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Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

BoD - Board of Directors
 CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization
 Cinema Anime - Japanimation
 Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club
 TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment
 TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10 am

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Estrogen Zone - 2 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 Meets at IHOP, Manchester and Sepulveda
 Time Meddlers - 10:30 am
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever

Calendar Details

Asian Cult Cinema - 2 pm
 BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends

Thursday Program Items

August 7 - TBA

August 14 - TBA

August 21- Special Board Election

August 28 - TBA

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Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

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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Achorn, Van Wagner Resign Special Election Scheduled

At the July 13 meeting of the LASFS Board of Directors, Brett Achorn and George Van Wagner announced their resignations from the Board. No reasons were stated for their resignations.

A Special Election will be held at the regular meeting on Thursday, August 21 to fill these two positions which will come up for regular election at the end of 2008.

Westercon in Pasadena

Confirmation, the 63rd Westercon, will be held at the Pasadena Hilton Hotel, July 1 -4, 2010. Guests of honor include Rudy Rucker (writer), John D. Berry (fan), and Marc Schirmeister (artist). If you neither voted nor pre-supported, an attending membership is now \$50. You can ask Elayne Pelz about the rates if you voted but did not pre-support or pre-supported but did not vote. More information is available at www.westercon63.org.

Next LAFA Filksing

Saturday, August 16, 2008, 7 pm
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CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(Copies of the complete minutes are filed in the archives.)

*LASFS Board of Directors
Sunday, June 8, 2008
Karl Lembke, Presiding
George Van Wagner, Secretary*

Attending Board Members: Karl Lembke (Chairman), George Van Wagner (Secretary), Tadao Tomomatsu, Bill Ellern, Milt Stevens, Bob Null (vice-chair), Mike Thorsen, Elayne Pelz, Arlene Satin

Absent: Brett Achorn (comptroller) (excused)

Others Attending: Marcia Minsky, Sherry Benoun, Tony Benoun, Marty Cantor, Greg Bilan, Jeni Burr, Ed Hooper, Vanessa Van Wagner, Fred Lazelle, Barksdale Hales, Mike Donahue, Anne Morrell, Michael Pell, Heide Nichols, John DeChancie,

Meeting called to order at 11:12

Minutes: Approved as corrected.

New Members: Pamela Kulshaw of Hollywood, a dog trainer who heard about LASFS from Doug Crepeau. Interests are UFO's, sci-fi, goth novels.

Treasurer: Century Fund has a little over \$76,000. Total is just a hair under \$90,000.

Vice Chair: Charlie Jackson has nothing to report re: video library. No developments with archives. No problems with pubs computer.

Chairman reports that close to 13% of APA-L's have been scanned in. Bob intends to begin scanning ancient minutes soon. Old De Profs have not been scanned. The last 2 1/2 years of De Prof are available on CD.

Secretary: CD with Nolo Press forms was distributed to all board members.

Comptroller: On vacation.

Library: Books were purchased. Librarian attended American Book Expo, got review copies, made friends with some publishers. We made \$22.50 from the sales shelf. Operation Paperback has made a special request for SF to be sent to the troops serving overseas. We will be culling duplicates from the sales shelf to send.

The board received an email from someone who has 500 copies of SF Book Club editions from the '60s and 70s. The LASFS library does not need them. She has been referred to The Eaton Collection at UC Riverside. If necessary, the other 501(c)3 organization whose job it is to find homes for book collections may be willing to help with shipping.

Maintenance: Roof in the APA-L room has a slow leak. Elayne is calling the roofers to come out and give us an estimate on the repair. Work party days are booked for the rest of the year, so we will be fitting repairs in as possible.

Electronic Equipment: No developments. The problem of needing to do a cable swap in order to run DVDs has been corrected.

Publications: At the meeting held at Coral Cafe it was decided to do the website in Joomla and have an editorial board to review content to make sure nothing that gets posted would present legal exposure for the club. The Chairman has volunteered and would like to recruit others besides himself and the Golds. Barry is recuperating from knee surgery.

At American Book Expo, Bill Ellern ran into Tony Todaro, who had questions about what was being done with the website. Bill addressed Tony's concerns by telling him we were focusing on picking nits, removing glitches and making the site work to suit our current needs.

Marketing Committee Report: John Hertz has agreed to review draft artist's agreements. New art for bookmarks is being developed.

