



MAY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1- Open House - Board Gaming	2 Private
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10 - No Board meeting -Open House NOON	11	12	13	14 LASFS MEETING	15- Open House --- Board Gaming	16 - CFO - Tom Safer Cartoons
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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

Estrogen Zone = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am
 2nd Sunday Open House = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation - 1 pm
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 Time Meddlers = Dr. Who club - 11 am
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

CALENDAR DETAILS

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm
 FWEMS - theme not finalized

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

MAY 7 - Leonard Nimoy Video Tribute
 MAY 14 - Kimberly Steadman talk about Mars rovers
 MAY 21 - BIG Auction
 MAY 28 - Schirm slide show

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

NO BOARD MEETING IN MAY - OPEN HOUSE STARTS AT NOON



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FRIDAY NIGHT BOARD GAMING Meetup at LASFS

4:30 pm TO 11:00 pm

Our experienced gamers are willing to teach these games to beginners.

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 507– May 2015. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

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

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

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

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

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

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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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January - June, 2015

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

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

Meeting 4045, February 19, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #4045 to order at 8:00 pm.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. Marcia Minsky bid \$1.50 to name them "I wasn't here last week so I don't know what the heck was going on." They were so accepted.

Treasurer's Report: We do have some money in the treasury: You can't spend any of it.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saint: Patron Saint Maureen Garrett**. Nick Smith says due to a fluke of names, she introduced FilkHarmonic to LucasFilms. Meg Garrett kept getting Maureen's mail, found the group, asked for a copy of the songbook, and took it to her office.

She attended regularly through the 80s, and she did artwork for APA-L; she would draw a circle and put into it a world. She is a very sweet, kind and nice person, and is missed.

From the hagiography: First president of the Star Wars Fan Club, got a job working for Craig Miller in the Official Star Wars Fan Club and later took it over.

One of the artists featured in the Fantasy Showcase Tarot deck: (Nine of Wands). She donated the bathroom wallpaper in LASFS' clubhouse on Burbank Boulevard in North Hollywood.

Patron Saint Maureen Garrett was given Three Cheers and the universe in a circle.

Registrar: We seem to have no guests now but a guest named Brendon Purlow visited on Friday. Member David Pass was visiting this evening and Mariann Chang appeared on Friday night.

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. He remembers when "super bug" meant a VW that had been souped up for Baja. A couple of the endoscopes turned out to be the cause of an outbreak, because of a very resistant bacterium.

We could be hit by a 30-year mega-drought by the end of this century.

In the midwest, Oklahoma, Texas, and thereabouts, they're starting to have tiny earthquakes. They think it may be on account of fracking.

They have been finding mystery plumes on Mars. These are large plumes going into the Martian atmosphere, possibly ice crystals, maybe auroras.

Update from last week: The Big Bang item was an experiment that disproved what was thought to be a smoking gun.

Jerry Pournelle had meant to bring a paper discussing the issue. 70,000 years ago, a star came through the Oort cloud. It is now 20 light years away, and receding. It had at least one companion, a brown dwarf. Bill Green: The stars passed less than six trillion miles away.

Reviews:

Milt Stevens has a novel, *A Darkling Sea*, James Cambias, a strong contender for the Hugo. Compared to Hal Clement. Two alien races, quite different, one on a Europa type planet, living in the dark, navigating by sonar, and having an advanced civilization. Humans are observing, and trying to be discreet, but the aliens are not stupid. The other is a centauroid oxygen breathing race that doesn't really like humans.

Matthew reviewed an opera. Met HD telecast to theaters continue. *Duke Bluebeard's Castle* by Bartok, and *Iolanthe* by Tchaikovsky. It did some things in a non comic opera he's never seen before. The plot gets into what seems a hopeless mess. (she said try the veal!) This year's Gallifrey was unbelievable.

Matthew Tepper reminded one and all to police their ar-

ras and put away chairs after the auction.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Meeting 4046, February 26, 2015 President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #4046 to order at 8:00 pm.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. June Moffatt bid \$2.00 to name them "Arthur" They were so accepted.

Milt Stevens recalled Sid Coleman has passed. He was part of the TV series, *Stephen Hawking's Universe*. There is a write-up in today's File 770.

