



MARCH 2016

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		1	2	3 LASFS MEETING	4 - Open House -- Board Gaming	5 - George McUrso Birth- day ... Private
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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

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

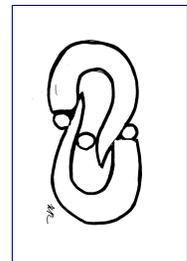
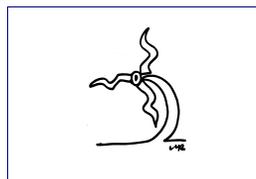
CALENDAR DETAILS

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm
 FW-EMS - Detective thrillers

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

MARCH 3 - No programme scheduled.
MARCH 10 - No programme scheduled
MARCH 17 - BIG AUCTION.
MARCH 24 - Jerry Pournelle speaks: My favourite book.
MARCH 31 - Presentations and voting for LOSCON 44 (2017).

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



DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 517– March 2016. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

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

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

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

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-modified Intel quad-core, DELL Workstation (using the Windows 7 Professional 64 bit operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

Addendum: At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. *De Prof* is available on paper solely at cost: currently 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.25. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at approximate cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
January - June, 2016

President: Gavin Claypool. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Registrar:** Jeromy Miller. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke & Nick Smith. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2018). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2017).. **Comptroller:** Debra Levin (2018). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2018). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2018), Gavin Claypool (2016), Elayne Pelz (2017), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2017), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), Nick Smith (2017). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

Official Committees

De Profundis Editor, Speaker to toners, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whisky. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Gavin Claypool, Ed Hooper. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://www.lasfs.org>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel. **Editor, Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus; **Parking/MTA Liaison,** Milt Stevens.

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.

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 4087, December 10, 2015
Vice-President Debra Levin, presiding
Kristen Gorlitz, Scribe

Special Orders of Business: The scribe had to double-check this time to make sure that it wasn't him, but in fact, we've lost British actor Nicholas Smith at the age of 81.

In addition, Akiyuki Nosaka died yesterday at the age of 85. A writer, singer, songwriter and member of the Japanese House of Councilors, he is best known to American fans as having written the story "Grave of the Fireflies," which Studio Ghibli turned into what is considered the saddest anime of all time.

Harry Bowman was one of the 14 victims in San Bernardino, apparently also a fan.

Minutes of the last meeting: accepted and named. **Named:** \$1.75 from Scratch to name them "It's Marcia's Fault."

Patron Saint Fred Patten: Ed Hooper—Fred was a co-founder of CFO, the first American anime club.

George McUrso — many fond memories related to Fred, including conversations. Most memorable was introducing George to “Bring me the Head of Charlie Brown.” Marty Cantor — Fred was a co-founder of the Down Under Fan Fund. Marty and Robbie won that Fan Fund trip in 1985, and had a great time. Fred was also a prolific APA contributor. He contributed to over 2000 consecutive issues of APA-L. His stroke only slowed him down, although he finally quit.

Milt Stevens — Oddest fact known about him was Fred knew how to tap dance. He was also a science fiction reviewer for Library Journal. He was a member of “The Cult,” a traditionally obnoxious group of fan writers. CLJII — when Charlie joined LASFS, Fred was the source of non-American comics, even before he sold them manga. He also sold corresponding toys. Kay — She manages Fred’s website these days. Fred gave her photos to post, and one of them was of Fred in costume—as the Jay Garrick Flash. Kay is slowly typing up some of his old zines and posting them.

Barbara Harmon — remembers seeing him standing up, leaning against a bookcase, sound asleep. Scott — picked Fred as his Fan GoH for LOSCON. His stroke happened between selection and the con, so the con made arrangements for his transportation so he could still participate. Marty Cantor — Fred is infamous for reading at a party, but still paying attention to everything around him and being able supply an account of everything which happened at the party even though he spent most of it reading.. Joe Zeff — Fred’s APA-L zines had complex funny titles, like one that translated into English as Radioactive Radishes. Ed Hooper — Fred brought a guest to a con in Anaheim, the creator of Mobile Suit Gundam, which is how Anaheim Electronics got written into the Gundam universe. Jerry Pournelle — Fred was publisher of a review magazine which gave Mote a bad review. The editor told him he couldn’t be fired. That seemed unusual. (*The zine was DeLap’s Review and I also wrote reviews for it.* - ed.)

Patron Saint Fred Patten was given Three Cheers and a giant robot.

Guests: none

Treasurer’s Report: See the treasurer for details.

Upcoming Programs:

December 11: Gift Exchange. Rules for the Gift Exchange are available, in print. Bring a gift and snacks to share. Doors open at approximately 7, exchange starts at 8 pm.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. Things are looking up in space, even though there is no up or down there. The Japanese satellite is now in an elliptical orbit around Venus, and should start relaying data.

