconded, and moved that nominations be closed.

Gavin Claypool rose again to announce a revision proposed for the by-laws.

#### **Provision:**

Article IV: Procedural Officers.

Section 1: General.

A. The elective procedural officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Registrar, a Scribe, and a Treasurer.

B. When elected, and continuously while serving, each procedural officer shall be 18 years of age or over, and otherwise legally competent.

Section 2: Election.

The procedural officers shall be elected from the Standard Membership. The Treasurer shall be elected at the second regular Society meeting of June. The other elective procedural officers shall be elected at the second regular Society meeting of June and at the second regular Society meeting of December. Nominations for President may be made at both the election meeting and the last previous regular Society meeting. Election of the President shall be followed by nominations for and election of the remaining elective procedural officers in the following order: Vice-President, Registrar, Scribe, and Treasurer (in June only). All elective procedural officers shall take office at the first regular Society meeting of the month following their election, and shall serve until they die, resign, or are removed from office, or until their elected replacements take office. Election of procedural officers shall follow the procedure given in Article X.

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Section 6: Registrar.

The Registrar:

A. shall welcome new members and guests;

B. shall supply the Secretary with guest attendance information;

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David Okamura announced a **Moment of Science**. The people on the ISS were visited by the Easter Dragon, a Falcon-9 rocket from Space-X carrying badly needed supplies.

From this morning's news, in 1888 the Coastal Steamship City of Chester was leaving SF toward Eureka and Portland, OR. It didn't make it out of the bay. It collided with another ship and sank within 6 minutes. The wreck has been rediscovered. Ironic coincidence: The ship that rammed the City of Chester was the Oceanic. The researchers who found the ship were from NOAA.

Milt Stevens: Hugo and retro-Hugo nominations came out, and this year's selection is stranger. A 15-volume series is a best novel nominee. [Actually I think it's the latest book in the series.] A campaign by Larry Correa got one of his novels and items by seven of his friends nominated. One of the nominees is the only person thrown out of SFWA. Retros have Ray Bradbury as best fan writer, That's what you get when 2000 people submit nominating ballots. (*Bah! That is what you get when the gargoyles take over the cathedral. All of the Hugos have become meaningless and should be abolished.* - ed.)

Matthew Tepper observed Orson Wells is 1938 equivalent of Doctor Who. (He was bigger inside than out?) Heard, about ballot, this was first time since the beginnings of Asimov SF magazine, no nominees from that magazine.

It was moved to adjourn to listen to the Niven Pournelle Alliance. We adjourned at 8:54 PM.

### **Meeting 4003, May 1, 2014 President Eylat Poliner, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Eylat Poliner called meeting #4003 to order at 8:05.

**Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Jerry Pournelle bid \$5 to name them "the number of the beast". They were approved.

**Patron Saint Larry Niven:** Mike Stern: Larry is probably the nicest guy in the LASFS. Larry is a cool guy, he's nice, and I have never seen Larry mad at anything. Matthew Tepper: one of the many things I like about LN is when he was a young man he decided to become one of the great SF writers, and by years of hard work, became

one. Eylat: He's a good sweet person. Jerry: We went to dinner for his birthday last night with his nephew and Steve Barnes. He's looking pretty good, still getting work done, living weirdly with his wife recuperating in the hospital. I would never call him the nicest guy I know. You have never seen him angry which is just as well. You don't want to see him angry.

Mike Stern anecdoted: at a Westercon, he and Ed Green set up as beggars. Ed had a sign reading, "Will run cons for food". Larry's read "Will write novels for food". Joe Zeff: That year, their activity became the most memorable fanac of the year. **Patron Saint Larry Niven** was given Three Cheers and a tnucltipun.

Matthew Tepper notes that Al Feldstein, seminal editor of MAD magazine, has died at the age of 88.

Mike Stern announced Cal Cotton's funeral is tomorrow at 9:30 in Riverside. Cal Cotton "The Moor Tarik" The Black King at Riverside National Cemetery. Viewing will be from 10 am to 8 pm Thursday, May 1, at Harrison Ross mortuary, 1839 firestone Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90001. Graveside service will be at 9:30AM sharp at Riverside National Cemetery on May 2. @ Shelter #3. No floral arrangements are allowed at this location.

CLJII announced we had a good Relaxacon over the weekend. Nobody died, everyone had a good time, and we made a little money.

