



JULY 2015

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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 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

JULY 2 - *More Like the Movies*, part two -- video clip show.
JULY 9 - No programme.
JULY 16 - **BIG** Auction.
JULY 23 - Tom Safer presents Bugs Bunny animated cartoons.
JULY 30 - No programme.

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
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 -

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DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 509– July 2015. 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. *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. *De Prof* is available on paper solely at cost: currently 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.25. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at approximate cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
July - December, 2015

President: Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Registrar:** Ed Hooper. **Scribe:** (to be determined). **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2015). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2017).. **Comptroller:** Gavin Claypool (2016). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren “Whisky” Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2017), Rob “Gizmo” Powell (2017), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), Nick Smith (2017). **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:** Whisky. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Gavin Claypool, Ed Hooper. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** *unfilled at present*. **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:** *unfilled at present*. **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.

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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)

Meeting 4054, April 23, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper gaveled meeting #4054 to order at 8:00. Matthew announced that this meeting will be “agenda light” because of the program this evening.

Special orders of business: Marty Cantor announced the passing of Art Widner, a year and a half shy of age 100. He died this week, outliving all four of his sons. He was a member of the Boston Strangers Club, chaired Boskone 1 and 2, and invented the game Interplanetary. (We still have a board). It’s sort of based on the Doc Smith universe. He was in FAPA for a long time, and went to almost every Corflu. In memory of Art Widner, we had a moment of silence.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. Scratch bid \$3.50 to name them “Now it’s gone completely out of my head” They were so accepted.

The **Treasurer’s report:** We have money, you can’t spend it.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saints**:

Patron Saint Bill Warren: Milt Stevens: Board member, worked on committees of early LOSCONs, wrote a comprehensive history of SF cinema in the 50s, done quite a bit of writing in magazines such as Starlog, was in APA-L for 500 weeks, and shows up at LOSCONs he's invited to. He murdered me in a mystery novel, "Fandom as a Way of Death". Matthew Tepper: He was linchpin of a panel discussion on Nero Wolfe.

CLJII: Bill has been forgotten over the years, but he was a very important element in refurbishing of the Burbank clubhouse. Most who worked on it are still around and get remembered. He's despised in many quarters for letting CLJII know where LASFS meets. HE published KWTS and the millennium edition of KWTS. He's mostly retired now, and his major project is figuring out how to go live in Hawaii. Jerry Pournelle: when editor of Nebula Book of the year, he hired Bill Warren to write the essay on the SF films of the year.

Scott Beckstead: Before the Internet, Scott ran Paradox Alley, a BBS, and Bill Warren expressed opinions on the board. Barbara Harmon has known him and Beverly for a long time. Sometimes we're friends, sometimes acquaintances. Bill is a very good friend of cats.

From the Hagiography: Bill Warren was the original LASFS board of directors, wrote *Keep Watching the Skies*, 2 volumes of reviews of '50s SF movies. Bill is also a fan writer and he was LASFS GOH at the 1984 LOSCON.

Bill was Lord High Janitor at the first clubhouse we owned. Bill was a close friend of Bill Rotsler. He served as Rotsler's fannish executor. After Rotsler's death, Bill Warren sent all of the remaining Rotsler illos to Marty Canter for general use in the fanzine world. (*There were thousands of these illos and I have spread them far and wide to fanzine publishers throughout the world. Keeping, of course, a few hundred of them for my own use - and for use in De Profundis, too.* - ed.)

The year that Jerry Pournelle edited the Nebula anthology, Bill Warren wrote the essay on that year's SF. **Patron Saint Bill Warren** was given Three Cheers and Keep Watching the Skies.

Patron Saint Nick Smith: He brought cake! Michelle Pincus notes Nick does an amazing amount for the club that most don't know about. He's an all around good friend. Gavin Claypool. It's very good cake. And you can blame me because I got him to come out for the first time. David Okamura knows him through the filk side of fandom, responsible for ConChord, a storyteller, and makes the auctions very enjoyable. He's always been a gentleman. He's a game tester, and a member of LA Filk-Harmonics.

Nick Smith has recently been inducted into the Filk Hall of Fame, which now has 7 LASFS members among its 40 inductees. John DeChancie: Nick Smith is frighteningly intelligent. He may prove a danger to humanity.

From the Hagiography: Nick is a Filker (*Which I assume means that he misspells words.* - ed.) Nick is a LASFS Board Member and an inductee into the Filk Hall of Fame. **Patron Saint Nick Smith** was given Three Cheers and induction into the Filk Hall of Fame.

