



## SEPTEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 LASFS MEETING	4 - Open House - Board Gaming	5 Private
6	7	8	9	10 LASFS MEETING	11 - Open House - Board Gaming	12 - Cinema Animé: - Cosplay Sewing Circle
13 - Board meeting - Open House	14	15	16	17 LASFS MEETING	18 - Open House --- Board Gaming	19 - CFO - Tom Safer Cartoons
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### KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

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

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**SEPTEMBER 3** - No programme  
**SEPTEMBER 10** - Voting for Forry Award  
**SEPTEMBER 17** - **BIG AUCTION**  
**SEPTEMBER 24** - Bride of Frankenstein presentation by Peter H. Brothers

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)

### CALENDAR DETAILS

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

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**Obituary for Anne Calpurnia Morrel on page 9**

# DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 511– September 2015. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

*De Profundis* is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544. The club's web site is: [www.lasfs.org](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 address: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers  
July - December, 2015

**President: Matthew B. Tepper. Vice-President: Debra Levin. Registrar: Ed Hooper. Scribe: Kristen Gorlitz & Nick Smith. Treasurer: (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.**

## Board of Directors

**Chairman: Karl Lembke (2015). Vice-Chairman: Christian McGuire (2017).. Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2016). Secretary: Marty Cantor (2015). Other members: Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whisky" Johnson (2015) 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.**

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**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 4064, July 2, 2015**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Kristen Gorlitz, Scribe**

President Matthew Tepper launched meeting #4064 faster, better, and cheaper than SpaceX at 8:00 pm.

Thanks were given to past officers: Scribe Karl Lembke, Vice President Debra Levin, Registrar Ed Hooper, co-treasurer Michelle Pincus, Treasurer Elayne Pelz, and President Matthew Tepper for their term

The **Minutes** from last the meeting were read. Joe Zeff bid \$2.25 to name them "Fail and hairwell" They were so accepted.

There were no guests.

## Time Bound Announcements:

Terry Brussel - She has a room available in a science fiction positive group house.

Eric Hoffman: He turned on YouTube and they were running the trailer for the upcoming Hotel Transylvania part

2. The Voice of Vlad is Mel Brooks. It's going to be a real howl.

Matthew: Ludwig Satz is the great uncle of Matthew and Mel Brooks' hero.

Scratch: SpaceX blew one.

**The Treasurer's Report:** We have money but you can't spend it.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saint, Patron Saint Doug Abe**. Marty: Last week Doug showed up with a box of books and has more than made up for the times he has missed the meetings, times when he wlawys brought books. Doug (who was here tonight) announced that every member can go into the library and ask for a free book.

Eric Hoffman: This is the Ffrst night he's met him, and he has good vibes. Hopes he enjoys himself. Scratch: Heard the name and heard the name but had no visual image until now.

**Patron Saint Doug Abe** was given Three Cheers and a box full of books (alphabetized).

We had **A moment of Science:** David Okamura was not here but he sent in a moment of science.

SpaceX: 139 seconds after lift off it disintegrated, possibly due to an overpressure event, and SpaceX technicians are still looking for causes. SpaceX missions are postponed indefinitely until the cause is found. Now we look to the Russian space program.

Shark attacks off eastern shores are increasing. Selfies, however, are being taken with sharks at Huntington Beach. (*Sharks are using selfies?* - ed.) Also, one porpoise or dolphin jumped into a boat and they put it back into water.

Marty: For a lifeguard, speed is of the essence. There have been experiments with a drone which carries a life preserver that can accurately drop the life preserver next to the person in distress to keep them afloat until a lifeguard gets there. So far, so good!

**Miscellaneous:** Frank Waller will be going to the hospital on the 7th to find out if he will be driving anymore. Had two seizures over the weekend and one in hospital. (*With luck, the hospital will issue Frank a driver license.* - ed.)

Hare: Long time ago they talked about new pacemakers that has computer chip that keeps track of the heart. A gorilla now has one.

People moved to adjourn and we did so.

**Meeting 4065, July 9, 2015  
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding  
Kristen Gorlitz, Scribe**

President Matthew Tepper tossed meeting # 4065 onto the roof at 8:00 pm.