In terms of companies launching stuff into space: Virgin Galactic had Space Ship 2, which crashed, but have announced a plan to launch satellites off of a 747, a Virgin Atlantic plane. If that sounds familiar, this idea has been

used before with a B-52, by Orbital. Orbital still has a contract, but their hardware is suspect, being old Russian rocket engines, so they’ve subcontracted. United Launch Alliance is helping Orbital send a payload to the International Space Station. ULA was the primary launcher for the U.S. government for satellites for a while.

Space X will be testing a new Falcon 9, and if it works, they will be going back into space within days. They are still working on landing, and will next try for a land-based location, rather than the barge concept. Meanwhile, the ULA may need to use Blue Horizon to launch, because ULA had been using Russian engines.

Old Business: Procedural elections.

Nominations for president:

Gavin Claypool

Nick Smith

Gavin Claypool was elected President.

Vice President:

David nominated Debra Levin, but only if she gets the club name right.

Scott nominated Gizmo, who declined

While NOT using the green radioactive radish-colored ballot, Debra Levin was elected Vice-President by acclamation.

Registrar:

Elayne nominated Jeromy Miller.

Debra nominated Ed Hooper.

Jeromy Miller was elected as registrar.

Scribe

Jeromy Miller nominated Karl Lembke.

Michelle nominated Nick Smith and Karl Lembke as a tag team, who collectively accepted.

Karl then withdrew Jeromy’s nomination of Karl.

George nominated The Emperor, who declined imperially.

Ed Hooper nominated Joe Zeff, who accepted.

June nominated Jack Harness, who posthumously declined.

Joe nominated Matthew Tepper, whose wife had been given instructions to decline.

Voting used a ballot “Visible from space.”

The tag-team of Nick Smith and Karl Lembke won.

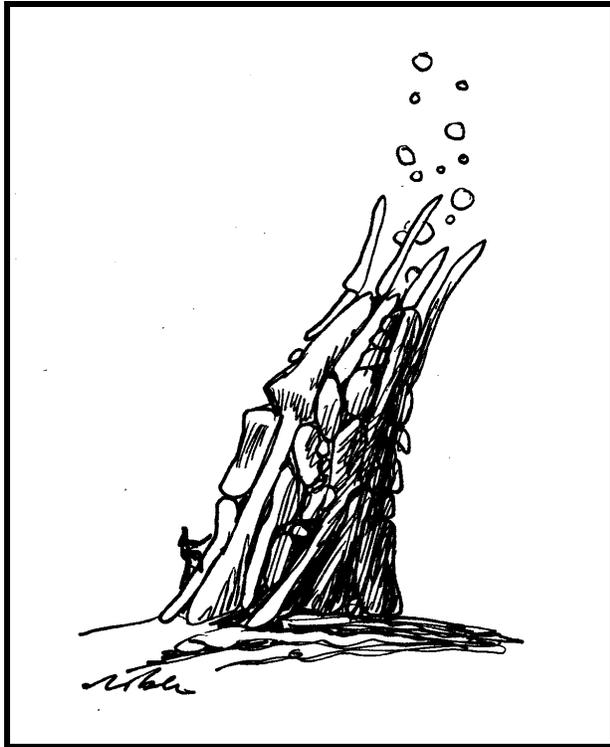
Miscellaneous: Francis Hamit has a new book out on security, a professional one. Also Leigh Strother-Vien’s illness is still undiagnosed.

Since Gavin will be busy for a while on Thursdays, buy your DVDs now.

Frank Waller is going in for prostate surgery. (*Removing or adding one?* - ed.)

CLJII says we don’t want to see his scar.

Marcia says that Jim Hines is still saying nice things about LOSCON on social media.



Milt Stevens: Retro Hugos for the year 1940 at the Kansas City Worldcon. Year of eligibility and length. If This Goes On by Heinlein was too short to qualify, but the Gray Lensman is eligible in the best novel category.

Francis announced that Gavin has been editing books for him for publication, and did a superb job.

Adjournment at: 9:31 pm.

Meeting 4088, December 17, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

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

Special Orders of Business:

It was a bad week for British SF authors. We note the passing of two of them. First, British SF author Peter Malcolm de Brissac Dickinson, OBE. Under the shorter version of his name, **Peter Dickinson**, he wrote almost fifty books in the fields of SF, fantasy and mystery, many for children and teens. The BBC adapted several of them for television. Rankin/Bass did a made-for-tv film called **A Flight of Dragons** which was a weird mashup of one of his stories and a completely different one by Gordon Dickson. After the death of his first wife, he married another award-winning author, Robin McKinley, and they did a series of fantasy anthologies together. He was a reviewer, poet and editor for **Punch** magazine for seventeen years, and didn't sell his first novel until he was 40. He quickly sold three more, quit his job at **Punch**, and continued writing for the next 45 years, publishing his final two books in 2012.