Registrar emeritus Michelle Pincus introduced Guest Barry Rosen, who found us on the web. (*He could distinguish us from the spiders?* - ed.)

David Okamura observes **Science Happened**, and will tell about it next week.

Miscellaneous: Francis Hamit updated us on Christopher Marlowe. A deal for North American distribution is about to be signed.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned to the program at 8:32.

Meeting 4055, April 30, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper gaveled something in Morse Code calling meeting #4055 to order at 8:00.

Special orders of business: Ken Butler, who joined in the late 70s and attended through the 80s passed away sometime last year

CLJII spoke briefly about the passing of Stan Burns, honored two weeks ago this evening. One week ago, he succumbed to the injuries he received in a car accident. He managed to enjoy the short span he had left, after being told he would not recover. He was a good friend

In memory of these two fine individuals, we had a long moment of silence.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. Christian McGuire bid \$3 to name them "Who had the last bid?" They were so accepted.

The **Treasurer's report:** We have money but you can't spend it.

We had an auction. One item was a calendar, with some beautiful images.

Since the vending machine is working again, we auctioned off the last slot which goes to Diet Coke with Lime.

Christian announced a new set of books is up for sale on the table by the entry way.

Registrar Ed Hooper introduced Cindy Lee Kimmick and Tarynn Kimmick

We honored tonight's Patron Saint, **Patron Saint Larry Niven**. Matthew Tepper: We all know Larry. He's been a member of this club for eons (well, at least portions of two centuries). Scratch: Niven is a gentleman of

words, and when he decided to team up with Jerry Pournelle, the two of them worked quite well, and it gets to the point where it's hard to tell who is responsible for which words.

Joe Zeff: remembers that one year, back when we were having the contest for most memorable fanfic of the year, he got himself into second place so he could write about Larry and Ed Green, with Larry sitting on the floor of the hall, shouting out "Alms for the Rich" Tim Griffin: Grew up in a family that is a lot of things, especially complicated. Larry was one of the few beacons that let him know being a grown-up need not totally suck. Love his work, but enjoy him as a person even more, and he's the man I want to be when I grow up.

Milt Stevens: One story led to a long-standing LASFS tradition. It was set at a real divorce party, and another member was the android IQ test asking what you can say about chocolate covered manhole covers. John DeChancie: Baltimore Worldcon 1983 -- He had just sold his first novel that winter, and this was his first Worldcon as a pro. Got there and there was his editor, Susan Allison. She introduced him to Larry Niven. They shook hands and he headed up the escalator. Now if only I had a punch line.

Michelle Pincus: At one of her first LOSCONs, they had sent her over to set up the art show, which Fuzzy was running. She saw this distinguished older woman. Fuzzy sent her to get her husband. The only person out there was Larry Niven. CLJII: A story he hasn't told in a long time. When I first joined the LASFS back when dinosaurs ruled the construction site, his first convention was FUNCon. A young fan came up to him and told him he (CLJII) was Larry Niven. He was unable to persuade the kid he wasn't Niven. CLJII thinks the kid was eventually introduced to the real Larry Niven.

Matthew: At the very same convention, had just read World of Ptavvs and Neutron Star. He asked if someone could introduce him to Larry Niven. Tom Digby pointed him at a man who might know where Larry Niven was, and Larry Niven turned out to know exactly where he was.

Jerry Pournelle: in 1980, after the election, Reagan's people asked Col. Kane to write this space plan for the new administration. Jerry had written on the subject, and was recruited to help with the meeting. Where to meet? Larry was willing to host the 80 people, including Buzz Aldrin, nine generals, Max Hunter, and a number of other folks. We worked out the commercial space act during one of those meetings. Larry was sent upstairs with a lawyer to write up the policy. They were stuck there while everyone else enjoyed the gourmet spread.

Scratch: He did a good job. Look it up. "How to save civilization and make a little money".

From the Hagiography: The first person to be honored at a LASFS Fanquet (for his first professional sale) who broke the jinx by selling another piece professionally. Larry is a great writer of hard SF and a gracious and gen-

erous man. Larry is a Regency dancer and he immortalized the chocolate manhole cover. Larry is the husband of Marilyn "Fuzzy Pink" Niven.

Patron Saint Larry Niven was given Three Cheers and One Ring to House them all.

