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(THE Con for Follow "FA")
The 8th Annual Relaxacon at the
clubhouse.

May 4-5, 2002

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Pre-Registration - \$14.92

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Sunday Banquet - \$6.00

Chili Cook-off Luncheon
Galactic Ice Cream Social:
(Hosted by the Time Meddlers
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Panels
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Please see details about an important programme item - By-laws changes - on pgs. 2 & 8

February 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Open Gaming - Magic Tournament	2 ESTROGEN ZONE
3 TRIPE	4	5	6	7 LASFS MEETING	8 Open Gaming	9 Cinema Anime
10 BOD - 2nd Sun. Open House	11	12	13	14 LASFS MEETING	15 Open Gaming	16 CFO
17 TIME MEDDLERS	18	19	20 FUCC	21 LASFS MEETING	22 Open Gaming	23
24 FWEMS	25	26	27	28 LASFS MEETING		

KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.
 BOD = Board of Directors
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 FUCC = Fandom Universal Computer Club
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever
 BOD - 11:00 am, games start at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 FUCC - Evening
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm
 FWEMS - Attack of the It's

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

FEBRUARY 7- Evening with Sody Clampett
FEBRUARY 14- Nothing scheduled at this time
FEBRUARY 21 - Proposed By-Laws change discussion
FEBRUARY 28- "Trekkies" (*Disclaimer by CLJII and ye ed.*)

LASFS BY-LAWS

On Thursday, February 21, 2002, the LASFS By-Laws Committee will be presenting at the regular meeting at the clubhouse the first result of its current work. These particular changes will be corrections of typos, grammatical infelicities, and changes in the order of items to clarify the by-laws. These perfections will not change any intent of the original framers nor of those who have previously amended these by-laws. Copies of these changes will be available for perusal at the meeting and can be read on-line at www.lasfs.org/lasfs. They are not being put in *DE PROFUNDIS* because that entails the complete reprinting of the by-laws along with the changes - and the current by-laws are 18+ pages long.

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes can be read in APA-L and are filed in the archives)

Meeting #3356, December 6, 2001

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lemke, Scribe scribbling

In the absence of a gavel, President Ed Green was forced to improvise. The meeting was called to order at 20:13:16.

Special Order of Business: This week we honor Gray Morrow, artist. In addition, the community has lost two of its own: Charles Martel, a member of the Oregon fannish community, and the person using the moniker "Gharlane of Eddore" have died.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "A poorly spun yam."

The **Registrar** introduced Fred, from Orange county. This was his third visit in five years.

Patron Saint. Marty Massoglia has read just about every book he sells. If you give him a story outline, he'll give you the title, author, sale price, ISBN number, and possibly the vintage and forest of origin of the paper on which it was printed. He is known to prefer his James Bond books shaken, not stirred. He gives LASFS members a discount on purchases at his store in Canoga Park. Charlie Jackson stated that he has excellent taste in conventions. He's a good Hell player, and has interesting children.

The **Committee to Gouge** auctioned off stuff, including one jerky item.

Old Business: Bill Ellem officiated at the nomination procedure. Nominees for President are: Ed Green, Scott Beckstead, Scratch Galloway, Sundance Bekinnie, George Mulligan.

There was no **new business**.

Gift Exchange: Marty Cantor announced the Gift Exchange on Friday the 14th. Also, as long as he's up and making announcements, Mr. G. Stetner is out of the copier hospital.

Science Monitor: Tadao displayed the dissertation of our brand new doctor. It weighs all of ten pounds. Also, Loscon 29, whose theme is "Planet Loscon," will be taking place in almost a year. Buy your memberships now!

Time Bound Announcements: Joan asked if there was going to be a novelization of the Lord of the Rings movie. Someone suggested that Alan Dean Foster was probably already working on it.

Fannish Committee Reports: Tadao Tomomatsu notes that he appears in an article in FHM magazine, UK edition, as "The Handshake Man" on the Banzai TV show. Unfortunately, they don't give his name.

Miscellaneous: Ed Hooper announced that last weekend, LASFS became the host of the Los Angeles Satellite Fanciers Society.

A motion to fracture some flickers was passed at 21:10:40.

