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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 = Jpanimation - 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 -

## ADVANCE PROGRAMME ITEMS

**NOVEMBER 3** - Board of Directors Nominations  
**NOVEMBER 10** - Board of Directors Election

## THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**OCTOBER 6** - Artist Jason Porath discusses his book, "Rejected Princesses".  
**OCTOBER 13** - Special Surprise Programme (with video)  
**OCTOBER 20** - **BIG AUCTION.**  
**OCTOBER 27** - Video: "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"  
**OCTOBER 30** - Autumn Holiday Party: 2 pm to 11 pm

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:  
[http://www.lasfsinc.info//index.php?option=com\\_events&Itemid=185](http://www.lasfsinc.info//index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185)

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**Friday evenings at LASFS - latest Eurogames + old favorites**

# DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 524— October 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](http://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 \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah(at)sbcglobal(dot)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  
July - December, 2016

**President:** Nick Smith. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin and Matthew B. Tepper. **Registrar:** Ed Hooper and Anna Diamond. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke & Kristen Gorlitz. **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](http://www.lasfs.org))

**Meeting 4112, June 2, 2016**  
**President Gavin Claypool, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read and named by Scratch for \$2 as *Cartago delenda est*, [the phrasing of Cato].

**Patron Saint Ed Baker: Patron Saint notes from the Hagiography** - Ed Baker served as treasurer, custodian of part of the library and secretary. He supervised a newspaper delivery crew and was once limited to a maximum of three languages or three coinages in his treasurer's reports, which he sometimes delivered in Esperanto and sometime announced in terms of Esperanto coins.

Ed was known for his [*always clean*] double entendres and for having a very good deadpan expression.

From Milt: He was young when he joined the club, and the girls of LASFS delighted in making him blush, because his ears turned red. He joined an APA called "The

Cult" which wore cloaks, perhaps without daggers. He tried to translate an issue into Esperanto, at which point the other members threw him out.

Ed came to a tragic end, as a murder victim, unsolved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Election Committee:** The opening and recessing of nominations will occur tonight. The procedural president runs the meetings, is liaison to the board and to the outside world.

**Registrar** Jeromy introduced Ashish, a visitor, introduced by a friend. A writer in his native tongue but wants to learn to write in English. An Astronomer.

**Treasurer's report:** She's back.

**A Moment of Science** with David Okamura: The big science news was the successful launch and landing of a SpaceX rocket, and the equally successful inflation of the Bigelow module on the International Space Station. It took an extra day for both attempts, but the delays were worth it. It will take a few weeks of testing before astronauts enter the module, and so far we don't know if this latest Falcon 9 is reusable -- it came down hard and is leaning a bit. But Elon Musk is looking ahead, announcing that an unmanned Dragon capsule will land on Mars in 2018, with human missions as early as 2024!

**Special Orders of Business:** Jim Busby passed away this week, after a recent hospitalization. His wife Arlene sent out word this morning. Eric Hoffman is still in shock, because Jim was just here in April. Eric knew him for a number of years. Jim lived with Patrick Fahey for some time before marrying Arlene a few years ago. Jim was an old movie buff and into old TV shows like Perry Mason. Jim and Arlene had been very quiet about his recent medical problems, so his passing was a shock. When things started to get going again in Aerospace, Jim was involved with the Columbia Memorial in Downey.

Hare mentioned that Jim would contribute to just about any conversation. Tom Safer enjoyed Jim's ability to help people calm down, by putting things into perspective. Tom greatly appreciated that, and was happy that Jim found someone special like Arlene. Jerry was almost speechless, but mentioned that we last saw Jim when he came to Larry's presentation at LASFS. Jim had only come to the club two times in recent months.

Matthew viewed Jim's company as a treasure. If he knew about an important event or vote, he would make an effort to attend. Matthew officiated at Jim and Arlene's wedding. Michelle mentioned that Jim loved Arlene with all his heart, and how worried Jim was when Arlene was hospitalized soon after their wedding.

### **Announcements:**

June 19<sup>th</sup> is Debra's birthday party at the club. The barbecue will be in use.

