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CALENDAR DETAILS

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

- APRIL 2 – No meeting this evening.
- APRIL 9 – /No meeting this evening/
- APRIL 16 - No meeting this evening.
- APRIL 23 - No meeting this evening.
- APRIL 30 –No meeting this evening.

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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DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 565– May 2020. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (No current permanent address) and the LASFS does not currently have a telephone number. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 75¢ in person, \$1.25 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 hand them to me at wherever LASFS meetings are being held. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at club meetings 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.

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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, 2020

President: Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** George McUrso. **Registrars:** Michelle Pincus. **Scribes:** Nick Smith. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2021). Secretary: Marty Cantor (2021). Vice-Chairman: Nick Smith (2020), Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2022). Other members: Michelle Pincus (2021), Scott Beckstead (2022), Debra Levin (2021), Christian McGuire (2020), Elayne Pelz (2020), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2020), Mike Thorsen (2022). Special Advisor: Charles Lee Jackson II. Advisors: Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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

LASFS' *NEW* TEMPORARY MEETING SPACE

LASFS has moved to Burbank—temporarily!

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
747 WHITNALL HWY
BURBANK, CA

Parking lot is off Screenland Dr.
at the end of N. Whitnall.

We are meeting in the Friendship Hall.

I am still looking for a replacement editor for DE PROFUNDIS.

However, if I cannot find a replacement before LASFS gets a new clubhouse, I will return DE PROFUNDIS to the LASFS Board of Directors after our first meeting in our new clubhouse.

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 4270, June 13, 2019
(Minutes not yet given to me)

Meeting 4271, June 20, 2019
President Scott Beckstead, presiding
Nick Smith, Emergency Holographic Scribe

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

Minutes of the last meeting:

Named: \$3 from George McUrso, to name the Minutes as *Froderick*. The Minutes were accepted.

Introduction of Guests:

Alexander Novaty, graphic artist and NASA illustrator.
Shawn, moved here from New York, software engineer and reader of science fiction.

Patron Saint: Ted Johnstone

Matthew: Ted Johnstone was a pseudonym for David McDaniel. He wrote several *Man from UNCLE* novels as well as some other stuff. The *UNCLE* novels in particular had lots of fun passages.

Larry: He had a lesson to teach, and he taught it the hard way: Use marijuana, and you won't write.

Patron Saint Ted Johnstone was given Three Cheers and crossing Salisbury Plain on a bicycle.

Board of Directors report: The next board meeting is July 14.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Committee Reports:

Programs: No report.

The **Committee to Gouge** had a 10-item auction, in spite of the absence of Christian.

LOSCON 46 (Matthew Tepper): The Con chairman reminded people of the change in Artist GOH to Karl B. Kofoed, longtime astronomical artist. Pro GOH Howard Waldrop, Fan GOH Edie Stern, whose son just got married today. Updated list of pros who will be at the con, and updated info.

LOSCON 47 (Scott Beckstead): No further report, but guests have been invited.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

Larry Niven mentioned that the possibility of a movie production based on *Known Space* has gotten more serious, according to his agent.

George added detailed info about the *Sherlock Holmes* play.

Reviews:

Matthew: Paley Center for Media had an exhibit on *Star Trek Discovery's* 2nd season. Lots of fascinating props and costumes, and a video exhibit showing makeup. Oculus rift headsets that Matthew couldn't get to work, but you may have better luck. Closes after July 7th. Open Wednesday through Sunday.

Debra: A bit of clarification that it was just Matthew and Debra, and that they had video of visual effects production.

Hare: *Complete Tales* [vol. 1] of Seabury Quinn, supernatural fantasy and horror. Very interesting, Sherlock Holmes-ish.

Rachel: *Memory Cult* by ?? Martine. Character replaced an ambassador who had gotten in a lot of trouble. Hopes that there will be sequels. Also, watched HBO's *Chernobyl*, which treated the subject with the respect it deserved. Maybe don't watch if you're squeamish, but the final episode is about the science and the culpability.