Treasurer's Report: We do have some money in the treasury: You can't spend any of it.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saint: Patron Saint Marjii Ellers**. Scratch: Marjii Ellers knew costumes, had a marvelous eye, and had a nice figure. She was always willing to help those working on costumes. She also funded the Star Wars wallpaper in the Burbank clubhouse restroom. Larry Niven: She was a pillar of the LASFS. Sue Fox: I think she would have enjoyed the upswing in cosplay. She could make the rank beginner feel like the queen of the ball.

Joe Zeff: She was a fan of regency dancing, and observed there were always more women than men, so she would assume the part of a gentleman at the dances. Hare Hobbs: Once as fan GOH at LOSCON, to thank us, she brought in a 10 lb block of chocolate to the Con Suite each day of the con.

From the hagiography: costumer, active at Costume College, responsible for the wallpaper in the back bathroom and the tile in the front bathroom, as well as the lunar mural in the computer room.

One of her most striking costumes was "The Queen of Air and Darkness" When she was fan guest of honor at one convention, she brought a 10-pound block of chocolate to the con suite every day to thank the convention for selecting her. She generally brightened any room she was in

Patron Saint Marjii Ellers was given Three Cheers and a measuring tape.

Patron Saint Bill Ellern: Heide Nichols: Bill has one of the biggest hearts of any man I've ever met in my life. (*It is so big he carries it around in a cart.* - ed.) He would over-contribute on auctions to raise money for the club. He worked very hard on the Board of Directors, he worked a lot at LOSCONs, and he was behind a lot of great things at the club. To me he will always exemplify the sweet older gentleman. Eylat: He has always been a very kind person. He's going through some rough times, and I hope things get better.

Scratch: He contributes to LASFS auctions, and he's a gentleman unless you're bidding against him. Frank Waller: He is always a gentleman. He is a collector of SF and fantasy stuff. Jerry Pournelle: He was an aerospace design engineer, and I always thought of him as the adult supervision for LASFS. Tepper: When we moved to this location, Bill was one of the crew who observed the closing of the old building along with Mike Thorson, Michelle Pincus, and Matthew Tepper. Bill being senior, he got the job of locking the doors.

Patron Saint Bill Ellern was given Three Cheers and a checkbook.

Registrar: No guests tonight.

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**.

For many people, peanuts are deadly. Peanut allergies are among the most common food allergies, and cases have doubled in the last score of years. Now we have evidence that total avoidance may have been the wrong choice. Kids who have been avoiding peanuts have a greater chance of developing allergies by age 5. Kids introduced to peanuts seem to develop a tolerance, at the rate of 81%.

Unrelated: kids who have participated in dish washing and had fermented foods have more resistance to infection, diseases, and allergy.

About cholesterol. Yes, have eggs for breakfast. Recommended dietary guidelines are changing. Cholesterol is not that much of a concern compared with other things like sodium. Shades of "Sleeper"!

The International Space Station is being worked on. One of the modules is being moved to make room for capsules to be arriving in the near future. They have found a water leak in one of the space suits.

The Russians have decided to go ahead and support the ISS until about 2024. Three modules that have never been launched are being kept, to be used to build an independent space station.

Hare Hobbs commented that we the dyslexic are more likely to die early, from accidents.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound:

Michelle Pincus announced that at the Cal Tech theater, the rainbow auditorium, Alice Through the Wormhole.

Tom Locke is donating two items to the LASFS library: 11/22/63, by Stephen King; and a collection of Equinox, a horror movie reminiscent of the Blair Witch Project

Gene Turnbow: Krypton Radio is the first SF Radio station with apps for 95% of electronic platforms.

CLJII: My high school drama teacher was hired to provide voice-over effects for the first version of Equinox.

Reviews:

Lynn Maners reviewed Sabers of Paradise, by Leslie Blanch, Frank Herbert's inspiration for the Fremens. It turns out a fair number of words Herbert used are from the Caucasian.

We also had the auction for the last slot on the soda machine. Scratch bid \$15 to make it that Arizona green tea.

Matthew Tepper: He and Debra went to see an opera at the LA Music Center. The Ghosts of Versailles, by John Corigliano. It is a sort of kind of third Figaro opera. It has fantasy elements because it starts out in limbo, featuring French nobles who lost their heads in the Revolution. It gets weirder from there.