Jerry mentioned: A British magazine announced that there is a hole in the sun, but in fact it's just a really big sunspot. Pseudo-science announcements of sodium trail-

ing the moon are misplaced versions of ion trails that have been there for a long time.

Scratch: Opposition to Mars recently, but not as close as it will be.

Gavin announced that he is suspending his campaign for re-election. If nominated, he will not run. If elected, he will not serve. (*And, if not serving, he will be in the library.* - ed.)

**New business:** Nominations for the procedural office of President of LASFS: Jeromy [declined], Matthew Tepper, Debra Levin [declined], Nick Smith, Scratch [declined], Marcia Minsky.

**Old business:** There was none.

The society moved to adjourn to the program at 9:05 pm.

### **Meeting 4113, June 9, 2016 President Gavin Claypool, presiding Nick Smith, Scribe**

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at: 8:04 pm.

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were named by Jerry Pournelle who paid \$2 to give naming rights to Tom Safer. Thus, the minutes became "The LASFS Continues."

Visitor, need card with info. Heard about LASFS 60 years ago, but had never joined. Friends at his high school were members, Ralph Stapenhorst and Helen Urban.

**Patron Saint Jim Glass: Patron Saint notes from the Hagiography** - Jim Glass was a former LASFS Librarian and was the Evans-Frehafer Award winner (for service to the club) in 1978.

**Patron Saint Mike Bloom: Patron Saint notes from the Hagiography** - "A terrific guy who supports the club" whose health problems have restricted him from being around lately. Mike is a Hell player, a fan of literature, filk, and superheroes.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer's report:** We had needed electrical work, which cost \$1200, including new electrical panel and wiring, which is now up to code.

**Library report** from Gavin: buy books to support the library.

**Election Committee:** Mud wrestling, followed by an election.

President: Matthew Tepper withdrew his nomination. Gavin Claypool nominated Craig Miller, who declined. Ed Hooper nominated Matthew Tepper again, having not paid attention. Matthew re-declined, as well as a third time for Eylat's nomination. Matthew nominated Ed Hooper, who declined.

The auction for ballot color began. Tiny won, \$5, as "It's going to be purple."

President, final count: Nick Smith—26, Marcia Minsky—16.

Nominations for VP:

Duties of the Vice President: The officer who supervises the club on other nights, and is backup to the President in terms of presiding over meetings. Matthew Tepper nominated Debra Levin. Eric Hoffman nominated Marcia Minsky, who declined. Mike Thorson nominated Matthew Tepper, who declined whimsically. Darnell Coleman nominated Kristen Gorlitz, who declined. Joe Zeff nominated Debra Levin and Matthew Tepper as a tag-team, and they accepted.

Auction for the ballot color: \$4 to David Okamura as Puce and purple plaid with petite pink and periwinkle polkadots.

Tag team: 30, Debra only: 8, dead ballots: 2, not voting: 2.

Nominations for Treasurer [principal financial officer of the club]: CLJ II nominated Elayne Pelz and Gavin Claypool [Gavin declined], Marcia Minsky nominates Elayne Pelz and Michelle Pincus [after a brief garbling of Michelle's name], Jerry Pournelle nominated Elayne and whoever she wants to team with.

There was a Motion to Railroad and an auction to decide which color ballot not to use.

Scratch won the naming rights for \$5, and had the name deferred to MaryAnn who named it "Yellow polka-dot bikini"

Nominations for Registrar: (who is the greeter and escorter of guests, the first supposedly friendly face that a visitor sees). Michelle nominated Marty Cantor, who declined (*only because he is busy with APA-L. - ed.*), Ed Hooper nominated David Okamura, who declined. Darnell Coleman nominated himself, and accepted. Mary Ann Canfield nominated Marcia Minsky. Elayne Pelz nominated Ed Hooper, who declined. Matthew Tepper nominated Anna Diamond, who respectfully declined at this time. Mike Thorson asked about the incumbent, who had sent word that he would decline for this term. Anna Diamond nominated Karl Lembke, who declined and conjugated. Ed Hooper nominated Julie Scott, who respectfully declined. David Okamura nominated a tag team of Ed Hooper and Anna Diamond.

