



# MAY 2009

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## KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

FWEMS - Dark this month

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.  
 BOD = Board of Directors  
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming  
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Safer Cartoons  
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation  
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing  
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club  
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

## THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**MAY 7** - Early TV SF Theater  
**MAY 14** - No programme set at press time  
**MAY 21** - History of B SF movies  
**MAY 28** - No programme set at press time

(programme items subject to change)  
 without notice)

## CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever  
 BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm  
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends  
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Work Party - 10:30 am  
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am  
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm  
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm

# LALACON

## JUNE 6 & 7

(some details on page 2)

## DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 435 – May, 2009. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

*De Profundis* is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. The club's web site is: [www.lasfsinc.info](http://www.lasfsinc.info). *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

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

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

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

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

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. 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-built Intel dual-core computer (using the XP Pro 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. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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### LASFS OFFICERS

**Elected Procedural Officers  
January - June 2009**

**President:** Mike Thorsen. **Vice-President:** Maryann Canfield, Rob Powell

(tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, only) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

### Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2009). **Vice-Chairman:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2009).. **Comptroller:** Christian McGuire (2011). **Secretary:** Darnell Coleman (2011). **Other members:** Marsha Minsky (2009), Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2010), Milt Stevens, (2010), Mike Thorsen (2010), Tadao Tomomatsu (2009). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

### Official Committees

**De Profundis Editor, Speaker to Gestetner, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** C.B. McGuire, Elayne Pelz. **\*\* 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:** Bob Null, Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://lasfsinc.info>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Ministry of Silly Gavels:** Bob Null. **\*\* Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, **Editor. Computers & LASFS Archives:** Bob Null. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II.

### Honorary Officers

**Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity:** Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

## LALACON - 2009

(at LASFS)

June 6—7

**\$20 for weekend**

- **\$8.00 for Banquet**
- **\$28 for \*EVERYTHING\***

**SATURDAY - NOON**

**MMP CHILI COOK-OFF**

(Entrants please show up by 11 am)

**SUNDAY**

**BIG AUCTION**

**BANQUET - after auction.**

## EDITORIAL

by Marty Cantor,  
DE PROFUNDIS  
publisher & editor

*In lieu of an editorial, thish, here are some - er - oddments.*

### Langford's Laws of Robotics.

1. A robot will not harm authorized Government personnel but will terminate intruders with extreme prejudice.
2. A robot will obey the orders of authorized personnel except where such orders conflict with the Third Law.
3. A robot will guard its own existence with lethal anti-personnel weaponry, because a robot is bloody expensive.

"To the general public "calories" are not units of measurement but evil creatures that live in tasty food and make people fat." -- *Bill Jennings*

"Vegetarian" -- Indian word for "lousy hunter."

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*Inadvertently omitted lastish was credit for "LASFS Library Donations FAQ." The credit goes to Vanessa Van Wagner and contributed by Elayne Pelz. My apologies.*

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### CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at [www.lasfsinc.info](http://www.lasfsinc.info))

**Meeting #3729, January 29, 2009**

**Michelle Pincus piloting (run for the escape pods!!!) Gizmo took over during the Menace.**

**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

*Cosmoline: What aliens use during sex. – Milt Stevens*

Meeting 3729 was gaveled to carbonation at 20:06:20

And there was much rejoicing!

The **Menace** were read and approved as "for whom the snack munches".

**Patron Saint: Mike Luwish:** Joe Zeff notes he bought a patron sainthood for his father, Emil Luwish. And Marcia Minsky said "Funny, he doesn't look Luwish." (*I have been saying that for years, and it was leached of humour well before I first used it. – ed.*) Mike Luwish was given three cheers, and familyties

**Gary Louie:** Hare Hobbs: Gary Louie had a unique talent. When he started volunteering, after unloading the truck, he'd go to the art room. When Hare zoned out, Gary would spot it, and say just the right thing to get him

unzoned. Tadao Tomomatsu: Gary was the really tall Asian Guy. He was quite an influence on Tadao. Whenever Chinese New Year came up, they'd trade envelopes, and wish each other Happy New Year in front of the club. Joe Zeff: Gary was elected to the board the first year he was eligible and remained on it for the rest of his life. Once, on a trip to Communist China to visit his family, he owned a house for 30 minutes. He carried the deed from one family member to another, and who holds the deed owns the house.