George: Leonard Wibberly's *Encounter Near Venus*. He liked the imagery. The plotting is not straightforward, but is enjoyable. A worthwhile read.

Matthew commented that *Beware of the Mouse* by Wibberly had a cover by LASFS member Cathy Hill.

Scott reviewed *Love, Death and Robots*. Not shy about nudity, excellent stories, at least three written by John Scalzi.

Miscellaneous:

Nick mentioned scientists researching ancient Siberians, and the migration patterns across the Bering Strait. Apparently, some of the people who migrated East then migrated back west, once the land bridge had sunk. (*Did they swim the Bering Strait?*- ed.)

Also, the Barn Gallery at St. John's College, University of Oxford, is having an art exhibit of sketches drawn by a robot. These are not photorealistic, but instead are stylized sketches, based on Impressionist art.

George and Gizmo commented on some of the pseudo-robotics videos out there.

There was a motion to adjourn and put the chairs away at 8:59 pm. It was passed without opposition.

Meeting 4272, June 27, 2019
President Scott Beckstead, presiding
Kristen Renee Gorlitz, serving as Scribe

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

Special orders of business:

It was both Toby Maguire's and JJ Abrams' birthday yesterday.

Max Wright recently passed away. He was a long time TV science-fiction actor, father in ALF. He was 75.

Patron Saint: Alan Frisbie

Larry Niven: Great guy. Interesting.

Nick Smith: He and his wife have been hanging out in the folk music community.

Elayne: He has moved to Arizona.

CLJII: Alan lived in Eagle Rock and would stock up on

(*unusual*) sodas at Galco's for parties.

Karl: **Patron Saint Alan Frisbie** has donated enough to be a sacred object and is the sacred flying disc.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Christian paid \$3 to name the minutes as Shoshanna's Surprise Auction. The minutes were approved as so named.

Introduction of Guests:

None.

Board of Directors report:

July 14th is the board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: none.

Committee Reports:

Programs: Trivia for Chocolate tonight.

Committee to Gouge, held a small auction.

LOSCON 46: Is pleased to announce that we have new flyers! Memberships are on sale now!

LOSCON 47: Haven't heard back from guests yet, but he is hoping to.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

Announcements:

Hare: problems he has been having with coordination and memory may be due to bed bugs. (*Bed bugs eat blood, not memory.* ed.) His house has recently been tented. His problems may have been from a bug. So these things can be serious.

Nick Smith: This Saturday, Egyptian Theater has an SF film festival, starting at 7:30 pm, short films directed by women. Roger Corman will be there to give an award to producer Gale Ann Hurd.

Hollywood Fringe Festival (in theory ends this weekend but in fact runs a bit longer). They have a staged biography of George Lucas called *George*, among others.

Hollywoodfringe.org

July 27th – Egyptian is doing a full-length marathon starting at 2 pm, 6 films of old horror/SF films.

CLJII – yesterday was the anniversary of the birth of László Löwenstein, known to a few as Peter Lorre. (*If he were English would he have called himself Peter Truck?* - ed.)

Reviews:

Matthew: Reading a short story collection by Michael A. Burstein, *I Remember the Future*. He is a fine writer, very clever.

Nick Smith: Saw the new *Aladdin* and he thought it was an improvement because of the acting. Music was done really

nicely.

Science Report: None.

Miscellaneous: Matthew: Ben is building a gaming computer and he put it together today. Matthew is proud of his stepson (and he has told him already).

Tom: Get your gas today, before prices go up.

Photos of the moon rocks, the remaining samples will be kept in nitrogen by NASA.

100 Drivers in Colorado followed their GPS into a pool of mud.

Bill: Every year in August there is Bubonicon and they give awards for worst science fiction – the Green Slime awards. He announced the winner.

Debra: Ben thanks Scott for the wi-fi thing he lent him.

Nick: The Monkey in the new *Aladdin* is based on a real type of Monkey, the Capuchin. They are tool using monkeys. They are crafty and smart and weird, smart enough to select the right size of rocks for what they need to do, such as cracking nuts or seeds.