Meeting #3357, December 13, 2001

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lembke, Scribe

The election night meeting of the LASFS was called to a state hopefully a little more orderly than usual at 20:17:17.

Special Order of Business: Two personages. We have lost Josh Kirby, cover artist for the Discworld books, and Scott Imes, manager of Uncle Hugo's Science Fiction Bookstore in Minneapolis.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "Mr. Handshake's fifteen minutes of puberty."

The **Registrar** introduced the one guest who had not yet escaped, John King. His interests include books and TV.

Patron Saint Fred Patten was honored. Christian notes that he is a past chair for LOSCON and Westercon. (Does this mean he's been put out to past-chair?) Len Moffatt tells that Fred found out about LASFS at the '58 Worldcon. After he joined the club, people would often confuse him with Ed Baker. He published a great deal of stuff for the club, including many issues of *Shangri L'Affaires*, and has done more work behind the scenes than most people realize. CLJII states that he is one of the constants in the club. (*He walks the Planck?* - ed.) He used to be an advocate for comic books no one could read, and now he's an advocate for movies no one can understand.

Marty Cantor stated that APA-L was founded in 1964. This week's issue is number 1909. Fred's been in all 1909 issues. Tom Safer voiced appreciation for his knowledge of anime.

Mike Stern observed that Fred's contributions to APA-L weighs as much as a doctor's thesis. The question, of course, is does it weigh the same as a duck? Joe Zeff notes that Fred Patten appears in the book *FIAWOD*. Does this count as being "past-chairized?" (Don't milk it, Joe.) Phil Castora declared that "he turned us on to lots of neat stuff." He was given an Amazing three cheers.

Old Business: The ballots and ballot casters being ready to go, we held elections. President Ed Green was re-elected. Vice President Bob Null was railroaded in. Karl Lembke was elected scribe. Robert Keller was elected cute Registrar.

Committee Reports: Marty Cantor announce the *De Profundis* deadline today. Also, the Gift Exchange is tomorrow. People can pick up their copies of *De Prof* there, provided it hasn't been declared "crud."

Mike Stern announced the winners for the Magic Tournament.

After a suitable motion was received, the President did some magic of his own, causing the rest of the meeting to disappear at 22:11:09.

Meeting #3358, December 20, 2001

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lembke, Scribe

The 3357th meeting of the LASFS was called to a state hopefully a little more orderly than usual, at 20:12:04.

Special Order of Business: Philip Jose Farmer has suffered a stroke, but

is expected to recover fully.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “they stand.”

The **Registrar** introduced David, from Peoria. “Does he play?” asked Matthew Tepper.

Patron Saint Steve McGinty was honored. He is a nice guy, who used to come around every week. He gave us money. He was given three cheers.

An auction was committed.

Ed Green had a couple of announcements: First, Wil Wheaton is willing to appear on a LASFS program, provided that he’s not asked to autograph anything at the meeting. Second, Bruce Pelz has new patches for supporters of the 2006 Worldcon bid. If you’re interested, see the committee.

Time Bound Announcements: Ed Green offered up another Dromedary report. At Camp Rhino, a camel was observed running at full speed toward the camp. Machine guns were aimed at it, until the camel detonated. Robert Keller stated that “camel bombs,” camels with bombs strapped to them, have been stampeded into enemy camps, to detonate there, causing damage. This triggered a round of camel jokes, tempting the Scribe to walk a mile.

Ed Green notes that he’s quoted in Tuesday’s USA Today, in an article on ghost soldiers in the National Guard.

Miscellaneous: Frank Waller offered a computer, free to a good home. It dates from the time before floppy drives, so it has a tape drive.

The meeting was brought to a close at 20:52:40.

Meeting #3359, December 27, 2001

*Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

“As they say in Norway, ‘let’s get Kraken.’” In the absence of John Wyndham, we’ll just have to hold our kraken wake on our own. The last LASFS meeting of the year 2001 began its odyssey at 20:12:04, interrupted almost immediately by a move to open the meeting. It was ultimately decided that we couldn’t a-fjord another meeting.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “one hump or two?”

The **Registrar** introduced no guests, only brand new members who had just signed up that night.