The **Minutes** from last meeting were read. David Okamura bid \$3 to name them "I'll let Kristen name her own minutes" They were so accepted.

We had three guests: Cameron Brenner - son of a member, learned about LASFS from friends and family, never attended before. (We don't bite hard). Interests: Isaac Asimov and Arthur C Clark, aspiring writer. (*Arthur C. Clark is an aspiring writer? Has somebody invented a time machine?* - ed.) // Terry Fong - here from Westcon, likes conventions, literature fan, bookkeeper (occupation). // Jannie Shea - found out about us at LA Con III, likes art and social organization, freelancer.

### **Time Bound Announcements!**

This Saturday, from 2-5pm at Mystery of Imagination bookstore, LASFS' own George Clayton Johnston will be celebrating his birthday and is expected to be there.

Obituary - George Retzlaff, who appeared in Rocketman, is survived by 25 cats.

**The Treasurer's Report:** We have termites. And money, you can't spend either.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saint, Patron Saint Marc Schirmeister**. Scratch: Marc has a small passing talent with pen and ink. Cartoons in color and b&w. Wants a copy of the double blessing and curse dancer. Matthew Tepper: executed a float (in 3 dimensions) Going to the Moovies. Marc says it was interesting to design a float. Was one of the only ones not associated with a corporation.

Milt: First clubhouse on Ventura, had a problem because of glass window in bathroom. Corrected it by having Marc paint the window. Marc says, he walked in back about 5 years ago and it's still there. There was a small crack. Milt: At a con held at the Hyatt there was a room with wallpaper that looked like a rainforest, so Marc drew in some dinosaurs in between ferns. Stayed in the same room years later and dinosaurs still there. So he added a pterodactyl. Marc- was crude jungle mural, drew big dinosaurs, even King Kong over a mountain. And years later, dinosaurs had been added to by strangers. Staff must have thought it was part of the original mural.

David Okamura: When we moved to this clubhouse, Marc dug out rocks and planted the foliage we see today. (*Yes, Marc is now in charge of Plant Parenthood.* - ed.)

Marty: Carried around his laptop which showed a piece of art from Holier than Thou, printed from linoleum block printing, 7 blocks, one for each color, with a run of about 350 covers.

Scratch: Has a marvelous sense of humor, somewhat dry, always good tempered. Jerry P: Does anyone remember his Close Encounters of the Worst Kind (Marc doesn't remember) Matthew: still remember 42 years ago when

he and friends were standing around looking at cartoons and admiring them only to find out they were Marc's Marc - LASFS helped give him an outlet to draw, sci-fi fandom gave him an excuse to keep going and he was able to develop a career in animation

**Patron Saint Marc Schirmeister** was given Three Cheers - And there's ice cream in the other room..

**A Moment of Science:** David Okamura: Russians successfully docked (after 3 failures to restock the space station). Things should continue to improve next month with a Japanese supply ship. And they are going to add 3 astronauts to the crew.

A plane powered only by the Sun landed in Hawaii after taking off from Japan. Solar Impulse 2.

New Horizon spacecraft approaching Pluto will have its nearest encounter next week. It had small glitch on Saturday and went into safemode. The ground crew were able to restore it.

Philae Lander went into a ravine and lost sunlight. It is getting charged now and sending more info. They think crevices are caused by sinkholes. Other features might be caused by microbial life.

## Reviews

Milt: Read recommendation from friend at SF commentary, who said his favorite sci-fi novel is Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber. A minister is sent to a congregation on alien world. Interesting to see how aliens view Christianity.

Jerry Pournelle: Reading Tim Powers Hide Me Among the Graves. Tim finds unusual events and creates a realistic fantasy explanation of what happened. Dante Rossetti buried his wife and journal of poetry; two years later he dug her up. Very strange novel in Victorian England (if you have interest in the period) Great prose. One of his weirder novels. But very good. // Gavin: This book is a sequel to one of Tim Power's The Stress of Her Regard earlier book, but you don't need to read the first to read this one.

Glen: Discovered author Jim Butcher and on his sixth Harry Dresden novel and he is totally entranced and getting to know the City of Chicago very well.

