



## SEPTEMBER 2016

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### KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

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

### CALENDAR DETAILS

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm  
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends  
 Work Party - 10:30 am  
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm  
 FW-EMS - Republic Pictures horror films, 2 PM

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**SEPTEMBER 1** - No programme (possibly short video added).  
**SEPTEMBER 8** - Special Guest Speaker (Phil Proctor).  
**SEPTEMBER 15** - **BIG AUCTION.**  
**SEPTEMBER 22** - No programme.  
**SEPTEMBER 29** - Nominations and voting for Forry Award

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

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

# DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 523– September 2016. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

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

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

I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address *c/o De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) 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, 2016

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

## Board of Directors

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

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

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**Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity:** Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out \_\_\_\_

**CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE**  
(complete minutes are supposed to be filed  
in the LASFS' files and can be read there -  
also at [www.lasfs.org](http://www.lasfs.org))

**Meeting 4107, April 28, 2016**  
**President Gavin Claypool, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at:  
8:00 pm

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and named:  
\$4 to Michelle to name them as "Happy Birthday, June!"  
Jerry Pournelle paid \$3 to add a subtitle, "Keep watching  
the skies for black holes."

**Patron Saint Bill Warren [from the hagiography]:** Served on the original LASFS board of directors and wrote *Keep Watching the Skies*, 2 volumes of reviews of '50s SF movies. Bill was also a fan writer and he was LASFS GOH at the 1984 LOSCON. Bill was the Lord High Janitor at our original clubhouse and a close friend of Bill Rotsler. He served as Bill Rotsler's fannish executor. After Rotsler's death, he sent all remaining Rotsler illos to Marty Cantor for general use in the fanzine world. The year that Jerry Pournelle edited the Nebula anthology, Bill Warren wrote the essay on that year's SF.

**Patron Saint Nick Smith:** Nick is a Filker and a Story teller (as opposed to Edward Teller) and a LASFS Board

Member. He loves and is proficient with board games. Nick is an inductee to Filk Hall of Fame.

Nick was almost on a jury with Kip Thorne. The judge had started empanelling a jury, but the judge changed his mind. So jury duty isn't over for the year.

This week's Patron Saints were given six cheers and a magnifying lens.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have money and can't spend it.

We have guests: Vali from near Transylvania who heard about us from a friend. (No, it wasn't Dr. Acula.) And Abraham heard about us from a friend.

Despite the calendar in *De Prof* having a blank May 5, there will be a LASFS meeting on that date.

#### **Committee reports:**

**A Moment of Science**, with David Okamura. It took three days, but a solar powered plane has landed in California after flying from Hawaii. Solar Impulse II made it across the ocean. (*Well, I would not have expected it to "fly" UNDER the ocean.* - ed.)

SpaceX has announced they want to send a Dragon II capsule to Mars as early as 2018. This will be an improved Dragon capsule, and they want to land it using retro rockets. It needs to be launched on the Falcon Heavy, as yet untested. This is to see if they can stage equipment for a future settlement.

Scientists have succeeded in using cosmic rays to map the interior of a pyramid. Receptor plates in a room in the Bent Pyramid pick up cosmic rays and detect voids in the stonework. But apparently there weren't any.

The Great Barrier Reef is said to be doing poorly. Another reef has been discovered at the mouth of the Amazon, where nobody expected it. It's about 600 miles long, and not visible through the sediment.

Other tidbits of science are posted on the bulletin board.

Jim Busby notes NASA has been cooperating with SpaceX in keeping the secret and designing experiments. David wishes them luck, and the Scribe hopes they can decide in advance whether they're using English or Metric measurements. (Cubits?)

Jerry Pournelle pointed out we could have a full meeting to discuss theories about why the Great Pyramid is the way it is, none of them supported by evidence. David Okamura declined to discuss pyramid schemes at this time.