Eric Hoffman reviewed a magazine: CinemaRetro. This is chock full of information.

Tom Locke read a blog, Universe Today by Frazer King. Explains why there can't be an earth on the other side of the sun. Unlike L4 and L5 points which are stable, the L3 point is unstable and inevitably any planet there will gradually orbit around until it collides with Earth. Saith Matthew Tepper: "Take that, John Norman!" (I guess it depends whose Gor is Axed.)

Debra Levin has been given permission to announce that Anne Morrel broke her hip in a fall. She is in the hospital. She's doing well and may be able to go home by the weekend.

Marcia Minsky reminded one and all to police their areas and put away chairs after the program.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Meeting 4047, March 5, 2045 President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called two-bit meeting #4047 to order at 8:00 pm.

Comments from the President:

We have very little to do, and lots of time to do it. Strike that, reverse it..

We have some announcements.

CLJII eulogized a member of the Star Trek family, Producer Harve Bennett, who produced several of the Star Trek feature films. We also have an announcement.

On March 28, we will have a celebration of the life of the late Leonard Nimoy. We will have clips and rare TV interviews, guest speakers, and an opportunity for people to speak. This will run 2 PM until it ends. 6:30, we screen Wrath of Khan.

Nimoy was an actor, photographer, poet, stage actor, singer, and also was the father of LASFS member Adam Nimoy. We held a long moment of silence in his honor.

Condolences to be sent, a real condolence card.

Marty Cantor announced that on the 26th, Harlan Ellison will be here, but this is not to be a book signing event. He will be speaking member to member. He will autograph a book if it's new, otherwise it's \$50/signature.

SFWA has an award called the Grand Master Award. The newest honoree is our own Larry Niven. And there was much rejoicing.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. Michelle Pincus bid \$5.00 to name them "These minutes brought to you by 2016, Starship LOSCON." They were so accepted.

Treasurer's Report: We do have some money in the treasury: You can't spend any of it.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saint:**

Patron Saint Dave Fox: Mark Poliner: Thirty years ago I came to LASFS and first two people I met were Dave and Hare, and I came back anyway. Hare: One thing he was notorious for was being the club's unofficial Dirty Old Man. When he died, the local strip club down the street went out of business. Marty Cantor: when he was talking to somebody and found that person boring he would turn down his hearing aid. CLJ: After he died, several people were helping to clean out his place. Didn't he leave a will? He was a big fan of Sherlock Holmes and Edgar Allan Poe. Bill Warren said if he left a will, (pointing) it would probably be stuck to **that** bulletin board. And so it was. Thorson: Dave Fox was instrumental in the repairs around the club because the power tools he gave us still function.

From the Hagiography: Dave Fox was voted LASFS's Official Dirty Old Man, he was a contributor to APA-L, and he attended club meetings from the third meeting on, except for his time in the Marine Corps.

Dave Fox invented a little Mediterranean country, Khorlia, located between France and Italy. The history and lore of Khorlia may be found in the APA-L archives. Lee & Barry Gold also published an anthology of Fox's Khorlian writings. Dave was the father of Ellen Elizabeth, known as Vixen, a Bay Area fan.

Patron Saint Dave Fox was given Three Cheers and a Khorlian fan dancer.

Registrar Ed Hooper: We have two guests. Maren Haugen, a Darkover fan. Johnny Nicely, an Uber driver. If he drives nicely enough, does that make him an Ubermensch?

Committee Reports:

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**.

Scientists are working to see how Curiosity is faring.

Dawn spacecraft is approaching Ceres, and seeing spots on the asteroid. (*Somebody should clean its glasses.* -ed.)

National Parks have lint camp, to clean up stuff left behind by tourists, including lint, dead skin, hair, etc. The crews of volunteers go through with tweezers and other cleaning implements.

A gray whale was spotted off Dana Point harbor, embracing a female gray whale, for 28 hours on and off.

Green sea turtles are very rare. They found a colony of 30 in the San Gabriel River. At the mouth of the river, there are two steam plants, and the turtles like it warm.

Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen has announced he located the sister ship of the Yamato. He has a yacht that puts the old Calypso to shame. He was searching for 8 years, most of it spent waiting for Windows to boot up.

Jerry Pournelle had a couple of items about AI.