Christian: Gary arrived, and was at the center of everything in the club almost at once. He significantly promoted the love of mah jongg at the club. He codified the fannish rules for mah jongg. For three days, fans played, and he compiled the rules. He was a fantastic compiler. He knew every item in his collection, and carried the list with him at all times. Also, when the 1996 Worldcon came around, he put together and published a Sector General universe compendium. It had just about every detail in the world. Gary was also a bit of a prima donna. He was excitable, and could get dramatic about things when you'd have no idea why he was so excited. But he did so in a very good way. When he was lost to us in 1999, the response was international. It wasn't quite Bruce Pelz level, but it was global. He was infectious in his enthusiasm. Gary Louie was the last person Christian went to Disneyland with. No one else had his childlike joy at going there.

Hare Hobbs: he was one of those who would run a convention, not because he was interested in the subject, but because he wanted his friends to have a good time. Greg Bilan: he was a fan of Lego. Jerry Pournelle: We were two years auctioning off his Lego collection. Christian McGuire: His book collection was huge. Truckloads of books went all over the place. (*Could not anybody afford to fix these truck's steering? - ed.*) Gary Louie was given the traditional Three Cheers and a parking space.

Time Bound Announcements: CLJII announced Friday 13<sup>th</sup> comes on a Friday next month.

Tadao announced the Forry memorial took place. Thanks to all who took place. Ray Bradbury could not make it, but sent his assistant with a dictated letter, now on display in the case.

**Miscellaneous:** Milt Stevens reported on the curious case of the man who isn't quite dead yet. He writes lots of letters. He got a response on a letter published in *M-mosa* 26, in the late 90s. He recounted events in the 40s. There was a fan named Earl Singleton, who wrote dark and depressing poetry. His roommate, Oliver King Smith, reported he had committed suicide. But his room mate turns out to be Earl Singleton.

Later he would introduce himself to Milt and the Moffatts as Oliver King Smith. Later, LASFS received a letter from Oliver King Smith's daughter saying Oliver King Smith had died. After Milt's letter to *Mimosa*, he received a let-

ter from the son, saying Oliver King Smith had dead.

Matthew Tepper went to school with Philip Oliver Smith, son of Oliver King Smith, and he was a real person. He's not aware of a Graham Smith. This is the same school where one teacher was the widow of Sam Russell.

Jerry Pournelle: He and Niven spent the day flying back from Washington, and the sissies had scheduled snow days. They were in Washington for a conference by an agency that prefers not to be named. The subject was threats to the United States. Pournelle's threat can be revealed; others can't.

David Okamura heard a fragment on the news – they're having trouble with the Mars rovers. Spirit may be possessed.

Karen Anderson added: The rover failed to report something it had done, and they think there was a glitch in its volatile memory before it was sent. Permanent memory is not affected.

Marc Schirmeister added, he wasn't here for the memorial, because he was up celebrating his grandfather's 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

We adjourned at 21:28:40.

**Meeting #3730, February 5, 2009**  
**Matthew B. Tepper, President**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting 3730 was rapped into submission at 20:10:42

**Special Orders of Business:** We had no Special Orders of Business. "Everybody Lives!!"

**Patron Saint, Mike Glycer:** Milt Stevens said he's the biggest of the named fans, a publishing giant who really is a giant, he's won Hugos, chaired a Worldcon, been ridiculously active, and is now raising a daughter, doing that home and family stuff, but still publishes File 770, and may be back when his daughter is older. CLJII: He's one of those who are still involved in printing fanzines on actual paper. Zeff: Mike Glycer, the once and future Scribe, is one of the best scribes he's ever encountered. Back when Minutes were done with pen and paper, what he wrote down during the meeting was what he read the next week and they were wonderful.

Marty Cantor backed up what Joe said. While editing De Prof, there were some very good scribes Mike was one of two whose Menace defied attempts to chop off text to shrink them down without hurt-

ing the writing. (*Guessing not needed: the other Scribe is John DeChancie.—ed.*)

Christian: Among his achievements, he's served as a moral compass for LASFS and fandom, keeping us from being too ridiculous, and from stepping on our core values. Jerry Pournelle: one of the few reviewers of his work he takes seriously. Three cheers and a publishing party in Room 770.

**Patron Saint, Frank Waller:** Christian had but one word: Mudd. Frank Waller arrived playing a character he had performed at SF cons. He played that character even out of character, because it was his disguise. He grew out of it, and into being willing to reveal his own character, warts and all. He's also lost a number of warts. He's an enthusiastic fan.