A prototype of a logo magnet was presented. This would be a giveaway item. It was recommended that if we decide we want these in quantity we consider having them done commercially.

The children's reading will be Monday, June 9 at 6:30 P.M. Volunteers showed up to help with decoration/setup. Bookmarks for the Reading Rocketeers have been made available for distribution. The July 14th reading will feature "My Teacher is an Alien" by Bruce Coville. Ideas for decorations are being solicited.

Soda Machine: Machine has sold 7,189 units to date for a total income of \$4,279. Units sold this past month 393, income \$299.

Events:

Loscon 35: There will be a party at Westercon. Memberships sold at Baycon were up over last year. There will be a postcard mailing going out before Westercon to a large list pulled from the LACon mailing list. Website is up.

Loscon 36: Writer guests of honor: Steven Barnes and Tananarive Due. Artist guest of honor: Tim Rickard. Fan guest of honor: Christian McGuire.

Diamond Anniversary Committee: Christian McGuire is stepping down from chairing the committee. Arlene Satin has volunteered to take his place.

LaLaCon: Has been postponed or possibly cancelled due to low membership sales. It may come back next year as LaLaCon 14a.

ComicCon: Greg Bilan reports that we have our table confirmed for ComiCon. He will take flyers for any group that provides 2,000 flyers.

Contracts: We have a contract with the LAX Marriott covering the years 2009 - 2013. We are awaiting a countersigned copy from their sales department. As a last minute addition to the contract, we will have free internet access for the sleeping rooms.

Procedural President: Nominees for procedural president for the July-Dec. '08 term are Charlie Jackson, Michelle Pincus and Joe Zeff. Next week nominations will be re-opened for president, and opened for vice president, scribe, treasurer and registrar.

George Mulligan's mother has passed away. The scribe has been asked to send a condolence card.

Miscellaneous the First: Question from a member: who is in charge of events now? The Chair will be covering until the special election in July. Flyers, postcards, bookmarks may be obtained from Marketing. We still have business cards.

Construction/Addition: Architect Jerome Scott has volunteered to act as our design person on any construction project, saving us much money up front. He has talked to the city re permits, preliminary plans, etc. City certificate of occupancy has us listed as offices and store. There is some question about the easements, particularly on the west driveway. Records will have to be double-checked. So far much good information has been obtained and it hasn't cost us anything.

Miscellaneous the Second: Tadao Tomomatsu mentioned that a group of kids who attend Gallifrey One have just finished their television production class and would like to have a premiere of their project here sometime. Being a Dr. Who-based video, it would be more of a Time Meddlers thing, but if the Meddlers don't have the time, the kids were looking at the possibility of presenting it at the club. This might be done as a program item. Tadao will check with the incoming president.

Friday Nights: It was noted that Friday nights are very slow and we might want to come up with ideas about how to bring people in. It was noted that people tend to come late. The Hell players arrive about 11 and stay until 1 or 2. The last Friday of the month, the gamers go elsewhere.

In response to a question about people avoiding dues and the possibility of an honor box, it was noted that most of the Hell players are year or life members. Elayne is here on Fridays generally from 7:30 to 9:30.

Miscellaneous the Third: A member suggested that we send a get-well card to Barry Gold.

We should have a private email list so that we can notify members of events/emergencies. It was noted that the De Prof mailing list has all members for whom we have email addresses. We should be encouraging more members to sign up for electronic delivery of De Prof.

Take-Aways: Since the comptroller usually tracks these, and he was not present, there were none.
Adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 to shock and astonishment. This had been the shortest board meeting since the current secretary took office. He heartily encourages this trend.

Meeting #3695, June 5, 2008
Marcia Minsky, President
Matthew B. Tepper, Scribe

Our doe-eyed President, Marcia Minsky, stated that we had a big meeting to get through tonight, and so ever so gently, she wielded the Spoon of Servitude (well, it looks more like a spoon for tossing salad than one for serving it) to ease us into an early start at 2006. "Have we any special orders of business?" she asked of Charles Lee Jackson, the Second, who informed us of the passing of actor Mel Ferrer, known for many movies including "Scaramouche." Technically, Robert Towne Sutcliffe, co-creator (with Art Clokey) of "Davey and Goliath," qualifies for this portion of the meeting, as that show is obviously a fantasy with a talking dog and all. And we had one more original-"Trek" passing, that of Robert Justman, a producer and creative factor therein, and to a lesser extent in "ST:TNG." In fact, it had been he who persuaded Gene Roddenberry that the Enterprise should be helmed by a bald captain, rather than one who wears a piece. We observed a brief moment of silence for these individuals.