Jerry Pournelle notes Musk also said it was no good volunteering to go to Mars, since the cabin is the size of an SUV and you wouldn't want to stay in such a chamber that long. (The lack of a life support system and adequate radiation shielding is also a minor concern.) Musk is ac-

tually more interested in a moon base.

Jim Busby notes this first test is a technology demonstrator. If they get it off the pad, it'll be considered a success. Landing on Mars is gravy. (*Which is undoubtedly better than landing on Mars in gravy.* - ed.)

Doug Crepeau: Dos Equis Beer has just sent the most interesting man in the world to Mars. Now he's the most interesting man on Mars.

Matthew Tepper reported on applied technology: At UC Irvine, a team by Doctoral candidate Maia Lee Tai had a "that's strange" moment. She was treating nano wires with a gel and found it made them resistant to breakdown. Manufacturing Lithium Ion batteries with these fibres will make the batteries last a few hundred thousand charges instead of a few hundred charges. Nice on Earth, really, really nice on spacecraft.

#### **Announcements:**

Eric Hoffman announced next Thursday will feature something a bit different. We're going back in time to the early days of TV. We're hoping for a few special surprises that haven't been seen in a long time.

CLJII: On behalf of Walt Disney company, if you like soarin' over California, experience it soon. The transformation is underway to Soarin' over the World. At least it's not Sauron over the World.

David Okamura added: the Soaring over the World will premiere at the opening of Disneyland in China. Then it debuts in other parks. A new version of SoC will probably be in the works in a couple of years. One other thing, during the last refit, they were able to have the smell of the orange groves, and we don't know what they'll have next.

Jerry Pournelle has two announcements: 1) been invited to edit vol XI of "There Will be War". 2) three of the stories in vol X have been nominated for the Hugos. Of the three, one he would have voted for a nomination himself: Seven Times Tiger. One of the most frightening biowar stories read in his life.

Matthew Tepper: Hugo nomination: Jerry Pournelle, nominated for best editor, short form.

(At this point, Scribe notes "There Will Be War" might also be the theme of the Hugo Awards this year.)

Doug Crepeau: GE has tested a 13 foot diameter jet engine, allegedly the largest ever built.

Barbara Harmon: The opera Electra can be heard on KUSC if you don't want to leave home. (*It can be heard on KUSC even if you do want to leave home, travel to Mars, or die.* - ed.)

**Old Business:** None!!!!

**New Business:** Not here, either!

**Reviews:** None!

**Miscellaneous:** None!

**Wrapping up....** Our speaker has been a member of the club for longer than Gavin's been a member. His first story involves three characters, Howie, Eric, and a variant planet Mercury. [Also in Becalmed in Hell] The further adventures of Howie and Eric have yet to make an appearance.

We adjourned to the program at: 8:46 pm.

**Meeting 4108, May 5, 2016**  
**President Gavin Claypool, presiding**  
**Nick Smith, Scribe**

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and named: \$3 to Marcia as "Burma Shave"

**Patron Saint Larry Niven:** Michelle: Larry is one of the nicest and most reasonable people she's ever had the pleasure of working with. Scratch: Pournelle and Niven are among the best authors he knows, and he looks forward to anything they print.

**Patron Saint Larry Niven** was given Three Cheers and a Bandersnatch. (*I hope that he does not try to keep it in a pants pocket.* - ed.)

**Special Orders of Business:** Peter Thomas, whose 75-year career as an announcer and narrator included many audio books based on SF, fantasy and even comics, as well as work on TV shows such as the PBS series Nova. He started work as a radio announcer while too young for the radio station to actually pay him, so they got the program's sponsor, Piper Aircraft, to give him flying lessons instead. After requesting combat duty instead of work on Armed Forces Radio, he was in the U.S. First Infantry Division at D-Day, and 70 years later was the narrator on a Nova episode about that battle. He was a ubiquitous voice in commercials, and is still heard in almost every ambulance and emergency room. It turns out that he was the voice on those automated defibrillator units.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no Treasurer's Report tonight.

