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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
 FW-EMS - Republic Pictures horror films, 2 PM

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

AUGUST 4 - Eric Hoffman presents Vampira
AUGUST 11 - No Programme
AUGUST 18 - RATHER LARGE AUCTION.
AUGUST 25 - Francis Hamit: The Copyright Small Claims Court Is
 Finally Legislated

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

**CORFLU 34
 WILL BE IN
 LOS ANGELES
 APRIL 28-30, 2017
 (See Marty or
 Elayne for details)**



**SCIENTIFIC PROOF
 THAT EINSTEIN
 WAS WRONG!!!
 (See page 8)**

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 522– August 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.

Westercon is a service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Incorporated (LASFS, Inc.), Worldcon and NASFIC are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS).

I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address *c/o De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: martyhoohah@sbglobal.net 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.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. martyhoohah@sbglobal.net. August 2016. Hoo Hah Publication Number 2000. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Charlie Jackson, Karl Lembke, Kristen Gorlitz and Nick Smith, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
July - December, 2016

President: Nick Smith. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin and Matthew B. Tepper. **Registrar:** Ed Hooper and Anna Diamond. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke & Kristen Gorlitz. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2018). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2017).. **Comptroller:** Debra Levin (2018). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2018). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2018), Gavin Claypool (2016), 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 4107, April 28, 2016
President Gavin Claypool, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at: 8:00 pm.

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read, approved, and named: \$4 to Michelle to name them as "Happy Birthday, June! Jerry Pournelle paid \$3 to add a subtitle, "Keep watching the skies for black holes."

The **Treasurer** reports we have some money and we can't spend any of it. See the Treasurer for details.

Patron Saint Bill Warren: [from the hagiography]: Bill served on the original LASFS board of directors and wrote *Keep Watching the Skies*, 2 volumes of reviews of '50s SF movies. Bill is also a fan writer. He was LASFS GOH at the 1984 LOSCON. Bill Warren was also the Lord High Janitor at our first clubhouse.

Bill Warren was a close friend of Bill Rotsler. He served as Bill Rotsler's fannish executor. After Rotsler's death, he sent all of the remaining Rotsler illos to Marty Cantor for general use in the fanzine world. (*I have distributed*

untold hundreds of Rotsler illos to a multitude of faneds and have retained a large number of them not only for DE PROF but also as cover art for both APA-L and LAS-FAPA. ed.) The year that Jerry Pournelle edited the Nebula anthology, Bill Warren wrote the essay on that year's SF.

Patron Saint Nick Smith: Filker, Story teller (as opposed to Edward Teller), LASFS Board Member, Inductee to Filk Hall of Fame, (*and LASFS' Procedural President for the July through December 2016 term.* - ed.)

Nick was almost on a jury with Kip Thorne. The judge had started empaneling a jury, but the judge changed his mind. So jury duty isn't over for the year.

Comment from Michelle "Kitty."

This week's **Patron Saints, Bill Warren** and **Nick Smith** were given Six Cheers and a magnifying lens.

Treasurer's Report: We have money, some money and can't spend it. See the Treasurer for details.

Registrar: We have guests: Vali from near Transylvania who heard about us from a friend. (No, it wasn't Dr. Acula.) Abraham heard about us from a friend.

Despite the calendar in *De Prof* having a blank May 5, there will be a LASFS meeting.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. It took three days, but a solar powered plane has landed in California from Hawaii. Solar Impulse II made it across the ocean.

SpaceX has announced they want to send a Dragon II capsule to Mars as early as 2018. This will be an improved Dragon capsule, and they want to land it using retro rockets. It needs to be launched on the Falcon Heavy, as yet untested. This is to see if they can stage equipment for a future settlement.

Scientists have succeeded in using cosmic rays to map the interior of a pyramid. Receptor plates in a room in the Bent Pyramid pick up cosmic rays and detect voids in the stonework. But apparently there weren't any.

The Great Barrier Reef is said to be doing poorly. Another reef has been discovered at the mouth of the Amazon, where nobody expected it. It's about 600 miles long, and not visible through the sediment.

Other tidbits of science are posted on the bulletin board.