Also, British author **David Rain**, who wrote eight science fiction and fantasy novels under the pen name **Tom Arden**, including one Dr. Who novel. He was just in the process of re-issuing most of the books under his real name, under which his mainstream fiction had been published.

Fan writer and editor Felice Rolf Maxam died recently. She was a LASFS member. Last here around 2011, at the old clubhouse. Died at age 81.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected. Naming rights were sold to Scratch for \$3.25, and they became "...and throw the rascals in!"

Patron Saints Steve McGinty: [from the hagiography] Avid reader and general fan, he had a propensity for computer-related gags. Was an Official Assistant Librarian. Matthew: Steve would set up an ad-hoc computer network at the old clubhouse. He has been to this clubhouse only rarely.

Patron Saint Steve McGinty was given Three Cheers and an overpriced iDevice.

Patron Saint Heide Nichols: Nick Smith — Longtime filker and gamer who has done a lot for LOSCON gaming by keeping a good relationship with game publishers. Matthew — Distance and health issues have interfered with some of her fannish activities in recent years.

Guests: none

Treasurer's Report: See the Treasurer for details.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. As science and technology forge ahead, laws have to run behind, catching up. [Scribal note: do laws run with their tongues hanging out?] The state of California still insists on having a steering wheel and licensed driver in an otherwise driverless car.

The FAA has announced a drone registration program. Half-pound to 55-pound drones will have to be registered.

Everyone is talking about how El Nino will be a real gullywasher, but this will not totally alleviate the drought. Carlsbad will finally open a de-salinization plant, and Santa Barbara will bring their plant out of mothballs. (*Gee - mothball-flavoured water. tasty.* - Ed.) Nick Smith mentioned that the Los Angeles Metropolitan Water District plans to cut off water shipments to other water districts for 9 days in the spring, so this may be a needed safeguard.

Reviews: Milt read **Ancillary Mercy**, by Ann Leckie, third volume in a series. The first volume won a Hugo a few years ago. Milt felt that the second and third books felt like one book split in two, and didn't add much to the first book. Lots of tea-drinking, unlikely military structure, gender-neutral terms don't help.

Miscellaneous: Ed Hooper announced that there was a wedding between two Star Wars fans at the Chinese Theater, officiated by Shawn Crosby.

We adjourned to the auction at: 8:48 pm.

Meeting 4089, December 24, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Kristen Gorlitz, Scribe

Matthew Tepper called the meeting to order at precisely 8:00 pm.

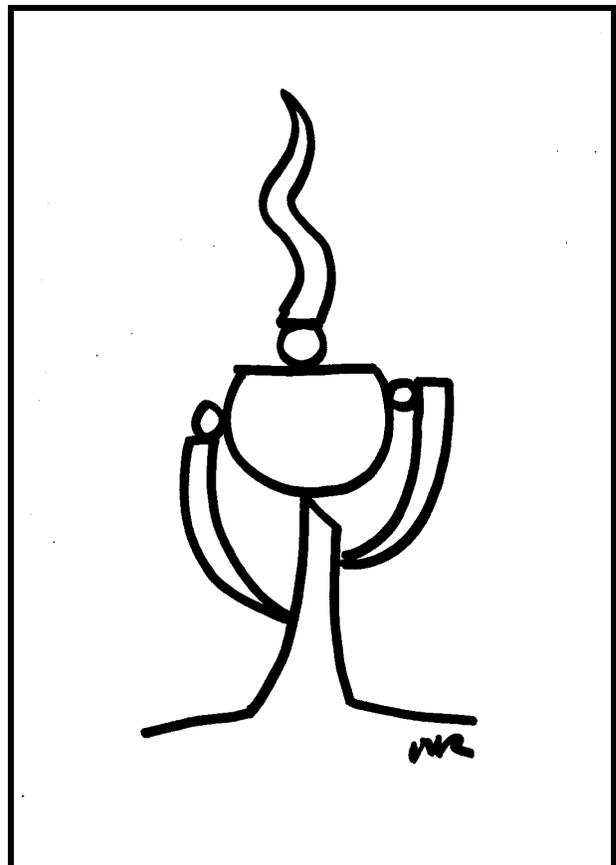
Special Orders of Business: Tonight we are celebrating the life of George Clayton Johnson. Marty Cantor: Was once on the same panel as George. George didn't show up for the 1st half, and they were on topic until he showed up. George talked about things that interested George, and it was a wonderful panel to be on. Matthew Tepper: He was indeed a stoner- the most brilliant and cogent stoner Matthew has ever known. Some have flashes of brilliance, but George was a steady beam of brilliance. Few got in conversation with George, he got involved with what you were, and the love he generated pulled you in. Never came away unhappy or dissatisfied from a conversation with George. Tom Locke: MSN reported him dead, one time at a con, crazy George (as he was known to friends), encountered a couple of runners who came into the room where George was sitting, shouted "save us, save us, the sandman is after us", and sure enough, the sandman tried to come through the door. George props his feet on the door. "Why did you block our way. Why did you stop us?" the sandman cried. I'm George Clayton Johnson, and they stopped in their tracks - here was the creator of the universe in which they were playing.

