



# DE PROFUNDIS 404



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### Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

BoD - Board of Directors  
 CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization  
 Cinema Anime - Japanimation  
 Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
 FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
 Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club  
 TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment  
 TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10 am  
 Work Party - Varies with what needs doing

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Estrogen Zone - 2 pm  
 FWEMS - Jungle Adventure Movies  
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
 Time Meddlers - 10:30 am  
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever  
 TSPC - George of the Jungle, Super Chicken, and Tom Slick

### Calendar Details

Asian Cult Cinema - 2 pm  
 BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm  
 Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends

### Thursday Program Items

September 7 - Nothing Scheduled  
 September 14 - Eric Hoffman presents "Unsold Pilots"  
 September 21 - Nothing Scheduled  
 September 28 - Nothing Scheduled

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## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 404 – September 2006.  
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*De Profundis* is the official newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). Our telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. Our web site is: [www.lasfs.org](http://www.lasfs.org). *De Profundis* is available to active LASFS members, Patron Friends & Saints of the LASFS, voluntary active LASFS members, and in exchange for other fanzines. VAMs are available for \$10 per year, payable to LASFS, Inc.

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We 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, Milt Stevens, can be reached at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his address: [miltstevens@earthlink.net](mailto:miltstevens@earthlink.net). Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

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.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. Interjections in square brackets [[ ]] are solely the responsibility of the editor.

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## LASFS OFFICERS

### Elected Procedural Officers

**President:** George Van Wagner. **Vice-President:** Mike Thorsen, Tadao Tomomatsu, Joan Steward, Dr. Susan "Arizona" Gleason (tag team). **Scribe:** Martin Young. **Treasurer:** Liz Mortensen. **Registrar:** Peggy Newwine, Michelle Pincus.

## Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2006). **Vice-Chairman:** Mike Thorsen (2007). **Comptroller:** Brett Achorn (2008). **Secretary:** George Van Wagner (2008) **Other members:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2006), Ed Green (2006), Tadao Tomomatsu (2006), Liz Mortensen (2007), Cathy Beckstead (2007), Bill Ellern (2008), Elayne Pelz (2008). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

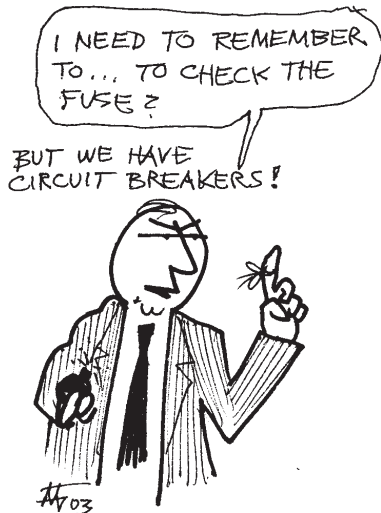
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# THE CONCOM AT WORK



## Next LA Area LAFA Filksing

Saturday, September 16

Filk: 7 pm to ???

Pre-Filk Dinner 5 pm, J. R. Seafood  
(Chinese Cuisine)

NOTE: That's JR, \*not\* VIP

Brandyhall  
Lee and Barry Gold Hosts  
3965 Alla Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90066  
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## 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:** BCSFAZine #399 (British Columbia Science Fiction Association), Con Notations V16#4 (Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society), Instant Message #771,772 (New England Science Fiction Association), The Southern Fandom Confederation Bulletin V8#10, Westwind #275 (Northwest Science Fiction Society)

**Other Zines:**

## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(Copies of the complete minutes are filed in the archives.)

*LASFS Board of Directors Meeting*

July 9, 2006

*Karl Lemke, Presiding*

*George Van Wagner, Scribe*

**BOD Attending:** Karl Lembke (chairman), Brett Achorn (comptroller), Bill Ellern, Ed Green, George Van Wagner (secretary), Tadao Tomomatsu, Cathy Beckstead, Liz Mortensen (treasurer), Mike Thorsen (vice-chair)  
**Absent:** Bob Null, Elayne Pelz

**Others Attending:** Greg Barrett, Fred Lazzelle, Milt Stevens, Joan Steward, Marty Cantor, Greg Bilan. Joyce Sperling, Anne Morrel, Susan Gleason, Michael Pell, Joe Zeff, Arlene Satin, Gavin Claypool, Maryann Canfield, Scott Beckstead.