David Okamura observes we had a couple of passings. The Russian supply ship will probably undergo a catastrophic re-entry. Elon Musk's space-x is the next launch, and will probably be crammed full of stuff.

At 12:30 pm West Coast time, NASA's Messenger craft became a crater on Mercury. It had run out of propellant. They opted for an impact and one last very close up photograph. It hit at a speed of some 8700 mph.

Jeff Bezos' Blue Horizon project took a surprising test launch. They got it up to the edge of space.

Scientists have solved a riddle about the sun. Why is the surface a relatively cool 10K degrees F while the corona is up to 4 million to 18 million degrees? They've theorized about nanoflares, which seem to be supplying the heat. (It's either that or SUVs.)

Jerry Pournelle: NASA thinks it's invented the warp drive. Low probability of success, but they may have a FTL drive.

Tim Griffin: Some people have been re-doing their landscaping on account of the drought. He's working with the Theodore Payne foundation to promote California native plants. See him for more info.

Reviews: Milt Stevens reviewed Three Body Problem. It's quite a book, starting with a scene where a character is watching her father get beaten to death by the Red guard. It's got science, super science, sense of wonder, a conspiracy for an alien invasion, and at one point, they turn a proton inside out in six dimensions to make a weapon to use against Earth. (Now that's one Hell of a proton pill.)

Tom Locke reviewed Micro by Michael Crichton. It's typical Crichton fare of technology gone awry. As usual, it has help by someone with nefarious interests. It requires some suspension of disbelief, especially when his shrink ray comes into play. There are serious fallacies. It's an enjoyable read for one reading. It will be donated to the Library.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned to the program at 9:02.

Meeting 4056, May 7, 2045
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #4056 to order at 8:00 pm.

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor an-

nounced the passing of Art Widner. (*Art was a year and a half shy of his 100th birthday. On the plus side, Art was the inventor of the board game, Interplanetary. On the minus side, Art was predeceased by his several children.* - ed.) Art's grandchildren will be having a memorial for him at the family home near Mendocino. It will be Monday, 6/22.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. June Moffatt bid \$3 to name them "It looks like purple people eater to me" They were so accepted.

Announcements: There will be no Board meeting this Sunday, so the club will open at noon for gaming and stuff.

The **Treasurer's report:** We have money but you can't spend it.

Another Announcement: Marcia Minsky announced the hotel block for LOSCON 42 is now open. Use code LOSLOSA to reserve. Rooms are \$113/night. Parking is \$13/night plus tax. Book through our block and wi-fi is at no additional charge.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saint: Patron Saint Bob Null**. Scratch: Bob Null was a gentleman of many talents. He could be the world's best soda fairy, he could find things no one else could find, cheaply. He handled maintenance, and when he passed, it took seven people to fill his shoes. Joe Zeff: Remembers at first he had quite a bit of difficulty to try the internet because he didn't think there'd be anything on it to interest him. After six months, Bob was lecturing Joe about how to do stuff on the Net. Hare: Bob was a fund of information about the latest earthquake or volcano. (*Yeah - he spoke their language.* -ed.)

CLJII: We do have the ability to name something after Bob. The space between the two buildings was the Null Space. In the new building, the patio is now the Null Space. Bob's family was delighted to learn this. Bob liked to discover new hobbies and dive in rather like Bruce Pelz. At one point, he became fascinated with motion picture short subjects. When he retired from his profession, he took early retirement and turned down a contractor job doing what he had done for more money. It took them four people to fill his spot. Once he had retired, he looked for ways to fill his time. He found people who were travel impaired, and gave them rides in order to share their company.

Eylat Poliner: He was always there, and could be called at a moment's notice. She could arrange to borrow furniture from the clubhouse and he would meet her at the clubhouse. He didn't just give us money, he gave us his soul, his well being, his love.... Frank: he actually talked to me. And I've named him as being the Swiss Army Knife of humans. Karl Lembke: at one of the many cons for which he did Logistics, he was the Soda Ferry. The idiot running the news zine misunderstood and wrote the wrong sort of fairy. Shortly after the mistake hit print, Bob had adapted. He showed up wearing blue wings and carrying a wand, and came bearing sodas. Matthew Tepper: Bob

was interested in exonomia. One time, he found a medal honoring Jack Benny and bought it for Matthew. This was the sort of thing he'd do. He was interested in the history of Turkey, and of course its coinage. Bob also gave him a CD of episodes of a radio show. It turned out to be Boston Blackie.