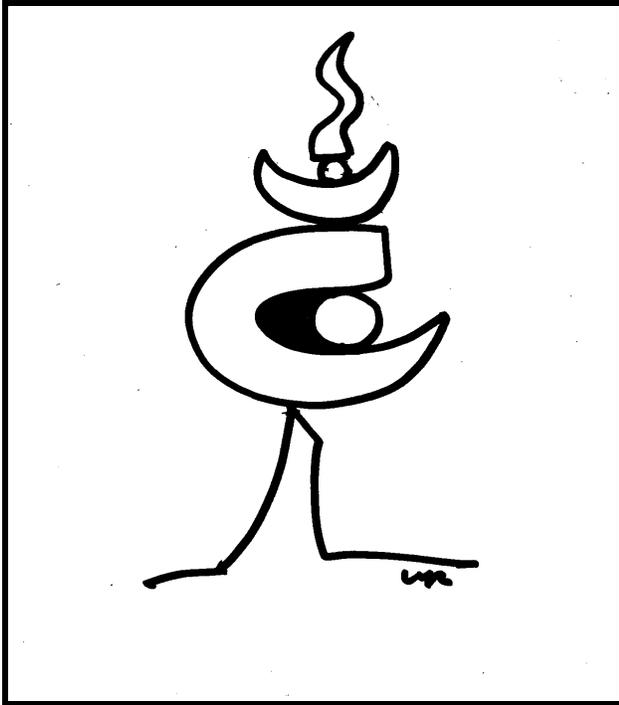
Joe Zeff: At a LOSCON at the Burbank Hilton in the smoking lounge, he spent a pleasant time talking with George and he was a delight to talk to. He not only wrote but basically created the story for the original Ocean's Eleven. The Rat Pack wanted to make a heist movie set in Las Vegas and they handed that to George and the entire story came out of his imagination. Tom Locke: Long before he knew George, he saw Ocean's Eleven. Matthew: Years ago I lived outside of LA and flew in to visit at Thanksgiving and go to LOSCON, KTLA ran a Twilight Zone marathon and they always played "Nothing in the Dark", a very touching, moving story that is about dying and moving on. It was such a moving story that he would then head off to LOSCON and he would run into George and pump his hand, thanking him for that episode. Thanked him over a dozen times for that. A few years ago, when Debra and he became a couple, Matthew wanted to know where he stood with her parents Her mother liked him right away, but he bonded with her father over the Twilight Zone. Thanked George because he and the other writers helped him bond with his future father in law, which is very important to Matthew. George never got tired of hearing how people loved his work.

Michelle Pincus: She met George at the paperback show, a bookseller introduced her to George and they talked for about ½ hour. Next year she came back and George said "hi" to her. Great conversations and he was a dear friend. Hare Hobbes: First saw George at the paperback show, went out and caught a familiar smell – pot – figured out who it was, George was holding court outside. Found out who George was later that day

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read and corrected. Marsha Minsky bid \$1 to name the minutes "and you can't spend it"

Patron Saint Elayne Pelz: Scratch: Elayne has had a "small" impact on the club She doesn't have the historical forceful personality that Robbie had when manning the front desk, but she has a more **incomptive** nature Knows what is going on and will make sure the right person does it. Marty: Elayne is one of the better treasurer's the club has had. For Corflu 2017 she is hotel Liaison and treasurer - she is very competent. Marsha: first came into club when Robbie was treasurer. Elayne was treasurer for the convention and Marcia had to work with Elayne and she was so afraid of Elayne. For LOSCON 42, tables turned, was more confident, would tell Elayne what they are spending and you could see the wheel spinning. Lots of respect for her. Considers her a very valued friend. Tom: Bruce Pelz was very good at keeping the cash coming in. Wondered who would take his place when he died. Elayne has done an excellent job continuing that. Matthew: friendship goes far back, 45 years ago same German class, she had just joined LASFS, privi-





leged and honored, quietest hard working people that you know. Can get people to work for her with just a few words. She has never frightened him, but always been impressed by the way she gets cooperation. Milt: moving into our first clubhouse – did not have enough paint to finish, poured all remaining paint together and the result was Yankovsky? purple.