Having a quorum, the chair called the meeting to order at 11:20 am.

The minutes were approved with the addition of the notation that Mike Thorsen is currently vice-chair and a couple of minor spelling corrections.

**New Members:** Eugene Sullivan of Valley Village, Niles Straznickas of North Hollywood, Jackie Cortez of North Hollywood, and Mel Cohen of Woodland Hills were all unanimously accepted for membership.

### Treasurer's Report:

As part of the quarterly budget review, adjustments were made to create a new line item for Parties, and break out the Marketing Committee budget into itemized line items for Worldcon Promo, Readings, Advertising, and General.

There was some discussion of ways to increase income to help offset increasing costs of gas and electricity (among all the other items for which prices are rising). Several options were mentioned, but no conclusions were reached, and further discussion was tabled to the September board meeting with one abstention.

The budget was approved as amended, with a provision to revisit at the October board meeting.

It was moved and approved that we thank the treasurer for her effort in putting together the report.

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Chris Wilson has donated some time in her professional capacity of real estate attorney to help the club clarify some issues with the easement on the driveway on the west side of the clubhouse. It was moved and approved by acclamation that the board issue a certificate noting the board's "sincere, boundless, and eternal appreciation" to be presented to Ms. Wilson at a future meeting.

It was noted that the new folding chairs have been holding up well.

**Building maintenance:** There was some discussion about creating new storage space in the front building to enable food service items to be stored more securely and hygienically. A committee was appointed to consider options, said committee consisting of George Van Wagner, Ed Green, Susan Gleason, Arlene Satin, and Scott Beckstead.

**Pubs Computer:** Waiting for an appropriate sale.

**Comptroller:**

Service Marks: The decision was made to not pursue obtaining the LASFS service mark, as we have Loscon and Westercon sufficiently protected.

**Video Projector:** Still jaundiced and the bulb alarm is going off.

**Marketing:** The Marketing meeting for July will be a work party on the new display for con tables and prep for Worldcon.

**Website:** There was discussion of editing responsibilities for web content. It was moved and approved to appoint Ed Green to take on the role of Web Publisher (or Bastard Content Manager from Hell) to oversee web content.

**LaLaCon:** Chair and co-chair expressed their thanks to all involved.

**Loscon 33:** Bernie Wrightson has accepted as Artist Guest of Honor

**Loscon 34:** Tracy Manners has accepted Artist Guest of Honor

**Westercon:** Westercon Liason reported that Westercon 61 site selection was concluded and it will be held in Las Vegas. A further report will be forthcoming.

**Copier Committee:** Research links will be sent to the board by Arlene Satin.

There was some discussion of whether the August

meeting should be shifted because of Worldcon, and it was decided that the meeting will be held as usual on the second Sunday of August with agenda lite.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm.

*Meeting # 3595, July 6, 2006  
George Van Wagner, President  
Martin Young, Scribe*

Lobster met table at 20:08:27, and meeting number 3595 found itself called to order by President Van Wagner, who took a moment to note the following facts. In 1687, Sir Isaac Newton published Principia Mathematica while two hundred years later in 1885 Louis Pasteur successfully tested a rabies vaccine. But it was only one year later in 1886 that Horlicks offered the first malted milk to the public, and in 1924 the first photograph was sent by radio across the Atlantic Ocean.

Special orders of business included the following.

Michelle Pincus announced that Peter Beagle's mother died on the twenty seventh at a too-young one hundred years old. Marty Cantor gave an account of rich brown, based on information from Brown's daughter Alicia. Rich went into hospital on Memorial Day, requiring a long and complicated surgery. He was unable to come off the respirator, and died at one pm on July 6th. He was a fan of renown. He published a few stories, but writing was not his forte. Marty Cantor added that rich edited a tech journal in New York, and then moved to the District of Columbia. rich was a longtime friend of Ted White. Marty emphasized that, although only a few of those here knew rich, he had a definite connection to this area, albeit in the past, and we do well to remember and acknowledge our past. During discussion, it emerged that rich always spelled his name in lower case. Len Moffett pointed out that rich was active in fanzines, writing many excellent letters. To Len, rich always looked like a little kid. He occasionally gaffiated, and his gaffiations were always regretted by those who knew him. On a happier note, Karen Anderson reported that Lee Gold's hysterectomy was successful. Karen has contact information for Lee.