Hare: Dresden Files led Hare to the books and he will always be grateful for that

## Miscellaneous:

Tom Schafer: on the Amtrack from LA to San Diego a woman stalled the train by yelling "I am the Queen of England and I own this train". She was threatening people and had to be forcibly removed.

Marty: Board Member presentation: Next Sunday Board of directors meeting starting at 11:00 am. Open House afterwards starting at 2 pm. Board games will be played.

Ed Hooper: Went to Disneyland, California Adventures, and saw a real working Pacific electric red car. (*One of them hit my DKW 50+ years ago, causing my car to become permanently non-working and me to become temporarily non-working as I was hospitalized. Last I knew, I survived.* - ed.)

Jerry Pournelle: Last Dec, before his stroke, Niven did a short story that takes place in stronghold the year after the comet falls. They just turned in the story. it mentions character in Lucifer's Hammer and you get a hint of what happened to the surfer.

Milt: Westercon- on way, driver got lost. On the airplane a Stewardess hits him in nose with peanuts. strange day.

Matthew: Message from Phil Osborn, problem with KPFK local station board elections. Reelecting entire LSB, needs members (\$25 or volunteer at station). Offer hard science programs instead of questionable science now. need some to run for board seat. Nominate Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle. Deadline: July 14th.

Marsha: Westercon: drove. Better experience. Only 3.5 hours. Only one tank of gas. 6-10 LOSCON memberships brought in from Westercon.

Frank: Last Friday, had two seizures, messed up foot, went to hospital. They will tell him results on their own leisure.

It was moved and seconded, and we **Adjourned** to the program at 9:15 pm.

## Meeting 4066, July 16, 2015 President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding Nick Smith, Scribe

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

### Special Orders of Business:

Jon Vickers, Tenor. A brilliant and prickly performer who began his career late, first studying opera at the age of 24. He performed in *Tristan and Isolde* and many other classic operas, but once refused to perform in *Tannhauser* because he didn't like Wagner's views on religion. He stopped his performance in one opera to tell the audience to shut up and stop coughing. They did.

Satoru Iwata, a longtime game developer and later president of Nintendo, died on July 11th. The Nintendo DS and the Wii were two of the successes that came out of Nintendo during his presidency. As a programmer and developer he worked on many other projects, including Kirby, Pokemon and other games, and was part of the interestingly named HAL Laboratory.

Anne Morrell has been given last rites.

**Minutes** of the last meeting: \$3 from Matthew to call them: "When in doubt, add a pterodactyl."

The Registrar reported we have a guest: Rowan Dao, from Westminster. Rowan learned of LASFS from George. He is a fan of manga, anime, computer games, comics, detective fiction, and films.

#### **Time-Bound Announcements:**

Gavin Claypool announced that the Odyssey Theater *Oedipus Machina* is offering LASFS members a special discount of \$18/ticket, almost half off. [Wwww.odyesseytheatre.com](http://www.odyesseytheatre.com)

Nick Smith announced the online Shout Factory Kaiju marathon for the coming Saturday.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

We have money and you can't spend it - see the Treasurer for details.

**Patron Saint Bill Curry:** Marty: He's a saucy character. Scratch: He shows up occasionally. Matthew: Bill is a longtime member, starting his attendance back to the Palms Playground site. Has given out or sold books, as his mood takes him. When Matthew was scribe, Bill always laughed at his punchlines.

Nick: Bill was part of the infamous Middle Earth "no bat shall die" episode, in which a flaw in the Middle Earth Role-Playing Game's combat rules was first noticed. George: Bill was a board gamer, too. Joe: Bill brought boxes of books to sell, at seemingly random prices. No one could figure out what the prices would be, in advance of checking with Bill.

**Patron Saint Bill Curry** was given Three Cheers and a \$1.37 price tag.

**A Moment of Science**, with David Okamura: New Horizon has successfully passed by Pluto. Launched when Pluto was still a planet, it became a dwarf planet in transit, and the size grew slightly upon recent measurements. (*And just how did New Horizon become a dwarf planet and then grew slightly in size?* - ed.) 16 months of data analysis. Apparent ice mountains are visible, but no impact craters, which suggests an active surface. [Or, a really big Zamboni.]