Marty Cantor rose to announce the meeting of board gamers, Friday Night Dice. Some of them have started meeting at the clubhouse on Friday nights.

**Registrar** Michelle announced guests. Welcome back to Chan Williamson after a 15 year absence. Guests are Abraham Parra, Chantelle Williamson, Simone, Dan Yan, Ashley Soto, Jason Davil, Allison Shenker, and Robert Crawfoot.

### Committee Reports:

David Okamura had announced the SpaceX launch. The first stage was supposed to attempt a soft landing. Rough seas broke the rocket apart. But the next day, instrumentation reported it had successfully ignited and landed on the surface of the ocean. They hope for a dry land soft landing sometime later this year. Now they're suing the Air Force because they've been launching satellites without seeking competitive bids.

It's time for spring cleaning on Mars. Dust accumulates on solar panels. Opportunity was visited by an obliging dust devil. It's now as clean as it's ever been. The dust devil has been named Ajax.

CLJII: His publisher declared a spring sale, and declared a sale on his books. Sales Rank has decreased from over a million to the 30 thousands. That means he sold a book.

Mark Poliner has a birthday tomorrow.

Francis notes the space alliance was using Russian engines, and we may be having difficulty with that supplier.

**Board Election:** CLJII announced the duties of board members. Milt Stevens won the seat on the Board.

Gavin Claypool reminded all that the police are writing tickets for people parked on Aetna after 9 PM. It costs close to \$100.

He then announced the **New Business**, a proposed amendment to the by-laws.

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It was moved to remand the motion to the Board committee to have the language cleaned up. A motion to table the existing amendments was tabled and the revision voted on. Vote was 11/8/3, a two-thirds vote in favor not being attained, the motion fails.

Eylat was reminded to report on the Harassment Com-

mittee. There will be something presented to the Board in June, looked it by a lawyer who specializes in the matter, and then presented to the club.

It was moved to adjourn. We adjourned at 9:10 PM.

**Meeting 4004, May 8, 2014**  
**President Eylat Poliner, presiding**  
**Matthew B. Pepper, Scribe**

Eylat Poliner called meeting #4004 to order at 8:08.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Karl Lembke announced the passing of Dave Keller, yesterday.

**Announcement:** Fred Patten announced his donation of his new book, dedicated to the LASFS. The book is *Five Fortunes*.

**Patron Saint Bob Null:** Marty Cantor: Bob was like a brother. The last few years of his life, he had medical problems. The doctor's at Kaiser gave him two years to live and he lived eight. Marty and I Bob would drive each other to Kaiser as needed. He was fandom's Renaissance man. When Marty mentioned that 16th Century Renaissance music was one of his favorites, in two weeks, Bob knew more about some parts of the subject than Marty did. Bob so re-invented the Vice Presidency, when he decided to retire, it took five people to do all the jobs he had taken on. Everybody was a friend of Bob. You couldn't be an enemy of Bob. At the funeral, his family was astonished at how many people turned up. Marty was honored with the position of one of the pall-bearers.

Mike Stern: Bob was probably one of the smartest people that I have ever known. Not just in fandom but in general. One time, I printed out a picture from the Internet. Way in the background was a sign in a foreign language. Yes, that's Arabic, and he went and translated it. He did Logistics for Loscon, and he did it very well. It's taken a tag team to do what he did by himself. CLJII: When Bob took early retirement, his employers were thunderstruck when he refused to hire back as a consultant, and it took five people to do what he had been doing there. He was one of those with more money than he knew what to do with. He also wound up with more time than he knew what to do with. So Thursdays, he'd pick up CLJII and they'd run errands, go to LASFS, drive him home, and then head back to LASFS. He collected new interests. When he decided he was interested in short subjects, within a couple of months, he accumulated a couple of thousand hours of short subjects. He was a great guy all around. After he passed, CLJII suggested naming the space between the buildings the Null Space. And so when we moved in here, we had to have a space called the Null Space.

Matthew Pepper: Very privileged to have been Bob's friend. He had a wide variety of interests, including Turkish History. He supplied a book used for an exhibit

at the Museum of Tolerance. He was also fond of the music of Stephen Foster, coins, exonomia. He would buy things for friends for the pleasure of gifting. Hare Hobbs: Bob Null was our Desi Arnez: when Desi and Lucy got divorced, it took five or six guys to replace him at DesiLu productions. You could depend that if something seismic happened, he would know about it. He knew the live feed cameras for eruptions and the like.