Last week's menace were read, and an important correction was made. Frank Waller pointed out that where the minutes read "Frank Waller had nothing to say," in point of fact he had said that he had nothing. This was the only correction. Ed Green moved to table approval of the menace until the items presently on the table were removed from the table. After an awkward silence, this motion was ignored. CLJII pointed out that

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the one time Karl got the menace right, we fired him. The menace were approved as "He Doesn't Do Women Very Well."

The scribe wishes it to be known that due to technological limitations, his accent is not cultured. It is in fact assembled out of spare parts.

Michelle introduced our unwitting guests. Adler Brian Campos is into almost everything, and is a student. Sergio Bolanos enjoys Star Trek and literature. He is a clerk. Both of these guests were brought to us by Bill Curry. Neil Citrin appeared as a guest to promote an event at the Venice-Abbot Kinney Memorial Library. It is an evening with science fiction, fantasy and horror writers, featuring no less than thirteen writers. (Off course.) The coven includes our own Larry Niven, whose name mysteriously does not appear on their flyer. The venue is at 501 South Venice Blvd., in Venice, and starts at six p.m. on July eighteenth with two hours of book signing.

This meeting's patron saint is Doug Abe. The Chair reported taking special pains to learn the correct pronunciation of "Abe." (Rhymes with "obey.") Matthew Tepper kicked off the tributes with his description of Doug as a soft spoken lasfs member who attended club meetings in the seventies and eighties, and gave out paperback books on his saints day. Len Moffett described him as yet another human wallet. George Van Wagner reported that two years ago Vanessa called Doug on Doug's saints day and Doug was pleased to hear from her. Doug Abe was awarded three cheers and a fine floral lei, in the hopes that he can do better with women.

The committee to gouge had a fine load of stuff to auction. Highlights included a Starfleet technical manual, a book of Rowena's art, and a small book you could write recipes in. There were also two costumes, both of which in smaller-than-fan size.

There was no old business, nor new business.

In Appointive Committee Reports, Arlene Satin announced there will be a reading on the twenty sixth of this month of works by Gene Wolfe, Paul Macauley and William Sanders. The readings start at seven thirty, and there will be snackage.

At this point in the meeting, our Chair announced that he had no announcement, and in fact could not ethically announce anything. Strangely, Matthew Tepper then rose to announce that a week from tomorrow night a group called "Grupo Subconscious" would be

appearing at Hallenbeck's general store with Van something or other on lead guitar. The scribe suspects collusion, and will investigate vigorously unless he is appropriately bribed.

Charlie Jackson got the DVD set of the first season of the British TV show H. G. Wells's Invisible Man. This is the story of the scientist Peter Brady who, along with his clothes, is accidentally turned invisible. This fact is briefly kept secret by the British government. When revealed, it causes a brief furor, which then dies down, leaving the Invisible Man with a moderate degree of celebrity in Great Britain. ("I know you, you're that invisible fellow, aren't you?") The scribe imagines the alien contact will follow the same course, at least in Great Britain. ("I know you, you're that alien fellow, aren't you?") CLJII enjoyed the show immensely. During discussion, it emerged that the invisible man alternates between visible and invisible clothes, and that he knows how to make things invisible, thus allowing him to enhance his invisible wardrobe, and possibly alter the wardrobes of others.

Ed Green announced that the sixty first Westercon, occurring in 2008, will be in Las Vegas Nevada. Milt Stevens will be the fan Guest of Honor, and four LASFS members will be on the committee. Liz Mortensen added that the room rate would be a little higher than normal, and that Las Vegas is only four hours driving away

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08:14, and was followed by CLJII's much-admired film program.