Journal of Archeological Science did an article about the Nazca drawings, with puzzling results. Drawings of extinct species or species we are no longer finding, along with known species not native to the Nazca area.

CLJII: New land opened at Disneyland (Star Wars). The other parts of Disney other than Star Wars are not quite a barren wasteland, but there are not many people there.

George: Next Thursday is July 4th, so how many people think they will be here? About 3 people raised their hands.

Gavin: In the latest issue of *Analog*, there is a short story by Buzz Dixon.

Christian: please remember to keep the side chatter down.

Hare: Disneyland might have scared people away with warnings about crowding.

There was a motion to adjourn and put the chairs away at 8:55 pm. This was passed without opposition.

Meeting #4273, July 4, 2019
(Minutes not yet given to me)

Meeting #4274, July 11, 2019
President Marty Cantor, Presiding
Scribe Nick Smith, Scribing

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

Special Orders of Business: None.

Patron Saint: Marc Schirmeister:

Patron Saint Marc Schirmeister is a longtime fan artist who also did art for a living, working in the animation industry.

Marc may also be the only LASFS member who ever designed a Rose Parade float.

Patron Saint Marc Schirmeister was given Three Cheers.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Introduction of Guests:

There were no guests.

Board of Directors report: The next board meeting will be on July 14.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Committee Reports:

Loscon 46: No Report.

Loscon 47: No Report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

The Autry Museum will be having a full showing of the *Phantom Empire* serial on Saturday, July 13th, beginning at 10 am. Free with museum admission.

The Hollywood Fringe Festival is officially over, but shows that got extra acclaim have gotten extended for a few more performances. One of these is: *George*, a staged biography of George Lucas and the influences that led him to create *Star Wars*.

Go to the website "hollywoodfringe.org" to find out where, when and how much the tickets cost.

Save the date of July 27th. The Egyptian Theater in Hollywood is doing a 6-film science fiction and horror marathon, starting at 2 pm, for a ticket price of \$25. The films scheduled are: *House on Haunted Hill*, *The Thing From Another World*, *Freaks*, *Them*, *The Haunting*, and *Cat People*.

Reviews: None.

Miscellaneous: None.

There was a motion to adjourn and put chairs away. It passed.

Meeting #4275, July 18, 2019
(*Minutes not yet given to me*)

Meeting #4276, July 25, 2019
(*Minutes not yet given to me*)

Meeting #4277. August 1, 2019
(*Minutes not yet given to me*)

Meeting #4278, August 8, 2019
President Marty Cantor, Presiding Proudly
Scribe Nick Smith, Scribing Sincerely

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

Special Orders of Business:

Yesterday was the anniversary of the birth of Jerry Pournelle, but it turns out that it was also the birthday of actress Charlize Theron, who has now been in a whole bunch of SF and horror roles.

Sadly, we lost animation voice director, voice actor and puppeteer Stu Rosen this week. He won 8 Emmy awards for a show he helped to create, *Dusty's Treehouse*, and several LASFS members wrote for shows that he worked on in the animation field, which were mostly SF, fantasy or comic book-themed.

J. Neil Schulman, writer and member of the club, is in critical condition after a pulmonary embolism.

Karl's heart surgery is set for Wednesday, the 14th. (*Whoopie! Karl is going to get a heart.* - ed.)

Fuzzy Niven's leg treatment has been working, but new complications to her insides, while dialysis is going on. Currently she can't talk due to a sore throat.

Patron Saints:

Patron Saint Tim Merrigan, editor for APA-L for years. Christian said he had a keen wit, and also worked on *De Prof*. Richard said his humor was very wry. (*He probably meant that it was very rye [but you could not slice it for a sandwich].* - ed.) Marty said he wouldn't listen to things that were useful, like delivering copies of APA-L in a timely fashion.

Patron Saint Jerry Pournelle.

