



JANUARY 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 - Open House - Board Gaming NOON - 10 pm	2 Cosplay Sewing Circle
3	4	5	6	7 LASFS MEETING	8 - Open House - Board Gaming	9 - Cinema Animé
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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

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 -

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

JANUARY 7 - "Quo Vadis LASFS" (Open discussion of the club's

situation and where it might be going -- and how to see it goes hopefully to a good place)

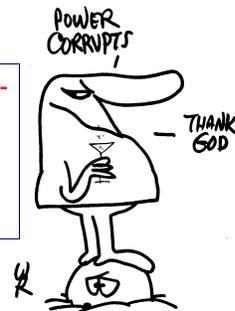
JANUARY 14 - No Program. Pre-program, Tim Griffin musical performance

JANUARY 21 - **BIG AUCTION.**

JANUARY 28 - "My Favorite Book" (Author [to be announced] appearance)

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185

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JAN. 1 OPEN HOUSE FROM NOON

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 515- January 2016. 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.

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I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address *c/o De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-modified Intel quad-core, 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
January - June, 2016

President: Gavin Claypool. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Registrar:** Jeromy Miller. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke & Nick Smith. **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.

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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:** 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.

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

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

Meeting 4078, October 8, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper conjured the meeting into being between frames on the film at: 7:59 pm.

Special Orders of Business: For once, we didn't need to have a moment of silence. Instead, we had a moment of cake. Francis Hamit and Scratch Galloway's birthdays are both this week with Scratch being 3 days older than Francis.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were named Happy Birthday to Scratch and Francis [\$4 from June]

Guests: The **Registrar** reported that there were no guests this week.

Time-Bound Announcements:

Bill Green announced Open House at JPL this Saturday
Nick announced Pasadena Central Library includes an author fair, involving graphic novel creators. One is the creator of the *Children's Vampire Hunting Brigade*.

It's based on a real event in Scotland in the 1950s, where kids went rampaging through the local graveyard, looking for the vampire they believed was buried there.

Treasurer's Report: No report this week.

LosCon Report from Marcia: Seven weeks and one day to LosCon. \$60 at the door. Hotel room block is now open. Reserve through the LosCon website. There will be a full opening ceremony, and a real closing ceremony.

Patron Saint: Beverly Kanter: From the hagiography: Beverly was a former photographer's model and the former consort of former Patron Saint Harry Andruschak. She was a serious reader of SF. Following a cutback in fan activities, Beverly began an avid reading of cookbooks and general non-fiction. Joe mentioned that Beverly had said that if she and Harry ever broke up, they would have trouble divvying up their belongings, because they bought so much for each other. Harry Andruschak contributed the money for her sainthood, in keeping with their relationship.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. It is Nobel prize season and several were awarded this week. Chemistry: scientists who determined how DNA was repaired. DNA get broken or damaged in many ways, and the ways in which it reforms were the focus of their study.

Medicine: two of the awardees were for work concerning tropical diseases. A third was the re-discoverer of an ancient Chinese remedy for malaria.

Physics: discoverers of the fact that a neutrino has mass, even if they can't measure it yet.

What caused the great dinosaur die-off? Was it the great asteroid? Instead, literally a one-two punch. Volcanic activity in India preceded the asteroid, got worse, and the two combined apparently caused the die-off. There is now a die-off of ocean coral due to ocean warming and El Nino effects. Currently off Florida and in the tropical South Pacific. It is expected to affect Great Barrier Reef as soon as this spring. Very bad for sea life. Matthew points out that Reef Protection International, a non-profit about protecting the coral reefs, is run by his nephew.

Reviews: Milt--*Aurora* by Kim Stanley Robinson. He didn't like it as it read more like an overly long essay than a novel. Lots of details about why it's bad. Too many forced plot points, some mindless.

Nick--*A Whole New World* book, Disney's Aladdin mixed with H. P. Lovecraft. Very enjoyable and very weird, as Jafar tries to get a copy of Al Azif, by Abdul Al-hazred.

Matthew--*II Trovatore* was part of the Met opera broadcast in theater. The plot is inexplicable, but the music was great. Jerry mentioned that *II Trovatore* needs the four best singers in the world to perform it. Rowan asked about the ticket price, and Matthew said that these

broadcasts cost \$21-23 per ticket. Nick pointed out that this was about 1/3 of the cheap seats for the L.A. Opera. Barbara: Opera tickets that she can afford, Sing it at the Theater is a great bargain.