*Meeting # 3596, July 13, 2006*  
*George Van Wagner, President*  
*Martin Young, Scribe*

Our President banged his lobster at 8:11:52, calling to order LASFS meeting number 3596. On this day in 1527 John Dee, Alchemist, Astrologer and Mathematician was born. On this day in 1865 Horace Greeley issued his call to "Go West, Young Man, Go West" and on that same day P.T. Barnum's museum burned down. Only eighty years later in 1945, the first known atomic bomb to explode on Earth did so at Alamogordo, New Mexico.

The President then took the time to thank David Akimura for fabricating a fine framed version of the LASFS crest. Mr. Akimura's work was proudly displayed for the duration of the meeting, and the artist received a well-deserved round of applause.

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The menace were read and approved as (from a motion by Ed Green) whatever the largest bribe allows. This turned out to be "A Disturbing Precedent," both nominally and descriptively.

On a procedural note, it has been opined that the menace were *not* actually approved, but were in fact merely *named*. (I'm looking at you, Ed!) The scribe wishes to point out that the minutes were in fact transitively named on Mr. Green's original motion. This motion to approve was passed by acclamation, and the name to be used was selected by auction. Thus the approval of the menace was carried over into the auction process and finally vested in the name selected by the winning bidder. (Forgot about transitivity, didn't you Ed?)

Our registrar was happy to announce not a guest, but a returning member. Fan and published author Richard Mueller has not been among us for fifteen years. When pressed for an explanation Mr. Mueller replied that he's been busy.

Our patron saint Marc Shirmeister won our hearts all over again with large quantities of ice cream. George Van Wagner said that Marc is a damn fine artist. Marty Cantor pointed out that Marc is the finest fan artist who has never made the Hugo ballot. In 1972, Matthew Tepper and others were looking at Marc's work and exclaiming things like "my god who is this guy?" Frank Waller got the best fountain pens from him. CLJII added that he was also an appreciator of good, that is to say sixty minute, movies. Len Moffett added that he was interesting to be around, and has a lot of interesting information, including information about movies that most people Marc's age are far too young to know about. Our president mentioned that Marc had the finest answer yet seen to the question "how do you know all this stuff," that is often asked of the well-informed by the ill-informed. Marc would say "it comes to me in a dream." Phil Castora said that Marc's art doesn't just push the envelope, but sends it Federal Express. Scratch said he's a nice guy. Marc was awarded three cheers and a quadruple "O" Rapidograph.

The Committee to Gouge auctioned off some Death Mints, a thin message board, a handful of stuff, and an advance copy of a Teri Pratchett book.

The readings on the twenty sixth of this month will feature "No Planets Strike" by Gene Wolfe, "All Tomorrow's Parties" by Paul Macauley and "Jennifer Just before Midnight" by William Sanders. Gene Wolfe's story will be read by Ed "transitivity" green, Paul

Macauley's by Peggy Newvine, and William Sanders's by Liz Mortensen.

Under time bound announcements, Christian McGuire announced that there are only forty six days until LACOIV. There were also urgent pleas for help loading and unloading the truck before worldcon, volunteering during worldcon, and especially loading and unloading the truck after worldcon. George Mulligan, truck driver, spoke on the issue of loading the truck after the con. He said "please please please please please please help us get those bastards loaded. There will be spiffs for volunteers, and truck loading hours count double.

Under reviews, CLJII reported that currently running on the history channel, Modern Marvels Of Pirate Technology is a nice little show, and features several standup interviews with lasfs member Gail Selinger. Hare Hobbs reviewed the novel Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, commenting that the things that happened to Syd Barrett made Jekyll and Hyde obsolete and dated.

Kyla reviewed Pirates of the Caribbean II, saying that it was good. The scribe added that the preshow at the El Capitan was wonderful.

Fannish committee reports were kicked off by Karen Anderson who reported that the future ground-to-orbit vehicle envisioned by the fifty million dollar Bigelow prize now has somewhere to go. Mr. Bigelow has placed a private enterprise inflatable satellite habitat in orbit. The habitat is now sending telemetry and drawing power from solar cells. It is presently holding seven pounds of air pressure. This news was greeted with yeas and applause. David Akimura added that Bigelow plans to orbit a habitat as large as a three-story building. A current illustration of the plan shows five modules attached to a central core.