Space X failure cost taxpayers \$110 million.

NASA has picked four astronauts to fly commercial space missions.

Solar Impulse 2 will stay in Hawaii for a while, will fly again next April at the earliest, due to damage which occurred during the flight.

The large Hadron Collider has found a pentaquark which may be a new exotic form of matter.

In Long Beach, a school has been teaching students how to use echolocation in place of a cane.

A study suggests Type II diabetes leads to a much higher rate of Alzheimers and other mental impairment, proba-

bly due to physical damage from the diabetes.

Karl comments that the echolocation study is based on reports from humans with a weak Daredevil-like sense, and that the tapping of a cane may actually create echoes audible to humans.

#### **Reviews:**

Milt Stevens reviewed *Touch* by Claire North, a pseudonym for Catherine Webb. Touch is about a murdered spirit who could inhabit others. Apparently not unique. Then he gets murdered again, apparently targeted. The author tends to give olfactory sense descriptions.

Matthew Tepper mentioned that Poul Anderson suggested invoking physical senses to make a scene more real.

George McUrso: Anthology *Sherlock Holmes in America*, edited by Michael Kurland. Original pastiches of Holmes traveling around the U.S. before the Watson stories. Well-written and entertaining, good historical details.

Marcia Minsky: The new Harper Lee book had to be pre-ordered. Marcia got it as an audio book. Picks up with Scout around age 23. Very enjoyable.

CLJ II: Bookshop of Mystery and Imagination George Clayton Johnson event. A good time was had by all, but on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. George was refuting stories about George. Lots of socializing and book-buying including by CLJII.

Christian McGuire: *The Peripheral* by William Gibson, not set in any previous worlds. Minor quibble that everybody you cared about has a good ending, not at all like Gibson's other stories.

Dr. Pournelle—Moment of stuff: New models of solar activity have been published which cover 170 years, comparing to existing records. If correct, in about 30 years there will be a minimum activity period. Solar variability is less than 1% of output, but 1/10th of 1% variation is more than vulcanism, radioactivity and such put together. Whether this will lead to a cooling event depends on the effect on clouds. Cloudless sky leads to lots of heat loss. Cooling may lead to less water vapor, fewer clouds. Little ice age was a result of what may have been a similar effect. The one thing we do know is that the models are accurate so far.

Comment from Larry—if Greens want to take credit for reversing warming, this gives a time frame.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

George McUrso: received an email from a group which despises President Obama, apparently saying that Obama will ruin the electrical grid costs, thus recommending solar power in order to spite Obama.

CLJII: 10<sup>th</sup> Book in the Emperor's Secret Files series is on

Amazon for 99 cents. // Also, Social Security medical coverage problems were due to him being listed as an undocumented alien. [Everyone knows the Emperor is well documented as being a strange visitor from another planet.]

We **Adjourned** to the Auction at 9:15 pm.

**Meeting 4067, July 23, 2015**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Nick Smith, Scribe**

President Matthew Tepper called the meeting # 4067 to a poor semblance of order at: 8:00 pm.

**Special Orders of Business:**

Anne Morrell, longtime member of the club and wife of Bill Ellern, died a few hours after last week's meeting. Anne, who had brightened many a club auction and LOSCON art show, had spent years giving out Hall Costume prizes at LOSCON. She was a lively and active fan for many years until encountering severe health problems that had confined her to a wheelchair in recent times.

Bill and his daughter are at tonight's meeting. A full minute of silence was given in her honor.

Theodore Bikel passed away at age 91. In addition to being a longtime folksinger [a regular on *Hootenanny* in the early 1960s], he had an acting career that included character roles in many classic films [*The African Queen*, *My Fair Lady* and *Moulin Rouge*, among others]. He was the original Captain Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* on Broadway, spoke several languages and sang in twenty. He also had roles in various genre TV shows, including *Twilight Zone*, *Babylon 5*, *Mission Impossible*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Star Trek: Next Generation*, and as the voice of Aragorn in the animated *Return of the King*.