Jim Busby notes NASA has been cooperating with SpaceX in keeping the secret and designing experiments. David wishes them luck, and the Scribe hopes they can decide in advance whether they're using English or Metric. (Cubits?)

Jerry Pournelle pointed out we could have a full meeting to discuss theories about why the Great Pyramid is the way it is, none of them supported by evidence.

David Okamura declined to discuss pyramid schemes at this time.

Jerry Pournelle notes Musk also said it was no good volunteering to go to Mars, since the cabin is the size of an SUV and you wouldn't want to stay in such a chamber that long. (The lack of a life support system and adequate radiation shielding is also a minor concern.) Musk is actually more interested in a moon base.

Jim Busby notes this first test is a technology demonstrator. If they get it off the pad, it'll be considered a success. Landing on Mars is *gravy*. (*That sounds like a soft landing.* - ed.)

Doug Crepeau: Dos Equis Beer has just sent the most interesting man in the world to Mars. Now he's the most interesting man on Mars. (But Mars travels to Chuck Norris.)

Matthew Tepper reported on applied technology: At UC Irvine, a team headed by Doctoral candidate Maia Lee Tai had a "that's strange" moment. She was treating nano wires with a gel and found it made them resistant to breakdown. Manufacturing Lithium Ion batteries with these fibres will make the batteries last a few hundred thousand charges instead of a few hundred charges. Nice on Earth, really, really nice on spacecraft.

Announcements: Jerry Pournelle has two announcements: 1) been invited to edit vol XI of "There Will be War". 2) three of the stories in vol X have been nominated for the Hugos. Of the three, one he would have voted for a nomination himself: Seven Times Tiger. One of the most frightening biowar stories he has read in his life.

Matthew Tepper: Hugo nomination: Jerry Pournelle, nominated for best editor, short form.

(At this point, Scribe notes "There Will Be War" might also be the theme of the Hugo Awards this year.)

Doug Crepeau: GE has tested a 13 foot diameter jet engine, allegedly the largest ever built.

Barbara Harmon: The opera Electra can be heard on KUSC if you don't want to leave home. (*It can also be heard on KUSC even if you want to leave home.* - ed.)

Wrapping up....

Our speaker has been a member of the club for longer than Gavin's been a member. His first story involves three characters, Howie, Eric, and a variant planet Mercury. [Also in Becalmed in Hell] The further adventures of Howie and Eric have yet to make an appearance.

We adjourned to the program at: 8:46 pm.

Meeting 4108, May 5, 2016
President Gavin Claypool, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read, accepted, and named: "Burma Shave" by Marcia for \$3.

Patron Saint Larry Niven: Michelle: Larry is one of the nicest and most reasonable people she's ever had the pleasure of working with. Scratch: Pournelle and Niven are among the best authors he knows, and he looks forward to anything they print.

Patron Saint Larry Niven was given Three Cheers and a Bandersnatch.

Special Orders of Business:

Peter Thomas, whose 75-year career as an announcer and narrator included many audio books based on SF, fantasy and even comics, as well as work on TV shows such as the PBS series Nova. He started work as a radio announcer while too young for the radio station to actually pay him, so they got the program's sponsor, Piper Aircraft, to give him flying lessons instead. After requesting combat duty instead of work on Armed Forces Radio, he was in the U. S. First Infantry Division at D-Day, and 70 years later was the narrator on a Nova episode about that battle. He was a ubiquitous voice in commercials, and is still heard in almost every ambulance and emergency room. It turns out that he was the voice on those automated defibrillator units.

Treasurer's Report: None tonight.

Board of Directors Report: Chairman of the board: No board meeting this Sunday, so gaming will begin at noon.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. It looks like there will be more progress on self-driving cars. Fiat-Chrysler has partnered with Google. 100 mini-vans will be converted for this project. GM is partnering with LYFT to try to create a self-driving Bolt, with no driver. (*And I am looking into having people do all my errands for me so that I do not have to travel on ANY roads. Self-driving cars --- *brr* - ed.*)

Then there are self-steering ships. The U.S. Navy is experimenting with a self-steering ship to shadow submarines and such, basically a drone ship. Can you claim salvage rights on it? [George McUrso suggests making the A.I. a naval officer.] [Joe points out that you steer a ship, not drive it.] (*Especially when you have a cow behind the steering wheel. - ed.*)

Back in Victorian times there was a pseudo-science of photographing the eyes of the recently deceased, to see if images were preserved in the cornea. It was claimed that one or two victims of Jack the Ripper had their eyes photographed for this kind of test. There is currently a contact lens being developed with a built-in visual recorder. The gadget has been in recent SF television, but may no longer be science fiction. [Bill Green points out that The Invisible Ray used the gimmick of an image burned into the cornea of a victim.]