Menace were read, out loud, in some form of contemporary American English, in this room, to the club, and after a few tweaks were approved practically anonymously as "The Hitch-hiker's Guide to LASFS."

Old Business: CL explained the procedure for the evening, in that we would be accepting nominations for LASFS President, Second Half of 2008. He read out the duties of the office, and Marcia called for the nominations. Surviving their sanity throws were: Tadao Tomomatsu; Marcia Minsky; Maahtin Young; Christian Bainbridge McGuire; Michael "Scratch" Galloway; George Van Wagner; and Bill Ellern. The prospective victims were: Charles Lee Jackson, the Second; Joe Zeff; and Michelle Pincus. With this, nominations were recessed until next week.

Appointed Committee Reports: Arlene Satin reminded us that the first program of the Reading Rocketeers was this coming Monday evening at 6:30, at the Valley Plaza Branch Library, with set up scheduled for the preceding Saturday. Also, our bookmarks are done,

specially designed by David Okamura. Tadao waved some free passes, left by a PR agent before the meeting, for a screening of "The Incredible Hulk" next Tuesday. He also had the announcement that La La Con has been postponed; obtain refunds from Treasurer Elayne Pelz if you bought memberships.

The Usual Committee had returned for the Big Moneygouge Auction, which included a PC CPU which elicited some spirited bidding until it finally went to "Wild Bill" Ellern for \$150.

Registrar Michelle Pincus introduced a couple of guests for the evening: Alan Marder of Burbank, an illustrator; and Larry Vane, a professional dog walker. Also?

This week, our Patron Saint was Jim Glass. Dr. Jerry Pournelle remembered that he was very useful to the LASFS in several capacities, including that of Librarian. He added that Jim had received the Evans-Freehafer Award, after which he never came to another meeting. We saluted Saint Jim Glass with three cheers, "and a Huey, Louie, and Dewey Decimal System."

It was getting really late, so Marcia allowed only the most truly Timebound Announcements. First, "Whiskey" said William Shatner would be appearing at the next Los Angeles Comic Book Convention, presumably to promote his new book. CL had flyers for American Cinematheque Los Angeles for June.

Committee Reports resumed with Charles showing off the latest acquisition to the Video Archive, the entire series of "The Adventures of Brisco County, Jr." This will be available for loan once he has finished processing it. "Bowler! Flip me the bird!"

It was already a late-running meeting, so after some hasty motions to adjourn, we did just that, at 21:33.

Meeting #3696, June 12, 2008
Marcia Minsky, President
Matthew B. Tepper, Scribe

President Marcia Minsky was in total control. From past experience, she knew that this would be a long meeting, on account of the procedural elections. With that in mind, she wielded the Spoon of Sanity and called us to order a tad early, at 2007.

Under Special Orders of Business, we learned that George Mulligan's mother had passed away; a real-life-appropriate card had already been sent, offering the club's condolences. Marty Cantor announced the passing of A[lgis] J Budrys, well-known fan, pro and editor; his best-remembered book was Rogue Moon, and he served

as a judge for the Writers of the Future and Artists of the Future. Finally, Heide Nichols offered condolences to Tony Benoun on the loss of his father.

Menace of the previous week's meeting were read and somehow got approved, without changes, as "The Restaurant at the End of the Election."

Marcia warned us that we would be on Agenda Lite tonight on account of the procedural elections, and it was going to be a long meeting.