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read to wild acclaim and minimal corrections. David Okamura paid \$4 to name the minutes "The Pentaquark Papers."

The **Registrar** announced: No guests. Tsk.

**Time-Bound Announcements:**

Marcia Minsky— there will be a LOSCON meeting Sunday at 1 pm.

Tom Safer—there are brownies in the back room [fresh chocolate is always time-bound, as chocolate brownies with fresh icing should never be allowed to get stale!]

**Treasurer's Report:** There is money in the treasury and you can't spend it. Termite work is about to happen.

**Committee Reports:**

The **Committee to Gouge** had a small auction

**Patron Saints:**

**Patron Saint, Ed Green:** Hare Hobbs mentioned the stories Ed told about his time in the military. Tom Safer remembered disagreements with Ed about doing cartoon programs at meetings, and the result was the Saturday time slot which still flourishes. (*And I agree with Ed that Cartoon programmes are out of place at meetings.* - ed.) CLJ II mentioned that Ed was part of his stock company of characters in his stories. Ed has provided story research for some of the stories as well.

Joe Zeff: For a number of years he ran the Fugghead contest, about memorable fannish activity. June Moffatt: Ed was one of the generation of fans that came up through Moffatt House. Matthew Tepper: in 1991 the meetings of the club were, um, lacking in form and function. He and Ed teamed up to try to make things better. The team was called "Order and Merriment," with Ed serving four terms as President and Matthew serving four terms as Scribe. They were then paroled for good behavior, and Matthew ran for President, so someone nominated Ed as Scribe, as an apparent joke. He won. The point was that both put in the effort to structure both offices so that successors could do them without having to reinvent the square wheel.

Scratch: I wish he was here today. Frank Waller: Ed kept Frank in line, but nicely. Larry Niven: Passed Ed in the hall at a convention, and Ed had a quarrel with someone on the con staff about money, and Ed put out a begging cup. Larry joined him, and someone added a placard "Will daydream for food." CLJ mentioned his acting career, which has never made Ed a star, but has made him happy. Hip hip hooray and Three Cheers for **Patron Saint Giuseppe Verdi**.

**Patron Saint Tom Safer:** Eric Hoffman: Tom is the only person I know who knows everything about cartoons. He puts fantastic shows together, is a good friend and very lucky to have his wife. Scratch: He has a gentle way of inflicting his 2-D dreams on everyone else. David: Tom is very willing to help out, such as when he helped John Hertz at Westercon.

Debra: Tom is one of the warmest, kindest, sweetest people I've ever known. Joe: Not only does Tom produce excellent cartoon shows, he is also gracious about honoring requests. Matthew: Tom sings in choruses and choirs, including the Burbank Chorale, the mention of which was followed by a pun that the scribe refuses to repeat.

CLJ II: He sings like a larch. (*Not a Lurch?* - ed.) Scratch: He sings in the shower. Discussion ensued on how Scratch would know this and whether it was actually true. Anna Safer: We have been married for 24 years, and he has been there in grief and happiness, the light of my life, as well as a singer and pianist.

Hooray, and Rabbit Season [Duck Season].

**A Moment of Science**, with David Okamura.

It's beginning to look a lot like El Nino. Santa Barbara has okayed the un-mothballing of a desalinization plant built in the 1970s. (*Good. Now the drinking water will*

*no longer taste like mothballs.* -ed.)

Pluto is providing more information to New Horizons. This week, more mountains.

Passing of the last mission specialist for the Magellan Probe. Claudia Alexander passed away in her 50s. She was also a steampunk fan and worked on other JPL projects, not necessarily in that order.

SpaceX is blaming a metal strut on the second stage as the cause of the last launch failure of the Falcon 9. Because the strut came from a subcontractor, Elon Musk suggests that SpaceX needs to do more parts testing on their own. A submarine has been hired to search for the cargo capsule, but this capsule did not have an emergency parachute, so even if found, it may not be salvageable. David Okomura - it did have a parachute but not software to deploy it

A new study has linked poor sleep with Alzheimer's. The cause/effect cycle is not yet clear. Dr. Pournelle pointed out that eventually, something will kill you. David pointed out that women suffering from Alzheimer's decline much faster than men. As yet, this cause/effect cycle is also not yet clear.