"And here's your \$20" – Frank

Martin: He's always friendly and it's always good to see him. Matthew Tepper: He's a very good sport. When he's been president, he's made fun of Frank, and he takes it in good spirit. We're not laughing at him, we're laughing toward him . . . er ... something. Crystal: Frank was one of the kindest people from the very beginning. Joe Zeff: Frank donated potato chips that tasted like everything in the world except potatoes. { *Wood chips?* - ed.)

Whisky: he's a lover of classic and vintage automobiles. Three rousing cheers for Frank Waller, and some potato flavored potato chips.

Karen Anderson had a **science report**. Briefly, they've found an interesting extrasolar planet. Look for the extrasolar planets encyclopedia for more details.

They've found a planet around a dim red dwarf, apparently not much larger than earth, but a mass that gives it a density of something like 2.3 to 3.6 tons per cubic meter. It's an iron planet, practically skimming the atmosphere of the star. When you look at the stellar system, it's a double star. There's a brown dwarf orbiting about the orbit of mercury around the red dwarf, and the planet orbits inside the orbit of the brown dwarf. Mining rights are being sold by Harcourt Fenton Madoff.

Jerry Pournelle spoke about Star Trek II, the Wrath of Khan, the opera [www.youtube.com/watch?v=xW2-MrHJSE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xW2-MrHJSE). It's hilarious. They have well trained singers.

Italy struggles to disband an army that never existed. Lt. Kije, your services are needed. (*That was a suite comment. - ed.*)

Cathy Beckstead announced that Loscon 35 has turned over the sum of \$6301 to the LASFS.

**Miscellaneous:** Michelle Pincus reported that earlier this week, in Colorado, a robber held up 2 convenience stores using a Bathleth. Strangely, both clerks knew what a Bathleth was. (*Groggins had a lithp? - ed.*)

Ed Hooper reported the magazine Realms of Fantasy is shutting down publications. Two more issues, and then history. (*I would not trust a former fantasy magazine to start writing about history.*)

Milt Stevens announced F&SF is going bimonthly. Circulation is down to 16K. Mad is going quarterly. Cheap.

We adjourned at 21:14:48

**Meeting #3731, February 12, 2009**  
**Mike Thorsen, President**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting 3731 was rapped into submission at 20:09:52

**The Menace** were read and approved as "Khan" in the key of "K"

**The Registrar** announced that we have a guest. Actually, it's a new member. Melissa joined at the last Loscon.

**Patron Saint, Craig Miller:** George Mulligan recalls that he was here 25 years ago when George started coming. He used to be very involved even back then. Christian: Craig unintentionally showed up to his own sainthood night. Like many who were here long enough, they don't remember their sainthood night, or why they're here, or much of anything else. He's been proving himself an asset for 41 years, so he's the answer, minus one. He chaired the Board for ten years, ran a Loscon, was involved in chairing a Worldcon, and a few other things. And he's one of the people not credited with creating comic book fandom.

Hare Hobbs: He was the first person to ask him to do something at a convention. His volunteering is Craig's fault. 'I take it back!' – Craig Jerry Pournelle said it's worth noting Mrs. CC Miller was

the committee to keep the park happy when the club was meeting there. Bill Ellern remembers Craig when they both had hair. "That was before he swore eternal vengeance on Superman". – CLJII

Christian: The most valuable thing he did was steal Jenny Dazzo from New York Fandom. Craig Miller was given three cheers and a star wars trilogy.

**Appointed Committee Reports:** Heidi Nichols reported that the Code of Conduct Committee meets 2/23 and 3/5 and would love to hear from club members.

**Time Bound Announcements:** Mike Thorsen thanked Vanessa Van Wagner, our departing librarian for the work she's put in.

**Science Report:** Michelle Pincus announced two satellites collided a while back. It was between a US communication satellite and a defunct Russian satellite. This created two clouds of debris, currently being tracked.

**Ongoing Business:** We vote on the chair of the Loscon 37. Candidates were

Bill Ellern with a purpose. His bid is, To Boldly Explore Time and Space.

Heidi Nichols. 2010, Odyssey Too

Greg Bilan. Quest for Forgotten Lands

Scott Beckstead and Sheri Benoun. Operation Chaos. (*But that would just be an ordinary LASFS meeting... - ed.*)

And we have Chaos!