Gavin Claypool won ballot color naming rights for \$5 - he named it Froggy Green.  
Ed and Anna: 22, Marcia: 14, Darnell: 5.

Nominations for Scribe: The recording officer of the meetings, and keeper of the time/space continuity, as far as posterity is concerned.

June Moffatt nominated Karl Lembke, who declined. Ed Hooper nominated the tag team of Karl and Kristen, who accepted. Dr. Pournelle nominated Joe Zeff, who decline

due to declining hearing. Debra Levin nominated Matthew Tepper, who declined mockingly. Anna Diamond nominated Marcia Minsky, who declined respectfully. Joe Zeff nominated CLJ II, who claimed not to be able to hear the nomination. Ed Hooper nominated Gavin Claypool, who declined.

Ed Hooper spent \$5 to name the ballot we're not using "O'Malley."

Karl Lembke and Kristin Gorlitz won the post of Scribe by acclamation.

### Program (CLJII):

Chairman: Saturday at 11 am there will be a LOSCON meeting.

Sunday there will be a meeting of the Board at 11 am.

This is the birthday of Christian McGuire, Mary Ann Canfield, and Drew Sanders.

**LOSCON 43 report:** the con will have a Worldcon ad, and a table at Scare L.A.

**A Moment of Science** with David Okamura: Space X was able to reduce their insurance costs, due to successes. Their launch costs are lower than their competitors, and this edge could improve if they can re-use boosters.

Beam weapons can knock down drones, but now eagles are being trained to do the job.

A private company in Mountain View called Moon Express hopes to land a capsule on the moon with experiments and payloads as soon as 2017, but on a rocket that has not yet been tested. If it happens, this would be the first commercial landing on the moon.

Due to family matters, our current science monitor may not be able to attend regularly, and asks the new president to find a new science monitor for the time being.

### Announcements:

Debra Levin's birthday is here on June 19<sup>th</sup>, potluck. 2 pm until Debra kicks everybody out.

The Bookstore of Mystery and Imagination in Glendale is about to become more mysterious and imaginary. They are closing their physical store, and will be entirely online. To facilitate this, they are currently having a huge sale, with most of the material in the store at 70% off. They would appreciate fans coming in to buy books, and give them a good home, before they have to move the rest to a cold and lonely website. While it still exists, the store is at 238 N. Brand in Glendale, and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 am to 6 pm.

Strange Particle Press has been re-releasing the science fiction of some guy named Bill Rotsler. You can get them as e-books via Amazon, or through his literary estate's website, <http://www.williamcharlesrotsler.com/>

Shadow Justice anthology of pulp-type costumed hero stories, including two by CLJ II. Currently free on Amazon, and doing well as a giveaway.

Anna Diamond and company came forward to make an announcement. She just started Anna Diamond Productions, and wants to hold an open audition here at LASFS on Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am for a new film product. Connor's birthday party that evening, also at the club. Shawn Crosby, Scott Beckstead, Jaqui and Nicky Baric and others will be participating in the film production.

**Miscellaneous:** Joe Zeff moved that we send an appropriate condolence card to David Okamura and his family over the death of his mother. Seconded by Hare Hobbs. Voted by acclamation.

Marcia Minsky moved that we send an appropriate condolence card to Arlene on the passing of Jim Busby.

Sasha brought forward the idea that there should be a student rate for dues. There may be a discussion of dues at the Board meeting on Sunday.

Old business: none

Aetna warning at 8:59 pm

Adjournment at 10:01 pm

### Meeting 4114, June 16, 2016 President Gavin Claypool, presiding Nick Smith, Scribe

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm.

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read and named, with \$3 from Tom Safer to name them The Waldo Minutes.

**PATRON SAINT HARE HOBBS:** President Claypool asked Hare to tell something about himself that he hadn't told the club. Hare said he didn't know anything he hadn't already said.

From the Hagiography: Longtime regular attendee, willing to share his love of music and books.

**PATRON SAINT SANDY COHEN:** Same question for Sandy Cohen. Sandy Cohen was the junior checkers champion of the state of Minnesota. [Elayne pointed out that she hadn't killed him in Prague.]