As so often, we had two Patron Saints to celebrate: St. Sandy Cohen @ & St. Hare Hobbs. Sandy begged our indulgence to explain first that he is not only a Patron Saint, but has achieved the even higher level of a Sacred Object, namely the Sacred Chancellor of Chocolate. (Other Sacred Objects include the Flying Disk, the Spryngbok, and the Elephant.) "We need more sacred things," he continued. "Rather than be a thing of scorn and ridicule, you could be a sacred thing of scorn and ridicule. So as the Sacred Chancellor of Chocolate, I declare this to be a chocolate-eating day." And with that, he unveiled a selection of chocolate candies, cookies, and the like, which were gleefully consumed by the crowd. Heide said Sandy is the best mentor she could imagine having, thanks to his helpfulness and advice, and she truly values him. Tom Safer said he appreciated Sandy's "marvellous treats," presumably the chocolate again. Sherri Benoun said that she and Elayne Pelz had enjoyed Sandy's company in Japan when they were all there for last year's Worldcon. Charles Lee Jackson, the Second had a summing-up, of sorts: "He's also about poker, which is where he earns the money to buy the chocolate. And playin' poker with LASFS members, you're earnin' it!" We saluted Saint Sandy Cohen with three cheers, "and lots of chocolate."

Our newer Saint for the evening was the gentle Hare Hobbs, of whom Scratch Galloway succinctly noted: "He brought food." Ruth Forster added, "He was one of the first people I met here, and he is very jovial and kind." Michelle Pincus called Hare "a nice and very sincere person, a welcome member of the club." Christian McGuire was impressed by Hare as "a phenomenal appreciator of all that is music." (Particularly Brian Wilson.) And along with wearing green, he is probably one of the greenest, that is to say, most carbon-friendly people, he knows. Maahtin Young agreed that Hare knows his music. Joe Zeff recalled that the Hobbs family entries in the LASFS Gift Exchange have always been lots of fun to unwrap. Pride of place went to Hare's mother, Shirley Hobbs, who lavished praise on him and offered an origin story of sorts: "The fact that he's known as 'The Hare' is an accident." Her nickname for him as a child had actually been "Thumper." (Hey, at least it wasn't

Flower!) We finally saluted Saint Hare Hobbs with three cheers, "and a bushel of carrots!" And finally we had to move on, because it was going to be a long meeting.

Michelle, Registrar, had a few guests to introduce: Karen Hurwitz, who loves sf, horror, steampunk, and who works as a program assistant for a nonprofit; Nadia Hernandez, who admitted to be "searching for a sci-fi convention in LA"; and finally Maahtin's brother Lawwwwrence, visiting here from the UK, if you can imagine him being from there; he's also a teacher.

Karen Anderson said she had but a Quick Moment of Science (since after all it was a Procedural Election night and it was going to be a long meeting), and referred us to an article in a recent issue of Time about people's responses to great disasters. In one instance, some people on a sinking ship heard the sirens and basically ignored it, as most of us do with the ever-present car alarms on the city streets. On the other hand, a stockbroker who had survived the earlier attack on the World Trade Center insisted his employees take part in regular fire drills, and wound up saving an estimated 2600 people on 9/11 because of these preparations, even though he didn't survive himself.

Committee Reports: Arlene Satin admitted that the Reading Rocketeers' first event on Monday had gone very well with Shawn Crosby doing a wonderful job reading to a select audience of kids and their parents. She thanked David Okamura for the paper rocket decorations, which fascinated the kids; and of course Shawn's car was a highlight, as always. Arlene also thanked the following for helping in advance, or even just showing up: Hare Hobbs; his mother Shirley; Ed Hooper, Joyce something (but not Sperling or Hooper); Michelle Pincus; Tadao Tomomatsu; and your humble Scribe. The next book is *My Teacher is an Alien*, by Bruce Coville; the event is planned for 14 July at 6:30 p.m., and the target age range has now been expanded to 7 – 14. Our program, in fact, has inspired the library to start a regular reading program every Monday.

CL showed off a nice thank you letter he had received from the Margaret Herrick Library of the Fairbanks Center for Motion Picture Study in Beverly Hills, and if you can say that particular phrase three times in rapid succession, you have an exciting career in store as an auctioneer.

Old Business: Well, it was time for those Procedural Elections which always seem to make for a long meeting. As is his tradition, CL explained the duties of each office as we came to them. Christian Bainbridge McGuire filled in for the absent Board Chairman Qarl Lembqe by reopening nominations for President. In

addition to the nominated parties from the previous week, namely CL, Michelle, and Joe Zeff, we had a refusal from Adam Wills, but Michael Thorsen foolishly accepted. (Diane Lass asked, "Is it too late now to impeach?" Charles answered, "It is never too late to impeach, but if you impeach an officer, that person can run to replace himself, as Jack Harness did at least once.") When the dust, and ballots, had settled, Michael Thorsen had been saddled with the terrible task of presiding over the Thursday meetings for the second half of 2008.