We adjourned at 21:33:19.

**Meeting #3732, February 19, 2009**  
**Mike Thorsen, President**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting 3732 was rapped into submission at 20:12:24

**Special Orders of Business:** We've lost another member of the club, a major wheel for a number of years. Chuck Crayne passed on his 71st birthday.

Marty Cantor passed along some details. From Dian, his wife, about a month ago, Chuck complained of a sore back that was getting worse, not

**L.A.F.A.**

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

**L.A.F.A. Filksing**

Saturday, May 16, 2009, 7:30 PM

Pooh Bear Lair: Hosts: Harry, Mara and Madeline Brenner  
325 Sharon Road, Arcadia, CA 91006; (626) 447-1664

Pre-filk dinner at 5 pm. Tasty Choice, (626) 286-3338  
PRE-FILK DINNER: Tasty Choice, 200 South San Gabriel  
Blvd., San Gabriel, at the corner of Live Oak (north of  
Broadway and south of Las Tunas), across the street from  
Perveler Pharmacy.  
exit from the I-10 on San Gabriel Blvd. and turn north.  
Call the Brenners if you wish to attend.

DIRECTIONS: Thomas Brothers.  
L.A. CO. PAGE 597, grid B/C-1 (1992 edition);  
page 38, grid D-1 (older editions)

Type of Circle: Moderated Kaos

L.A.F.A. info: Barry & Lee Gold:  
(310) 306-7456

better. He got a CT scan. They found half his lumbar vertebrae was eroded away, presumably cancer. He died 2/16, three days after the CT scan.

Jerry Pournelle noted we would not have had the clubhouse without him. Bruce Pelz and Chuck Crane started the building fund. They invented the notion of the Great Big Convention. In 1961, World con in Seattle had 361 members. Chicon in 62 was 450. That was a Big Convention in those days. C&B decided it would be possible to have a really big convention. FIASOI! He was also one of the 5 best poker players in the Los Angeles area.

Marty Cantor added, Chuck was a co-inventor of Boucher Con. Also, he invented NASFIC. He also chaired a bidding committee for what would have been AngelCon in 81. That one lost to Denver, and the 84 in LA bid went forward and won.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "Them".

The **Registrar** announced that we have a plethora of guests. So much for agenda lite.

Six guests! Julia D. Ree, Kim Rivard, Ken Mencher, Sydney Mills, Amanda Egol, and, finally, Joey Dizon. Seth Tolley joined tonight.

**Patron Saint, Maureen Garrett:** Matthew Tupper recalled her as a delightful and charming young

lady who attended in the 70s and 80s. She was in charge of the Star Wars fan club for a while. She was in APA-L, having contributed art. She would draw fantasy landscapes inside a circle. She currently lives in the Bay Area. Marty Cantor said that Maureen got to be a very good artist, but early on, she was a little better than adequate. She did the first cover for his fanzine, "Holier than Thou".

**Time Bound Announcements:** Matthew Tupper: Laurea Freas has gotten more hours on KCSN. She hosts from 1 to 6:30 every day. She's delighted to have more work to do. 88.5 on FM.

Jerry Pournelle: in a stealth release, TOR has brought out Escape from Hell, aka Inferno II. Saturday at Mystery and Imagination, they'll be signing books.

Greg Bilan wished to announce he was over by Magnolia and Lankershim. They're doing a Bradbury play.

**Miscellaneous:** CLJII remarked he was standing on the street corner getting rained on, except the sky above was completely clear. (*Charlie finally noticed that he is all wet.* - ed.)

We adjourned at 20:49:16.

**Meeting #3733, February 26, 2009**  
**Mike Thorsen, President**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting 3733 was rapped into submission at 20:13:26.

**Special Orders of Business:** We've lost one of the giants of the field – Philip Jose Farmer. He was age 91. His death is attributed to failure to wake up. His website says he died peacefully in his sleep, and not screaming in terror like the passengers on his riverboat.

Marty Cantor announced the Moffatts are not here tonight, on account of their car being broadsided and knocked up onto the sidewalk. It was totaled. They, on the other hand, weren't. (*They were not even partialled.* - ed.) They have now changed their plans to include car shopping.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "On thin gneiss".