From the Hagiography: Sandy is the LASFS Sacred Chancellor of Chocolate and he invented a couple of LASFSian poker games. Sandy is a good art auctioneer and has contributed to many conventions.

The **Registrar** introduced two guests, Alex F. Brown and Todd LaRue.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer's report:** It doesn't look that bad. (*True. It*

*is typed in a clear-to-read font in a good point size, the colour of the letters is black, and the paper on which it is written is white.* - ed).

**President's report:** he will be missing the next two meetings.

**A Moment of Science** with David Okamura: Dave's not here, but some space news is.

SpaceX's streak of successful barge landings ended yesterday when a Falcon 9 booster suffered a "a rapid unscheduled disassembly" according to Elon Musk (Read: "BOOM!") But this was somewhat expected given the exceptionally high altitude the rocket had to attain in order to deploy two communications satellites, which were successful. And the last two barge landings also had low expectations. SpaceX says the apparent cause was low thrust in one of the three engines running at the time of landing (lack of fuel?), and upgrades will address this issue by the end of the year. In the meantime, SpaceX is planning an ISS resupply mission in July, with another land based landing attempt.

Elon Musk clarified some of his comments about launching to Mars. His goal is to establish that regular unmanned launches to Mars *can* be made on a scheduled basis, for the purpose of delivering scientific experiments and supplies for any future manned facilities on Mars. His 2025 goal is the earliest that he thinks such a manned mission could happen. He has also pointed out that the first manned mission to Mars will be risky business, and compared it to the early English colonies in North America, saying that we should be prepared for the probability that there will be fatalities. We can only hope that he was thinking of Jamestown rather than Roanoke. (*What did those colonists expect, landing on that horrible East Coast. Had they landed in Los Angeles they would have had a wonderful climate and they could have relaxed in paradise.* - ed.)

Meanwhile, the Indian Space Research Organization, India's equivalent of NASA, will be attempting to launch 22 satellites to orbit on a single launch vehicle next Monday. While both the U.S. and Russia have launched more at one time, this launch is part of India's goal to develop cheaper and more efficient launch technologies. This one launch will add almost 1% to the total number of operational satellites currently in orbit around the Earth.

In older news, 1.4 billion years ago two black holes collided, and we just now found out about it...luckily because they were that far away. The reason why it's news is that scientists were measuring the incoming data, which turned out to support Einstein's theory of how gravitational waves would work if they exist. This is the second such measurement in the last year that supports Einstein's gravitational theories, so don't try falling up.

**Special Orders of Business:** Francis Hamit has informed us of the passing of Rory Michael Riley earlier this spring. He was a longtime fan and the publisher of the 1990s magazine Star\*Quest. He joined LASFS in 1994, around the time he was working on the magazine.

Oddly, the magazine itself was also a club member, according to club records. This short-lived semi-pro magazine included fiction, non-fiction and artwork by other LASFS members, including Ray Capella, Charles Lee Jackson II, Joe Zeff, Fred Patten, Mike Thorsen, and at least one article by some guy named Pournelle.

**Announcements:** The Bookstore of Mystery and Imagination in Glendale, 238 N. Brand, is continuing its 70% off sale, and expects to close the physical store by the end of July. The plan is to keep selling online and at special events, which is where they were making most of their money anyway.

Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle have a ghost story sequel to Lucifer's Hammer in the new issue of Analog.

George announced the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Forry Ackerman, to be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, here at LASFS.

**Reviews:** George reviewed a series of alternate history westerns by Mike Resnick, including an alternate version of the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral, and a version of the story of Billy the Kid. Geronimo and Theodore Roosevelt are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> book. Well-written, and they have appendices about the real history. George was the first person to read them from the LASFS library.

Patron Saint Hare recently read Stoker's Dracula, and compared it to the movie version, and noted that the movie doesn't start until about page 60 of the book. (*Well, if you watch the movie backwards, maybe you can get to the beginning of the book.* - ed.)

Milt finished the last of the Hugo nominated novels, Seven Eaves by Neal Stephenson. 1000+ pages, and the story involves the moon having been destroyed, and goes on from there, for many pages. About 2/3 of the way through, it gets interesting. After reading them all, he's voting for Naomi Novik's novel.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

**Meeting 4115, June 23, 2016**  
**Vice President Debra Levin, presiding**  
**Nick Smith, Scribe**

The **Minutes** of the Previous Meeting were read and Eric paid \$2 to name them "Huh?"