Marty Cantor added: Bob gave things to people. I was able to give him a good deal on something: his old Saturn. He was tickled pink because his apartment didn't have air conditioning. Sometimes he'd go down and sit in the car with the air conditioning running. Matthew Pepper added: was delighted to find a biography of Stephen Foster published in the UK and written for British schoolchildren. It turned out to be one book on the man he didn't have. Eylat Poliner: Bob was one of the nicest people she knew. If she ever needed to borrow items from the LASFS, he was fine lending them as long as he got them back by Thursday. In his honor, she gave the club two tables. He was always there to help when she had an event at the club. He was very generous with his time and attention. If you were a member of LASFS, you were his family.

Matthew Pepper: might have more reason to be more thankful to Bob: he once flicked a black widow spider off his back.

**Patron Saint Bob Null** was given Three Cheers and the sacred nothing at all.

**Committee Reports:**

The committee to report on Scratch announced he's alive.

Hare announced that he was hugged by a topless woman in Hollywood last week. They were videotaping for a web TV series. Hare signed the releases, so he may be on the web. Series is "Titty ranch".

Marty Cantor was checking the website. May 8, 1975 was when he joined the LASFS. Happy Anniversary. (Karl joined 9/12, a Friday.)

David Okamura: We announce the passing of Bill Dana, test pilot, including X-15. He was 83. // Space-X is trying to get the Air Force to open up to competition. unexpected help from Putin. Lockheed-Martin is blocked from buying engines from Russia, because of US sanctions.

There's been a study finding that blood from young mice helps rejuvenate aging mice. A particular substance, more abundant in younger mice is the chemical responsible. The substance is GDF11. There are similar factors in humans. (*Ah, a case for vampires*. - ed.)

Nick Smith reviewed Bart's Books in Ojai. It's patterned after a style of European bookstores, where most of it is outdoors. They have lots of fantasy, SF and first editions in the temperature controlled section.

You've seen SF media events with lots of celebrities where you pay for autographs. Space program has achieved the same status, \$150 to attend for the weekend, and you pay for autographs, \$15 for NASA nurses, up to \$600 for Buzz Aldrin.

Gavin Claypool reviewed a thing in Hollywood, SCIFEST, a series of one-act SF plays. 9 plays, four in an evening, starting the other five in the sequence next week. Acme theater near Beverly and LaBrea. It was an interesting evening. You'll be interested in how they make astronauts float on stage. This is hoped to become an annual event. The actors include names you would recognize. Problem: all four stories had downer endings. If you like plays, theater, SF, this is worth your time over the next few weeks.

Milt Stevens tried to read Mira Grant's Hugo-nominated novel "Parasite". The science is below belief. It's the worst he's read since her previous Hugo-nominated novel.

Jerry Pournelle rose to speak about Eternal Life. Blood from young mice can arrest aging in older mice. They still haven't found a way to reverse aging. The idea has been around for a while, but now there's decent scientific evidence. Suppose it works. How will we respond if immortality is available at the price of draining young people... (*Quick - hand me a straw.....* ed.)

Matthew Tepper moved to adjourn. We adjourned at 9:23 PM.

**Meeting 4005, May 15, 2014**  
**President Eylat Poliner, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Eylat Poliner called meeting #4005 to order at 8:00.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Mike Stern bid \$1 to approve them as "We can sell it to the Air Force for \$1".

**Patron Saint Tom Digby:** Scratch: Tom Digby can safely be sane or he can safely be insane. Either way he's a man of many talents who has a way of looking at the world slightly askew. He's very good at coming up with lyrics, like You need little teeny eyes... Mark Poliner: He's the most unique person in a club of individuals. Milt Stevens: He did a lot of fanzines as if he was writing to his relatives back in his home dimension. "Invited to a wine and cheese party, how to tell the difference between the wine and the cheese". Coin operated crypts for traveling vampires, and how to get electrical energy out of the frog-prince mass conversion.