Miscellaneous: Francis Hamit: a Twilight Zone moment. Lee took Francis to the VA hospital because of chest pains. He picked up a book to read, and it turns out to start on Francis's birthday. Both Francis and Lee have had health problems recently.

George—Gavin sent him an email informing him of a reading of "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" at Caltech. Great fun. \$4 donation, and part of ongoing series of special stagings.

Barbara—Metropolitan operas sometimes shown later on PBS. Her favorite opera is Faust, which is definitely genre fiction.

Frank—At Creature Features on Magnolia and Catalina in Burbank there is an art exhibit about Halloween. Running through Halloween.

We **adjourned** to the program at: 9:07 pm

Meeting 4079, October 15, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Kristen Gorlitz, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper stopped making sense at: 8:00 pm. (*I find that hard to believe as I am not aware of him ever making sense to begin with.* -ed.)

Minutes: Christian bid \$3 for to name these minutes "Herbert, Herbert, Herbert."

Patron Saint: Randy Greiner: Marty - Does not show up anymore, but was the first person who acquired the nickname "The Human Wallet." There was a period in the later 70s that Greiner was spending a lot of money in the club. Nice guy.

From the hagiography: Randy is soft-spoken and lives in Glendale. There is an old minutes note: he was given "three cheers and a ginger snap." **Patron Saint Randy Greiner** was given Three Cheers and "a peanut butter cookie."

Patron Saint: Michael Mason: Christian: he met Michael at a Time Meddlers meeting in 1986. He was already a very knowledgeable book master. He loved reading and loved talking about books and Dr. Who. Michael convinced Christian to pay his \$5 to join LASFS. Michael spent most of 3 years talking up having a Dr. Who convention in LA where we bring back Tom Baker. Gallifrey 1 would not exist without his contribution. Also, for 10 years, he was a very good librarian for the club. CLJII: Michael had a good handle on his own strengths and weaknesses. He was very good at doing library stuff when he was alone, but when someone would come to help, he would chat away (to his dismay).

Ed Hooper: Michael was a miracle worker with the con

suite. Michael would take a small budget for a con suite and produce that loaves and fishes miracle and would produce a feast. (*A cheeseburger would be more tasty than bread and fishes.* - ed.) It did not have a lot of junk food and it worked. (*If it worked I hope it got Union Scale.* - ed.) People went away happy. He was a very big baseball fan. Michael and Ed Hooper would talk baseball for hours and hours, and he was one of the few people he could talk politics with.

Hare: Hare was coming up from the North Hollywood subway station and ran into him. Michael mentioned how badly the Lakers were doing and he went on and on about the bad calls etc. He was always soft spoken, but he really went on about sports. Joe Zeff: Joe tells this story every year- Michael told him with well deserved pride one year, that he had gone to work dressed as a Trappist monk and remained in character all day. Cautionary tale - During the holiday season, Michael and his doctors had reason to be concerned he was developing type 2 diabetes but Michael did not live long enough to change his diet. The moral is, "Don't wait until diabetes is a concern to change your diet."

Christian McGuire: His family put all of his life-insurance and other stuff into the Michael Mason foundation which yearly gives out grants, and almost yearly gives grants to LASFS and other collections. Matthew Tepper: We raised money to plant trees for him in Israel - enough for a grove. George: he hung with Michael and played cards regularly. Many times they would go out and have a late dinner at Norms. Michael was very pleasant to be around and I have no bad memories of him. His absence caused this world to grow darker. Matthew Tepper: Matthew feels the same way, and was at a loss for further words.

Patron Saint Michael Mason was given Three Cheers and "a rustle of leaves" (and in the library with a lead pipe).

The **Registrar** announced a Guest: Patrick Burmeister. From LA. Learned about us from a board game Meetup site. He has never been here before and it looks like the place to be. Patrick likes comic books, board games, movies, literature fan and is a meat cutter.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's Report at this time.

Board Meeting News: Matthew announced that bids for LOSCON are to be presented during the board's January 2016 meeting (this year the Board of Directors is meeting in January but will not meet in February. The meeting in January will be on the 2nd Sunday of January.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura: It was just revealed by the Chinese that they had a robotic telescope on the moon for the past 18 months. This is the first robotic telescope on the moon. It offers advantages which earth-bound telescopes do not have and already it has outlasted its projected 1 year lifespan. They think it can continue.