Larry Niven pointed out that they wrote a dozen or so books together, and they got the attention of President Reagan to develop SDI. Michelle said that he was truly a great man. Tom Safer pointed out that his wife was a choir member for many years. Richard pointed out his somewhat didactic style of talking, often filling a room with his words. (*Fortunately, other members were able to push through the words to find chairs on which to sit.* - ed.) Francis Hamit mentioned his rough exterior, but kind interior. John DeChancie mentioned that Jerry was at a convention with Harry Harrison, a more socialist-minded person. Jerry got outraged that someone else called Jerry a fascist [maybe John Brunner], and Jerry was irate. Harrison said "I've called you that," and Jerry replied, "You can, but he can't." Karl mentioned an anecdote from one of the Worldcons, turning Jerry's politics into a joke.

Patron Saint Ed Hooper: Great Dr. Who fan, conservative politically, currently still in jail since April of 2018. Court date currently listed as August 20th, but it may change. This is his birthday. He started out in Time Meddlers before joining LASFS. Christian mentioned that he used to spend time with other fans in bookstores. He handed out LASFS cards a lot, and volunteered at conventions in various capacities.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Matthew Tepper paid \$5 to name them *The Druids Were Right*. They were approved by voice vote.

Introduction of Guests: none at present.

Board of Directors report: The next board meeting will be on September 8th.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Program Committee: Absent yet again

LOSCON 46: Matthew attended ArmadilloCon 41 in Texas, in order to promote the con. Matthew ended up being on six panels. Last item at the con was Howard Waldrop reading one of his short stories.

LOSCON47: There was no report.

A Moment of Science: There was no report.

Tom Safer: National Air and Space trophy, based on a sculpture done by his father, given out for prior or current achievement. Went to General Charles Bolden for lifetime, the current one went to LSC/LIGO. Bolden's trophy was for work as an aviator, test pilot, NASA pilot and Space Shuttle pilot and NASA administrator. He was on the team that launched the Hubble Space Telescope. LIGO's trophy was for gravitational wave detection and for detecting colliding neutron stars. This was theorized earlier, but now has been observed, and is the probable source of many heavy elements. (*Has anybody managed to weigh these heavy elements to see how heavy they really are?*- ed.)

Francis Hamit says that *Nightscope* is planning to go public, with info on the stock.

The same Caltech scientist who worked so hard to get Pluto demoted from being the 9th planet of the solar system has almost found a real 9th one. The evidence is mounting, and earlier this summer the gravitational clues began adding up. What Mike Brown and other scientists now think is that this likely 9th planet is about 10 times as far from the sun as Neptune is, and has roughly 5 times the mass of the Earth. These are the numbers that would explain the way the Kuiper Belt objects move, and the now-verified "Centaur" objects that orbit at right angles to the plane of the solar system. Unfortunately, they still haven't managed to SEE this planet, because if it exists, it is so far from the sun that there is very little light to reflect. So, astronomers are now searching the heavens for really dark objects going by, just in case. (*The realists amongst us know that Pluto is still the 9th planet of our solar system no matter what some fools think.* - ed.)

Small Auction: It happened, smally.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

Tom Safer will be screening a film at the Hollywood regional library. *Aquaman* at 2 pm.

The Egyptian Theater in Hollywood is doing a multi-day, multi-film celebration of the work of the late Rutger Hauer. Friday night this will feature, *Ladyhawke* and *Flesh + Blood*, the latter a historical fiction film with an amazing musical score by Basil Poledouris.

This weekend, the Arena Cinelounge has TWO sf/horror movies, *Nekromancer* [with a K] and *Every Time I Die*. The descriptions make both look weirdly interesting.

Zombie Joe's Underground Theatre, at 4850 Lankershim, has extended their new show, for a couple of weekends, due to high demand. It's called *Beasts From the Sea*, and appears to be a play in which the audience walks through a 50's SF monster movie. Small groups enter the theater every 15 minutes and go from scene to scene.