From the Hagiography: Bob was the LASFS logistics guy and served many terms as vice president. Bob was the Soda Fairy for many years and he was also Minister of Silly Gavels (*which he made from a Tinker Toy set, a different gavel every week.* - ed.) Bob accepted the position of fan GOH at a con provided he would also be able to do his usual committee work. (*I think he learned that trick from Robbie.* ed.) Bob was twice winner of the Evans Freehafer award

Patron Saint Bob Null was given Three Cheers and Nothing at all.

Registrar: Devon Black introduced herself. Eylat dragged her here.

David Okamura observes: We have lost the last member of the team of German scientists who accompanied Werner Von Braun from Germany and helped create the Saturn V. Oscar Holderer was age 95.

Sometime tonight the Russian supply ship is expected to burn up in Earth's atmosphere. // Space-X has successfully tested its bail-out system. // It may be we'll have self-driving semi tractor trailers, on freeways where the task is a lot simpler.

DNA research is expanding at an incredible pace. They've sequenced the woolly mammoth. (*I hope they first got his permission in writing.* - ed) They're getting closer to editing human DNA. (*Well I hope they get a good proof-reader.* - ed)

A new atomic clock has been devised. It won't lose or gain a second over 15 billion years. It can tell if it's been moved a couple of centimeters up or down. Jerry Pournelle reported some numbers. When the EM drive was in a vacuum, they lost 95% of the effect, and the rest is within the bounds of error. So it seems to be a convection effect.

Reviews Milt Stevens: Ancillary Sword is the sequel to last year's winner. It's the Count of Monte Cristo with some SF details. Without gender distinctions, the society is not terribly human and not very nice. This feels like the second volume of a trilogy. Not bad, but not as good as Three Body Problem.

Miscellaneous: Eylat notes that a woman was suing every gay person on earth for being gay. Today, a Nebraska Supreme Court threw her out. Her case, too.

Jerry Pournelle read that now a \$25 ticket given to a pedestrian for jaywalking works out to \$197 after fees and whatnot. Don't cross on the "don't walk" sign.

Bill Green discussed religion. A missionary approached

and asked if he was Christian, he said no. Then asked if he was Catholic.

CLJII: From the news: about the TV program The Price is Right. They have this iron curtain for certain prizes. People behind the curtain don't know anything about the contestants, the people on the show don't know what the prizes are. It's a very strict rule. On a recently recorded episode, the woman who won the surprise showcase -- a treadmill, had had both feet amputated. Now she has a lifetime of comedy material for her act.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned to the program at 9:02.

Meeting 4057, May 14, 2015 President Matthew B. Pepper, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe in absentia

President Matthew Pepper called meeting #4057 to what passes for order at 8:00. (*Marty Cantor held up a small recorder and insisted that Karl Lembke was inside it.* - ed)

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. Christian McGuire bid \$5 to name them "All Hail Bob Null, Soda Fairy of the Gods" They were so accepted.

Time Bound Announcements!

CLJII announced Target Solara, his 13th book went on sale. Within 24 hours, it got its ranking at 91K and change.

Treasurer's report: We have money and you cannot spend it.

We had an auction, followed by the **Registrar** introducing guests: Julius Francisco, who heard about us from Ray Bradbury and Forrest J Ackerman, Kim and Scott Stedman, Kim being our presenter this evening.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saint: Patron Saint Tom Digby:** Scratch: Tom Digby is an interesting gentleman, who would come up with odd lyrics, like you need little teeny eyes for reading little teeny print like you need little teeny hooks for microfische. Jerry Pournelle: Tom used to come to the club adorned in rather strange piercings. One was a nose bone made of amber you couldn't miss. I looked at this a while and couldn't stand it, so I asked, "what do you wear that for?"

"Why does anyone wear jewelry? to make oneself attractive." I forbore to ask, "To what?"

Joe Zeff: I ran into Tom at a Westercon, when he was wearing a pastel green sari that left part of his chest and one of his piercings visible. knew better than to ask why he was wearing it. Marcia Minsky: Her mom was at that Westercon, sort of mobile. They were outside heading to a convenience store, and Digby was walking toward them. Mom stopped in her tracks and was struck speech-

less. "Mom, it's not polite to stare". "What is it?" Let's move on and explain Tom Digby to her later.