Speaking of continued, an elephant never forgets. But another thing they noticed about elephants is that they rarely get cancer. Surprisingly, Elephants have 20 copies of a gene that suppresses tumors, and humans only have one. We might learn more about how they evade cancer. Once upon a time, House of the Future, presented by Monsanto, extolled all the wonders of the distant future. House of tomorrow has moved to yesterland. In Orange county one can see whole suburb of houses from the future. 14 or so houses created by college students from across the country. This will still be open this weekend. See some of the innovations these students have come up with.

Jerry: They think they found a Dyson sphere. Hard to believe the found just one. Jerry thinks they would find hundreds. He speculates it would have been millions of years since they developed it. Why is there just one? It might be easier to build a Dyson sphere than traveling between stars. If you can build one, it seems like you could build more than one. And you've had millions of years to do it. The reason they think it's a Dyson sphere is because they can't find natural data to explain. It blinks 82% of its energy in an irregular way. One possibility is that there are about a zillion comets that obscure its Sun, not very probable but might be more probable than a Dyson sphere. "The universe is not only queerer than we suppose, it's queerer than we CAN suppose." - *Arthur C. Clark*

Miscellaneous: Christian McGuire: Smokehouse in Burbank is having an anniversary with its regular menu at \$19.49, so save about \$14 an entree. It is on for the entire month.

We moved to **adjourn** to the big auction at: 8:54 pm.

Meeting 4080, October 22, 2015 President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding Nick Smith, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called the meeting into a state in which the laws and rules regulating the public behavior of members of a community are observed and authority is obeyed at: 8:00 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were read: Matthew bid \$1 to name the minutes "Great, now I'm stuck with naming them."

Patron Saint Lee Jacobs: Milt—wrote series of fan stories "The Ballard Chronicles" based on a fan from the Pacific Northwest. Also wrote a fan movie, "The Muskeet Kid," based on fandom in a warped version of the old west. Jerry—Lee was not just a ham radio fan. Lee had the habit of finding a fellow ham operator wherever he went. He would contact Jerry late at night to listen to ham radio conversations, or converse with people around the country by telephone-radio linkups. Lee was known as a good poker player, but he would always say he was about even.

Matthew gave the technical term for what Lee did in link-

ing Jerry by phone and ham radio, which was a "phone patch."

From the hagiography and other sources: Lee Jacobs was in the Fantasy Amateur Press Association [FAPA] and the Spectator Amateur Press Society [SAPS], two of the oldest APAs. (*FAPA was the first fannish APA although there were mudane APAs for printers and other newsmen soon after the end of our Civil War.* - ed.)

In the early 1950s he was responsible for the typo of "folk" into "filk" which was seized on by Karen Anderson to name fan-written songs. The typo came from an attempt to title an article "The Influence of Science Fiction on Modern American **Folk** Music," which was still an interesting concept, even without the typo.

Anyway, Poul Anderson then wrote the first thing to be deliberately *called* a filk song, a piece called "Barbarous Allen," and from then on the word stuck. The word filk is now in at least some online and printed dictionaries, as well as scholarly works about fandom, including *Brave New Words, the Oxford Dictionary of Science Fiction*. Lee is noted in these sources, for a word he didn't mean to create.

He was a gaming fan, and he would enter tournaments for games even when he didn't know the rules. He was a good tech writer - good enough that he could write for a semester, and then vacation for the next three. Lee Jacobs died in the late 1960s, but his word lives on.

Patron Saint Lee Jacobs was given Three Cheers, Hip hip hooray and a free phone patch.

Guests: Jonathan Flagg from Covina, learned about us from MeetUp.com, came for gaming. Enjoys movies and gaming. Miko Estacio from Santa Clarita. Learned about LASFS from Anime L.A. and others including Scott Beckstead. Curiosity drew him to the club. Student of life and his occupation is purchasing. Rich and Mary Borowy, North Hills. Learned about LASFS by chance, never been before. Came because of the guest speaker. Interested in various SF and are media fans. Rich is an archivist.

Reviews: Nick—*First Day on Earth* by Cecil Castellucci. A cool book about alienation, since the main character thinks he was kidnapped by aliens, and one other seems to think that he IS an alien.

Milt—*Dark Forest*, which he describes as insidiously clever. The more you think about, the more you realize that there are things you've missed earlier in the story. One really big space battle, and you're going to forget about the ant.