**Committee reports:** The Chairman of the Board reported that there will be no board meeting this Sunday, so board gaming will begin at noon.

**A Moment of Science:** with David Okamura. It looks like there will be more progress on self-driving cars. Fiat-Chrysler has partnered with Google. 100 mini-vans will be converted for this project. GM partnering with LYFT to try to create a self-driving Bolt, with no driver.

Then there are self-steering ships. The U.S. Navy is experimenting with a self-steering ship to shadow subma-

rines and such, basically a drone ship. Can you claim salvage rights on it? [George suggests making the A.I. a naval officer.]

Back in Victorian times there was a pseudo-science of photographing the eyes of the recently deceased, to see if images were preserved in the cornea. It was claimed that one or two victims of Jack the Ripper had their eyes photographed for this kind of test. There is currently a contact lens being developed with a built-in visual recorder. The gadget has been in recent SF television, but may no longer be science fiction.

An American biotech company is patenting a process to revive the brain-dead via insertion of stem cells and stimulate the brain electrically. What could possibly go wrong?

Bowers museum has an exhibit of mummies from around the world, including samples from a burial vault in Europe.

[Joe points out that you steer a ship, not drive it]

[Bill Green points out that The Invisible Ray used the gimmick of an image burned into the cornea of a victim]

**Reviews:** CLJ II reviewed Crawford's Encyclopedia of Comics. Textually awful. He gets the text wrong a lot, but the visual material is great.

Milt reviewed one of the nominees for best novel, Cinder Spires series by Jim Butcher, the Aeronaut's Windlass. Uneven steampunk YA fantasy that seems a little overdone in making it for young readers. A dirigible with 24 cannon seems very odd. The ship is too loosely commanded to believe, but some characters are interesting, especially the young woman named Folly.

Jerry mentioned that Judith Tarr had written a story for one of his anthologies in the past. She is currently in dire straits, so Jerry bought one of her books, Pillar of Fire. Very good so far, a historical fantasy.

Nick reviewed Sci-Fest at the Acme Theater, really liked it and said that it well worth the ticket price for both programs.

David reviewed the railroad exhibit in Fullerton. The Disney train and others were nicely restored, including one based on Disney's personal train. One thing really eye-catching was that a Disney Imagineer has been creating a 1/48 scale mine train ride, with animation, including the Rainbow Caverns. He even re-created the soundtrack for this ride, which was replaced in 1977.

CLJ II reviewed the American Heroes Channel show about "How Superman Defeated the KKK," about how an infiltrator provided information for a Superman radio show that made the KKK look really stupid. (*Looking stupid is easy for those bigots.* - ed.)

**Miscellaneous:** JPL Open House this year will be by

tickets, First come, first served on ticket requests, which may already be exhausted.

Jerry mentioned that *There Will Be War* is published by Castalia House in Finland, which was the only publisher willing to do the payments. Another anthology, called *20/20 vision*, which will have to go to Baen because of Castalia being Vox Day's company. The anthology got a good review from Charles Champlin of the time, which found the only flaw that it didn't have a Ray Bradbury story in it.

We adjourned at: 9:12 pm.

**Meeting 4109, May 12, 2016**  
**President Gavin Claypool, presiding**  
**Nick Smith, Scribe**

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and named: \$3.25 to Scratch as "It's Zeff's Fault!"

**Patron Saint Bob Null:** From the hagiography: Bob was LASFS' logistics guy and he served 20 terms as Vice President. Bob served many terms as vice president and was the Soda Fairy for many years. Marty Cantor once named him Minister of Silly Gavels because Bob used to create them, mostly from Tinker Toys, for the President to use at each meeting. *(Bob accreted so many jobs as part of being Vice President - and did all of them well except for presiding over meetings that it took a tag team of 5 people to take over as Vice President when Bob decided his cancer was making it too difficult for him to continue in that office. - ed.)*

Bob accepted the position of fan GOH at a con provided he would also be able to do his usual committee work. Bob was twice winner of the Evans Freehafer award.