The man who forgot about transitivity announced that Liz Mortensen is auctioning the use of her forehead as advertising space at comicon.

Doug Crepeau reported that Australian paleontologists have discovered fossils of a giant meat eating kangaroo as well as a carnivorous animal they call the "Demon Duck of Doom!"

A motion to run out into the cold night was approved at 9:22:15. The fans dispersed, save for those who were seriously interested in the subject of upcoming programming. Their deliberations are recorded elsewhere.

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*Meeting # 3597, July 20, 2006*  
*George Van Wagner, President*  
*Martin Young, Scribe*

Meeting number 3597 started at 8:10:18 with a brisk lobstering followed by a commemoration of Darwin's 1836 ascent of Green Hill on Ascension Island, Theodore's 1847 ascent to fame as discoverer of comet Brorsen-Metcalf, the thermometer's 1934 ascent to 118° in Keokuk Iowa, and three heroes' 1969 ascent to the moon Alice, to the moon! (And all you got me was a bag of rocks?)

Special orders of business revealed that Liz Mortensen had not gone through a distressing transformation, but had in fact merely been temporarily replaced as treasurer by the worthy and estimable Ed Green. Liz was in fact away fulfilling the contractual obligations of her forehead-rental business. A carping commoner commented that having Green in place of Mortensen was something that goes two ways. "But I don't," replied Green.

Karl Lemke announced the passing of Stephanie Keith, who was also known as Stephanie Huffman. Survived by her husband, she died two days ago of pancreatic cancer consequent to diabetes. She was a lasfs member in the 1980s.

Last week's minutes were read, and after many quibbles, they were approved as "Transitive," upon a motion from Ed Green.

Our patron saint was Bill Curry. I believe it was Scratch who pointed out that Bill has given money more than once, and is a reasonably good fellow. Joe Zeff mentioned that Bill at one time sold hard to find books at the LASFS, and that he goes very good with chutney. (The scribe is not going to ask how Joe came by that piece of information.) Vanessa Van Wagner added that Bill once gave her a Western romance which she unexpectedly liked. Bill was given three cheers, and a bag full of books.

The Committee to Gouge auctioned off a box of stuff, a 1990's Star Wars calendar, a Superman book, and the right to plant the LASFS sign in a model of Los Angeles provided by David Okamura. This excellent and cheerful model will grace the lasfs table at the upcoming worldcon.

Tadao Tomomatsu announced that the logistics crew will need help with loading and unloading for worldcon. Meet for first loading at noon August 19th at the club. Loading hours count double.

Eric Hoffman announced the impending release of several old D movies on video. Look for the Warner Bros. compilation "Legends of Horror," including The Mask of Fu Manchu, Dr. X., and Mad Love. Columbia/Sony is offering a Boris Karloff collection, and three bad scientists movies. Warner Bros. has unfortunately put back the release of two serials, Superman, and Atom Man Versus Superman. Check [inthebalcony.com](http://inthebalcony.com) for more information.

Marcia Minsky announced that Peggy Corrigan-Gasparik, wife of Frank Gasperik, was hospitalized Saturday morning for a stroke, which turned out to be only a TIA. She is now home taking 7 or 8 medications, and her slurring has gone, and she has her hand strength back.

Karl Lemke reviewed Eureka, which he said looks pretty good. The sheriff is not a scientist, that he is not stupid either. He puts two and two together on Tuesday nights at nine p.m. on the Sci-Fi Channel. CLJII added that he also enjoyed it reasonably well, although he found the producer too enamored of Las Vegas style transitions. He also found that the scientists were not uniformly portrayed, appearing sometimes as mysterious and strange and other times as stupid. Ed Green found it uneven. When it was right, it was stunningly right. There was one surprise they telegraphed, but this should have been seen from the opening credits.

Tina Beychok announced that our Gail Selinger has been written up in Newsweek.

The fannish committee to teach kids to play Dungeons & Dragons, also known as Scratch Galloway, reported that eighty kids were so taught.

Dr. Pournelle announced that Greg Bear's guest of honor speech at the worldcon will be accompanied by presentation of the Heinlein award to Jack Williamson by Dr. Pournelle, Larry Niven, and Michael Flynn.