Larry Niven—Met Roger Corman at a birthday party. He has signed to do a sequel to *Death Race 2000*.

Matthew said that Roger Corman never lost money on a movie, but CLJ II found an exception, which was *The Intruder*, a 1962 movie with William Shatner. Unlike other films by Corman, it was a serious drama, with Shat-

ner playing a racist cross-burner. [Scribal note: the film, which lost money because the distributor chickened out due to its controversial nature, is *finally* in the black, but only due to fees paid to Corman for use of the footage in a 2010 documentary about the screenplay's writer, Charles Beaumont. Yes, the one who wrote several *Twilight Zone* episodes. So, it did lose money on the actual release, but is now in the black overall, thus both Matthew and CLJ II were sort of correct.]

Miscellaneous: Scratch announced that a large rock will miss Earth by a small amount on Halloween eve. We hope he's right about the missing part. [Scribal note-- Latest information as of 10/28 is that this object, Asteroid 2015 TB145, is ¼ mile across, and will make its closest approach at 10 am our time on Saturday, the 31st. It should be visible by telescope on the night of the 30th, near Orion. It has been nicknamed "The Great Pumpkin."] (*If it did not miss us you did not read about it here first.* - ed.)

Hare says that R. J. Johnson, news director at KFI, has admitted that he is the same R. J. Johnson who has written three SF novels.

We **Adjourned** to the program at: 8:40 pm.

Meeting 4081, October 29, 2015 President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding Kristen Gorlitz, Scribe

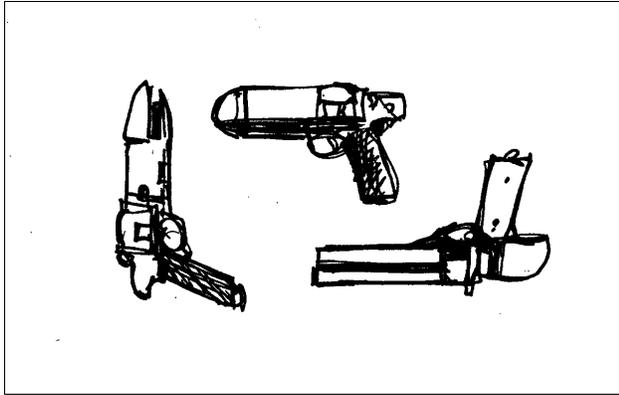
President Matthew Tepper created the order that would become a meeting at 8:00 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Jerry bid \$3 to name the minutes "I'm about even"

Patron Saint Bill Rotsler: Scratch: Rotsler had a marvelous talent of drawing part of his id and putting it on paper and captioning it with the dryest of humor. (*It was so dry that the paper would immediately crumble and glow away in the wind.* - ed.) Marty Cantor received a large number of these and has been flogging them out for over 15 years. Scratch figures that in 30 years we will use up our supply. Marty: Bill was a renaissance man of the arts. You will see Bill's Hugos in one of the display cases. Marty became executor of Rotsler's illos (illustrations) and he uses them for covers for APA-L. Technically Bill is still eligible for original fan artists Hugo award. By arrangement with the con of the 2004 Corflu (the fanzine fan's con), he brought up envelopes full of Rotsler illos; and, after the banquet Marty dumped the Rotsler illos on a table for fans to grab. That stopped the show. Rotsler has a big connection with fans. Wonderful in almost everything that he did and he did lots of things.

Hare: He was a native Angeleno. Marilyn Monroe's manager knew this. So they pulled up in front of where she was staying and she asked who Rotsler was, and he hadn't done much yet. Anyway, Rotsler accompanied Marilyn Monroe as she went house hunting.

Jerry: Rotsler can tell stories all night. Met him in Holly-



wood. Invited Jerry to come up to his office, which was on Hollywood Blvd and showed Jerry how to use a movieola machine - There's a soundtrack on one reel and the movie on another. The movieola synchronized them. Jerry then got paid for doing it for someone else. Rotsler sent Christmas cards. Generally he was making a movie of some kind. One Christmas card had 26 redheads all nude, lying in a circle around Rotsler and the card read, "wish you were here". Always in good taste. Jerry and Larry had just done well with Lucifer's Hammer, so Rotsler drew a cartoon, Lucifer's pickle. Could go on forever about him. He and Greg Benford did a story about something hitting the earth which came out just after Lucifer's Hammer. He swore to Larry that he would not read Lucifer's Hammer before writing it. Might have been the wrong choice. Jerry misses him a lot. He was a good friend and long lasting friend. He did the nebula trophy the year Jerry was president. Always good at getting things done.