**Patron Saint Bob Null** was given Three Cheers and Nothing At All.

We had a nano-auction. A paper train was auctioned off, and the winning bidder spent \$2 to buy it.

**Committee Reports:** Jerry Pournelle proposed amending the minutes to add "well received" to the description of Hoffman's program.

**A Moment of Science by** David Okamura: SpaceX has launched a rocket and landed it on a barge. This mission was riskier than earlier ones because it was aiming at a higher orbit. *(Oh? The barge was in space? - ed.)* SpaceX is now planning to re-use the first rocket stage as early as next month. The capsule that had gone to ISS has splashed down safely off the Pacific Coast. Cargo brought back included blood samples and a leaky space suit.

Elon Musk's hyperloop idea edges closer to reality. Two companies are working on prototypes. One has arranged an agreement with Lawrence Livermore lab for passive magnetic levitation. Another company showed off a test run in the Nevada desert outside Las Vegas. LA to SF in

half an hour anyone?

We have more evidence that the southern San Andreas fault is locked, loaded, and ready to rumble. There's been no significant movement in over a century. The last big quake was in 1857 at magnitude 7.9

Get your survival kit ready.

Scratch notes, since they've started doing fracking in the New Madrid area, they've been getting quakes where they haven't been used to having them. There followed some discussion of earthquakes. *(Note that Los Angeles is on the Pacific Plate and that plate is gradually rotating its eastern edge north. This means that in a few million years Los Angeles will be next to San Francisco. Residents of San Francisco are getting ready to move as they will not like their new neighbors. - ed.)*

**Announcements:** Sunday is the 70th anniversary of the founding of Tommy's.

Matthew Tepper announced June 19th will be a landmark birthday, Debra's semi-centennial. Sometime in the afternoon, we'll come to the clubhouse for a party, more precise arrangements TBD. It will be potluck, but the Tepper-Levin household will provide cake.

CLJII: There's another Emperor's Secret Files book available on Amazon, *The Titan Strikes Back*. You don't absolutely have to read all the books in the series to appreciate the story, but it can't hurt.

Joe Zeff: Friday the 13th falls on a Friday this month. *(I hope the fall does not hurt it. - ed.)*

**Reviews:** George McUrso reviewed something from Amazon, Resnick, *Buntline Special*, an alternate universe steampunk western retelling the events of the Gunfight at the OK Corral. Indian medicine men were able to keep the US out of the west with their magic, Edison has settled in Tombstone, AZ, which is allowed there on sufferance. The LASFS library turns out to have volumes 2 and 3 of the series. It is well written, enjoyable, and the attention to history is good.

Karl Lembke reviewed *Sword and Blood* by Sarah Hoyt. This story is set in the early 1600s. It's set in a world where two decades before, someone in Eastern Europe opened exactly the wrong crypt. A vampire emerged, released other vampires, and Europe is mostly occupied. Cardinal Richelieu has been turned and is now the official head of vampires in France. A treaty made with the King of France grants vampires the right to life, and forbids them from turning unwilling humans. (Somehow, everyone who gets turned claims to have been willing.)

The Musketeers cling to a higher calling and kill vampires. The story begins with Athos having been captured and drained of blood, but refusing to turn all the way to vampire. He subsists on broth, and kills vampires alon-

with his brethren. Because he refuses to take blood, holy symbols don't bother him, nor does the sound of church bells, though sunlight is still an issue. Karl found this a very enjoyable story and eagerly await the sequel(s).

After two Aetna warnings, the meeting was adjourned to the program at 8:58 PM.

**Meeting 4110, May 19, 2016**  
**Vice President Debra Levin, presiding**  
**Nick Smith, Scribe**

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at: 8:01-ish pm.