George Van Wagner commented that this was yet another good reason to have the lasfs meeting from seven to eight p.m., so that members could also attend the guest of honor speech and presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12:26.

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**Meeting # 3598, July 27, 2006**  
**George Van Wagner, President**  
**Martin Young, Scribe**

Meeting 3598, more athletic than usual, caught the 8:07 lobster, and was under way. This day in history saw three firsts in flight. In 1909 on this day, Orville Wright test flew the first Army airplane and set a record of one hour, twelve minutes and forty seconds of sustained flight. (I'm beginning to believe those contraptions might really work!) 1944 saw the first air combat involving a jet fighter, the British Gloster Meteor, 1949 saw the flight of the world's first jet airliner, the British deHavilland Comet.

Charles Lee Jackson the second memorialized the passing of former child actress J. Madison Wright at 21 years old. She appeared in the TV series Earth II, and was the recipient of a heart transplant. Which transplant unfortunately gave out, causing her death. CLJII also mourned Robert Cornthwaite, 89. He was the man who wanted to talk to the thing to see what he could learn from it. What he learned was that carrots hurt.

The minutes were read, amended, and approved as "I Got Nothing."

Registrar Michelle introduced two guests and one returning member. The guests were Armine (Amy) Dzhabrailyan (pronounced "Jerillion"), Michael Alario and Ron Howski. The returning member was Avril Roy-Smith, who had attended the club in the late seventies.

Our patron saints were Ed Green, and Tom Safer. From the content and tone of the remarks made about these two, the scribe concludes that each of them must have money squirreled away somewhere.

In the matter of Ed Green, Scratch reported that Ed has a charming and pleasant personality, and then you wake up. Hare Hobbes reported that Ed was president during some tough times, during the smoking controversy, and also during the Controversy That Must Not Be Named. (The scribe is ignorant about these matters, and prefers to remain so.) Hare added that Ed was dumb enough to come back for even more terms as president. Scratch put in that Ed was not dumb, but brave. CLJII put in that were the Moffatts but here, they would praise Ed to the skies, enjoying the fruits of their efforts as Ed's adoptive fan parents in bragging about how well little Eddie turned out.

In case you're wondering, the Moffatt praise is not transitive praise, but he is in fact inferential praise,

delivered by CLJII speaking In Loco Fan Parentis.

Speaking in his own person, CLJII pointed out that Ed has been both sidekick and hero in the printed pages. Most notably, he helped us avoid the end of the world by being sucked into some inconvenient stellar object.

Karen Anderson added that Ed's retirement rank of Staff Sergeant explains why he's able to keep order in this mess. Those fans who are able to find evidence of order in this mess are invited to say where the hell it is.

Jerry Pournelle mentioned that he had sent Ed off into the army many years ago, and found it to be a mutually profitable arrangement for both of them. I think it was Matthew Tepper who asked, "I know you got the enlistment bonus, but what did Ed get?"

Frank Waller added that Ed is a formidable person. He stood up to Frank's attempts to slap him around, and delivered several good slaps across the head himself. Unfortunately, these slaps were all verbal, thus greatly diminishing the entertainment value of the encounters.

Rick Foss pointed out that Ed gets things done. He does so with a veneer of politeness and charm that is not so thick that you don't know that he means it.

Tom Safer opined that Ed is approachable. The scribe is going to let someone else approach him and find out.

Doug Crepeau added that Ed is one of the few fans ever to have been named in terms of angstroms. (If you don't get that joke, you're in the wrong club.)

On a serious note, George Van Wagner mentioned that Ed was one of the first people who came up and talked to him and Vanessa when they first started attending the club, thus contributing to the Van Wagner's continuing to attend the club. Van Wagner added that this meant that the present presidency is Ed's fault, thus providing the ignorant masses groaning under the tyranny of the present administration with a more easily accessible alternative target for their rising rage. Nicolo Machiavelli has nothing on us!

Ed was awarded three cheers, a stout fellow, and an action clicks figure with special "Staff Sergeant grip."