The UCLA Film and Television Archive is doing a special screening tomorrow night, of perhaps the worst science fiction movie of all time. No, not *Plan 9 From Outer Space*. This is the movie that got 47% lower audience ratings on Rotten Tomatoes. Yes, they're showing *Nude on the Moon*, which was so bad that the lead actress never got another movie role. The screening will be at the Billy Wilder Theater at 7:30, and will be followed by a film about 1970s bad horror movies.

Starting August 11th is the Perseid Meteor Shower. (*Be sure to bring your own soap.*- ed.)

Frank will be selling Rust at the Rose Bowl Swap Meet on Sunday.

Reviews:

Christian read *Insistence of Vision* by David Brin, a new collection of short fiction. Very well written, his first collection of short fiction in a long time.

Christian also read *Firefly: Big Damn Hero*, based on a story concept that never got filmed for the show.

Peter read *Big Time* by Fritz Leiber, a Hugo-winner, about two factions of time travelers.

George says that the lemon-cayenne water was pretty good.

Gizmo has started watching *The Boys* on Amazon Prime. Very good, very grim.

Tom Safer reviewed the Johnny Quest *BluRay*, which is complete and unedited. George mentioned that it has the complete end credits, showing the voice actors.

Miscellaneous:

Bill's family doctor is retiring, and no one is taking over his practice, so he's looking for a new doctor in the Thousand Oaks area.

Mike Thorsen had AAA for the past 30 years, and suddenly priced him out of the car insurance market. (*I have not been priced out of the car insurance market by the AAA price increase but I am very annoyed at the amount*

of increase of my AAA car insurance policy.- ed.)

George McUrso's computer died, and he is switching to Linux with the new one, and is looking for assistance.

Francis Hamit has a web page for his new film project, *The All American*. He suggests looking at that.

There was a motion to adjourn and put chairs away at 9:11 pm. The motion was passed without fear of contradiction.

Meeting #4279, July 15, 2019
Marty Cantor, Presiding Persistently
Nick Smith, Scribing Strangely

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

Special Orders of Business:

August 15th is the anniversary of a zillion things connected to science fiction, but the ones that people might actually care about are the birthday of actress Jennifer Lawrence and actor Ben Affleck, both with lots of fannish roles, and the anniversary of the first run of *Buckaroo Banzai*.

Barbara March, the actress who played Lursa, one of the Duras Sisters in Star Trek's various incarnations, passed away this week. Her husband, Alan Scarfe, was also in Star Trek and a host of other SF television shows.

Comic book artist and editor Ernie Colon passed away after over 50 years of illustrating comics and magazines. His work included illustrating one of Forry Ackerman's creations, *Vampirella*, but he also did a ton of SF and fantasy comics for kids and for adults.

We also lost club member and author J. Neil Schulman, who did not recover from the embolism reported last week. In addition to writing several SF novels and a bunch of Libertarian political stuff, he wrote and directed a movie, *Lady Magdalene's*, starring Nichelle Nichols.

Patron Saints:

Patron Saint Mark Bilan, whose sainthood was paid for by his brother Greg Bilan, apparently just because. Greg was generous, but has moved to the Bay Area. Mark died in 2010 in Hawaii, in a town called Captain Cook. Before that, he served in the navy, and with his skills as a woodworker, made ukuleles for under-privileged children.

Patron Saint Bjo Trimble: *(Unfortunately, none of the fine words about Patron Saint Bjo Trimble were recorded by the scribe. -ed.)*

Minutes of the last meeting were read. *(Somebody not recorded here)* paid *(an unrecorded amount of money)* to name them *(something or other)*. They were approved by voice vote.

Introduction of Guests: Unfortunately, there were no guests.

Board of Directors report: The next board meeting will be on September 8th.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Program Committee: None>

LOSCON 46: No report.

LOSCON 47: No report.

A Moment of Science:

In the oceans of 60 million years ago there swam...giant penguins! At least, they were giant-sized compared to the modern midgets. Based on fossils found so far, these proto-penguins would have been between 5 and 6 feet tall, and you would NOT want to get in the way of that beak.