Patron Saint Elayne Pelz was given Three Cheers and “a cup of tea.”

Patron Saint Robbie Bourget: Scratch: Robbie has a forceful personality but when it comes to money she could gently get \$ from people. She was well-mannered unless you deserved otherwise. She had the ability to (beat up a mugger). (*Robbie was a hockey player in school.* - ed.) She periodically has migraines, Scratch sat by her, speaking French to him (her native language) was carrying on a conversation he did not understand. Hopes he was a small help to her. Good friend. Well worth knowing. Karl: Robbie has run Gallifrey 1 for over ¼ century. Manages to hide rather well as she is terrified of speaking in front of crowds, but has to do so every year for Gallifrey. Has a way of dealing with would-be felons. Karl got an e-mail ostensibly from Eylat but obviously a scam, give him address and will pass it on to Robbie. If there were a club member in distress in London area, Robbie would have shown up. Marsha: LOSCON 42, had the good fortune of having Robbie as co-chair. Robbie helped make it one of the most enjoyable LOSCONs. Took LOSCON 42 up to Washington, ops and worked with Robbie and John and learned a lot more about ops. Well organized group of people.

Joe Zeff: Robbie and conventions – when she is around during truck loading, she is an outstanding load mistress.

Good at getting things loaded where they belong. Matthew: tidbit – she collects things and obsessively views things. Pink Floyd pulse, collect every variant edition of that from all countries and it would be blinking. Also, along with interest in Dr. Who, when she saw Adam’s Family feature film, saw it again and again and again. Friends could say when they wanted to go, and she would join them. Had gone to theater directly from work then she went with Matthew – wearing blouse and skirt. First time he saw her in “girl clothes.” Scratch : also loved the movie Sense and Sensibilities, Scratch saw it 4 times with her.

Marcia: Robbie wears kilts and skirt at Gally. Marty: I met Robbie at the 1982 Worldcon in Chicago and it was mutual love at first sight. In school, Robbie was a hockey player, a goalie. Talking about crooks, at the San Francisco 1993 Worldcon, she was attacked by a mugger. Robbie dragged him to her hotel so she could call the cops, but the hotel people threw him out. She wasn’t hurt, he was. Robbie, though really is a gentle person. They never had problems. Robbie was one of the better treasurer’s we’ve ever had. We got divorced about 10 years after their marriage but they still like each other. He collects monopoly sets even though he no longer plays the game, and Robbie often brings him different versions (including a chocolate version). Get along very fine. Miss her being around. Born in Canada, grandma told her nice little girls don’t speak French, so she learned English. Wonderful person, glad he married her, too bad it didn’t work out. Wonderful influence here in LA and in fandom. Now lives in England.

Patron Saint Robbie Bourget was given Three Cheers “and I have nothing more to say, she’s a wonderful person”

Patron Saint Marty Cantor: Scratch: He calls himself a curmudgeon but he’s a nice guy. Michelle: he’s a nice guy no matter what he says. (*I am supposed to edit this?* ed.) Kay: I managed to give Marty a holiday present - a Santa hat with “Bah Humbug” written across the top. Back when we had a contest for Fughead of the year award, he would actively campaign for the award. Campaigned for winner.

Matthew B. Tepper: Has known Marty for a few decades, not nearly as long as he would like. He is a fanzine fan, not media on your life fan, and a reader. Pleased to have Marty as a friend. Clockwork people, who likes to do things on time. During his single term as president, got the meetings to start at 8:00 pm. (*This was the time the club used to meet until George Jumper changed it to 8:10 to accommodate those who always arrived late. There being no current rational reason to keep starting late so I changed the start time back to 8:00 pm on the first meeting I ran.* - ed.) So many stories. Snow story – Marty has utter disgust with snow so a bunch of fans made a trip to the mountains, loaded a pickup truck full of snow and dumped it on Marty’s doorstep.

Mike Thorsen: I have the fortune of being a Board member with Marty, having him there to make sense of Mike. When proposing things to benefit the club, but can’t

seem to find right words, Marty is there to help make sense of things. Frank: Remembers back in the day when both Marty and Frank had hair (Marty still does!) Michelle: People don't understand how hard Marty works for the club, in charge of publications, always been there for publications and helping Michelle. Marty is doing something for LOSCON 43 (Marty says no he's not). Matthew : Debra is very grateful to Marty because he likes to get here early on Fridays and open the clubhouse, thus relieving her of her responsibilities.

Patron Saint Marty Cantor was given Three Cheers and "bah humbug."