Milt: Tom liked to come up with practical applications for fantasy items like coin operated crypts for traveling vampires. Also, why not sell advertising on postage stamps. He also wrote articles from the perspective of someone in his home dimension. For example: a six page essay on how to tell the wine from the cheese at a wine and cheese tasting. David Okamura: He came up with some of the most off-the-wall songs and essays, such as the memo on elevator usage. (*Thom also posited that the Bermuda Triangle no longer exists; as, lying wholly within itself, it has caused itself to disappear.* - ed)

Matthew Tepper: At his first SF convention, Funcon in 1968, he was eager to meet Larry Niven. He encountered Tom Digby and asked him if he knew where Larry Niven is. He said "you might ask that person over there", and that person turned out to be Larry Niven. History does not record whether he in fact knew where Larry Niven was. He gave Matthew a copy of "Probably Something", soon to be his APA-L zine. It was about the power structure in a playing card company. (You're all just a bunch of cards! -- Alice)

Scott Beckstead was introduced to him as "bubbles". He was amused and intrigued by a bubble stuffer at Westercon, a machine that would blow bubbles within bubbles. Joe Zeff: He mentioned having received a job offer from the Mimbari designing environmental tanks for organisms that can't survive in a Terrestrial atmosphere. And he presented the letter.

Jerry Pournelle: It might be worth publishing a list of Tom Digby Probably Something titles. CLJII: He was the sort of person who, if he existed, would live around the corner from a place that sold dill pickle ice cream. And he did. Karl Lembke: Tom Digby, along with others, invented Putridos, which started as a list of simple hex patches that would update a blank, formatted disk to Putrodos 1.0. Among features in Putrodos was "GuessAhead", where the computer would complete commands for the user with what it thought the user should intend to be typing. Of course, the computer's idea of what the user intended to type and the user's idea weren't always in sync, leading to odd results. Of course, nobody in his right mind would program such a feature into a real electronic device...

CLJII: In APA-L at one point, Tom and he created the Mergerville Newspaper, made a point of referring to an article from it every week, and every week it had merged with another paper, and added another name to a string of increasing length..

From the Hagiography: Whimsical and insightful fan writer and poet and one of the Fan Guests at Confrancisco (Worldcon 1993, San Francisco, California). Lee Gold published an anthology of his writing in 1993: *Tom Digby along Fantasy Way*.

Tom was known for unique and creative personal presentations. The Larry Niven story, "What Can You Say About Chocolate Covered Manhole Covers?" featured Tom

Digby as the alien robot.

In his APA-L Zine, "Probably Something", he once wrote that it must have been fascinating to live near the airport in the last century, because you'd only be disturbed by clip clop of horses as they took off.

Patron Saint Tom Digby was given Three Cheers and Little Teeny Eyes.

David Okamura updated us all on **Science**. The Russian supply capsule having crashed, they've canceled the crew rotation on the Space Station. They want to study why the third stage separated too soon, since they use the same module in crew capsules.

Self-driving cars have been in four fender-benders. It was never the car's fault. It was human error, and mostly under 10 MPH.

Now that the EM drive seems to be kaput, the effects of cosmic rays on the brain can be a problem.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned to the program at 8:45.

Meeting 4058, May 21, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #4058 to what passes for order at what passes for 8:00.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. Scratch bid \$2 to name them "Bubble Power" They were so accepted.

Time Bound Announcements!

David Okamura announced people should stay far from Anaheim tomorrow. They're kicking off the anniversary with a 24 hour marathon in the park, and this is expected to provoke gridlock.

There is going to be a marathon of the first three Star Wars movies produced here on Memorial Day. Tom Safer will be showing movies Sunday and Monday. (Sunday is horror and Monday is Hi def Star Wars)

Gavin Claypool is trying to form a group to attend concerts at the Hollywood Bowl. Price and show is flexible, but membership in the group gets a 10% discount on tix.

Treasurer's report: We have money but you cannot spend it.

David Okamura updated us all on **Science**. 99 years ago next week, vice Admiral David Beatty uttered the classic line when he observed "There seems to be something wrong with our bloody ships these days." This was after watching two battle cruisers blow up in battle. Now this is the line for the Russian space program. They lost another one. A Mexican communication satellite is now scattered over the Russian tundra, due to an accident 8 minutes after launch.

SpaceX is still forging ahead, and may profit from the lack of competition.

The Air Force has launched the X37B again. No clue when it will come back down. That same rocket also sent up a light sail from the Planetary Society.