**Minutes** of the last meeting were read and named: \$1 to Scratch as Redheads are Smart.

**Patron Saint Tom Digby:** Tom is a whimsical and insightful fan writer, a poet, and one of the Fan Guests of Honor at Confrancisco (Worldcon 1993, San Francisco, California). Lee Gold published an anthology of his writing in 1993: *Tom Digby along Fantasy Way*. Tom is known for his unique and creative personal presentations

The Larry Niven story, "What Can You Say About Chocolate Covered Manhole Covers?" featured Tom Digby as the alien robot. In his APA-L Zine, "Probably Something", he once wrote that it must have been fascinating to live near the airport in the last century, because you'd only be disturbed by clip clop of horses as they took off. (*Tom also wrote that the Bermuda Triangle no longer exists; as, lying wholly within itself, it has caused itself to disappear.* - ed.)

Guests: The **Registrar** announced guests: Elizabeth Terlinden, who has worked on the crew of TACIT productions, accompanying Jacqui Baric. Mark Silver, a sys-admin/computer nerd who likes SF in many forms. Josh Dylan, brought to the meeting by our other Josh.

**Committee Report:** The Committee to bring Conventions back to Los Angeles: Marty reported on the history of Corflu, for which he and other members of LASFS won the bid for 2017. It will be held at Warner Center Marriott in April of 2017. Elayne is also on con-com, along with Marty, Milt Stevens, and Karl Lembke.

**Program (CLJII):** Nominations for club president on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, after which we will watch cartoons. (*As long as you define "we" as "some," OK.* - ed.)

Procedural elections on June 9<sup>th</sup>, after which we will watch procedural officers. (*Please do not ask me to define "procedural officers."* - ed.)

The 16th features a fine auction.

LOSCON 43: Sci-Fest has offered LASFS some free tickets for the performance on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

LOSCON reps were at Whedonopolis, and made contacts as well as sold some memberships.

**A Moment of Science** by David Okamura: It's big, it's orange, and it's floating on a barge. The space shuttle will

be the fuel tank moving through the streets on Saturday. Meanwhile in space, the space station has completed its 100,000<sup>th</sup> orbit, 2.6 billion miles on the odometer. 16 orbits per station day. You need rockets to get there. Remember last week's news about SpaceX nailing the landing? Re-entry exposed the booster to more heat, and it has sustained major damage, and will not be reused. This will be a benchmark to measure against other boosters.

Robot self-driving cars of the future don't have all the bugs out yet. (*They should close its windows and spray the interior.* - ed.) The real fear is that they will worsen gridlock.

The large Hadron Collider has been off-line because the power line got gnawed by a weasel. Yes, pop went the weasel. Anyway, they will be firing it up to higher energy levels soon, to see what else can be learned.

Dr. Pournelle points out that Jeff Bezos has used space ships for sale.

In the 1950s, the Minuteman commanders had punch card decks for different targets. It took five hours to change the target that way.

**Special Orders of Business:** You shouldn't retire. Morley Safer died right after retiring. It could be catching. (*Nah. I retired 16 years ago and I am still working - and that is what is catching.* - ed.)

Astrophysicist Andre Brahic, whose most famous discovery was that Neptune had rings. Because one of them is discontinuous, he got to name the parts separately. Because he's French, he named them Liberté, Égalité, and Fraternité.

Zach Lockhart, a fan who worked con-ops regularly, passed away on Sunday from a form of cancer at the age of 24. RS Con-Ops will be having a bonfire memorial in his honor.

**Announcements:** Dr. Pournelle announced that the polio virus is being used to treat mesothelioma. Still very experimental, but the disease is otherwise quickly fatal.

Lawrence M. Schoen has received the Kevin O'Donnell, Jr. Service Award from SFWA. Sadly, they didn't hold the awards ceremony in Klingonese. (*Lawrence M. Schoen used to be a member of LASFAPA.* - ed.)