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. There was a report in Christmas rhyme. Tom: On the space station they are now growing lettuce and flowers (zinnias), discussing crops such as tomatoes (not yet potatoes). (*I hope that they remember that they are supposed to eat the lettuce and look at the zinnias.* - ed.)

Committee Reports: Marty Cantor: The Committee To Give People A Relaxing Good Time: Jan 1 is a Friday. You can all come down and enjoy, board games which will start at Noon and go on until

Miscellaneous:

Mike Thorsen: The vending machine has been restored to functionality.

Karl Lembke: 774 platelets donated this year.

We adjourned at 9:07 pm

Meeting 4090, December 31, 2015
President Matthew B. Pepper, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Matthew Pepper reminded us that Auld meeting times should not be forgot at: 8:00 pm.

Special Orders of Business: While his life was celebrated in depth last meeting, the actual passing of **George Clayton Johnson** was on Friday, December 25th. He might have appreciated that, as it makes a better story. He was co-creator of *Logan's Run* and the writer or creator of SEVEN *Twilight Zone* episodes. He co-wrote the original treatment for the film *Ocean's 11*, and wrote scripts or stories for *Star Trek*, *Honey West*, *Wanted Dead or Alive*, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, *Route 66*, and *Kung Fu*. He even acted in an episode of *Sea Hunt*, apparently just because.

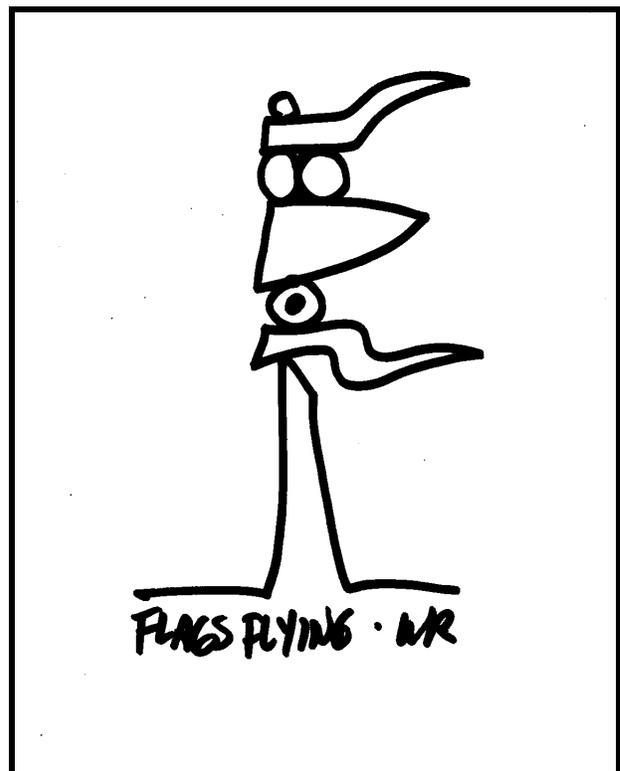
Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. \$5 was accepted from Regina to name the minutes "Kick the Can."

Patron Saint Forry Ackerman: Nick Smith—Back in the early 1980s, Forry was still acting as a literary agent. Many of the writers had given him manuscripts to sell as much as 30 years earlier, and some were never sold, or sold to magazines or anthologies which never came out. In those cases, authors told him to keep the manuscripts and try again. When *Fantasy Book* was getting started,

Nick met with Forry to see if any of these stories could be used. That is how the first issue of the magazine ended up with a long-lost L. Ron Hubbard short story, and the second issue had a story co-written by Forry himself and Donald Wollheim. Forry also found a story in his files by Albert Hernhuter, who turned out to be the uncle of Nick's then girlfriend, and who had given up writing for a career in meteorology. He was very surprised to get the check, almost 30 years after he wrote the story.

Eric Hoffmann—Didn't expect to ever meet him, but eventually got to work with him on the Famous Monsters magazine. Always a fan at heart. The calls and letters he got from fans meant a lot to him. They did a duet of Al Jolson songs at a LOSCON. Scratch—had the pleasure of going through the Ackermansion collection for a day, and was finally scuttled out the door because it had gotten dark, having seen only a fraction of what was there. Regina—had fond memories of what a gracious host Forry was, on a visit to the Ackermansion.

Joe Zeff—One of the Man from UNCLE books by McDaniel involves a present day vampire, and Forry is included as a character. Mike Thorsen— Was present at the LaLa-Con where Forry was a guest, speaking on the history of LASFS. Asked what the most special thing about LASFS was, and he pointed to the display cases. Forry said that everything in the cases and on the walls had a story, and that someone knew that story. Eric—One of his favorite memories was Forry at conventions. One year Jack Kirby and Kirk Alyn were judges along with Forry at the masquerade, and there were two different Vampirellas. One was Brinke Stevens, and the other an exotic dancer named Destiny, who were actively tormenting the judges.