Patron Saint Elayne Pelz was honored. Christian McGuire met her at LOSCON 17., in Buena Park. She was the hotel liaison, and had three assistants. Christian had the honor of watching her win a tickle-fight with two of her assistants. Phil Castora declared her to be a great cook.

Len Moffatt states that she’s kind to old people. “I ought to know,” he said. Bob Null says she used to do mathom control, and was considerably more ruthless than anyone attempting the job nowadays.

Hare notes that as treasurer, she used to confront members with the cash

box, leaving no question about what she was looking for. George Mulligan recalls the time he let an artist into the art show, against policy, causing Elayne to put her foot down. Eylat Poliner stated that she’s very easy to work with, and makes being a committee head much easier. CLJII noted that she does not suffer fools gladly. Ed Green stated that she’s a member of the Board, and has held many offices, has been a fan Guest of Honor, and has won the Evans Freehafer Award. She was given three cheers and a Spryngbok.

Although it’s not his week, **Patron Saint Forry Ackerman** was mentioned in passing, with three cheers and a green star. Or maybe a genie.

It being the end of the month, we auctioned off some pieces of the club property, and a few trinkets, besides.

Bill Ellem noted that the new children’s reading list is out.

Fannish Committee Reports: Matthew Tepper noted that the Prime Minister of Cambodia has taken exception to karaoke, and has started driving tanks into karaoke bars.

Larry Niven showed us book IX of “The Man-Kzin Wars.” It has one of Poul Anderson’s last stories.

A motion to hop on our of here was made, and the ribbets had it. We adjourned the last meeting of the year at 21:04:00.

*LASFS Board of Directors
Meeting of December 9, 2001
William Ellern, Chairman
Mike Glycer, Secretary*

Attendance: William Ellem, Mike Glycer, Elayne Pelz, Karl Lembke, Michael Mason, Kim Marks Brown, Mike Stem, Joe Zeff, Mike Thorsen, Bob Null, Liz Mortensen. Others: A. Morrel, J. Sperling, G. Bilan, J. Fekete, T. Tomomatsu, M. Cantor, S. Beckstead, S. Bekinnie, C. Bemay, T. & S. Benoun, G. Barrett, E. Green (ret).

Minutes: The corrected minutes were accepted as unread aloud.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurers Report was submitted and passed and is available on request.

New Members: Applications were received from T.J. Jones, Fred Lazzelle, and Tess Kessler. All were approved by voice vote with one abstention.

Facilities: Marty Cantor explained what was done to repair the Gestetner. Bill Ellem noted that the Gestetner had failed at a critical moment, making it unavailable for LOSCON, and he asked if we have a contingency plan other than using a copy shop. Marty explained that the club’s old mimeo and electrostencil equipment has not been kept up, and the cost of keeping it available (even if the obsolete components can be found to make repairs) was not as economical as using a copy shop for emergencies. The directors concluded there was no reason to keep the old Gestetner 460 mimeo and the Gestetner e-stenciller, and made plans to offer it to the members.

Bob Null said he had gotten rid of some computer junk. He outlined his plans to upgrade various computers. The directors confirmed he has a free hand to update the systems.

Bob Null asked about the status of having the plumbing redone in our buildings. Liz said the plan was to get a quote so she could include the cost in the annual budget. Bill said he had asked Bob to contact Masterserve to get a quote so she could include the cost in the annual budget. Bob advocated using plumbers referred by our members, which has worked in the past.

Ed Green suggested there be a thorough housecleaning of the buildings in January.

Archives: Bill Ellem said a copy of the letter from L. Ron Hubbard had been given to Ed for professional evaluation and another copy was put into the archives.

Library: Michael Mason is getting more stuff brodarted. There's been a run on Terry Pratchett books as people discover him and decide they're going to read everything he's written.

Emergency Phone, E-Mail lists: Karl Lembke had made no progress in the last month due to commitments at LOSCON. Ed Green said when the list is completed, they will work on the opt-in issue.

LOSCON 28: Elayne reported the convention had 1,299 members and would probably turn over between \$9-10,000. There had been only three bounced checks.

LOSCON 29: Tadao announced his guests of honor, which included writer David Weber and fan Patty Wells. He is looking forward to turning the whole hotel into a space station.