Nebula awards: Naomi Novik's *Uprooted* won for best novel. Other winners were: Binti, by Nnedi Okorafor as best novella; "Our Lady of the Open Road," Sarah Pinaker, best novelette; "Hungry Daughters of Starving Mothers," Alyssa Wong, best short story. *Mad Max, Fury Road* somehow beat out five better movies for the Ray Bradbury Award.

**Reviews:** Debra Levin—Whedonopolis was a lot of fun.

Mike Thorson—Saw Civil War at the theater now at Coldwater and Victory. Immensely impressed with the theater, now a Cinemark. Stadium-style seating, but really good. Every seat is like a first-class airline seat, padded

recliner, including footrests. Concession stands include low-budget items.

Matthew Tepper commented that he and Debra often go there. Assistive hearing and other special assistance available. Century 8 is the name of the theater.

Milt read *Fifth Season*, a very clever novel in structure. Dismal is the single word to describe it, though. Not sure why it was nominated for both the Hugo and Nebula. Technically good, but not much fun.

Gavin Claypool reviewed *The Eyre Affair* by Jasper Fforde. Imagine, if you will, the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, with the audience interacting with the screen, only in this book they're doing *Richard III*, with a casting call just before curtain time.

Dr. Pournelle reviewed Judith Tarr's *Rite of Conquest*, but won't finish it. It is well-written but it is not his cup of tea: William the Conqueror with magic added.

David Okamura commented that Tomorrowland is no more, mainly a Star Wars land in waiting, except for Autopia, which hasn't been changed in decades. The sponsor is now Honda. The big sign you go through, and some of the other signs while in line, are film clips of the 1958 Disney Magic Highway. Self-driving card programmed by punch card, made up of modular units which can divide.

**Miscellaneous:** CLJ II has been working on the anthology idea, and a lot of the Forry award winners are saying yes. We now have officially enough promised to make the idea work.

We adjourned to the auction at 9:14 pm.

### **Meeting 4111, May 26, 2016 President Gavin Claypool, presiding Nick Smith, Scribe**

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

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read and named: sold to Eric Hoffman as "Ba-de ba-de ba-de ba-de ba-de I have no idea what he's talking about"

**Patron Saint Dee Dee Lavender:** Fan of mysteries as well as SF. She was an excellent hostess and was active in First Fandom and the N3F. She helped her husband Roy put on the World SF convention in Ohio.

**Patron Saint Joyce Lloyd:** **Joyce** has worked for years as Hotel Liaison for LOSCON and other conventions. She is on the Board for Gallifrey One and has served as Hotel Liaison for several local conventions.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Program (CLJII): June 2<sup>nd</sup> : Nominations for club president after which we will watch cartoons.

June 9<sup>th</sup>: Procedural officer elections, after which we will watch procedural officers.

**President's report:** Gavin was asked to say a few words about Ray Bradbury's time in LASFS at an event at Clifton's Cafeteria. Tied to the citywide read of Fahrenheit 451.

A new book was donated to the club, Dadr'ba, by Tetsu 'Go 'Ru Tsu 'Te.

Elayne is back, but not feeling well.

David Okamura's **Moment of Science:** E.T. has come home [External Tank]. It's now at the Science Center and will be connected so that the shuttle will eventually be put into launch configuration.

About self-driving cars, what's the next step? Self-driving big-rigs. There seems to be a shortage of new truck drivers, about 47,500 nationally. Expected to nearly triple by 2024. David hopes the programmer hasn't watched *Duel*.

Falcon launch postponed, due to a glitch in a 2<sup>nd</sup> stage component. They have to be careful, because this one is launching a satellite to high altitude, so it may be another difficult landing.

Further up: Mars. We're not the only planet experiencing global warming. It's in the end of an ice age, one that's lasted the last 370,000 years. Most of the water on Mars is locked up in ice, but may change color as the ice melts. Researchers now say that there were large seas at one time, due to evidence of tsunamis caused by asteroid impacts.