Ed: No memories but looking at one of the display cases one can see that he has left his impact on the club, not just with his Hugos and a copy of the book he wrote, but his urn is in there as well, and suspects ash is in it. (*No, his ashes were spread.* - ed.)

Joe Zeff: Once, not long before he died, he came to the club and explained that he had gotten back from hospital. While he was there, they implanted radioactive iodine for radiation therapy for cancer. He had to be quarantined as a radiation hazard. Doug: in the VA hospital, he had a grid of blue lines painted on his face. This was only a couple of weeks before the end and he was radioactive.

Marty: Rotsler - remembers a couple of times that he needed covers for LASFAPA. Rotsler was on the couch by the door, talking to people. Marty asked him to do some APA covers for him. Rotsler then just continued talking and an hour later he had drawn 2 intricate covers - talking and drawing at same time. He came up with wonderful art. He could do more than one thing at a time well. Barbara: In 1961, he was very active as a photographer. He did Pinup pictures. He had a whole stack of pictures and would give them to Jim, who spread them out on the floor and made up stories to go with pictures.

John DeChancie: Rotsler inspired John to take up cartooning again (he hadn't done it since he was 14) and Bill managed to do that while he was dead. Eric Hoffman:

2001 came out and it was playing at a theater on Hollywood Blvd. Eric went to see the movie with Rotsler. He needed Eric to drive the car because Rotsler and company were on LSD. That crowd sat near the front of screen. Eric felt like he was leading a line of zombies back to the car.

Patron Saint Bill Rotsler was given Three Cheers and "another fanzine Hugo for fan art"

Patron Saint Francis Hamit: Scratch: They're both Vietnam vets. Hamit stayed in intelligence in one form or another. They share the same birthday week (but Scratch is older by 3 days) and Francis is currently with Mike Donahue putting together a movie, Marlow, to be filmed in England. He's a nice guy to talk to. Has written several books.

Joe Zeff: Speaking as another Vietnam vet, some of you may have heard stories about watching B-52 raids from offshore. Hamit has the opposite perspective; he has walked the ground afterwards. Scratch: B-52 strike chased him out of the area, went back downriver and there was no river, only craters.

Jerry Pournelle: Francis is working on the movie Marlow (if he can raise the money) and it takes a lot of nerve to ask Brits to have Americans make a movie about a British hero. Francis did a lot of research on Marlow. The Spanish armada was delayed by 2 years by a raid Marlow conducted on Spain. Thought he knew most of the interesting stories on Marlow. Marlow was in British secret service (not secret service in those days). Jerry wishes them luck. He also wishes Terry Pratchett was still alive because he might have funded it.

Matthew: has known Francis since 1990 if not before. Hamit wrote a textbook sized book on Virtual reality, its origin, technique and possible future uses. It's out of date but still a classic in the field. Ed Hooper: Finds him a little bit of a blowhard but he was one of the first people to give him condolences after his mother died.

Patron Saint Francis Hamit was given Three Cheers and a brass cannon.

Guests: Joshua Bregman - From LA. Worked at Clifton's cafeteria. SF film director new to LA. Like to learn more about the SF community. Script consultant, director (film)

Dwain Worrell - From LA. Josh invited him. Never been here before. Screenwriter.

Ed bid \$5 for the soda slot and chose Diet Pepsi.

Treasurer's Report: We have money and you can't spend it. (See details of report from the treasurer.)

Moment of Science, with David Okamura: Be afraid, be very afraid, just when you thought it was safe to go into water, they found 20 sharks in the Santa Monica Bay area. A venomous sea snake washed ashore on SoCal beach. You can blame El Nino and water warming for that.

Hurricane Patricia - strongest hurricane yet in the west-

ern hemisphere. Did not cause any fatalities, but consider it a warning.

Terra Firma or terra not so firma. Quake on La Habra fault was announced and geological survey downplayed it, but this reinforces the need for readiness.

Watch the Skies - drones being threat to aircrafts, a person in San Diego flashed a green laser at jet, and you'll recall the rampaging radar blimp going through Pennsylvania countryside.