LAFAs
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, March 19, 2016, 7 PM
Pre-filk dinner at 6 pm. See notes
House of the Prancing Skiltaire
Hosts: Mark Merlino & Rod O'Riley
13412 Gilbert
Garden Grove, CA 92844
(714) 539-6547

Pre-filk dinner: 6 pm, potluck. Bring something to share.

Directions: Thomas Guide Orange Co., page 798, C-7

Filk style: Guided Chaos

Notes:

1. Very limited crash space available; call ahead to see if it's possible.
2. Allergy note: there is one cat living in the household.
3. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
4. There be computers here! (PC clones)

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

Tom Safer—at one time Tom was friends with Dr. Donald Reed, and Dr. Reed invited Tom to come along to a party at Forry's. Tom got to see the collection at that party. Eylat Poliner—Met Forry in a unique way. She learned about LASFS from an announcement in a magazine, and came to find out about fandom. While researching fandom for a speech for a college class, she wrote a letter to Forry, and he wrote back by sending her information and fanzines, and inviting her to one of his open house parties. Ray Bradbury was sitting next to her, and she didn't know who that was. This led to an argument between Ray and Forry about who deserved to be called "Mr. Sci-Fi." Nicknamed her "Mystery Girl."

Barbara Harmon—Forry didn't like to drive, and Barbara drove him around many years ago, calling him Uncle Forry because of the difference in their ages. He offered to help Jim Harmon get work as a writer, very low-budget stuff. Jim and Forry had a falling out when Jim got an offer to do a competing magazine. The last time she saw Forry was at the Paperback Show, and he was fading in and out, but he had moments of clarity there. Matthew Tepper—had a teacher named Florence Russell, whose husband was the FBI agent who investigated LASFS, brought SF people to class to talk about SF. That was when Matthew was 10 or 11, and Forry was one of the people she brought to talk to students. His silliest memory of Forry was seeing Forry play Chopin at a nudist resort. Barbara Harmon—she was Forry's date at a similar event.

Joe Zeff—has seen a fan film Forry made where he inadvertently released a genie. The dancing girl in the film was Bjo. June Moffatt—John DeChancie came up to Len and said "I loved your story," and Len said "What story?" It was in an anthology, and Forry helped them collect the

check. Gavin Claypool—when he attended his first SF convention in 1972, it was the Fantasy Film Fans International convention, and Forry was the featured guest. Gavin went up to ask a question, which was "Mr. Ackerman, how did you end up in a Man from UNCLE novel?" Gerry—met Forry a number of times, and Forry was responsible for one of the best pieces of film that Gerry had ever seen, at a memorial at the Egyptian Theater. Packed event with a turn-away crowd. People went up on stage to talk about Forry, but then a big image of Forry came on the screen, speaking from his deathbed to the fans. It was filmed for that purpose, and may have been his best acting job. Frank Waller—met Forry at a convention, but Frank first went up to the wrong author and asked him if he was Forry.

Tom Camus—wanted to make sure that someone mentioned that Forry was an integral part of the club in the 30s and 40s, and that many people who were there had said there might have been no LASFS without him. Eric—Forry introduced him to Christopher Lee and Fritz Lang at a party. Because they were debating over a point, Forry pointed them to Eric to answer a question. Bill Ellern—met Forry a very long time ago, before the Ackermansion. Even then, his house was filled with books. The office was piles of paper around a swivel chair. Later at the Ackermansion he remembers getting A. E. Van Vogt to explain his ventures into psychology. Van Vogt had attempted to use his superego to create stories, by getting an alarm clock to ring every 30-60 minutes, so that he never deeply slept, and cranked out stories both good and bad by that method. Forry got people to open up in public, including birthday parties at the Biltmore. Bill said that people were trying to get him on audio recordings, telling stories [Tom Camus says that some were done]. Bill asked him about Doc Smith, and Forry showed him unpublished manuscripts. Forry shamelessly raided files of the film companies, which is where he got the material for Famous Monsters and the Ackermansion. He would go on vacation in Europe and come back with a hundred boxes of books. His then-secretary finally informed him that he had no place to put any more stuff.