The Kepler telescope has detected what is apparently an Earth-sized planet in the temperate orbital zone of its star, roughly 1400 light years away.

Dr. Pournelle comments on how unusual parts failure of a rocket really are. They are normally built to a safety factor of about 10. If you're sure you overbuilt the part, you bore holes to reduce weight. It seems odd to him that this mechanical failure occurred, and speculates that someone took a chance on weight vs. strength and erred in the wrong direction.

#### Reviews:

Marcia Minsky read *To Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee and is still very confused. It flashes back and forth in time, and she has to re-read it. Some parts very funny.

Milt Stevens read another NESFA-recommended book: *The Mechanical* by Ian Tregellis. Felt uncomfortable with a Steampunk/magic combination with alchemy, golems rowing galleys, and the Evil Dutch.

#### Miscellaneous:

CLJ II—For 30-some years, his telephone service has gotten crazy whenever it rains. AT&T fixes it, and says water was getting into the box, and it won't happen again. It has, fifteen times. This time, the repairman also patched the hole in the box.

Frank Waller had a brain scan. He has one. He is now on anti-seizure medicine, and is scheduled for surgery in October for other things.

We **Adjourned** to the Program and subsequent chair-moving at: 9:20 pm.

## Board of Directors Meeting July 12, 2015 Chairman of the Board, Karl Lembke Board Secretary, Marty Cantor

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

**Members and Guests:** Matthew W. Tepper, Joe Zeff, Frank Waller, Tom Safer.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:12 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, July 12th, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of June 14th, 2015, were accepted as presented with one nay and one abstention.

**New Members:** There were 2 applications for membership: Paul Ali and Krystal Viola Smith. They have paid their \$10 application fee. They were accepted.

**Treasurer:** (Elayne Pelz): (See the Treasurer for the amount in the treasury.)

#### 30-second Reports:

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

**Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire):** No report as the Vice Chairman was not here.

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

**Publications (Marty Cantor):** I have no report from the Web Master. Barry is in both better spirits and better health.

**Comptroller (Gavin Claypool):** Little fund-raiser worked and three tv's went away.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** Second Sunday was lightly attended this past month so this affected the supplies we needed to order. This month: 229 units bringing in \$254.00. (The difference has to do with two items being sold at higher than usual costs.) Total units to date: 33,426, and total monies to date: \$28,281.50. We have purchased toilet paper and paper towels.

**Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson):** We Got Books. Doug Abe contributed about 40 boxes of books. The Secretary mentioned that when Doug Abe used to show

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**Notes:**

1. Crash space available at the filk site--call in advance for arrangements.
2. Bring healthy munchies, juices, etc.
3. **No smoking - period!!** (Except allowed outside.)
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5. There is a hot tub.
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up on a regular basis he used to bring in a box of books to hand out to all of the attendees.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** No report other than to state that we have archives.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** We have termites in the library. Elayne will call the exterminators tomorrow. We also have some new graffiti on the building.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** Rob not here. Tom Safer reported that the AV equipment he used yesterday worked fine.

**Events (Nick Smith):** Westercon had increased membership but the Art Show and Masquerade were down. There was a discussion about how the Art Show and Masquerade have had gradually decreasing interest in recent years. Marcia reported that there were 10-12 LOSCON memberships sold at Westercon. // LOSCON 42: LOSCON 43. (There were no reports.)

**Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus):** Karl said that after Comic-Con he and Michelle would be getting together with the material from Annenberg (How to Run and Fundraise for a charity.) They will be getting together with Tim Griffen to discuss this.

**(Significant Others)**

**Club President (Matthew B. Tepper):** Position of Scribe was finally filled: Kristen Gorlick and Nick Smith.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** Not here.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mike Thorsen reported that the composites for the various officers have been updated and will be put on-line. This was approved with 1 objection.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Tom Safer felt that he wanted to express his appreciation to Matthew and Karl and other Board members who got up a Vote of Confidence for Charlie and those who ran a good election for Procedural Officers in the last election.