**Patron Saint notes from the Hagiography: Patron Saint Ted Johnstone.**

Ted Johnstone was a Pro who wrote stories under his real name (David McDaniel) and conducted his fannish life under the pseudonym *Ted Johnstone*. Ted was a fan of Dark Shadows and The Man from U.N.C.L.E. He wrote Man from U.N.C.L.E. novels plus one SF novel and several SF short stories.

He was a LASFS scribe, a filk singer and writer of filk-songs, and he teamed with Bruce Pelz as a singer, camera

man, and film editor. Ted worked on conventions and was part of Arson, Rape and Bloody Murder (Harness, Johnstone, & Pelz) and was the inspiration for James Wong Hound, alias David McDog, in Amazing Adventures.

Ted was a Fanzine editor and a very good storyteller.

**Treasurer's Report:** There were Air conditioning repairs, so don't spend money.

The **Registrar** Introduced Guests: Josh Snyder, comedian, of Trekkies for Trees. (Rain Forest Action Network will be the beneficiary.)

**Committee Reports:**

**Minute of Science** With David Okamura:

The WHO has downgraded coffee from its status as a possible carcinogen, because it doesn't really seem to cause most cancers, but the temperature of the coffee can damage the esophagus, which is the real risk factor for esophageal cancer.

In Seal Beach, there are two things of which to be aware, sharks in the ocean and drones in the air. The drones are actually watching out for the great white sharks, which are coming back. A good thing may be coming back to bite us. The FAA is opening up more possibilities for using commercial drones. A British firm is training eagles to knock them down.

We haven't gotten enough rain and snow, and now they're estimating that drought recovery will take until 2019. The Sierra Nevada now has many dead trees, from the drought and beetle damage, so fire risk is unusually high.

We have now gotten more views of the galactic core and the black hole, but 1/3 of us can no longer see the Milky Way due to light pollution from where they reside.

The Juno probe will arrive at Jupiter on July 4<sup>th</sup> and Pluto may have some liquid under its icy surface.

The San Andreas fault hasn't moved laterally in our area in many years, but scientists are now trying to measure up-and-down movement. The measurement of this could be significant.

**Minute of Science** Without David Okamura:

The chemistry of the planet Venus has long been a puzzle. There is strong evidence that there used to be water on the planet, and there is enough deuterium in the atmosphere to support that premise, but the oxygen appears to be gone. Unlike Mars, it hasn't been converted into oxidizing metals on the ground. Instead, Venus has been shooting its oxygen off into space. At least, that's what measurements from the European Space Agency probe indicate. Venus turns out to have an unusually strong electrical field compared to that of the Earth, with the result that any time an oxygen atom is ionized, the electrical field takes hold and shoots it out of the atmosphere. According to NASA's Glyn Collinson, "If you were

unfortunate enough to be an oxygen ion in the upper atmosphere of Venus, then you have won a terrible, terrible lottery. You and all your ion friends will be dragged off kicking and screaming into space by an invisible hand, and nothing can save you." Kudos to NASA for the image of anthropomorphic atoms, but remember, in space, no one can hear oxygen scream...

#### **Announcements:**

The Avenue 50 Gallery in Highland Park is staging an exhibit of art by L.A.-based comic book artists. It runs from now through July 3rd, and ends with an all-day mini-convention on July 3rd, with 30 artists selling and signing comics. The gallery is at 131 North Avenue 50 in Highland Park.

The Bookstore of Mystery and Imagination in Glendale, 238 N. Brand, is continuing its 70% off sale, and expects to close the physical store by the end of July. The plan is to keep selling online and at special events, which is where they were making most of their money.

Today is Frank Waller's birthday.

We adjourned to the program at 8:40

### **Board of Directors Meeting August 14, 2016 Karl Lembke, Chairman Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Gavin Claypool, Mike Thorsen, Nick Smith, Michelle Pincus, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Marcia Minsky, and Debra Levin. Absent: Elayne Pelz and Christian McGuire.