IBM is working on a program where you can tell Watson what you have in your kitchen and it will suggest what you ought to cook. If you need spices or other ingredients it will suggest. One ingredient it suggested was orange peels. How does it know what orange peels taste like? It infers from its knowledge of ingredients. The fact it can infer what you will like when it can't experience it is significant.

A quadriplegic lady, about 70 years of age, can fly an F 35. She thinks where she wants the plane to go, and it flies there. Granted, it's a simulation, but if you can fly that, you can fly the real thing.

These stories and more www.jerrypournelle.com/chaosmanor

Old Business!

LOSCON Bids!!!

The bidders are: Heide Nichols and Robbie Bourget, with Where No LOSCON has Gone before.

And the winner: Michelle Pincus and Christian McGuire, with Starship LOSCON.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound:

Space-X is having a job fair, with 100 jobs, in Long Beach.

Milt Stevens: Hugo nomination deadline is Wednesday.

Eric Hoffman: on the 22th, they're having the Paperback Book Fair in Glendale.

Committee reports:

The lantern O'Jack was passed to pay for snacks and

treats for the Nimoy Memorial, hopefully an infinite diversity of snacks will be provided.

Programs (CLJII): Upcoming will be a Marc Schirmeister video slide show.

Miscellaneous:

Jerry Pournelle has an e-mail from a usually reliable source. A company has bought "The Moon is a Harsh Mistress" and is making a movie. They're renaming the movie. Nick Smith notes both Moon and Stars My Destination have entered options. The title may have been a working title.

Heide: Dragon Riders of Pern has been optioned, and a screen writer has been picked.

Jerry Pournelle: SFWA has decided to accept independently published and self published works for membership, and the rules are complicated. You have to have made as much money as you would have gotten from an advance from a publisher. This puts them only a year behind the Author's guild.

The chairleader announcement was made.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Meeting 4048, March 12, 2015 President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe in absentia

President Matthew Tepper rushed meeting #4048 to order at 8:00 pm.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. Marcia Minsky bid \$4 to name them "LOSCON 42 congratulates Michelle Pincus and Christian McGuire on winning the bid for LOSCON 43." They were so accepted.

Harlan Ellison is going to be here to have conversations with members, not to be a BNP and autograph books. The date is on March 26, two weeks from today.

We do have a **Special Order of Business:** CLJII rose to report on the passing of Sir Terry Pratchett.

Marty Cantor spoke. For eight years, he's been suffering from Alzheimer's. He had been fighting for the right to assisted suicide. According to the BBC, he died of natural causes, surrounded by family and his cat. Jerry: You can blame him on Niven and me. Before Lucifer's Hammer, he had retreated to the Midlands, weaving his own clothes from wool, and when he read the book, he asked "Why am I living like this?" So he and his wife emerged and started writing. He used to visit the Pournelle House, and Jerry would try to get him addicted to Wing Commander to try to slow him down. It didn't work.

Joe Zeff: Don't know how many of you have read any Discworld books, but in that series, he made up some of

the most memorable characters and races one can imagine, such as Cohen the Barbarian, still barbaring at 87. And there are the Mac Mac Feagle, Pictish fairy folk who love the Discworld so much they're convinced they've died and gone to heaven.

Marcia: Westercon just before LOSCON 36 was titled The Turtle Knows. Marcia got to meet Sir Terry and had a lovely conversation. One of her fondest memories of the Westercon. John DeChancie was on a couple of panels with Terry. He was moderating the panel on humor. Connie Willis and Terry Pratchett were on it. Turned to Terry and asked him a complex question. He looked at me, looked at the ceiling, and said "I'm not going to answer that question."

Larry Niven: We talked collaboration once. Neil Gaiman and Pratchett were in town publicizing Good Omens, and Terry's flight home had been postponed 8 hours. We started talking collaboration over the eight hours. It would have been a disaster. Terry wrote much faster than I did. (He writes much faster than any three people you know! -- Jerry Pournelle) Jerry: I discussed collaboration with him once and I'm not mad enough. Most interesting character he created was the Luggage.

We had a long moment of silence for Sir Terry Pratchett.

Treasurer's Report: We do have some money in the treasury: You can't spend any of it.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saint, Patron Saint Gavin Claypool:** Marcia: He's a hell of a card player Scratch: Gavin comes up with DVDs for sale. Frank Waller: He's one of the members who don't yell at me. He's talked to me on several occasions about Stuff.