Now the Asian tiger mosquito and yellow fever mosquito were found in Orange County. Very aggressive. Attacks during daytime and will go indoors and can breed indoors. Eggs can last in dry conditions for a year.

Nice news about NASA's year long space man Scott Kelly set a record on US space station, and still has some time to go for his year in flight. On the Space Station, they found a lot of bacteria and other microscopic organisms that they had not found earlier. Little creatures performing and breeding in microgravity, nothing andromeda strain but who knows

Red meat is a possible type 2 carcinogen, processed meats really should be considered as type 1 risk for bowel cancer. (*Therefore, as a safety measure - one should always dye one's meat purple before eating it.* - ed.) Daylight savings time, Fall back this weekend. (*Right - if you fall forward you will break your nose.* -ed.) Karl - mosquitoes have also been detected in the Silverlake area.

Doug - about International space station infections- there is a cure for it. Need to microscopic bubbles of hydrogen peroxide and negative ions that are dispensed from ions
Tom - News reports about concept prototypes of lunar rover discovered by NASA official, sold to scrap yard, today they discovered that the buyer of the prototype did not scrap it and is currently negotiating with the government to buy it back.

Jerry Pournelle: Strange stars- Spectroscopic binaries, binary stars that are so close to each other that we can't optically tell them apart, but we know there are two stars because of spectroscopic we see one approaching and one going away. Challenge with Einstein's relativity theory. Such a thing that is contact binary. Star are balls of gas and have no core. When they collapse one tends to go nova. Get gamma ray outbursts that go across many light years. Found one that is in range of us now. Somewhere in next million years, this could put out enough gamma rays to destroy all life on earth. 170 thousand light years away.

Reviews: Milt: In his endless search for a potential Hugo contender he read Corsair By James L. Cambias. Darkling Sea by Cambias was his favorite novel for year, a best first novel. This one has space piracy. Does rather well with it. Various ways to commit space piracy, not sure if they would work, but they seem plausible. Couple of battles in space, one chase at sea, shootings, innocuous space pirates, lots of action. Very entertaining.

Karl: Second week working new job as supervisor water quality service area. So far so good. First dealing with angry customer upset with water at kids school, posted video on YouTube and complained bitterly about it. Rule of thumb, it's the stuff you can't see that will kill you.

We adjourned to the program at 9:40 pm.

**Board of Directors Meeting
November 8, 2015
Chairman of the Board, Karl Lembke
Board Secretary, Marty Cantor**

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

Members and Guests: Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Joe Zeff, Matthew B. Tepper, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Debra Levin, Frank Waller, Tom Safer.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:07 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, November 8th, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors. New board members have been elected - congratulations. They take office in January.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of October 13th, 2015, were accepted as presented.

New Members: There were 7 applications for membership from fans who paid their \$10 application fee: Jonathon Flagg, Emmanuel Camacho, John Kaser, Miko Estacio, Matt Gill, Tom Nicolaidis, and Beth Nicolaidis. They were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): We have money in the treasury - see treasurer for details.

30-second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): Still working on picking a committee for the Code of Conduct committee.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No report.

LAF
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, January 16, 2016, 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 a pot of chili or hearty soup and a big pan of baked macaroni and cheese. 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 behaviour.
4. Gas grill available if you want to BBQ meat.
5. No smoking indoors.
6. Silicon lifeforms available for Filk reference only.

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

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Lee Gold brought up meetings at Freehafer Hall and asked Gavin about the meetings at Freehafer Hall in the By-Laws.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): This month: 231 units bringing in \$252.00. (The difference has to do with two items being sold at higher than the usual costs.) Total units to date: 34,476, and total monies to date: \$29,439.75 We purchased paper products, propane, couch repair products, and some miscellaneous items.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): (Gavin): Packing up books for LOSCON sales.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): Very busy the past couple of weeks, working with Elayne. (Elayne): We have 8 reel-to-reel tapes. She found a place to convert them for \$15 each. It was moved, seconded, and passed that Elayne get these tapes converted for \$500 maxi-

mum. // Karl mentioned that he has been digitizing APA-L's and has done over 2,000 or them. There are some issues missing and some which were incomplete. It was pointed out that June had copies and that Don Fitch was in the process of disposing of items - he had a garage full of "stuff" including APA-Ls so that he can move into an assisted living center.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): No report.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): Monitoring the situation for the VCR.