An American biotech company is patenting a process to revive the brain-dead via insertion of stem cells and stimulate the brain electrically. What could possibly go wrong?

Bowers Museum has an exhibit of mummies from around the world, including samples from a burial vault in Europe. (*Do they have any sample mummies from amongst our meeting attendees? - ed.*)

Reviews:

Milt reviewed one of the nominees for best novel, Cinder Spires series by Jim Butcher, the Aeronaut's Windlass. Uneven steampunk YA fantasy that seem a little overdone in making it for young readers. A dirigible with 24 cannon seems very odd. The ship is too loosely commanded to believe, but some characters are interesting, especially the young woman named Folly.

Jerry mentioned that Judith Tarr had written a story for one of his anthologies in the past. She is currently in dire straits, so Jerry bought one of her books, Pillar of Fire. Very good so far, historical fantasy.

Nick reviewed Sci-Fest at the Acme Theater, really liked it and said that it well worth the ticket price for both programs.

David reviewed the railroad exhibit in Fullerton. The Disney train and others were nicely restored, including one based on Disney's personal train. One thing really eye-catching was that a Disney Imagineer has been creating a 1/48 scale mine train ride, with animation, including the Rainbow Caverns. He even re-created the soundtrack for this ride, which was replaced in 1977.

Miscellaneous:

Bill announced that Mercury will transit the sun on Monday, May 9th, in the morning.

Also, JPL Open House this year will be by tickets, First come, first served on ticket requests, which may already be exhausted.

Jerry mentioned that *There Will Be War* is published by Castalia House in Finland, which was the only publisher willing to do the payments. Another anthology, called 20/20 vision, which will have to go to Baen because of Castalia being Vox Day's company. The anthology got a good review from Charles Champlin of the time, which found the only flaw that it didn't have a Ray Bradbury story in it.

There was an Aetna warning at 8:54 pm.

We adjourned at: 9:12 pm.

Meeting 4109, May 12, 2016
President Gavin Claypool, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at: 8:02 pm.

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were accepted and named "It's Zeff's Fault!" by Scratch who paid \$3.25 for the privilege of doing so.

We had a **nano-auction**. A paper train was auctioned off, and the winning bidder spent \$2 to buy them.

Patron Saint Bob Null: From the hagiography:

Bob was the LASFS logistics guy and served twenty terms as vice president. Bob was the Soda Fairy for many years and was also The Minister of Silly Gavels. Bob accepted the position of fan GoH at a con provided he would also be able to do his usual committee work. Bob Null was twice winner of the Evans Freehafer Award.

Patron Saint Bob Null was given Three Cheers and Nothing At All.

We have no new guests as of this moment.

CLJII proposed hiding the items for June's auction behind a curtain.

George McUrso proposed that items hidden behind a curtain for the auction be stashed in a place to be named the Monty Hall. He paid his quarter.

Jerry Pournelle proposed amending the minutes to add "well received" to the description of Hoffman's program.

David Okamura, A Moment of Science: SpaceX has launched a rocket and landed it on a barge. This mission was riskier, because it was aiming at a higher orbit. SpaceX is now planning to re-use the first rocket stage as early as next month.

The capsule that had gone to ISS has splashed down safely off the Pacific Coast. Cargo brought back included blood samples and a leaky space suit.

Elon Musk's hyperloop idea edges closer to reality. Two companies are working on prototypes. One has arranged an agreement with Lawrence Livermore lab for passive magnetic levitation. Another company showed off a test run in the Nevada desert outside Las Vegas. LA to SF in half an hour anyone?

We have more evidence that the southern San Andreas fault is locked, loaded, and ready to rumble. There's been no significant movement in over a century. The last big quake was in 1857 at magnitude 7.9. Get your survival kit ready.