CLJII: Gavin is part of the Pasadena contingent, coming from Cal Tech. We would get together at Bobs Big Boy to celebrate St Putregas Night. One year, Gavin was running late, and the only seat left was the one with a card on it saying "this section closed" He placed the card on his head and left it there for the entire evening.

David Okamura: One day when his car wouldn't start, he offered David a ride back to Orange County. He also offered a ride back. Ed Hooper: He supplies me with Doctor Who DVDs. Frank Waller: He has replaced Bob Null in some ways. (Gavin is one of those extremely helpful people.) Galloway, Scratch" He's shadowing Bob Null

Mike Thorsen: Gavin is on the BOD as our Comptroller, and seems to be doing a good job. All of our comps seem to be trolled. HE is one of the librarians and works tirelessly to make sure books are entered and cataloged. Before we moved into the clubhouse, there was an incident in front of the old location one Friday night. About half-way through the evening, MaryAnn Canfield got up and decided to leave. Gavin escorted her to her car, and after he'd left her, he noticed a homeless person accosting her. He called the police, and they dealt with the situation.

I (Tepper) will close this off by noting Gavin was a good friend to Allan Rothstein, and helped look after him in

his last years. He visited and sat with Matthew and Allan on September 11.

From the Hagiography: his publishing house is called X-Techer Press and he produced the Fandom Directory for some time. Gavin published a book of Jerry Pournelle's columns entitled *That Buck Rogers Stuff* and he helped with the Nebula Banquet one year. Gavin replaces phone books in the front building.

Patron Saint Gavin Claypool was given Three Cheers and 1,040 happy returns.

Registrar Ed Hooper announced no guests this evening.

Committee Reports:

Programming: Upcoming will be a Marc Schirmeister video slide show.

Marcia Minsky: LOSCON 42 is over the moon and thrilled to announce at Gallifrey One, they had a fan table. Normally, they sell 3-4 memberships over the weekend. We sold 25 memberships. On the heels of that, we are also pleased to announce the hotel block is open and ready to accept reservations. Rooms are \$113/night, parking is \$13. Michelle added, if the Marriot lot is full, the building next door has \$13 parking.

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. A capsule has come down in Kasakhstan, all three passengers are safe. // Dawn space craft is now orbiting Ceres. This is its final destination. // Curiosity has the use of its arm again. Funny, so does Harlan Ellison.

Mars used to have an ocean that held as much water as the arctic ocean. (*I guess the Polar Bears drank it all.* - ed.)

Back on Earth, the Santa Catalina Island Fox is rebounding from extinction. Population is now 1700, the possible population limit. // More about whales, killer whales this time. (*Sorry, David, but killer whales are not whales. Killer Whales are the largest members of the Dolphin family.* - ed.) Females live to 90, males start dying after 50 or so. Researchers think the old ladies pass on knowledge to the young.

Enjoy that cup of coffee. According to a new study, three cups of coffee may be good for your heart. People drinking between 3-5 cups have less arterial calcium than those who are tea totalers.

Western US forecasters say yes, we had an El Nino, too little, too late. Drought continues.

Urban flight continues: 3000 Londoners are moving to the east side. To a deluxe flat in the sky. but these fliers have been dead for centuries. They were buried in the path of a transit line, and are being moved.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: Bill Green: There will be a convention in San Diego, Condor. A week from tomorrow, there will be a total solar eclipse

across Siberia.

Reviews: Milt Stevens has read *The Diamond Age*, Neal Stephenson, a winner 19 years ago. China is the dominant economic power, nanomechanisms are doing all kinds of things, a matter compiler (= 3-D printer), and a dominant economic power is the Neo Victorians, who have revived the fashions and mannerisms of the era. Stephenson overwrites like crazy, though.

Jerry Pournelle added to Scorpion reviews: If you wanted to like it you could.

Then: If you very much wanted to like it, you could.

Now, it's exceeded his ability to want to like it.

Joe Zeff enjoys it a lot.

Jerry: It would help if they were internally consistent.

Miscellaneous: Doug Crepeau: There are oceans on Enceladus and Ganymede. There's a nice tech failure everyone can take advantage of: you can go to a 99¢ store and look for a six bladed razor on a blue card. It lacks the technology to make itself dull after mere days.