Vice-President: Mr. Thorsen remarked that the "traditional" duties (essentially those which Bob Null added because he felt they needed doing) are now recognized by the Board as not being an actual part of the job; the Veep is basically an "emergency holographic president." Nominations were opened: Tadao declined, Bob declined, CL declined, and Christian declined. With nobody apparently willing to do the job alone, we saw some quick negotiations between Mary Ann Canfield and Rob "Gizmo" Powell, who accepted. Nomination as a tag-team. Nominations were then closed, and the two victims were railroaded into office with a loud "Toot-toot!"

Scribe: In a moment of total insanity, the incumbent accepted renomination, and then looked on in ever-increasing fear as Mahhtin Young declined, Joe Zeff declined, nobody else seemed to want to nominate anyone else, and nominations were then closed. Your humble Scribe realized too late the unwisdom of volunteering, as he found himself run down by the "Toot-toot!" of the oncoming railroad.

Registrar: Michelle accepted renomination; nominations were then closed, and she was railroaded. "Toot-toot!"

Treasurer: Sandy Cohen was recognized: "I would like to nominate Elayne on the condition that she is not allowed to decline." Elayne nodded silently in the affirmative. Guess what? Railroaded! By now, you should know what happened next: "Toot-toot!"

Well, so much for it being a long meeting. Christian exclaimed that this was the quickest and least painful election he could recall. Marcia wasn't going to let the opportunity pass, so she took a motion to adjourn, and

Meeting #3697, June 19, 2008
Marcia Minsky, President
Matthew B. Pepper, Scribe

President Marcia Minsky was dumbfounded. Here it was, 2010 on a Thursday evening, rather early for a LASFS

meeting to start, and people were sitting quietly in their seats. Not wanting to miss this rare opportunity, she called the meeting to order with a gentle tap of the Spoon of Resilience. And, wouldn't you know it, right away people started dying. More accurately, we had a report from Charles Lee Jackson, the Second, memorializing departed souls of relevance to science fiction and fantasy. First mourned was Stan Winston, special-effects man extraordinaire, who had worked on a large number of important science fiction movies of the last 20 years and essentially redefined the field. Next, but no less dear, was Cyd Charisse, a wonderful dancer who was also a very fine actress. Science fiction films in which she had appeared included "The Silencers," which Charles described as "a really bad Matt Helm film, but science fiction nonetheless," and "Singin' in the Rain," which definitely qualifies as a science fiction movie because it shows the effects on society of advances in technology. She was also in "Brigadoon," a classic fantasy movie. We observed a moment of silence for these individuals.

President Marcia took the opportunity to thank, and disband, last week's Election Committee for a job well done. The new president, Mr. Thorsen, will assemble a new such Committee as required.

Menace of the previous week's meeting-like event were read by the Scribe, out loud, to the members, in something resembling idiomatic Bronx English, and approved as "This is going to be a long meeting."

Our Patron Saint of the evening was Ted Johnstone, a much-missed LASFSian departed three decades now. Len Moffatt said he had been one of the first to meet Tedron back in the 1950s, after he got a phone call from some kids who were interested in visiting fellow fans. They were using pseudonyms: "Steve Tolliver" (Fred Langley), "George W. Fields" (George Williamson), and the youngest-looking of the lot, "Ted Johnstone." Tedron soon got assigned to the task of finding propellor beanies for the 1958 Worldcon in South Gate. "His career was all too short to say the least, and we miss him a lot," Len concluded. Milt said that David McDaniel (Tedron's real-life name) wrote a bunch of "Man from U.N.C.L.E." novels, known for being fun and cleverly-crafted, with a lot of fans (LASFS and others) Tuckerized within. Frustrated at not being able to get more money out of publisher Ace Books, Dave worked in "A.A. Wyn is a tightwad" as an anagram from the chapter titles of The Monster Wheel Affair. Karen Anderson said she has read The Final Affair, and feels she will bear the responsibility of explaining all the Dean & Shirley Dickensheet references should it ever be published. "I really miss him now that he's gone," Karen added. "He

was a treasure, he really was." Our Saint's close friend, CLJII, had the final words: "Mr. McDaniel was my associate for the last few years of his life. I was delighted to meet him because I had read his novels, including *The Vampire Affair*, which included a character named 'Forrest J Ackerman.' While he could be quite good at stringing together words, his actual passion was cinematography. He was an extraordinarily good cameraman and filmcutter, who didn't get a chance to use those talents very much. I am assuming that Ted, Bruce Pelz, and Jack Harness are all playing a three-handed card game that Dan Alderson is trying to explain to them without much luck, all while waiting for an editor to call them back." We gave Patron Saint Ted Johnstone three cheers, "and 100 feet of B-roll."