**Patron Saint, Marjii Ellers:** Not an object, except of desire. Hare Hobbs recalled Marjii was

probably the sexiest old lady around, especially at LASFS. She was very attractive, and very nice. When she was fan guest of honor at Loscon, she brought a ten pound block of chocolate to the con suite every day to thank us. Milt Stevens. Costuming was her main activity. At age 52, she did the Black Queen from Barbarella. It was topless, and she looked quite good in it. Someone got a photo and sold it to a men's magazine. Also, at a LASFS Halloween party years ago, she showed up in a skin-tight tiger outfit. When she entered, no one knew who she was. Even the men who were hitting on her.

Karen Anderson very well remembers the Black Queen costume. She was in the bathroom making adjustments on her own costume, and saw how Marjii used surgical tape to adjust it. Hare Hobbs: When she had the cancer, he talked to her once, and remarked "you don't seem to be losing your hair". Off comes the wig,

She was one of the volunteers helping with Bert Rhutan on Voyager's flight around the world. Mike Thorsen: She volunteered around club and would help with various things. The wallpaper in the bathrooms is her fault. Joe Zeff: Marjii used to go to Hertz' regency dances in drag, because there were never enough men. Last time at the club, she came for a second Sunday, and provided ice cream.

Scratch: one thing she did was help rebuild the front bathroom. She also donated the wallpaper. Tadao: there are several pictures of Marjii in the display cabinet. Karl: Once, Lee Gold managed to catch her hair on fire. Some weeks later, she encountered Marjii. Marjii told her, "Oh, I see your hair was on fire. Don't worry, it's almost all grown out, and soon no one will be able to tell it ever happened!" Other than Marjii the beautician, no one else had noticed anything amiss. Marjii Ellers was given three cheers and a roll of surgical tape

We do have a science minute. It's also a family health report. Two things that prevented Karen from being at last meeting – she has managed to get her thyroid up to a reasonable level – (*It is no longer around her knee?*) She now has energy. Also, something that involves her grand daughter Alexandra and herself. She was keeping her sodium down and drinking lots of water, and her blood sodium dropped to a disastrously low level. This triggered a grand mal epileptic seizure. Fortunately, she had finally been talked into visiting the emergency room, so she had her seizure in the best pos-

sible place to have one.

Now, the science part. There's a cover story in Parade Magazine, 2/15. This was a story about a girl with a terrible history of god-awful epileptic attacks from infancy. Finally, at age 17, they found something that helped her. This hits close to home, as a number of people of interest to LASFS have epilepsy.

Our **Registrar** introduced Korine Wilkenning, brought in by the Becksteads.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Joe Zeff reported on June Moffatt's report of the car accident. She adds the detail that when broadsided, the car went up a curb and bounced off a light pole. We're glad it wasn't a heavy pole. Joe was fined one bit.

Jerry Pournelle reviewed his book. It's good. Go buy it. The signing at Mystery and Imagination went very well. Jerry's working with others on a science book called "A Labor of Moles". It stars Avogadro the Mole, who lives in a mole civilization. Work was interrupted until a lawsuit was settled. Mattel was claiming that anything any of their employees had ever worked on belonged to them. Now that's been settled, and it may soon be available for Fred Patten to review.

Elayne has a proto-directory. Check your data.

We adjourned at 21:09:58.

***Board of Directors meeting, November 9, 2008***  
***Karl Lembke, Chairman***  
***Darnell Coleman, Secretary***

**Board members:** Attending - Karl Lembke, Bob Null, Darnell Coleman, Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire, Marcia Minsky, Tadao Tomomatsu, Arlene Satin, Milt Stevens, Mike Thorsen. Excused Absence - Bill Ellern. **Members:** Sherri Benoun Tony Benoun, Joe Zeff, Michael Pell, Heide Nichols, Greg Bilan, Marty Cantor.

The Chairman started the meeting at 11:10 am with the comment that Forry Ackerman was not dead.

The **Minutes** were unanimously approved as corrected.

**New member** Bob Mutaschio was approved.

**Treasurer:** Money in bank—see treas. for details.

## GEOCACHING

Geocaching Spring Fling CITO (Cache In Trash Out).

Doors open at 9 am, event starts at 10 am.

Classes on Geocaching, games, raffle, pot luck lunch, guest speakers, huxter tables.

Geocaching is techno-based treasure hunt game using GPS navigation. Players will hide objects in containers called caches and then place long./lat. Coordinates on a web site for others to find. Classes will be caching 101 (how to geocache). Guest speakers will be seminar style and will include prominent, world-wide cachers.

Admission free to LASFS members.