Scratch notes, since they've started doing fracking in the New Madrid area, they've been getting quakes where they haven't been used to having them. There followed some discussion of earthquakes.

Announcements: Whedonopolis is happening this weekend.

Matthew Tepper announced June 19th will be a landmark birthday, Debra's semi-centennial. Sometime in the

afternoon, we'll come to the clubhouse for a party, more precise arrangements TBD. It will be potluck, but the Tepper-Levin household will provide cake.

CLJII: There's another Emperor's Secret Files book available on Amazon, *The Titan Strikes Back*. You don't absolutely have to read all the books in the series to appreciate the story, but it can't hurt.

Joe Zeff: Friday the 13th falls on a Friday this month. (*Doom, doom, doom.* - ed.)

Reviews: George McUrso reviewed something from Amazon, Resnick, *Buntline Special*, an alternate universe steampunk western retelling the events of the Gunfight at the OK Corral. Indian medicine men were able to keep the US out of the west with their magic, Edison has settled in Tombstone, AZ, which is allowed there on sufferance.

The LASFS library turns out to have volumes 2 and 3 of the series.

Well written, enjoyable, and the attention to history is good.

Karl Lembke reviewed *Sword and Blood* by Sarah Hoyt. This story is set in the early 1600s. It's set in a world where two decades before, someone in Eastern Europe opened exactly the wrong crypt. A vampire emerged, released other vampires, and Europe is mostly occupied. Cardinal Richelieu has been turned and is now the official head of vampires in France. A treaty made with the King of France grants vampires the right to life, and forbids them from turning unwilling humans. (Somehow, everyone who gets turned claims to have been willing.) The Musketeers cling to a higher calling and kill vampires.

The story begins with Athos having been captured and drained of blood, but refusing to turn all the way to vampire. He subsists on broth, and kills vampires along with his brethren. Because he refuses to take blood, holy symbols don't bother him, nor does the sound of church bells, though sunlight is still an issue.

I found this a very enjoyable story and eagerly await the sequel(s).

After two Aetna warnings, the meeting was adjourned to the program at 8:58 PM.

Meeting 4110, May 19, 2016
Vice President Debra Levin, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at: 8:01-ish pm.

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were accepted and \$1 was collected from Scratch to name them as "Redheads are Smart."

The **Registrar** presented some guests: Elizabeth Terlingen, who has worked on the crew of TACIT productions, accompanying Jacqui Baric, Mark Silver, a sys-admin/computer nerd who likes SF in many forms, and Josh Dylan, brought to the meeting by our other Josh.

Patron Saint Tom Digby: Thom is a whimsical and insightful fan writer, a 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. Digby is 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 Thom's 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.

Committee Report: The Committee to bring Conventions back to Los Angeles: Marty reported on the history of Corflu, for which he and other members of LASFS won the bid for 2017. It will be held at Warner Center Marriott in April of 2017. Elayne is also in the con-com, along with Milt Stevens and Karl Lembke.

LOSCON was at Whedonopolis, and made contacts as well as sold some memberships

David Okamura: A Moment of Science: It's big, it's orange, and it's floating on a barge. The space shuttle's fuel tank will be moving through the streets on Saturday. Meanwhile in space, the space station has completed its 100,000th orbit, 2.6 billion miles on the odometer. 16 orbits per station day.

You need rockets to get there. Remember last week's news about SpaceX nailing the landing? Re-entry exposed the booster to more heat, and it has sustained major damage, and will not be reused. This will be a benchmark to measure against other boosters.

Robot self-driving cars of the future don't have all the bugs out yet. The real fear is that they will worsen gridlock. (*Maybe they should teach the bugs to drive.* - ed.)

The large Hadron collider has been off-line because the power line got gnawed by a weasel. Yes, pop went the weasel. Anyway, they will be firing it up to higher energy levels soon, to see what else can be learned.

Dr. Pournelle points out that Jeff Bezos has used space ships for sale. In the 1950s, the Minuteman commanders had punch card decks for different targets. It took five hours to change the target that way.

Special Orders of Business: You shouldn't retire. Morley Safer died right after retiring. It could be catching.