The next meeting will be on August 9, 2015.

**TAKE-AWAYS:**

Elayne will have the termites taken away.

Karl will install a new seal under the toilet in the big bathroom.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 11:38 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary





## Anne Calpurnia Morrel

Anne Calpurnia Morrel, 68, of Northridge, CA passed away on July 16, 2015 in her home in Northridge. She was born in Phoenix, AZ on June 14, 1947 and adopted by Ruth Havens (Wilson) and her husband. Anne was an only child. Her family moved to the San Diego area of California in the 1950s. She had a Bachelors Degree in Arts, and a Masters in Languages from San Diego State. She spoke English, Latin, French, Spanish, and read Greek, German, Italian and some Russian. She was married to Fr. George W. Morrel III. After his death she married William B. Ellern. Her pet scarlet macaw, Rojo, died in 2010.

Anne was a Professional level costumer, a restorer of books, a writer, and a collector of beautiful things. She had an extensive collection of theological and Science Fiction/Fantasy books, movie posters, and art.

She was a life-time member of LASFS for 30 years, supporting it by attending its auctions and buying significant numbers of items. She attended its conventions and their Dealer's Rooms and Art Shows, buying liberally to support its vendors and artists. At the conventions, she supported costuming by organizing, designing, making and handing out Costume Design Awards to attendees wearing costumes.

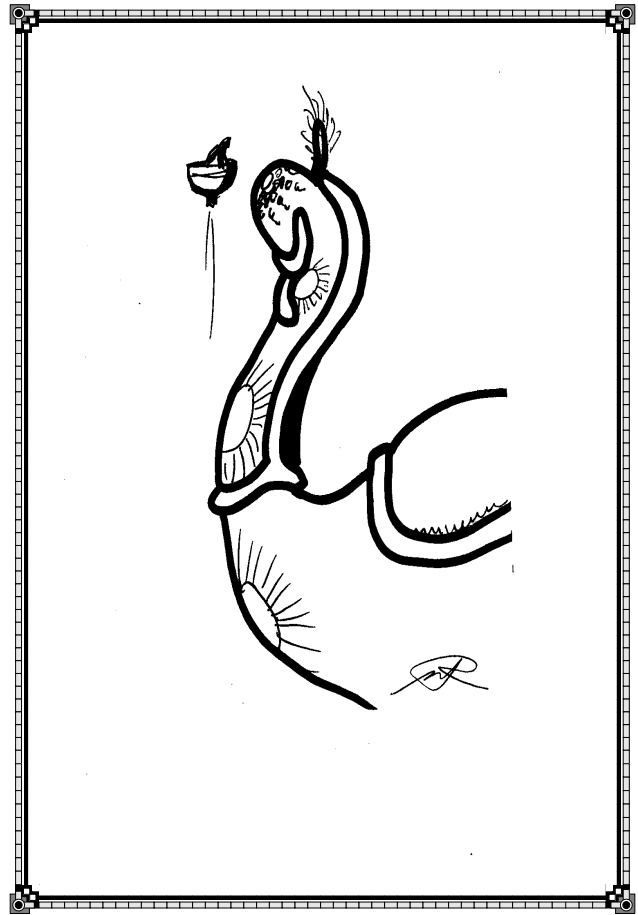
Angry by the inclusion of inappropriate material in various lists of books *for children*, she researched, wrote, and presented to LASFS the Recommended Reading List for Children and Young Adults with an "Introduction" that explained her sources and stances on the subject. Her library contained almost all of the cited books.

There will be two Memorials to her life. The first is at the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (LASFS) at 6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401 (818)-904-9544 at 2 PM, Sunday September 27. Refreshments afterwards.

The second is at St. Martins Winnetka at 7136 Winnetka Ave, Canoga Park, CA 91306 (818) 340-5144 at 10 AM, Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>. Remember 10/10/10 or 10 o'clock, on the tenth day of the tenth month. Refreshments afterwards.

She is survived by her husband, William Ellern, who has promised a house party open to all her friends when he can clear the books out of the Living room of their house. Estimated time: 1 year (probably underestimated).

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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 4:30 and ending around 11:00.

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

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

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

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