Registrar Ed Hooper introduced a guest, Paul Ali, from Sunland.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saints: Patron Saint DeeDee Lavender:** Milt Stevens: she was married to Roy Lavender, hosted Petards, a club in LA that met at their house in Signal Hill. By being married to Roy, she had been around fandom for a very long time.

She was mother of Lois Lavender, Elayne: she made really good cookies.

From the Hagiography: Fan of mysteries as well as SF and an excellent hostess. She was active in First Fandom and N3F and helped her husband Roy put on the World SF convention in Ohio. (Mistake. It was Nick and Noreen Falasca who chaired it.)

Patron Saint DeeDee Lavender was given Three Cheers and great cookies.

Patron Saint Joyce Lloyd: Christian McGuire: Introducing her to LASFS is the best thing Ed Hooper did for the club. She has chaired a LOSCON with Cathy Beckstead. She's still active in the Worldcon scene and is finance director for the Kansas City Worldcon (2016).

From the Hagiography: Joyce has worked for years as Hotel Liaison for LOSCON and other conventions. Joyce is on the Board for Gallifrey One.

Patron Saint Joyce Lloyd was given Three Cheers and a unicorn.

Reviews: Milt Stevens has read Station 11, by Emily St John Mandell, from the NESFA list of best of year. It had an unpromising description, but it's very well crafted and very well written. It follows people through the collapse of civilization after a super flu over twenty years.

Matthew Tepper reviewed Entanglements by David Gerrold (in the current F&SF), sort of a thematic sequel to The Martian Child.

Christian McGuire: has done us all a favor by watching High Moon on the SyFy channel. Lunar exploration and resource exploitation in a universe where the Soviet Union still exists. If you happen upon it and have other things to do like laundry, do those other things first.

Miscellaneous: Elayne announced all the Hugo nominees she can obtain are in the library. A tablet is available for reading Kindle format items.

George McUrso: after 100 years, Prof. Moriarty's air rifle now exists. Scratch: Lewis and Clark had an air rifle they took with them, and it's in the Smithsonian.

LAF
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, July 18, 2015
Filk: 7 PM to ???
Terry Brussel, host
8515 Penfield Ave., Winnetka, CA 91306
818/886-0069
(hit # as soon as you hear a voice, to skip the answering machine messages)

Pre-filk dinner: 6 PM Potluck and BBQ

Directions: Thomas Guide LA Co, page 530 E1

Filk style: moderated chaos

Notes:

1. Crash space available at the filksite--call in advance for arrangements.
2. There is a Feline Warning. The hosts will try to keep him them out of the filk room.
3. Bring healthy munchies, juices etc.
4. **No smoking -- period!!** (Except allowed outside.)
5. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
6. There is a hot tub.
7. The filk site is air conditioned.

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

Jerry Pournelle: we had another story conference Wednesday, and the new Avalon Settlement sequel to Legacy of Heorot is proceeding nicely. Steve Barnes is doing most of the work, and Larry and Jerry are kibbitzing.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned to the program at 8:39.

**Board of Directors Meeting
April 12, 2015
Chairman of the Board, Karl Lembke
Board Secretary, Marty Cantor**

(As the Board of Directors did not meet in May, the April minutes were not accepted until the June meeting.)

April Board Minutes

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Marcia Minsky, Gavin Claypool, Rob Powell, Mike Thorsen, Michelle Pincus, Elayne Pelz, Nick Smith, and Christian McGuire. Warren "Whisky" Johnson had an excused absence.

Members and Guests: Matthew B. Tepper, Joe Zeff, Jefferson Kent, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Debra Levin, and Jeni Burr.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday,

April 12th, meeting of the Board of Directors.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of March 8th, 2015, were accepted as presented.

New Members: There were 5 applications for membership: Steven Lindlbauer, Melissa Conway, Simmie Noble Collins, Jefferson Kent, and Bill Susel. They have paid their \$10 application fee. They were accepted, unanimously.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): See the Treasurer for details.