We have rovers on Mars, but it will take time for humans to get there. NASA is experimenting with upright robots for the Martian environment.

We have downplayed the intelligence of Neanderthals, but they may have been more intelligent than we've given them credit for. A cave in France, sealed off for many years, is being excavated. Researchers have found evidence of Neanderthal habitation, including stalactites and stalagmites broken off and laid out in circles. There is also evidence of fires being made in the caves. More digging necessary to find out if artifacts are buried in the calcium deposits from water dripping.

Committee to gouge auctioned off flavor of the month: June Moffatt paid \$5 to make it Canada Dry diet ginger ale.

**Miscellaneous:** Gavin took the Expo Line to Santa Monica, and it does get within walking distance of the Santa Monica Pier. Might be of some interest because right outside the entrance to the pier was an entrepreneur with a telescope and a tip jar. Strong enough to see Galilean moons and other cool stuff.

Nick mentioned that there would be a special showing of a movie on June 4<sup>th</sup> of the film that inspired the writing career of Octavia Butler, because it was so bad. LASFS members will be invited to the showing, and Nick will bring the information next week.

Debra's birthday party is on June 19<sup>th</sup>, open to LASFS

LAF  
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Saturday, September 17, 2016  
Filk: 7 PM to ???  
Terry Brussel, host  
8515 Penfield Ave., Winnetka, CA 91306  
818/886-0069

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**Pre-filk dinner:** 6 PM Potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share. Homemade Chicken and Vegetable Soup provided by your hostess.

**Filk style:** moderated chaos

**Notes:**

1. Crash space available at the filk site--call in advance for arrangements.
2. There is a Feline Warning. The hosts will try to keep him them out of the filk room.
3. Bring healthy munchies, juices, etc.
4. **No smoking -- period!!** (Except allowed outside.)
5. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
6. There is a hot tub.
7. The filk site is air conditioned.

LAF info: Barry & Lee Gold:  
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members and guests. Potluck organized by the usual Eyalat.

**Reviews:** Gavin has finished reading The Eyre Affair, and now he thinks you will need to read Jane Eyre before reading it in or it won't be as good.

Nick reviewed I Hate Fairyland, by Skottie Young. Sick and twisted story about a girl who gets trapped in Fairyland for 27 years, and goes quite mad.

Jerry Pournelle commented that Heinlein suggested that authors destroy their early work rather than publishing it. Now, with self-publishing, authors are tempted to keep and publish works that should have been thrown away. He's currently reading a story where the author simply over-wrote a knight vs. dragon, to the point of distraction.

Scratch: speaking of things on cable, the building he's in has the world's cheapest cable hookup. Sometimes a channel will appear and disappear.

Eric Hoffman noticed that the El Rey channel is NOT Spanish-language. Just strange old stuff, like low-budget martial arts movie.

Scratch mentioned that a gentleman who just left his building had networked all the old satellite dishes to his TV. Some of the images are sharp and clear, others not, but he's having fun.

We adjourned to the program at 9:01 pm.

**Board of Directors Meeting  
July 10, 2016  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

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

**Members and Guests:** Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Frank Waller, Joe Zeff, Tom Safer, and Matthew B. Tepper.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:08 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, June 12, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2016, were accepted.

**New Members:** There were 4 applications for membership from fans who paid their \$10 application fee: Joshua Snyder, Ashish Mahabal, Marc Silver, and Benjamin R. Raffle. They were unanimously accepted.

**Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz):** The Treasurer did not report the money in the treasury.

**30-second Reports:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** This month: 308 units were sold, bringing in \$308.00. Total units to date: 36,194, and total monies to date: \$31,743.50. We purchased the usual paper products.

**Library (Gavin Claypool):** Met with Whiskey - he has acquired a few new titles for library.

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

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** Air conditioning unit in north part of building repaired, light in Freehafer Hall has been repaired, and Elayne will start looking for a new

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clubhouse in September.