CLJII had a misc. Got a friendly letter from Glendale Water and Power, praising all for water conservation measures. Because of these measures, they aren't making enough money to survive, and so rates are being increased. Joe Zeff commented: Further proof no good deed goes unpunished.

Check Doug Crepeau's facebook page for weird stuff. (*Why go to all the trouble of going to Facebook - just check Doug Crepeau himself.* - ed.)

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:59 PM

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

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

Members and Guests: Matthew B. Tepper, Debra Levin, Jeni Burr, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Joe Zeff, Frank Waller.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:17 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, March 8th, meeting of the Board of Directors.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of February 8th, 2015 were accepted as corrected.

LAF
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, May 16, 2015
Filk: 7 PM to ???
Terry Brussel, host
8515 Penfield Ave.
Winnetka, CA 91306
818/886-0069

(hit # as soon as you hear a voice, to skip the answering machine messages)

Pre-filk dinner: 6 PM Potluck and BBQ

Directions: Thomas Guide LA Co, page 530 E1

Filk style: moderated chaos

Notes:

1. Crash space available at the filk site--call in advance for arrangements.
2. There is a Feline Warning. The hosts will try to keep him them out of the filk room.
3. Bring healthy munchies, juices etc.
4. No smoking -- period!! (Except allowed outside.)
5. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
6. There is a hot tub.
7. The filk site is air conditioned.

LAF info: Barry & Lee Gold:

New Members: There were 5 applications for membership: Joseph Campbell, Robert McBrayer, Abraham Avila, Jr., Lisa Franek, and Chela-Rene Spaargaven. They have paid their \$10 application fee. They were accepted, unanimously.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): The Treasurer was absent so no report was given.

30-second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): Not here so no report.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): The splash page for the web site is about ready to go but is awaiting Barry's recovery from health issues so that he can finish the upgrading of his computer from XP to Windows 7.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): No report.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): This month: 304 units bringing in \$304.00. Total units to date: 32,322, and total monies to date: \$27,104.00. Proceeds were spent on paper towels and florescent tubes.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): We have a library. Gavin talked about the magazine project.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Thorsen mentioned that the kitchen light died - a new ballast was needed. This was replaced with a fixture of the same type which has been installed in the library.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No work, no updates.

Events (Nick Smith): Marcia: For the upcoming LO-SCON (42), this year we sold 25 memberships at Gallifrey instead of the usual 3 or 4 memberships sold at this con. Michelle and Christian were congratulated in their win for LOSCON 43.

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): (As usual, unfortunately, Michelle's voice records in a muddy way and it is almost impossible to figure out what she is saying even though I aim the recorder in her direction.)

(Significant Others)

Club President (Matthew B. Tepper): Harlan Ellison requested to speak to the club and we accommodated him on March 26. Leonard Nimoy was honored on Saturday, March 28. He was honored for both his Star Trek and other acting and non-acting work.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): Ill, not present.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Gavin inquired about the Splash page. (The Publications overseer mentioned that he did not remember its URL.) Gavin remembered that it was a bit too simple. Marty pointed out that there were some links to a few sections in the web site but that adding more things to the page would eventually lead to it be too crowded like what is now there.

The next meeting of the Board will be on April 12, 2015.

OPEN FORUM:

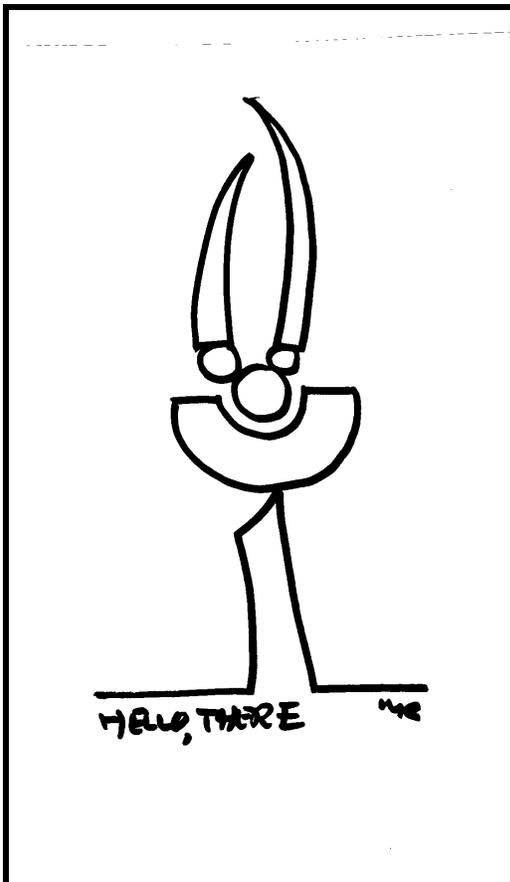
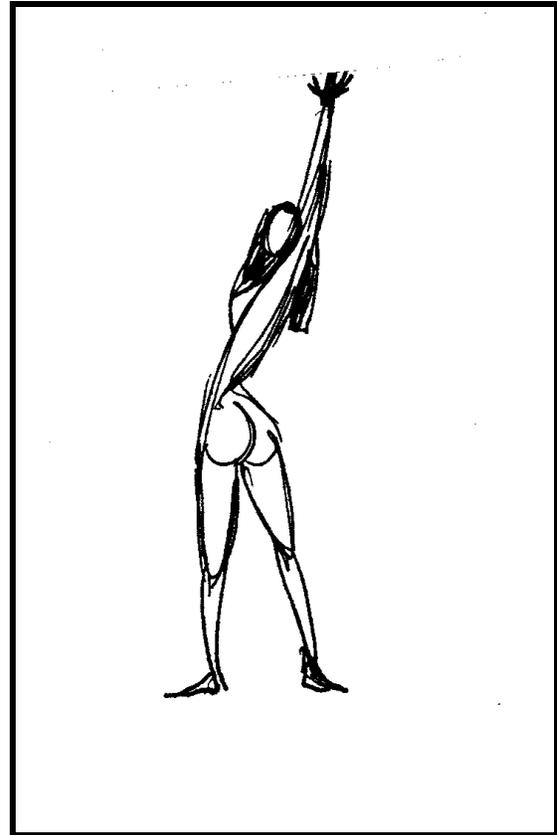
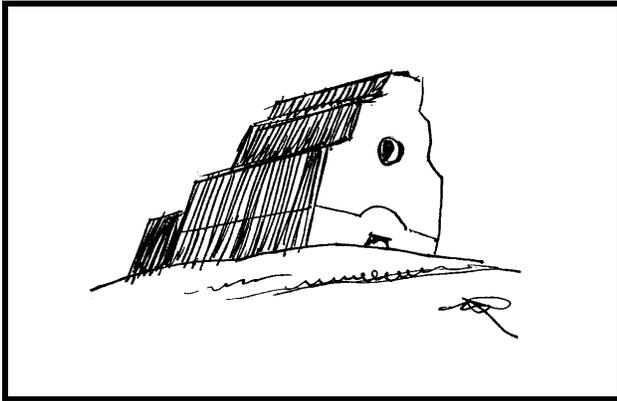
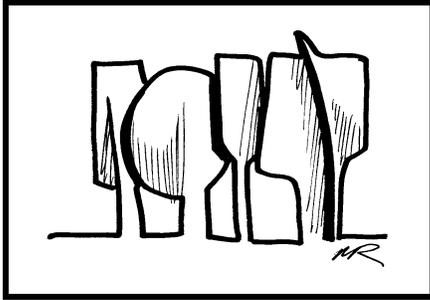
Jeni Burr wanted a box price for books but it was mentioned that these sale books are already at FAR below market rate for used books and we should not lower the prices any more. There was a motion to sell her a box of books at a discount but it died for a lack of a specified discount price and a second.

There was a discussion about street parking and a handicapped space.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 11:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

A FEW ROTSLER ILLOS



Friday night board gaming

Friday Night Board Gaming is a Meetup which meets at LASFS most every Friday evening, usually starting around 4:30 and ending around 11:00.

All LASFS members are invited to play these modern, mostly European, board games. There is no charge for gaming but members are responsible for any LASFS' dues which must be paid.

Members of the Meetup game at LASFS the same way other guests visit the club: 3 free meetings and then joining the club if they continue to like coming here. After they join the club they pay dues like any other member.

(Our experienced gamers are willing to teach these games to beginners.)

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