Astrophysicist Andre Brahic, whose most famous discovery was that Neptune had rings. Because one of them is discontinuous, he got to name the parts separately. Because he's French, he named them Liberté, Égalité, and

Fraternité.

Zach Lockhart, a fan who worked con-ops regularly, passed away on Sunday from a form of cancer at the age of 24. RS Con-Ops will be having a bonfire memorial in his honor.

Announcements: Dr. Pournelle announced that the polio virus is being used to treat Mesothelioma. Still very experimental, but the disease is otherwise quickly fatal.

Lawrence M. Schoen has received the Kevin O'Donnell, Jr. Service Award from SFWA. Sadly, they didn't hold the awards ceremony in Klingonese.

Nebula awards: Naomi Novik's **Uprooted** won for best novel. Other winners were: "Binti," by Nnedi Okorafor as best novella; "Our Lady of the Open Road," by Sarah Pinsker as best novelette; and, "Hungry Daughters of Starving Mothers," by Alyssa Wong as best short story. **Mad Max, Fury Road** somehow beat out five better movies for the Ray Bradbury Award.

Reviews: Debra Levin—Whedonopolis was a lot of fun.

Mike Thorson—Saw Civil War at the theater now at Coldwater and Victory. (*Which part of the theater won, the North or the South?* - ed.) Immensely impressed with the theater, now a Cinemark. Stadium-style seating, but really good. Every seat is like a first-class airline seat, padded recliner, including footrests. Concession stands include low-budget items.

Matthew Tepper commented that he and Debra often go there. Assistive hearing and other special assistance available. Century 8 is the name of the theater.

Milt read Fifth Season, a very clever novel in structure. Dismal is the single word to describe it, though. Not sure why it was nominated for both the Hugo and Nebula. Technically good, but not much fun.

Gavin Claypool reviewed **The Eyre Affair** by Jasper Fforde. Imagine, if you will, the **Rocky Horror Picture Show**, with the audience interacting with the screen, only in this book they're doing **Richard III**, with a casting call just before curtain time.

Jerry Pournelle is reading Judith Tarr's **Rite of Conquest**, but won't finish it. It is well-written but it is not his cup of tea. William the Conqueror with magic added..

Miscellaneous: CLJ II has been working on the anthology idea, and a lot of the Forry Award winners are saying yes. We now have officially enough items promised to make the idea work.

We adjourned to the auction at 9:14 pm.

**Board of Directors Meeting
June 12, 2016
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Marty

Cantor, Gavin Claypool, Mike Thorsen, Nick Smith, Michelle Pincus, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Marcia Minsky, Debra Levin, Christian McGuire, and Elayne Pelz.

Members and Guests: Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Frank Waller, Joe Zeff, Matthew B. Tepper, George McUrso, June Moffatt, Tony Benoun, Tom Safer, Sherri Benoun.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, June 12, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors. We had a moment of silence for the dead and wounded in Orlando.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2016, were accepted.

New Members: There were 10 applications for membership from fans who paid their \$10 application fee: Richard Livingston, Daniel Carr, Tyler Wright, Paul Sartin, Barry Ja Sky, Neeti Koshari, Anthony Unatin, Anna Diamond, Jerry Volfson, and Connor Michael Head. They were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): The Treasurer reported \$29,000.00 in the treasury.

30-second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No report.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Debra Levin): Will be working on items after Worldcon.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): This month: 560 units were sold, bringing in \$560.00. Total units to date: 35,886, and total monies to date: \$31,435.50. We purchased the usual replaceable paper and plastic goods plus a few not-so-usual things.

Library (Gavin Claypool): Some progress has been made - hardcover section has expanded into 3 of the 4 empty shelves we acquired from the video section. The video section was somewhat pruned and shifted over to another shelf.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): Milt contacted by someone at MidAmericon - we did not have this item in our archives so we are contacting them and they are being referred to Eaton.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): New electrical box - \$1200 worth. Nothing yet on outside lighting. Asked about looking for new location for the society- will do this after Worldcon. Temporarily putting off outside painting and lighting.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No report.

Events (Nick Smith): There seems to be an increase in people using the club in hours not previously utilized.

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): LOSCON is moving forward. // We are getting many new members from the Board Gaming Meetup - and they not only not participating in other club activities buy many of them no longer attend the Meetup but they have joined the club.