LALACON: Co-chair Scott Beckstead said the memberships will be \$14.92 in advance and \$20.02 at the door. Marty Cantor said *DE PROFUNDIS* will begin publicizing the event in January.

BY-LAWS: Ellem planned to have a working group at his place in January. They would also be used to formulate a facility usage policy. Ellem said the correction of the Bylaws has been delayed for various reasons. He had brought a set of materials for anyone who is interested.

Clubhouse 25th Anniversary: Ellem read a letter from Charlie Jackson 2 asking to hold a buffet-style banquet at the clubhouse, with speakers, in honor of our 25th anniversary at the present location. Costs would be covered by the sale of dinner tickets. No club funds would be required. Elayne, seconded by Joe Zeff, moved to allow Charlie to proceed.

The directors discussed at length whether they want to do something grander and more upscale than proposed. Kim reminded the directors that we needed to decide whether to accept Charlie's proposal, and not try to figure out what to add to it. Michael Mason moved to postpone consideration of the motion until next meeting. Bob Null said it would be a good idea to see if any other proposals are offered. Karl said CLJ2 would get credit for getting the ball rolling either way. The motion to table passed by voice vote unopposed.

Equipment: Bill Ellem said that Elizabeth Klein-Lebbink asked to use

the LOSCON/SCIFI art show stuff for ConJose, the 2002 Worldcon. It would be transported about two weeks before the con, and returned a week after the con. Elayne said the club has made such loans in the past for \$25 per bag (there are about 27 bags). The directors moved to loan the equipment, and passed the motion by voice vote, unopposed.

City Government: Marty Cantor said the City of Los Angeles is putting together neighborhood councils. Marty has been going to meetings of the one for North Hollywood. He wanted to (1) list LASFS as a local organization, (2) be named as LASFS' representative to the council, and (3) offer the clubhouse for the group to meet on January 7, 2002.

The directors generally felt the first two points were fine. Several strongly objected to having the group meet at the clubhouse, either because it would draw attention to possible noncompliance with various requirements, or because the place is not spiff enough for public meetings (particularly the rest room). Elayne moved to nominate Marty Cantor as LASFS' delegate to the neighborhood council, and to list LASFS as a local organization. The motion passed by voice vote, unopposed.

The Board thanked outgoing director Kim marks Brown for her service to the club. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

FANZINES

By Ted White

Fanzines are a basic part of science fiction fandom, having been in existence as long as fandom itself – the past 70 years. Fanzines are a reflection of many fans' interest in the printed word and amateur publishing. The publication you are reading this in is a fanzine, but a specialized one. A variety of other fanzines are also available – many of them by request – and this column will cover some of them each issue.

All fanzines are published as a hobby and lose money. Their editors appreciate money to defray their expenses and sometimes list single-copy or subscription prices, but they appreciate even more your written response – a Letter of Comment, or LoC. Feedback – better known in fandom as “egoboo” – is what fanzine publishing is all about.

Check out the fanzine below and broaden your participation in fandom.

SCIENCE-FICTION FIVE-YEARLY #11 (Lee Hoffman, “Founder, editor emeritus;” Geri Sullivan, Jeff Schalles & Terry Hughes, “Guest editor-publishers” at 3444 Blaisdell Ave S., Minneapolis MN 55408-4315; e-mail to SFFY@toad-hall.com; available by request – no price listed but send a couple of bucks to cover postage)

Science-Fiction Five-Yearly occupies a unique position among fanzines: it has been published *regularly* since 1951. Once every lustrum – or half-decade – a new issue appears. For the first twenty-five years Lee Hoffman put them out by herself, but starting in 1976 she began using “guest editors” who did

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most of the scut-work of publishing. The first was Terry Hughes, who came back on board for this issue, but whose participation was tragically cut short by his sudden death from a brain tumor shortly before the issue was completed. Geri Sullivan and Jeff Schalles have produced the last couple of issues and have done most of the work on this one.

Over the years *S-FF-Y* has established certain traditions. In #2 (1956) both Robert Silverberg (as "Calvin Aaargh") and Harlan Ellison (as "Nalrah Nosille") started serials which

continued in subsequent issues (although occasionally

in a perfunctory form). Ellison's "Nissassa" was revived in 1996 and has established yet another tradition – that of arriving just in the nick of time to be included. (I might add that I've been in every issue since #3.)