For more information, contact: Patrick Bradley at Garaelb@hotmail.com

**Vice Chairman:** Continuing the updating of the past members list, the computers are working on this, and Robert Powell can confirm this.

An interesting topic came up. The question: was Forry Ackerman an original member or a charter member of LASFS? Christian McGuire said that Forry was a charter member. Milt Stevens said that all members who joined LASFS before 1937 were given charter membership. There was a statement about whether any other charter members were still alive.

**Secretary:** An attendance list was made for this meeting. The Secretary thanked the Board for helping him, via e-mail, with the minutes.

**Library:** No report.

**Physical Plant Management:** No Report.

**AV equipment:** The amplifier is not working, and it is being repaired. The connector cables weren't connected to the video equipment so the AV Board member is looking for the person who is, or the persons who are, disconnecting the video equipment wires and not reconnecting them again.

**Quartermaster:** Reworked the key light to replace it with an LED light, The Quartermaster is discontinuing Pepsi sales because only one was sold in two months. Quartermaster turned in his report.

**Events:** No report on LaLaCon.

Loscon 35: 600 room nights. Membership-702.

Loscon 36: moving right along.

Westercon: moving along nicely; Pasadena 2010 moving right along. Fund raising and recruitment: Pass out was given to the Donation of Art so this could be approved. Arlene Satin wants the DOA adopted.

**Marketing:** Arlene Satin said that the last library book reading will be on December 8th, with the book being *Nightmare before Christmas*. The reading program will be done every other month next year, but in the summer the program will be done every month. The Marketing group is looking for more things to do, so the Board is requested to come up with ideas.

Tadao Tomomatsu asked, "Is the 75th Anniversary an event?" Arlene said it was an event. Marketing will make a list of places where the 75th Anniversary can take place. The Yearbook is being worked on. We are moving along. Christian McGuire will report on the 75th Anniversary at the next board meeting.

**Club President:** We have selected a Forry Award winner, Joss Whedon.

## Agenda Items

**Bylaws Committee:** Bylaws recommendations were passed out. Look on the notebook for discussion. Elayne passed out three sets of pages:

The Standing Rules of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. This has not changed and the rules were just renumbered. This was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

The Standing Rules of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. The only change is the Pillar of the LASFS. Other changes of the way some paragraphs are written are shown in red, and they will be corrected when the Rules are approved. Moved, seconded and unanimously approved. Michael Pell asked if the Parliamentarian gets his copy of the rules. Elayne said they will be provided. Joe Zeff asked when the membership would vote for the Bylaws. Elayne replied after they are approved by the Board.

The Bylaws of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc - due to the large amount of information, it was agreed by the Board that this will be taken home and looked at for a month before any motions to approve are done.

The copier choice and two copier contracts were brought to the Board by Arlene. There was a pass out from Ameritech that was given to the Board. The bid from Ameritech was brought to the Board for the copier. Arlene wanted to know when the copier will be bought. The Board needs an answer.

The Chairman said that we need a better machine than the Gestetner; we need to buy a faster machine. Marty Cantor - The bid for the color copier is too expensive. Milt Stevens - We don't need a color copier; we can still use black and white copies. We will probably not be replacing the Gestetner until it breaks. Arlene - We can't wait till the Gestetner falls apart. Christian McGuire - We can take our time if the Gestetner breaks. We only put on one con a year. Also we can go to an outside service like Kinko's. We don't do three cons so we don't need to hurry. Cost benefit analysis needs to look up concerning outside venders.

Mike Thorsen - What is the cover price that we charge for printing *DE PROFUNDIS* and *APA-L*? We never charge for copies for those who are doing club's business. Marty replied that the club asks for a donation for those who use the copier for non-club business; the rate chart is inside the printing room. Marty offered the club the use of his color laser printer for color prints for a competitive fee. Darnell - What about time to get the copies done by outside place like Kinko's? Wouldn't there be a delay due to laziness? (*I think I pointed out that copy shops charge much more than in-house printing. - ed.*)

3D Creative Force wants to use the clubhouse. Tadao vouched for them for two Tuesdays a month. Robert Powell will be the club liaison to the group. They are an open group. They are looking for people. They are looking for a place, but they are looking at different facilities. They are a 3D viewing and promotion group. 3D Creative Force is approved to use the Clubhouse for on a temporary basis and will be reevaluated in February. The vote - 9 approval, 1 abstention.