Registrar Michelle Pincus had scoured the room, with steel wool yet, and was delighted to serve up three guests for our delectation: Craig Chapman (no relation to Celia), who says he's a stage manager, and who learned about us at a bookstore; and Daniel Scheinert, an intern and student in theatre in film and comedy.

The word had come via psychic connection from Treasurer Elayne Pelz, busily shaking down members from her desk by the door: We had \$90,347.49, "and no, you can't spend it!"

For a Moment of Science, Karen Anderson had two brief items: one about how the amphioxus is likely the closest living ancestor of all vertebrates, including "supermodels, bats, and everything else with a backbone." In other news, a Delta 2 rocket was scheduled to be launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base tomorrow morning, a site worth watching if you are able to do so.

CL had what he called a mini-moment of science, noting that NASA scientists studying Mars via the latest probe had announced that they have discovered "white stuff." So what is that substance? Stay tuned!

Committee Reports: Karen Anderson showed us that she has a contribution to the new issue of *Skeptical Inquirer*, giving some memories of Arthur C. Clarke along with other contributors.

The Committee to Gouge Money out of the LASFS floated up to the top of the tank to do what it had to do. Christian Bainbridge McGuire evoked memories of the Spanish Inquisition as he waved an object used for filing compact discs and sneered, "It's the rack for you!" Other items for auction evoked other references: A towel, for remembering where it is; and an orb, unfortunately not the one from "The Adventures of Brisco County Jr."

There was no old nor new business. And there was much rejoicing.

Arlene Satin said that the West Hollywood Book Fair, an event to be held toward the end of September, had approved a panel submitted by the LASFS, entitled "Foundation and Empire: Political Climates, Economic Uncertainty, Religious Controversy, and the Writer." Or something very much like that. We will also be doing a writing workshop of some sort, and the effervescent Shawn Crosby would do a story reading for children, bringing his famous H-Wing automobile, of course. Other esteemed presences expected there will include Larry Niven and Harry Turtledove, and maybe more.

Cathy Beckstead shamelessly touted Loscon this November, announcing the general committee meeting to be held here at the Clubhouse on July 26th at 11:00 a.m. Attend if you're already working on it, or would like to do so. Memberships cost \$35 until July 31st, and will then go up, so buy soon, and buy often.

Krystal Rains said that she and Richard Costas were presenting the program tonight, photos and videos of the Very Large Array, which they recently visited. Timon said that the San Diego Comicon (that's the Big One, Elizabeth honey) is now already sold out for Saturday, and there are no 4-day memberships left either.

Reviews: Hare Hobbs had seen a TV pilot, "The Middleman," which he said was about spies hunting for aliens and mythical characters, or something like that. He enjoyed it, but thought it was just a little too deadpan. Milt said he had seen it too, and it had made him think. What it made him think was, "That was completely stupid!" He was nonplussed that the protagonist talks something like Dudley Do-Right.

Scott Beckstead saw "The Incredible Hulk" and liked it very much, but suggested seeing "Iron Man" first. Evidently there's some effort to link films from the Marvelverse in advance of the "Avengers" movie. CL wanted to know if the CGI in the finished film looked any better than what he had seen in the trailer, but Scott hadn't seen the trailer, and so couldn't make the comparison.

Miscellaneous: Hare was going to have his schnozz repaired, or overhaul his beak, or something. It'll now turn up instead of hangin' down. Actually, the hope was that it would also put paid to his snoring.

Scott Beckstead saw a daring opportunity and moved to Rob Cole, which we did, at 2058.

Meeting #3698, June 26, 2008
Marcia Minsky, President
Matthew B. Tepper, Scribe

It was not without a vestige of a tear in her eyes that President Marcia Minsky surveyed the crowd before her: "Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls and children of all ages" she intoned one final time as she called the meeting to order with the Spoon of Fannishness, at or around 2020.