30-second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No report.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): Lee and Barry will not be here so I will give their report in the webmaster's part of the meeting.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Jeff Kent is member of a long-existing computer club and his organization might want to rent our facilities on a regular basis.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): This month: 367 units bringing in \$367.00. Total units to date: 32,689, and total monies to date: \$27,471.00. There are problems with the dispensing machine. There is a repair agency for this machine and Mike will be contacting them on Monday. We also bought some toilet paper and other miscellaneous goods.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): (Elayne) Elayne will soon be ordering all of the Hugo nominees we do not have.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): As we are currently a bit comfortable in our money situation, I am getting an estimate about fixing and painting the exterior. We had previously thought about this but it was put off when we previously ran out of funds. It was pointed out that parts of the exterior are disintegrating.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): I have received no reports on any issues.

Events (Nick Smith): Nick reported about his trip to the Barea, mentioning that Barea fans were expressing interest in attending more Southern California cons. Marcia (Loscon42). Went to Wondercon and got 5 new memberships - and Nick mentioned that Wondercon is moving to the Los Angeles convention Center next year.

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): Marketing still needs to spend money on displays at cons as we are using outdated ma-

FANNISH EXCURSIONS

If you're interested in joining a group outing to the Hollywood Bowl, contact Gavin Claypool at gclaypo@hotmail.com or at the club.

by July 13. Spamalot (7/30 or 8/1) has shown the most interest;

Bugs Bunny (8/14), 2001 (8/18),

and E.T. (9/4 or 9/6) are other programs of fannish interest.

A group can get the group discount of 20% without sitting together, so we can offer the whole range of available seating.

The Odyssey Theatre in West Los Angeles has contacted us about getting a group together to attend their current production of Oedipus Machina, which runs through July 26. If you're interested in going, contact Nick Smith or Gavin Claypool.

terial. Tony Benoun mentioned he had a logo. It was moved to pass a line item of \$500 for the purpose of updating our displays - this was passed with one abstention.

(Significant Others)

Club President (Matthew B. Tepper): There were two events which brought in many people. One was a programme about the life and career of Leonard Nimoy and the other was a visit from Harlan Ellison (and this packed the room) - thanks to CLJII, Marty Cantor, David Gerrold, and Mike Thorsen for assisting on the Ellison visit.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): (Marty Cantor gave the report.) Barry is very ill and was in the hospital with diverticulitis but is now home. Barry and Lee need help on the web site. The splash page has been developed but is not yet on-line and there is an update to Joomla but Barry needs help with these items. Interested parties should contact the Golds.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Moved and Seconded to not have a meeting in May. This was passed with 3 abstentions. The next regular meeting of the Board will be on June 14th, 2015. Marty Cantor asked for permission to open the May Second Sunday meeting at Noon, something he always does when the

Board is not meeting on that day - this was granted.

There was a discussion about proxies.

There has been a proposed change to the Standing Rules about LOSCON and this was discussed.

Gavin proposed offering to store our magazines offsite at no cost to the club until we have space for them in another 20 years. Gavin has changed his opinion about getting rid of most of the magazines older than 1995 and now feels we should keep them. This was Moved, Seconded, and passed with 2 abstentions. Gavin also presented us with the completion percentages of the various

LASFS OFFICERS July 1 through December 12

- **President - Matthew B. Tepper**
- **Vice President - Debra Levin**
 - **Registrar - Ed Hooper**
 - **Scribe - (to be determined)**
 - **Treasurer -Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus**

(All officers serve a 6 month term except for the Treasurer who serves for the whole year.)

Friday night board gaming

Friday Night Board Gaming is a Meetup which meets at LASFS most every Friday evening, usually starting around 4:30 and ending around 11:00.

All LASFS members are invited to play these modern, mostly European, board games. There is no charge for gaming but members are responsible for any LASFS dues which must be paid.

Members of the Meetup game at LASFS the same way other guests visit the club: 3 free meetings and then joining the club if they continue to like coming here. After they join the club they pay dues like any other member.

(Our experienced gamers are willing to teach these games to beginners.)

**NEW
LASFS
DIRECTORY**

The directory is now available.
Elayne will e-mail
the following directory files, free,
upon request:
xl spreadsheet, or
pdf

For those without on-line
or printer access
Elayne will provide a printed copy upon request
for a small fee.

Contact Elayne at:
treasurer@lasfs.org

**WHO KNOWS WHAT ETHER
LURKS IN THE MINDS OF FEN?**

The fannish autobiography of
Phil Castora
edited and pubbed by Marty Cantor
pdf file available at
<http://efanzines.com/Castora/index.htm>
paper copies from Marty Cantor for \$5.00

runs of the magazines we had.

Nick thought about social interactions amongst members
such as structured items like going places. There was a
discussion about this.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 11:44 .

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

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