And as for Tom Safer, nobody cares about Tom Safer.

Oh well, if I must, I must.

Phil Castora pointed out that Tom Safer is very good at enjoying himself, and very good at helping others to do the same. Phil said that we could use more like him. (I



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guess that's true.)

Joe Zeff trenchantly reminded the membership that Tom Safer does good work in helping us appreciate that rare and obscure form of art, American cartoons. (Well, that is a good point.)

Michael Wilson, who has known Tom for thirty years, and seen many, many, many of his cartoon shows pointed out that, however old we get, they're still funny. (It's true, they are funny.)

George Van Wagner added that he is often amazed by Tom's knowledge of American cartoons. (That's true too, George is often amazed.)

Well, I guess this Safer fellow is all right after all!

Tom Safer was awarded Brika Braka, Fire Cracker, Sis Bum Ba! Bugs Bunny, Bugs Bunny, Rah! Rah! Rah! And a bag of newly discovered Warner Bros. prints.

The Committee to Gouge auctioned off the extremely unnatural autobiography of a cloned piggy bank dominatrix.

Fred Lazzelle recommended the placement of informative signs on deadbolted doors. CLJII pointed out that fans remove signs that they find repugnant. (Apparently, any attempt to convey useful information is repugnant. In contrast to the usual mundane's attitude that signs don't apply to him, the average fan seems to think that all signs are aimed at him or her personally. Either that, or the attitude is "I don't want to know, and I don't want anybody else to know either!")

Upcoming programming includes tonight's program of Bugs Bunny's birthday party, presented by Tom Safer Presents, Inc. Ltd. and discombobulated. August 3rd and 10th, Space Race in two parts. President Van Wagner added that the Discovery Channel sent us a screener DVD, and he hopes to build a good relationship with the Discovery Channel in service of future benefits to the club. August 17th, What Have You Been Reading Lately? August 24th, no programming for some reason. August 31st, worldcon reportage. No announcements for September but things are firming up.

The probably all right Tom Safer announced August 12th will see cartoons of the Beatles, starting at 10 a.m. and probably including Yellow Submarine.

Under Time Bound Announcements, George Van Wagner announced this Saturdays Asian Cult Cinema presentation "Rudraksh", the only Bollywood musical

science-fiction horror film he's ever been able to find. He reported it includes scientists in hot pants, to which someone asked "what are the women wearing?" He also announced the movie "Avalon," a live-action feature by Mamoru Oshii. This is a Polish/Japanese coproduction, in Polish with subtitles. There is also a very good 1992 remake of the movie Dragon Inn, and Avenging Fist, a movie that would've been called something else if the producers had been able to secure the rights to the videogame it was based on.

Competing with Asian Cult Cinema, Tom Safer Presents will be at the Hollywood library at two p.m. that day, presenting a program of Japanese animation of the nineteen sixties.

Phil Castora mentioned that the Perseids will be visible from the thirtieth of this month to the twenty fifth of next month. Go out and watch the skies on the evening of Saturday August twelfth for your best viewing. But don't do it around here.

"Put a fork in it, it's done!" Cried Karl Lemke. The Spice Cadets cookbook is now available at fifteen dollars from Karl or Lulu.com. I believe it was CLJII who made the obligatory cry of "It's a Cookbook!" (And if you don't get that joke, you're in the wrong club.)

Kyla reviewed A Scanner Darkly. She said that the visual effects gave the finest hallucinogenic experience that you can have, except that all the effects and all the paranoia are up on screen so it is so much more fun. She added that it's true to Dick.

CLJII enjoyed POTCII. He also gave a large amount of confusing information, which the scribe could not follow.

Fannish Committee Reports and Miscellaneous were held over until next week. The scribe enjoyed the temporary reprieve, but is not looking forward to the heavier load next week. He intends to deal with the extra work by giving up all pretense of accuracy.

The meeting adjourned at 21 hours, 3 minutes and 37.3 seconds, and was followed by Tom Safer Presents Bugs Bunny's Birthday Party. This was reported to be an excellent program. However, for the scribe, its chief virtue was that it kept Fred Lazzelle amused while scribe and scribelet had fun with the kids at the Coral Café.



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