Menace of the previous week's meeting were read, corrected, and finally approved as "LASFS doing its part to combat global warming by running the air conditioning with the door open." Twenty years from now, someone reading these here Menace will read this paragraph and smirk.

It was the week to celebrate Patron Saint Alan Frisbie, also objectified as the "Sacred Flying Disk." Joe Zeff gleefully told of the time when then-President Ed Green threw Alan out of the meeting for being noisy and obstreperous – and then found out that it was Alan's own Saint's night. (Normally Ed would tell this one himself, but as he was absent, Joe told it on his behalf.) Your humble Scribe explained that Alan was part of the Caltech bunch that had favored the club years ago, that he was a quiet and good-natured person, and was one of those who over the years had laid claim to the title of "human wallet." Lee Gold told how Alan's old business cards proclaimed "engineering, programming, natural seminal injections, and fresh strawberries." (Try not to get those mixed up.) Another of his business cards read "Alan Frisbie – Thaumaturgist." Alan had claimed that the famous throwable toy had been named after his uncle's pie factory in Massachusetts. Scratch called Alan "one hell of a nice guy," and Karen Anderson added that he was also a good photographer. We awarded Saint Alan Frisbie three cheers, and "a spinning object."

Treasurer Elayne Pelz had sent a written report to the front of the room, indicating that we have all of \$90,097.74, with the usual admonition: "You can't spend it!"

Karen Anderson stepped to the front of Freehafer Hall for a Moment of Science. A new theory suggests that the disparity between the smooth northern and rough southern hemispheres of the surface of Mars may have been caused by a collision with a real big asteroid about nine billion years ago, give or take a week. This could also explain the red planet's known magnetic field anomalies. Your humble Scribe asked if all had heard the new theory that the "white stuff" at the pole was water ice. Karen referred us to www.space.com for further info. David Okamura added that the Phoenix probe has found

soil more alkaline than previously assumed, just right for growing asparagus, "so be careful if you go into your grocery and find the asparagus looking at you." One cannot help but wonder – does he take tips?

Registrar Michelle Pincus bounced happily as she introduced the evening's guests: Jesse Weinstein, who admits to being a student, a filker and a literature fan. He also enjoys contradancing and computer hacking, and works at a coffee bar. Fandom is just the place for him, in a nice way of course. Craig Christensen thought LASFS might present a good opportunity to bring his two kids; he's a gamer, a media fan, and a literature fan. Said offspring are Ivy Rose Christensen, student, gamer & artist; and Vincent Christensen, a student and gamer who wanted to meet people interested in outer space. We also had Chris Daugherty, a gamer, artist, writer, and filmmaker, who lists sf, fantasy, time travel, space travel, and "deranged folklore" as among his interests.

Announcements: Ed Hooper exclaimed: "I've got a mortgage!" And of course you know we'll have cause to cheer again in a bunch of years when he comes here to exclaim that he no longer has a mortgage.

Reviews: darcee had seen "Get Smart" and enjoyed it. Qarl Lembqe thought the new "Indiana Jones" movie was "loads of fun – park your brain outside the theater, the laws of physics and logic do not apply here. Even though they're called driver ants, you don't want them in the car with you. It goes to show that thirteen heads are better than one. Definitely worth going and seeing; doubly because of the A/C." Frank Waller thought "Iron Man" had some good images, and enjoyed the fact that it had lots of whizzing around, hardware, armor, lots of weapons – real guy stuff, you know. Robert, whose surname your humble Scribe failed to note, heard advance buzz that the upcoming Disney-Pixar film "Wall-E" has "good, hard science." Tadao thought "Kung Fu Panda" was actually funny; he needn't have worried. Albert said that "I Survived a Japanese Game Show" is "a hoot; it had me laughing my backside off."

Miscellaneous: Michael Thorsen said he's been working on a TV show lately, and has found odd websites and Youtube stuff which should have incurred the wrath of a certain well-known religion, but did not. Qarl Lembqe, in his role as Chairman of the Bored Board, noted it was the end of another procedural term, and extended thanks on behalf of the membership to the elected officers who had served.

The evening's program was to be filksinging led by Lee and Barry Gold, and so we wound up screaming into the program at 2120.



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