Then, there are the ninja squirrels. In modern surveys of squirrels, it turns out that about 1% of North American grey squirrels have black fur when they mature. This seems to be a result of cross-breeding with reddish fox squirrels, which have a color mutation in their genes that could have this exact effect. If so, though, it's a common modern cross-breeding, because they're appearing all over North America. The odd thing is that the travel of this mutation to England has been measured. Apparently British private zoos have been importing American squirrels for some time. No one is quite sure why.

Finally, the planet Jupiter is built wrong. *(I guess nobody knew how to read the blueprint. -ed.)* So far, none of the standard theories of planetary formation can explain its apparent core, which is too big and too spread out, rather than being small and compact. The newest theory, which seems to play out well in computer simulations, is that early in the history of the solar system, Jupiter had a collision with a solid planet of perhaps 10 times the mass of the Earth. That would have the effect of shattering the core of the larger planet, while adding extra solid material, a combination that would explain Jupiter's apparent core today.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None>

Announcements:

The **Arena Cinelounge** in Hollywood has continued its search for those odd SF and horror films that no one else is showing, and so their pre-midnight movie this coming Saturday is very much that sort of thing, with this description: *After losing his parents, a priest travels to China, where he inherits a mysterious ability that allows him to turn into a dinosaur. Although he is horrified by the new power, a hooker convinces him to use it to fight crime.* Yes, he becomes...*The Velocipastor*. No, really. Even Arena Cinelounge is only giving this one screening, but it actually got good reviews, in the few places where it has been shown.

Lafa
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Note: We (Lafa) are complying with California's "stay safe at home" order. Lafa filks will be held via Zoom until the COVID-19 pandemic subsides.

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

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The **Japan World Heroes** event will be at the Pasadena Convention Center this weekend, with panels and programming on Saturday and Sunday. Most of it is about movies and TV shows with giant monsters, but one of the panels will be exploring the legal ramifications of having a giant monster rampage through your city. \$60 for the weekend including Friday preview night, or \$30 for Saturday, \$20 for Sunday as one-day passes.

For those planning ahead, on September 21st, 10 am to 5 pm, **Nerd Expo 2019** will be at the Pasadena Convention Center. The group putting it on has been hosting fannish events in the San Gabriel Valley for a few years now, and this event previously had the hard-to-say name of "NerdBotCon". It's especially aimed at cosplayers, gamers, and people who sing karaoke versions of theme songs. There's even a performance by a sort of filk rock band called...wait for it...*Ragna Rock*. Anyone who has ever read a Thor comic or seen the movies may now groan...Advance tickets are currently \$20, and will be \$24 at the door.

Reviews: None.

Miscellaneous: None.

There was a motion to adjourn and put the chairs away. This motion passed without fear of contradiction.

Board of Directors Meeting
February 15, 2020
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Nick Smith, Substitute Secretary
(These minutes will be brought up later)

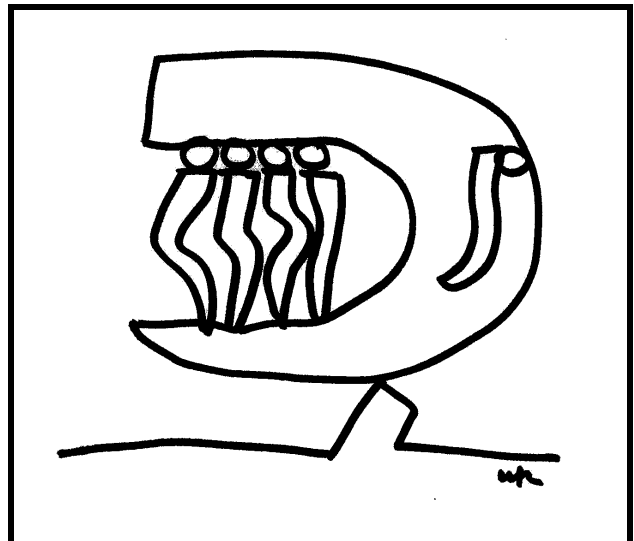
E-MAILS OF COMMENT

JIM DeTAR: I think it's great that you are taking the time, and have the equipment, to put out the latest issue of *De Profundis* even with the coronavirus pandemic raging. Thanks Marty!