Arlene brought up low attendance on Fridays. The recommendation is to have the club open for two times a month rather than four times a month be-

cause of low attendance in the clubhouse. The club is losing money, and the cost of running the facilities for a group that has a low turnout is not worth the use of the clubhouse. Arlene focused on the Friday night meeting, but Elayne expanded this to other groups: Tripe, Estrogen Zone, and FWEMS. Elaine made the motion: Move that the LASFS be open only 2 Fridays a month, and that FWEMS, TRIPE and Estrogen Zone be limited to 6 sessions per year. Christian McGuire said that this motion will save Mike's life by giving him chances to stay at home more. This was said in a joking manner but it had truth in it. Mike Thorsen did not comment. Darnell said could we try this for 3 months. Motion - 9 ayes, 1 nay, and the motion passed. Tom Safer Cartoon Time is not included in the motion. Mike - We may need to solicit donations for second Sunday food or we could go potluck.

Bob Null wants the Board to consider buying a new DVD and VCR for the club. Arlene asked if an A/B switch will do. Michael Pell said that a combo DVD/VCR machine costs \$220 at Fry's. The request does not need the Board's approval; if the AV department has a budget, then they can get the item. Mike Thorsen - Combo VCR and DVD. Video channel on the video amplifier needs to be changed. Christian will tell the club about the changes at the meeting on Thursday.

Art Donation Form and the By-laws were both well-reviewed by each Board member. Arlene requested a reply from Board members by email within two weeks.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Christian McGuire. It was seconded; the meeting was adjourned at. 1:00 pm.

### NEW BOOKS

(*This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them.*)

The Man Kzin Wars XII  
From the Sea to the Star  
Star Flight  
The Sword of Skelos  
The Dark Knight  
Science Fiction Studies in Studies  
The Tales of Beedle the Bard

Larry Niven  
Andre Norton  
Andre Norton  
Andrew Offutt  
Dennis O'Neil  
Frederik Pohl  
J.K. Rawling

Doctor Who Short Trips: Companions	Jacqueline Rayner	Duninfe	Sharon Lee
Alternate Worldcons and Again, Alternate Worldcons	Mike Resnick	Rules of Engagement	Elizabeth Moon
Honor of the Clan	John Ringo	Mother London	Michael Moorcock
The Far Frontier	William Rotsler	Nebula Awards 27	James Morrow
Realware	Rudy Rucker	Juggler of Worlds	Larry Niven
Saucer Wisdom	Rudy Rucker	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams
The Secret of Life	Rudy Rucker	Cybermage (Wordweavers)	Alma Alexander
The Sex Sphere	Rudy Rucker	Spell Spam (Wordweavers)	Alma Alexander
Transreal!	Rudy Rucker	Secret Life of Laszlo, Count Dracula	Roderick Anscombe
The Fey Victory	Rudy Rucker	The Star Trek Compendium	Allan Ascherman
Forgetting Places	Kristine Kathryn Rusch	Double Trouble/Ultimate Spiderman- Graphics	Brian Michael Bendis
Coming Home/The Amazing Spiderman	S.P. Somtow	Many Worlds of Science Fiction	Ben Bova
Revelation/Spiderman	J.M. Straczynski	Small Favors	Jim Butcher
One Day on Mars (Hardback)	J.M. Straczynski	The Power of Myth	Joseph Campbell
One Day on Mars (Paperback)	Travis Taylor	Sunstorm	Arthur C. Clarke
Star Trek Concordance	Travis Taylor	Russian Amerika	Stoney Compton
Kitty and the Silver Bullet	Bjo Trimble	The Incredible Hulk (Movie Adaptation)	Peter David
The War of the Lance	Carrie Vaughn	Distant Stars	Samuel R. Delany
The Ogre Downstairs	Margaret	Show Case	Roger Elwood
The Time of the Ghost (Children's book)	Diana Wynne Jones	Birds	Sheila Finch
Dead After Dark	Diana Wynne Jones	Readin' the Bones	Eric Flint
The Stand	Sherrilyn Kenyon	Belisarius II Storm At Noontide	Eric Flint
A Desert Called Peace	Stephen King	Slow Train to Arcturus	Eric Flint
Storm Rising	Tom Kratman	Island of Doctor Death and Other Stories	Gene Wolfe
Lucy's Blade	Mercedes Lackey	Terminator Salvation	Timothy Zahn
	John Lamshead		



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