Mike Stern: He's still the most unusual person in the club. St Tom Digby is something else. Nick Smith: Impressed by his amazing panache and ability to do things others would never consider doing, he can stand in front of an audience reciting his poetry while wearing a translucent nose ring, and seeing nothing unusual about it. Kay Shapero: He's one of her favorite philosophers. She

loves the way he can look at the world from a different angle, and report back what he sees. Marty Cantor: Some of his ideas are strange, others fiendishly logical. Like the Bermuda Triangle, lying wholly within itself, has made itself disappear.

Doug Crepeau: He was an expert on PutriDos. Jerry Pournelle: Tom is living proof of the fact that the psychological profession has not come up with a definition of either sanity or insanity. Eylat remembers his jewelry. Jerry mentioned his story of asking Tom Digby why he wears that jewelry. "To make myself more attractive, of course." Jerry didn't ask "attractive to whom?" Joe Zeff told of several years ago at a Westercon in San Mateo. First evening, saw Tom Digby in a pale green sari that left half his chest uncovered. I didn't ask why he was wearing it. I knew what the answer would be.

CLJII: He was remarked on as the sort of person who would live around the corner from a place that sold dill pickle ice cream. And in reality, he did. Doug Crepeau: He once stated he was building artificial environments for intelligent nonhumans for the Mimbari. Jerry Pournelle misses him at the meetings. Matthew Tepper missed seeing him at cons to the north.

**Patron Saint Tom Digby** was given Three Cheers and Probably Something.

**Committee Reports:** Marty Cantor announced the Board Gamers are meeting every Friday night here. Some of those people have joined the club. Anyone interested in learning board games come on by.

**Registrar** Michelle announced guests. Mardy Girard, and Ally Cruz

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue. In 2014, the wreck of the Santa Maria may have been found. Someone seems to have removed the cannon from the wreck since its discovery. The ship took some time to sink, and enough stuff may have been salvaged, so there may not be sufficient evidence to confirm.

Scientists say the glaciers of Antarctica may melt away, giving us 10 feet of sea rise over the next couple of centuries. (*I hope that nobody complains if I do not hang around to see this happen.* - ed.) Doug Crepeau added there are artist conceptions of what cities will look like with a 10' higher sea level. (*Hooray! for underwater cameras. Or did the artists use underwater canvases, brushes, paints, and time machines?*- ed.)

Bill Green announced a meteor shower coming up. (*Right - we do not want dirty meteors landing on us so we insist that they shower first.* - ed.)

Karl Lembke reviewed Penny Dreadful. Not that dreadful.

David Okamura announced Pegasus Hobbies in Montclair produces its own line of models, including SF models, the space ark from When Worlds Collide, George Pal

ships, Uncle Martin space ship, and others. Cosmos Trader and the ship from Destination Moon.

Karl Lembke announced Ed Hooper is in the hospital. (*And he probably insisted that he would only go to a hospital where the computers used the Linux operating system.* - ed.)

Also, Ed Green is in a contest in TheReelDeal.TV

Scratch has four clots in his leg. (*Some people will do anything to keep from getting bored.* - ed.)

Mike Stern announced next weekend is Baycon. if going, it's a great convention to go to. (*But .. but .. but .. Baycon is not kosher!* - ed.)

Tom Safer moved to adjourn so we adjourned at 9:35 pm.

**Meeting 4006, May 22, 2014**  
**Vice-President Debra Levin, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Debra Levin called meeting #4006 to order at 8:03.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Marcia Minsky bid \$1 to approve them as "I had something in mind, now I can't remember."

**Patron Saint Dee Dee Lavender** was honored: Marty Cantor called her a colorful person. CLJII notes she faded late in life. Milt says she was brought along as a spouse at fan gatherings for many years. Matthew Tepper knew her slightly and she was very pleasant.

**Patron Saint Dee Dee Lavender** was given Three Cheers and Le Roy.

**Time bound announcements:** Baycon is this weekend. If you're here, chances are you're not there.

**Committee Reports:** David Okamura had a short report. He announced the meteor shower, which may or may not happen. Will we intersect the orbit?

Marty Cantor announced board gamers will be here tomorrow night. Anyone interested in Eurogames feel free to show up. Tomorrow, there will be socializing and other games, possibly Hell or Mah Jong.

**Registrar** Michelle announced a guest, Mike Lemos, who learned about us at ALA.

Matthew Tepper, as CRAB, reminded one and all there is a bookstore just blocks from here, Bargain Books on Friar, open Monday - Friday, closing at 6. BARGAIN BOOKS 14426 Friar Street Van Nuys, CA 91401. Also, Iliad in North Hollywood, Brand Books in Glendale, Mystery and Imagination, Glendale.