June Moffatt—Forry's parties would last for two days, because he couldn't fit all the guests into his house at one time. Barbara—at his birthday parties, he would give the guests presents. CLJII—it was his pleasure to be a friend of Forry's for many years. Charlie found LASFS because he called Forry, and Bill Warren answered the phone, and said that Forry was away, but would be at LASFS later. That was what led Charlie to encounter LASFS. Forry took out a lifetime subscription to Charlie's writing, but he took people to work and help out Forry in the later years, trying to catalog his collection of stills. Only made it up to the letter R. Visited Forry in the hospital. He rallied enough to get to the House of Pies and back. Charlie had made him Fan GOH for the 1984 LOSCON. CLJII—Forry said that his last words would be "Sci Fi." **Patron Saint Forry Ackerman** was given Three Cheers and not a dry martini.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura, will resume in the new year because he couldn't manage to top

last week's edition.

Time-Bound Announcement: CLJ II—two new books going into the LASFS library. 18 e-books, 12 physical books.

Miscellaneous: Tom Safer heard the dumbest criminal story on the news. Police pulled over a weaving driver, who saw a cop arriving, and the driver tried to smoke up all the evidence.

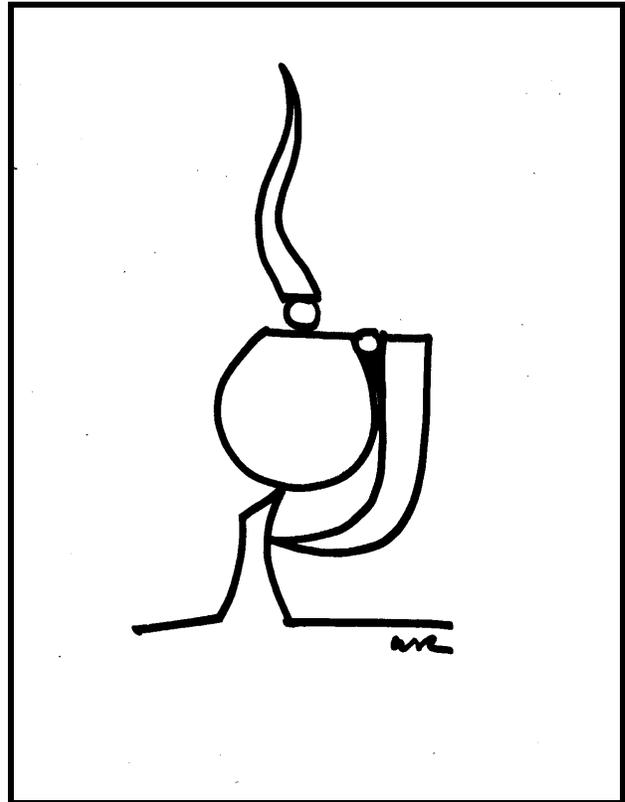
Nick Smith--A fan in Montana last week gave new meaning to the term "spoiler alert." He was so upset that a Facebook correspondent had given away one of the plot points for the new Star Wars movie that he posted a threatening picture of himself holding a gun, described as having a hair trigger. The young student who posted the spoiler was frightened, and reported it to authorities, who then locked down his entire school and arrested the fan. The moral appears to be, the next time you threaten someone over a spoiler, use a lightsaber, an elegant weapon for a more civilized time.

Drew, old returning young member, is working on a film project, and wants to be here at the club more.

We adjourned to the program at: 9:30 pm.

Board of Directors Meeting January 10, 2016

(The Board of Directors did not meet in January so the January minutes will not be presented to, and accepted by, the Board until its March meeting.)



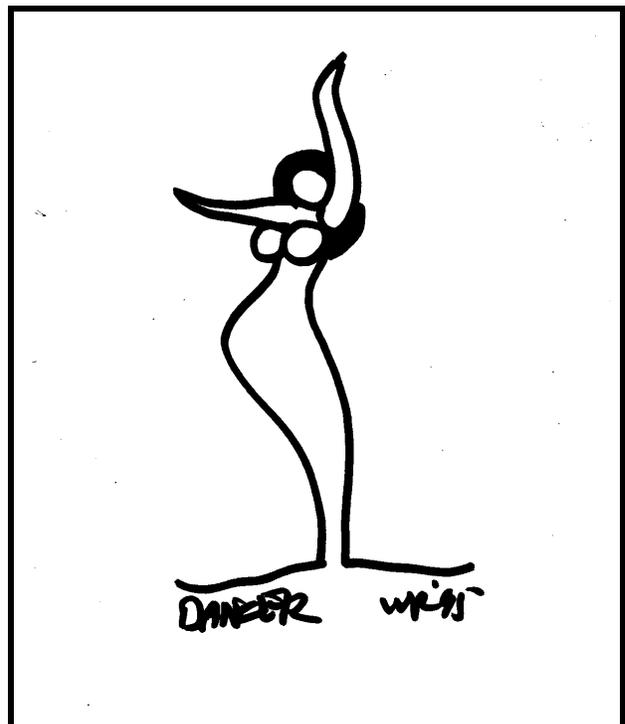
Friday night board gaming

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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