**Members and Guests:** Joyce Sperling, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Frank Waller, Matthew B. Tepper, Greg Barrett, Joe Zeff, Tom Safer, Alex Brown, Eylat Poliner, Jeromy Miller, Ed Hooper, Shinn, Anna Diamond.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:12 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, August 14, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors.

We had a moment of silence for member Warren "Whiskey" Johnson, our Librarian, who passed last evening. After the moment of silence Karl explained for those who had not heard the news that Warren had had a stroke.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2016, were accepted.

**New Members:** There were 3 applications for membership from fans who paid their \$10 application fee: Alex F. Brown, Charmayne Gentry, and Joseph Hawkins. They were accepted with one abstention.

**Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz):** The co-Treasurer (Michelle Pincus) reported we had money in the treasury. Otherwise, no report.

#### **30-second Reports:**

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** No report.

**Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire):** No report.

**Secretary (Marty Cantor):** No report.

**Publications (Marty Cantor):** No report.

**Comptroller (Debra Levin):** Still waiting for after Worldcon.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** This month: 323 units were sold, bringing in \$323.00. Total units to date: 36,517, and total monies to date: \$32,066.50. We purchased the usual paper products, weed killer, and light replacements.

**Library (Gavin Claypool):** Made some progress in the backlog of new acquisitions. We should be finished with these in the foreseeable future.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** No report.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** Not here.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** No report.

**Events (Nick Smith):** Discount tickets for a show this coming Friday. I have been contacted by the International Costumers Guild. (Michelle) LOSCON- please stay at the hotel so that we can make our room nights.

**Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus):** We can be on Google Maps Place of Interest for a nominal fee.

#### **(Significant Others)**

**Club President (Nick Smith):** We continue to have meetings and there are some special programmes in the future.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** Mentioned memorial page for Whiskey.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

Library Succession: Gavin recommended waiting for Elayne and to make him Librarian Pro Tem. This was accepted.

We discussed Memorials for Whiskey. It was expected that there will be 4 memorials for Warren.

Homeless encampment: We discussed the problems with the homeless encampment on Aetna and Tyrone. The problem has gotten so bad that several members are looking around for a new clubhouse property.

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

Anna Diamond quoted items from Whiskey's relative-

Lafa  
 (Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, October 15, 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. NO SMOKING indoors PLEASE!!
5. There be computers here! (PC clones)

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

about holding Memorials for Whiskey.

Gavin: Policy for dealing with intruders. (We should develop policies for renters.)

Anna: Working on fan-film.

Anna: Mentioned "dueling restraining orders" with the problem between her and another person. (Details are in a paper in our files.)

The next Board of Directors meeting will be on September 11, 2016.

**TAKE-AWAYS:**

The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

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**E-mail letters of comment:**

**From P.J. Evans:**  
 "Random data point:

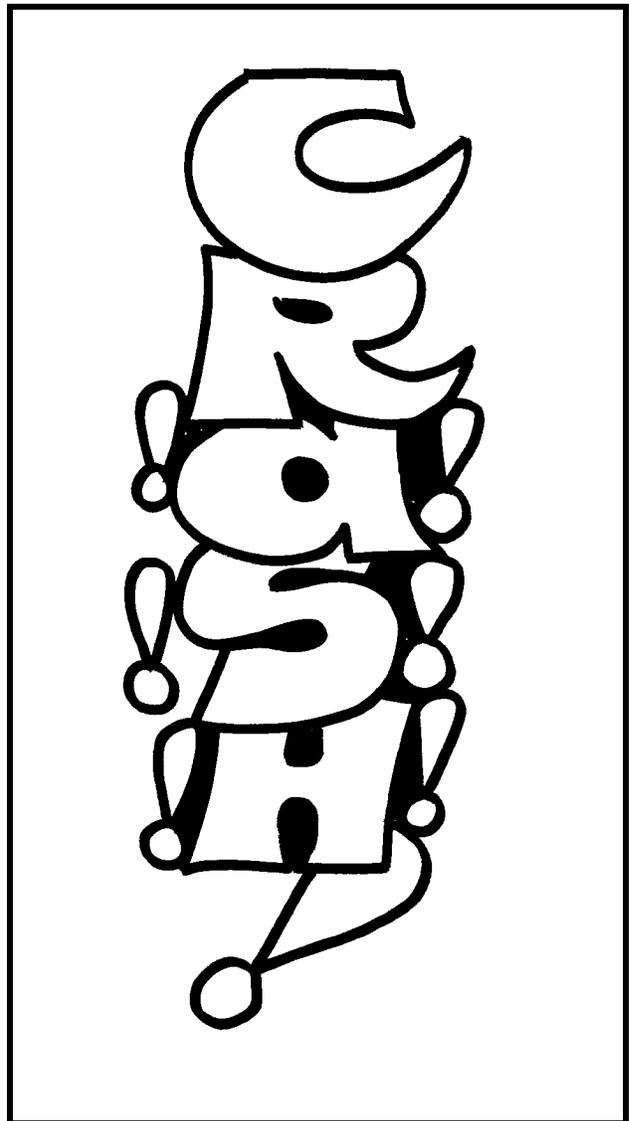
Frisbie was in the "24 Hours of LeMons" rally last week: Asilomar-Fallon-LasVegas-(Death Valley) Bakersfield-Santa Cruz-Seaside. He came in 7th on points,