Events (Nick Smith): (Marcia): 21st of this month starting at Noon, Staging for LOSCON. The truck will be loaded on Wednesday, the 25th at 6 pm. Truck unloading at the con will start around Noon on the 26th. At the hotel there will be a Thanksgiving meal for workers. (Michelle): her LOSCON is making progress. // Nick has tracked down a Live Theater Ticket Agency represents theaters not far from our old clubhouse, theaters which often present sf-themed work. We can possibly organize outings to some of these theaters. Typically tickets are 1/2 off if we do it a week in advance. Upcoming events can be mentioned on our Facebook page and in DE PROF if it is in the early part of the next month (or later).

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): Working with Columbia Memorial Center (the Shuttle Thingie) on a project.

(Significant Others)

Club President (Matthew B. Tepper): Still having meetings. Telling members that the Board will be meeting in January and not be meeting in February. Mentioning to members that prospective LOSCON bids should be presented to the Board in January.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): Looking for successor in future. And still needs help with Joomla. // Lee Gold mentioned that the Standing Rules were possibly vague and/or inaccurate about the LASFS meeting at Freehafer Hall. This was discussed.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Unwelcome guests and homeless issues:
Gavin led a discussion about what we should do about homeless people coming into the clubhouse.

OPEN FORUM:

Karl thanked the Board members for being able to cite his Board experience as Chairman as helping him get his promotion at work.

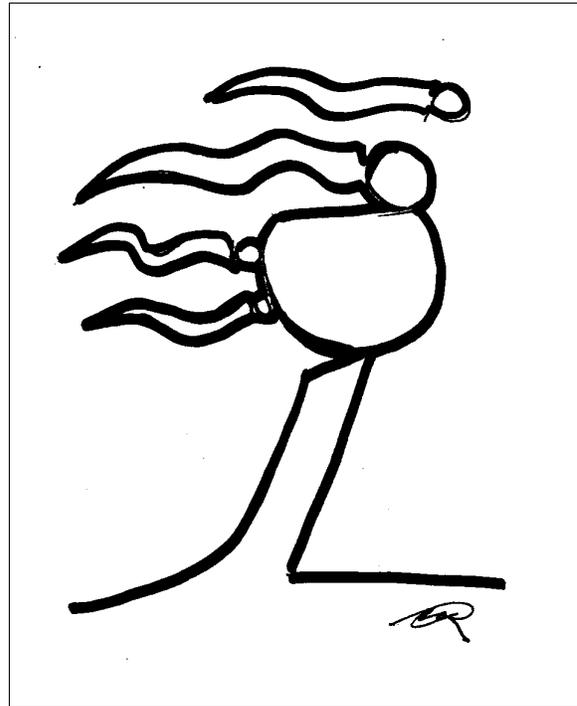
The next meeting will be on December 13, 2015 and the Gift Exchange on the 11th.

TAKE-AWAYS:

Elayne : audio tapes and outside painting.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 11:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



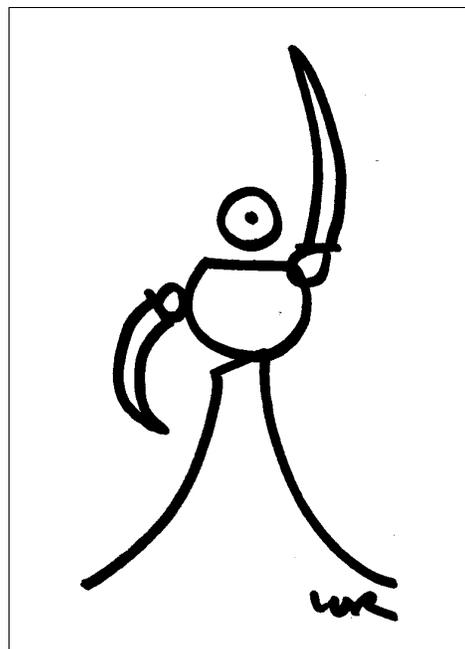
Friday night board gaming

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.)



**LASFS
DIRECTORY**

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

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or printer access
Elayne will provide a printed copy upon request
for a small fee.

Contact Elayne at:
treasurer@lasfs.org

**LASFS PROCEDURAL OFFICERS
ELECTED Dec. 11, 2015**

serving January through June 2016

President - Gavin Claypool

Vice President - Debra Levin

Registrar - Jeremy Miller

Scribes (tag team) - Karl Lembke, Nick Smith
(Treasurer is elected in June for a 12-month term)

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