#11 – the 50th Anniversary issue – runs 42 pages of impeccable mimeoing from electrostencilled computer-set type, and the mimeography, following a tradition established in the first issue, makes use of colored inks. In this *S-FF-Y* bears a family resemblance to Geri's own fanzine, *Idea*. And to some extent so do the contents.

Lee Hoffman offers an opening editorial and her blessings upon the enterprise of those who have carried on the task of producing *S-FF-Y*. Kip Williams contributes two fannish song pastiches, "The SF Family" and "All in the SF Family." Greg Benford produces "How to Write a Scientific Paper" from years of pent-up frustrations with reading real scientific papers. Denny Lien turns his post to the Stumpers-L e-list into an article titled "A Treatise on Dot.Com(edy) With Purple Prose" – it deals in "academic" fashion with the lyrics of two '50s rock'n'roll novelty records. Steve Stiles, in addition to a cover takeoff on *2001*, has drawn a full-page piece, "Great Moments from Star Trek By Arthur C. Clarke," which is a great sendup of both *Star Trek* and Clarke.

The star piece of the issue, however, is Dave Langford's "The

Secret History of *Ansible*," a written version of a talk he gave at Tropicon/Fanhistoricon in November, 2000. In its ten pages Dave talks about the (then) 21 year history of *Ansible* by providing a series of anecdotes and quotes which stopped all too soon. Langford wins the Fanwriter Hugo with monotonous regularity every year – but probably *is* the best fanwriter we have now.

Following Langford's piece is my own "Crime Stalks the Fanworld." I've been writing fanfiction – fiction *about* fans – for *S-FF-Y* for years now. My "The Purple Fields of Fanac" first appeared in the 1981 issue and was serialized in the following three issues. This story is Complete In This Issue. Jeff Schalles' "Never Back Up" talks about his days as a cab driver in Pittsburgh twenty-five years ago. There is, for the first time, a letter column, and then – rushing to make the issue and virtually the last item in it – Harlan Ellison's latest installment of "Nissassa."

It's both a solid issue and a Fannish Event and I recommend *S-FF-Y* highly.

—Ted White

ZINES RECEIVED IN TRADE

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

club zines: NASFA SHUTTLE, Vol. 21, #12 & Vol. 22, #1 (NASFA). INSTANT MESSAGE #695 & #696 (NESFA). EINBLATT!, Jan. 2002 (MinnStf). PSFS News, Jan. 2002 (PSFS). SOUTHERN FANDOM CONFEDERATION BULLETIN, Vol. 7, #11 (SFC). DASFAX, Vol. 33, #12 (DASFA). WESTWIND #261 (NWSFS).

other zines: MIMOSA #27 (Nicki & Rich Lynch). PEREGRINE NATION, Vol. 1, #3 (Jan Stinson). DEROGATORY REFERENCE 98 (Arthur D. Hlavaty).

NEW BOOKS

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

Recent Additions to the Video Collection

(There were none listed for this month.)

JOHN STANLEY WOOLSTON

July 16, 1920 - December 25, 2001

January 15, 2002: We just learned of Stan's death yesterday in a letter from his sister Leota, who lives in Garden Grove. She will soon be eighty years old and on the day after Christmas was given the news from Windsor Gardens in Anaheim, where Stan has been under medical care for the past several years.

At the same time she learned of the death of a sister-in-law, and shortly after that a friend and neighbor also passed away.

Actually Stan was lost to us some time ago. When he first went into a home for those with mental problems he still recognized June and me and Leota when we visited him. His main problem seemed to be deafness but when we managed to make him hear, he seemed to know what we were talking about and recognized the names of friends we mentioned. He kept losing his hearing aids but Leota rigged up an ear horn for us to shout into his "good" ear.

But eventually both his vision and his hearing failed and he went downhill physically, reaching the point where he seemed to be living in his own inner world, recognizing no one outside of it.

Stan was born on a farm in Indiana but spent his childhood in Illinois when his family moved across the Wabash River. I'm not sure when they moved to California but my first meeting with Stan was at the 1946 WorldCon (Pacifcon I) in Los Angeles, where we also met Rick Sneary. The three of us became lifelong friends.