Hare Hobbs has had adventures in Hollywood. The woman he met with the Titty Rancher project says they have lost their home and have no place to show the epi-

sodes they taped. Hare was taped for commercials, not the series. So maybe she was having a good Hare day.

Jerry Pournelle had two items. He gets mail. He gets mail from people who have discovered weird science. Lately, a breathless e-mail from a person who says the Air Force has let a contract for \$9 million for an anti-gravity suit. It turns out the antigravity suit is a compression suit that keeps pilots from blacking out from g forces.

Anyone going to Archon: the fan GOH was to be Uncle Timmy Bolgeo. Now he won't be. Someone who declines to give his name told Archon that Uncle Timmy Is A Racist. He's told ethnic jokes. There was some discussion about thought crime, and how fandom now used to be accepting of difference. It was moved to send Tim Bolgeo a birthday card 3 opposed, 2 abstaining.

Vice President Debra reported Ed Hooper is out of the hospital, and is here.

Milt Stevens read Shipstar. It's the sequel to Bowl of Heaven. It's about humans on an interstellar mission coming up on an artifact, a bowl built around a star. It's worth a Hugo nomination if we're done politicizing them.

Gavin Claypool scribbled more stuff from the One Act Plays at Acme Theatre. It's a small equity waiver site, and the final weekend of plays is this weekend.

Also, anyone with a space alien costume willing to be photographed with Tim Russ, they're looking for costumers.

Jerry Pournelle reviewed Welcome to Wespirtech by Mary Lowd. It's a neat collection of stories.

Marcia Minsky has a job interview, in Oxnard.

Matthew Tepper moved to adjourn. We adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**July 13, 2014**  
**Karl Lembke, Chairman**  
**Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Marcia Minsky, Michelle Pincus, Gavin Claypool, Christian McGuire, Milt Stevens, Rob Powell, and Elayne Pelz. Mike Thorsen, Christian McGuire, and Warren "Whisky" Johnson have excused absences.

**Members and Guests:** Joe Zeff, Barry Gold, Lee Gold, Greg Bilan, Scott Beckstead, Matthew B. Tepper, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, and Ed Hooper.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday the July 13th meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2014

LAFAs  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, September 20, 2014, 7:30 PM - whenever  
Pre-filk dinner at 6 pm. See notes  
Sandy and Gerry Tyra, Pennies from Heaven  
sandy@planet-tyra.com  
43306 Hampton St., Lancaster, CA 93536  
(661) 943-3660

**Pre-filk dinner:** 6 pm, Potluck. The Tyras will be providing some sort of main dish. People should bring other main dishes, side dishes, or salads.

**Directions:** Thomas Guide L.A. Co. 4104 F-2.

**Type of circle:** Bardic

**Notes:**

1. Lots of crash space available, call in advance for a bed.
2. There is a Great Dane.
3. Children welcomed on good behavior. (*If not on good behavior will they be fed to the Great Dane?* - ed.)
4. Gas grill available if you want to BBQ meat.
5. No smoking indoors.
6. Silicon lifeforms available for Filk reference only.

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

were accepted as corrected.

**New Members:** There was 1 application for membership. This was submitted by Dr. Charlie Jutiz. He paid his \$10 and was accepted.

**Treasurer (Elayne Pelz):** \$22,000+. Big auction next week.

**30 Second Reports:**

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

**Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): (Absent)**

**Secretary (Marty Cantor):** We are still getting some new people from the Friday Night Dice Meet Up, a few of whom have joined LASFS. (I will have a report as Procedural President in the appropriate part of the meeting.)

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

**Comptroller (Gavin Claypool):** Possible conflict about officer titles.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): (Secretary)** Mike Thorsen asked the BoD to give him an excused absence as his brother got him a 6 day job with most of it being in San Francisco. (This job was from last Wednesday through tomorrow.) He sent the following as Quartermasters report: "No vending machine totals available this month. Paper towels and solid

hand soap were purchased for the club this month; and, so far, no one has managed to render either unusable. Scratch Galloway has graciously donated 16 pounds of sugar to the kitchen coffee service, as well as several boxes of sugar-free, single-serving drink sticks for the on-site enjoyment of LASFS members who buy or bring bottled water to the club." // Marcia has taken over 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday duties. Money was obtained to purchase second Sunday supplies.

**Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson):** (Acting temporary librarian Gavin): Shelving backlog has been caught up. // Elayne wants to cull collection as we have run out of stuff. Proposing old sf magazines firstly. There was a discussion about this.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** Not yet connected to Julia Ree from Eaton. Scanning of APA-L disties are about 57%.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** Light was fixed. We need some new ceiling tiles. Rob: ants in kitchen area. // Marty Cantor reported that he contacted Dewey, found that the person who had set the traps was now working at another location. The person taking his place had come to the club the next month when it was closed. I spoke to the supervisor and told him about the agreement that I would be at the club by 4:30 pm every Thursday and would open the club to the Pest Control person at that time - and the new person on the route showed up the next Thursday. Actually, he showed up a bit early but Mike Thorsen was here to let him in. I showed him where traps and bait stations had been placed inside and in the geranium, Mike had shown him the bait stations in the courtyard. When he next shows up I will point out the roach problem areas - the APA-L Room has had a few of those critters.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** Informed that blu-ray player is not functioning. He has not had time to check on it.

**Events (Milt Stevens):** Eylat wants permission to hold a Chili-cook-off on February 8. Due to conflict with Gally, March would be better. // Westercon: there are seated Westercon committees for the next two years: San Diego and then Portland. // Michelle: Science Day was very successful. Strong relationship with the Planetary Society. \$180. // Heinlien Society programme item in September. // Karl read Charlie's report about LA4000. We made about \$1,000 gross, \$800 net. Moved, seconded, and passed to appropriately file this report. // LOSCON: couple of glitches but things are coming along. // Marcia: things are coming along fine. GoHs:

**Fund-raising and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus):** Still working with the Pasadena Library.

**Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus):** No report.

**Club President (Marty Cantor):** As the new Procedural President I have instituted a few changes in the meetings. Firstly, as I feel that the members should have

a better idea of club finances, I have brought back the Treasurer's Report. I have added a new item, a Report from the Board and I hope that any Board member who wants to mention something to the membership takes advantage of this time at the Thursday meetings to say things to the club. I have also made a few minor changes.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** There are new composite photos (sent by Mike Thorson) of the Board on-line. Photo permissions have been acquired.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Barry Workman Sainthood Credit (for book-cases):** Mike Donahue also did this work. Passed.

**Building maintenance:** With extra money, we need some work done on the building. Moved, seconded, passed to get a quote on this. (We got money about \$3,000 extra.)

The next meeting of the Board will be on August 10, 2014.

**OPEN FORUM:**

There was a discussion of needing a new building with more space. VERY far in the future.

**TAKE-AWAYS:**

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



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**BOARD GAMING  
AT  
LASFS**

As long as I have been a member of LASFS, board gaming has been a subsidiary interest of many club members. Over the years, though, board-gaming at LASFS has been dwindling until that activity at Second Sunday is usually down to one table of 3 or 4 people. Also, Friday evening board-gaming has often been just two people.

About 6 or so miles from the club is a location in Sun Valley where a board-gaming Meet Up called Friday Night Dice has been holding gaming sessions for several years. Not long ago that group was put on temporary hold as the organizers had a new business interest which was keeping them from holding the Meet Up.

However, they have made their web site available to those FND members who want to hold Friday Night gaming sessions at other venues.

With permission of the LASFS' Board of Directors, I have been inviting members of FND to game at LASFS on Friday Nights, posting the invitation on the FND home page. I explain that after three visits to the club they have to join if they want to continue gaming here, several of these FND board-gamers have been coming to the club and a few have joined.

There are other places where these people can game, but some of them seem happy to come to the LASFS clubhouse.

Please consider this an invitation to all LASFS members who used to board-game at the club to come down to meet the new members on Friday nights - and join in to play the newer games.

# **PARKING**

## **THE ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED**

**NO, NOT ON AETNA**

The MTA (which controls parking for the Orange Line bus) has graciously allowed LASFS to use the lot to the northwest of the clubhouse. From Tyrone, just drive west on Aetna until you get to the entrance to the parking lot (which will be on your right). The after 9 pm restriction on Aetna does not apply to this lot, so those parking in that lot need not move their car at 9 pm.

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