driving a 1959 Humber Super Snipe."

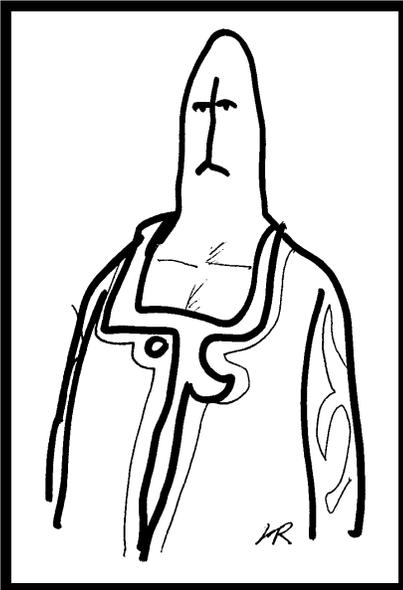
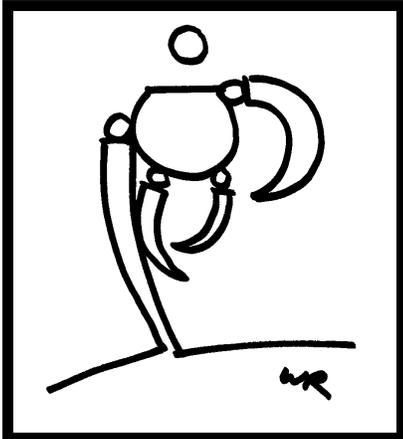
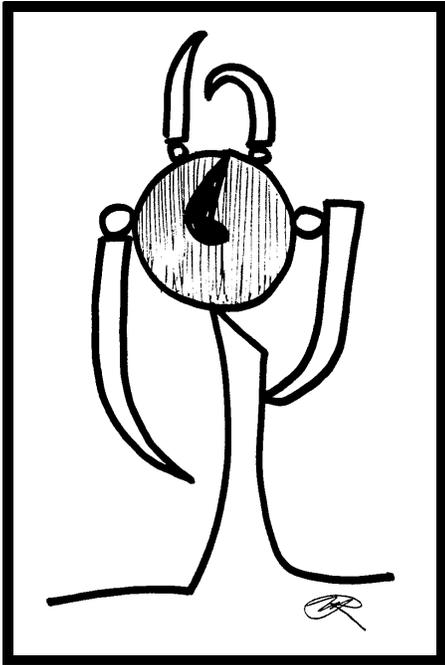
**Bjo Trimble:**

"I suppose we should have mentioned to you that we've been invited to the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum to speak on Thur., Sept. 8, the date that the world first saw a Star Trek episode. They'll show the episode, The Man Trap, and after that John and I, as well as Rod Roddenberry (Gene's son) will answer questions. The next day we get a personal tour of the museum, and then judge the costume contest. We're pretty jazzed."

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**Friday night board gaming**

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