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

**Events (Nick Smith):** No report. (LOSCON - Michelle Pincus): LOSCON is on schedule - nothing new to report right now.

**Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus):** Geek.com contact - wants to do a video interview with LASFS.

**(Significant Others)**

**Club President (Nick Smith):** CLJ will continue to be Programming Chairman and he will continue to attempt to get Phil Proctor to a meeting.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** Got July programmes from Charlie. Lee inquired if we want programming on LASFS Facebook page. Web site is continuing to be updated.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

Budget: Semester update. Elayne presented the update and it was Moved, Seconded, and Passed unanimously.

Elayne was thanked for purchasing the new chairs.

CCR (Closed session)

**OPEN FORUM:**

The next LOSCON meeting is August 7, 2016.

**Friday night board gaming**

Friday Night Board Gaming is a Meetup which meets at LASFS most every Friday evening, usually starting around 4:00 and ending around 11:00.

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

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

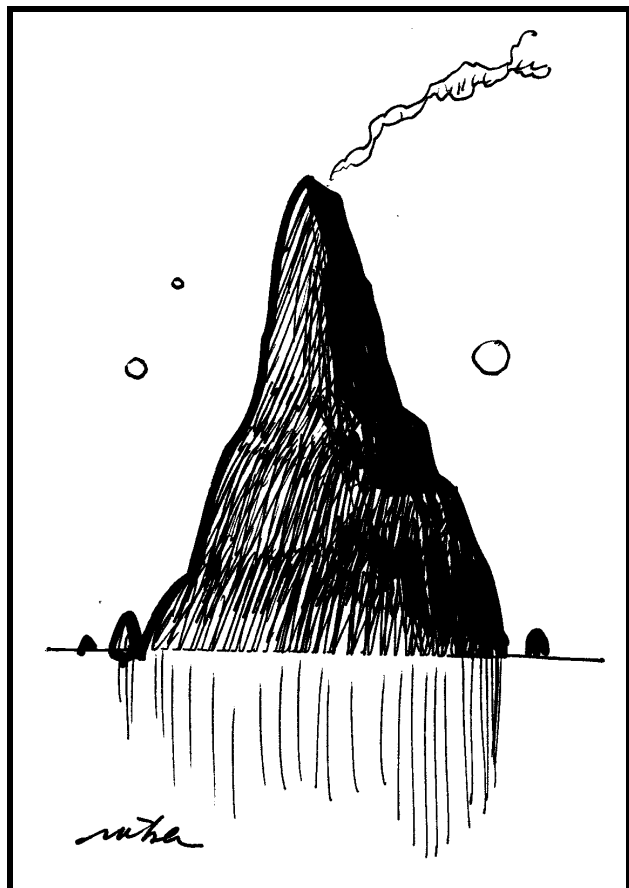
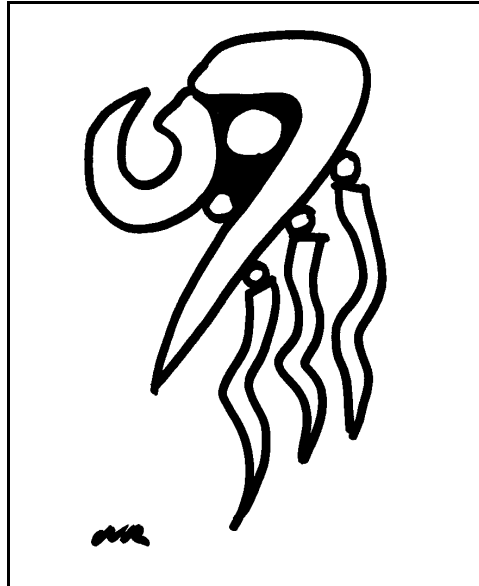
(Our experienced gamers are willing to teach these games to beginners.)

The next Board of Directors meeting will be on August 14, 2016.

**TAKE-AWAYS:**

The Board adjourned its meeting at 11:48 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



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