(Significant Others)

Club President (Gavin Claypool): Procedural elections are on next Thursday.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): There is still a web site and we have added the news of Jim Busby's death.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Additional folding chairs (Marty Cantor) It was moved, seconded, and passed that we pick up a dozen chairs.

Corflu 2017: (Marty Cantor) Marty mentioned that it was now official that Corflu 34 will be held in Los Angeles - the vote for this was at Corflu 33 in Chicago. Marty, Elayne, and Karl are the Board members who are on the Corflu 34 concomm - Milt Stevens is handling programming and Marc Schirmeister is our staff artist. Rob Jackson is our UK Representative. Our Corflu will be held at the Warner Center Marriott.

Forry Anthology: (CLJII/Karl) Report about the anthology. Karl showed the cover markup for this book. We discussed the acquiring of the rights to material. This was also discussed at a Thursday meeting of the club. Gavin said that he had gotten some response from the Ackerman estate. This will be an electronic book but may have a paper version at a later date. Charlie is continuing to do research on this. The Board is agreeable to continue with this as long as there is no liability.

LASFS By-Laws: Elayne wants us to comb the by-laws and fix anomalies - Gavin and Elayne were appointed. There was a discussion about the separate duties of Board and Procedural officers.

OPEN FORUM:

There was a discussion about the Patron Saints, the hagiography (which is on-line), and the publication of the material in paper form.

June showed an "Official Patty-Cake Champion" t-shirt (Len's) which could be displayed at the club.

The next meeting will be on July 10, 2016.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

LAF
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, August 6, 2016
Filk: 7 PM to ???
Pre-Filk Dinner: 5 PM, The Palace
(Chinese cuisine and some Dim Sum)
Brandyhall
Lee and Barry Gold, hosts
3965 Alla Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90066
(310) 306-7456
Pre-filk dinner: 5 PM, at 11701 Wilshire Blvd.,
Los Angeles, CA 90025, 310-979-3377

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

Notes:

1. No Smoking Indoors! -- Use the front porch in good weather; the enclosed patio during bad weather.
2. Please bring munchies & drinks to share.
3. There are no domestic animals in residence.
4. Crash space available (couch, recliner, floor space)
5. Two Silicon life-forms are present. The old photocopier is gone, but we have an all-in-one scanner/printer/FAX machine.

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

SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS WAY COMES

Mike Levine first saw (and heard) me when I was part of a jug band which played at CalTech in the 1950s - he was a student in the audience.

Several years later we finally met in person when we were both living in Sierra Madre Canyon and we have been friends ever since. At the time I was partners in a retail tobacco shop and Mike was doing some sort of research in infra-red physics at AeroJet General. Needless to say, mathematics and higher physics (and pipe smoking) are not what drew us together even though I have a layman's knowledge of some basic science and the scientific method. (For whatever it is worth, Linus Pauling had a son taking the same chemistry class I was taking at Pasadena City College.)

Anyway, Mike says that Einstein was wrong - and his proof of this is at Mike's web site:

www.DOT.classicalredshift.DOT.com

Below is the first page of his proofs. (And, no, I do not understand it.)

The Red Shift
Michael A. Levine
(© 2014, unpublished)
Summary of the Set of Three Articles

Part I shows that $E = mc^2$ is Newtonian, and, that the

usual $1/r$ term for the potential energy of a particle in a gravitational field is only the non-relativistic first term without the exponential increase of mass as the particle nears the star. The increase is because the kinetic energy of the particle has a mass-equivalent that must be added to the rest mass of the particle.

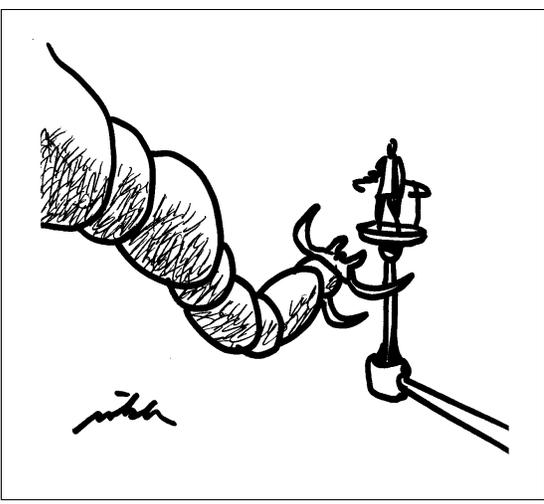
Black Holes only occur when the potential is limited to the non-relativistic $1/r$ term.