Stan lived in Garden Grove, some miles south of Bell Gardens, where I was living at the time, and Rick lived in South Gate, a neighboring city of Bell Gardens. With the possible exception of Harry Warner, Jr., Stan and Rick may hold fandom's record for living at the same locations for more years than any other fan. Stan's street name and number changed once or twice over the years but it was still the same location which held a small house, a shed with a job press, a small garden, and rabbit pens.

Due to a club foot, Stan could not serve in the military during World War II but he took on the job of air raid warden. His mother and his sister Leota both served in the WACS. His other sister, Louise, was already married and had three children.

Like most fans from our generation he discovered pulp magazine science fiction in the Thirties. His fan activity may have started before I met him in 1946 as I was pretty much fabled during the war, thanks to the Navy and the Marines. I did have a brief letter exchange with Rick while I was still overseas but wasn't keeping up with who's who in fandom.

Graduating from Santa Ana City College, he became a printer

by trade, and indeed was one of the last of the letterpress printers. His own Chandler and Price job press was used primarily for fanish projects as he usually worked in print shops owned by others.

Stan was one of the original members of the Outlander Society, printing covers and sometimes interior headings for THE OUTLANDER MAGAZINE. He was active in FAPA for quite a while co-publishing with Rick and me, as well as on his own.

He joined the NFFF and became one of its hardest working members as well as one of its most loyal ones. He was among those who initiated N'APA, THE NFFF's amateur press association, and his welcoming letters (to new members and neofans) must have been the best ever written from reports I have heard over the years.

He and I published the 1950 FAN DIRECTORY (I as editor and he as printer)--which included the neat layout of the booklet). He was also official printer for the SOLACON (the 1958 WorldCon). The membership cards were printed on his Lilliputian Press. (By the way, that old press was donated to the Garden Grove Historical Society when Stan's affairs were taken over by a Guardian.)

LASFS was always too far away for Stan to attend but he has made it to weekend OS meetings and parties in the Larea over the years, and we have had many a good time at Stan's place. He never drank alcohol or smoked but he could have as good a time at a party as the next fan and in conversations could be more entertaining and informative than many.

He read in many fields and had a marvelous memory. As for imagination, I have always felt that the sf field lost a great writer because he would not discipline himself to make stories out of the host of unique concepts that he talked about to his friends. He did have a short story published in the old Astounding's Probability Zero Dept. I remember a room party at a convention where the Outlanders had invited James Schmitz for drinks and a quiet place to relax. I think the subject of the conversation was alternate worlds or something along that line and at some point Stan outlined a theory of his. Stan, as shy as Schmitz, suddenly stopped in the middle of a sentence realizing that he was doing all the talking and becoming embarrassed about it. "Good God, man, go on!" said Mr. Schmitz, "don't stop now!" I guess Stan finished his thought but perhaps this helps to show what kind of mind he had and what kind of a man he was.

A kind man, a gentle man, a wild and wonderful thinker. I started missing him back when he was no longer able to recognize friends and relatives. I still do and I always will.