Fortunately, my equipment has not yet gotten infected with the virus, so DE PROF, APA-L, and LASFAPA continue to be pubbed here.

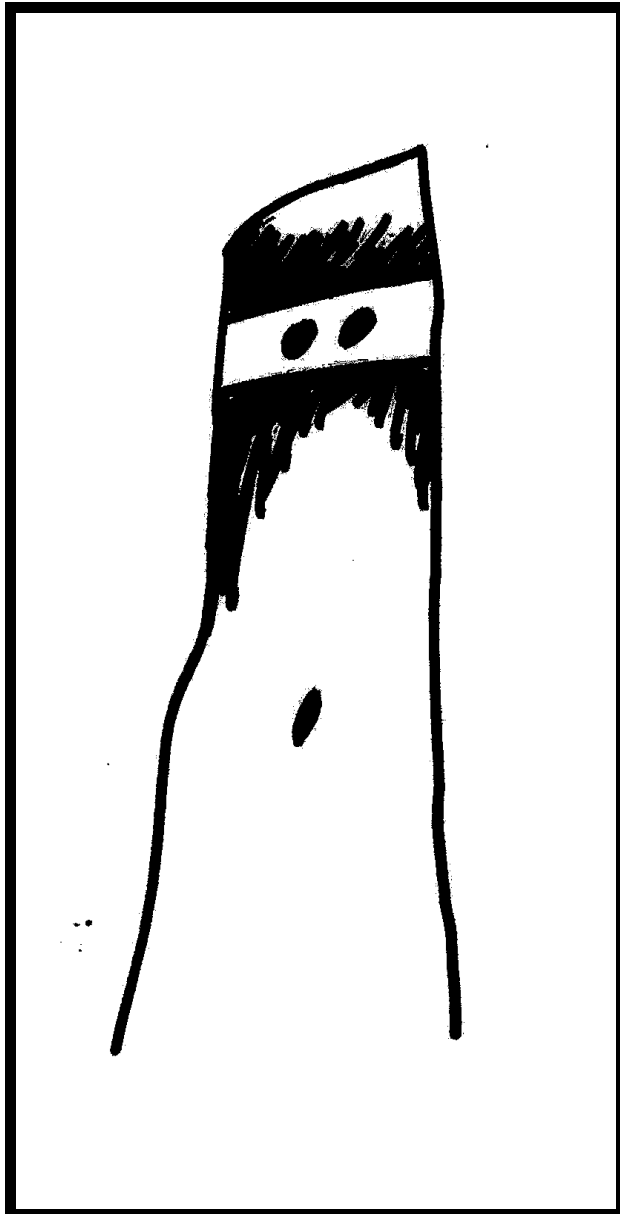
MIKE EVERLING: Hi Marty! Thank you for your service to LASFS and fandom. I hope you are well and will stay safe. I'm looking forward to making a trip to the club meetings when we will be able to do that again. Blessings, Mike

*At the moment I appear to just be having my usual allergy problems *sniffle*sniffle* but I have avoided the Dos Equisvirus, er, Coronavirus, and I am hoping that it stays that way.*



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AS PER USUAL
BY
WILLIAM ROTSLER

**SPOOSH!
SPLAT!
THUNK!**



BOARD GAMING MEETUP

The board gaming Meetup which had been meeting at LASFS on Friday Nights when LASFS owned its own clubhouse, has moved to a temporary venue, a game store in Sherman Oaks.

Paper Hero's Games is at 14109 Burbank Blvd., Sherman Oaks, 91401. The shop is in the interior juncture of an L-shaped strip mall on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Hazeltine and Burbank.

Our new hours are 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

We hope to see our regular gamers at that venue.

We shall move our gaming back to LASFS when the club moves into permanent quarters.

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**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
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