Part II shows that Hubble's results for luminosity versus distance to the source are easily predicted as a gravitational effect. Thus, the Red Shift is not a Doppler effect.

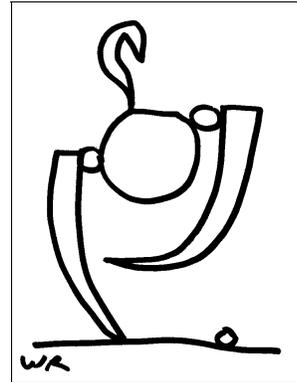
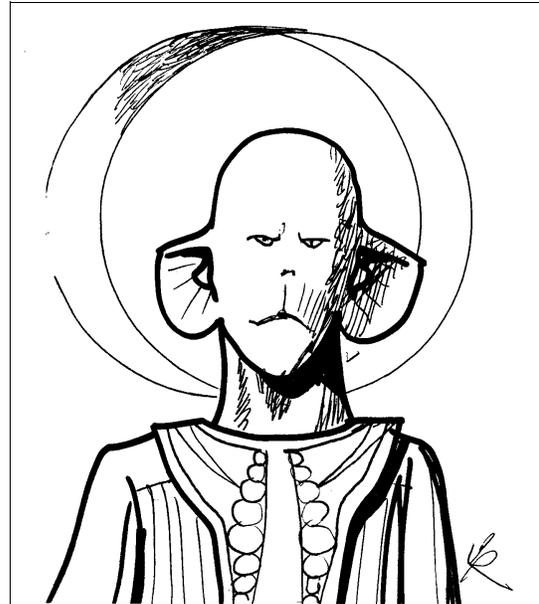
With no Doppler shift versus distance requirement, there is no way to extrapolate back to an original Big Bang. Hence, the observed microwave background must be explained as something other than the residual of the Big Bang. (See Part III.)

Part II also shows that, the high Z-number for quasars is really a much smaller Z-number, because, the quasar lines are emission lines. An apparent $Z = 5$ quasar line is, actually, only a $Z = 1.45$ line, because, the line has been both gravitationally and Doppler shifted.

Part III shows that the microwave background is in equilibrium with the radiation from stars and nebulae. My calculated value is $T(BG) = 2.66$ K. The observed $T(BG)$ value is 2.72 K. I think that, that is good agreement.



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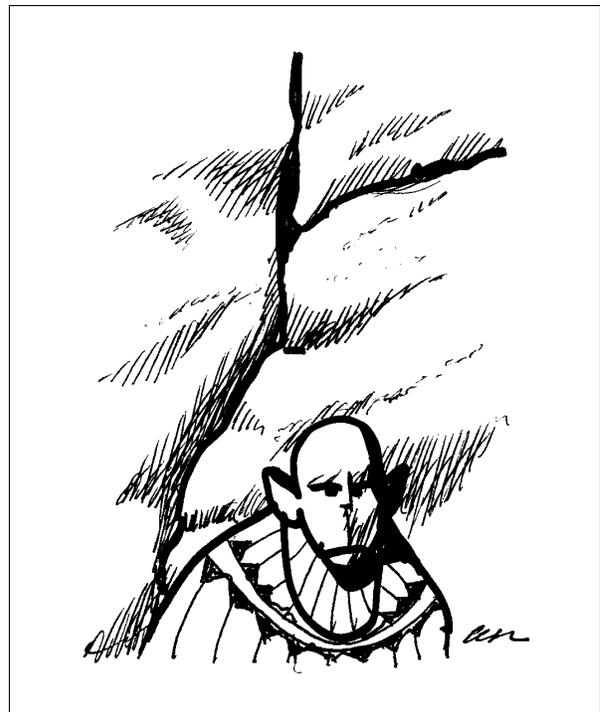
Friday night board gaming

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



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