-Len Moffatt

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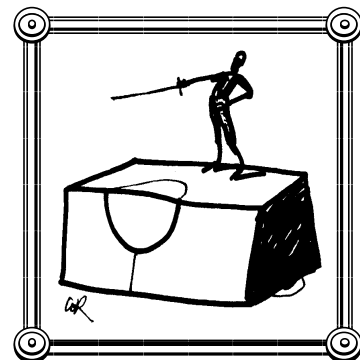
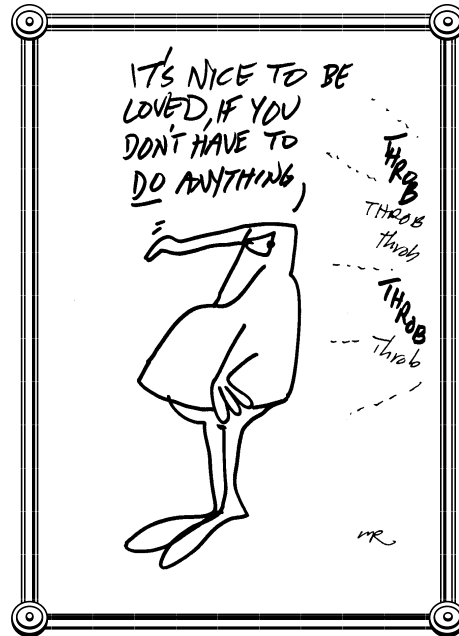
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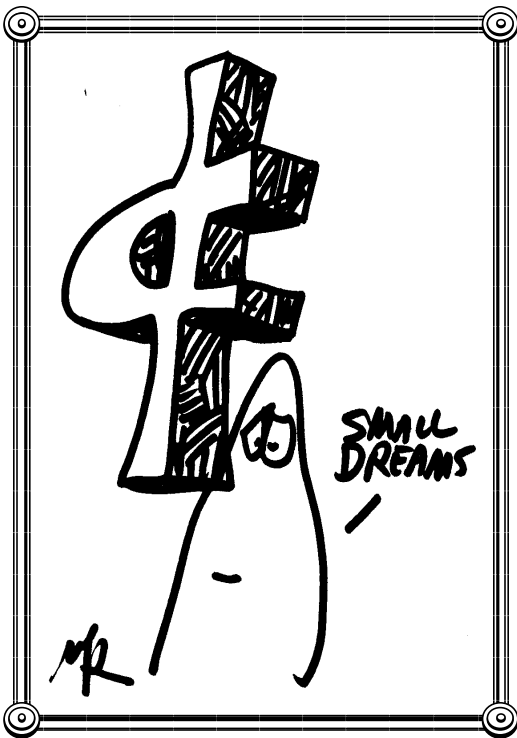
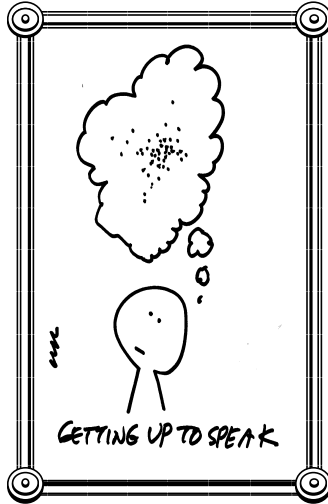
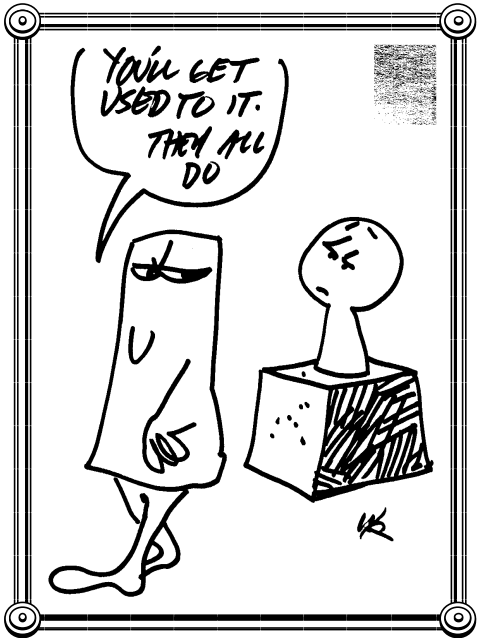
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A copy of the changes is available online at <http://www.lasfs.org/lasfs/admin/bylaws2.html>, and it is prominently linked from the front page of the LASFS website. (NOT the splash page at www.lasfs.org.) Copies will be made available at the club meetings, and particularly at the meeting at which the matter will be brought to a vote, the meeting of February 21, 2002.

Hard copies of these changes may be obtained from the editor of De Profundis. Considering that the mail is taken out of the LASFS mailbox only on Thursday evenings, please send your requests for copies of the by-laws and changes to same as early as possible to allow time for your request to be picked up and filled. Send a SASE (an 8 1/2 x 11 envelope is best as there are many pages, 30 of them in fact, and there is a limit to how many folded-in-thirds sheets can be placed in a #10 envelope). The postage on the return envelope should be \$1.03 and should be sent c/o *DE PROFUNDIS* editor, LASFS, 11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91606. Requests without SASE will not be filled except in person at LASFS.

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