

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4517

March 7, 2024

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Author Elizabeth Moon (b. March 7, 1945)
- Author Michael Jan Friedman (b. March 7, 1955)
- Filmmaker Matthew Vaughn (b. March 7, 1971)
- Fan and con runner Elayne Pelz (b. March 7, 1954)

Dispatchings

- Voice actor Mark Dodson (b. Feb. 1, 1960; d. March 2, 2024)
- Fan J.P. Van Gordon (b. Feb. 1, 1942; d. March 6, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1951, *Bud Abbott and Lou Costello Meet the Invisible Man* (aka *Meet the Invisible Man*) was released. It premiered in Los Angeles in April that year.

On this date in 1973, the TV movie *The Six Million Dollar Man* first aired.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Feb. 29, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

- None

Auction to Name the Minutes

Debra Levin bid \$6, won, and named them "George."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Dave Fox was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II and Susan Fox. Dave Fox received three cheers.

Committee Reports

- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
 - March 14: In-person (hybrid) meeting at Denny's
 - March 21: Heide Nichols performance of "Death Is Inevitable"
 - April 11: In-person (hybrid) meeting at Denny's—By-Laws discussion and first vote
 - April 18: By-Laws vote
 - May 9: In-person (hybrid) meeting and Big Auction at Denny's
 - May 23: In-person (hybrid) meeting at the Consulate General of the Czech Republic (One Westwood building, 10990 Wilshire Blvd. #1100, Los Angeles) followed by a screening of *Restore Point* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA0c4uchstk>)
 - June 6: President nominations
 - June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections
 - Matt Mitchell asked if the March 28 meeting was left off the list accidentally. It was not; there is a meeting March 28, but no program.
- Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner)
 - Loscon will take place Nov. 29 to Dec. 1, 2024, at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport.
 - There will be a maker room, a tea, a toy drive, a screening of the Star Wars trilogy, and a fundraising auction for the American Cancer Society.
 - If you knit or crochet, consider making caps for the cause.
- Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble)
 - George Mulligan is doing well and plans to work harder.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor honored Tony Benoun in loving memory, a fixture of the club. We joined his widow in remembering him.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

We have two guests tonight. Joe Machado Jr. is a long-time fan and collects props and memorabilia. Linda Denerof is also a long-time fan and has known Genny Dazzo and Craig Miller for almost 50 years. She's participated in Loscon.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. It's the last month to pay your annual dues. You can also pay monthly dues.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board will next meet Sunday, March 10, at 11 a.m.. If you want to attend, it's highly recommended that you change your clocks and other chronographic devices. The board will discuss Loscon bids. All members are welcome.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

- Nick Smith
 - The Los Feliz Theater will screen *Cool World* on Friday, *A Scanner Darkly* on Saturday, and *Heavy Metal* on Sunday, featuring the animated *The Lord of the Rings* on Tuesday.
 - The Egyptian Theatre Hollywood will show *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* on Saturday.
 - Brain Dead Studios is showing *The Muppets Take Manhattan* on Saturday morning and *Lupin the Third: The Castle of Cagliostro* that night.
 - Idiots plans to screen *Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* on Saturday afternoon and *Jodorowsky's Dune* that night.
 - The Vista Theatre will show *Dune 2* as their main feature this week, and on Saturday and Sunday morning, they'll screen *The Flying Deuces*.
 - Dark Delicacies will host a Blu-ray signing with the producer, director, and cast of *Black Mass*, which started streaming last week along with a brief theatrical release.

Special Event: Craig Miller, author of *Star Wars Memories*

- LASFS member and author Craig Miller read from his book *Star Wars Memories* as well as the forthcoming book *More Movie Memories*. He read a couple of pieces from *Star Wars Memories*, including "12 Parsecs" and "Recognition." He then read unpublished material, including "May the 4th Be with You," "My Line," "My First Time on a Movie Set," and "The Hunger."

Moments of Science

- Nick Smith: If you want to see a simulation of weather on Arrakis in the dry period of Frank Herbert's *Dune* novels and the earlier, more wet period, check out <https://climatearchive.org/dune.html>.

Regular Announcements

- None

Reviews

- Charles Lee Jackson II didn't get to see *Kiss the Girls and Make Them Die* in the theater, but he watched a DVD of the German version, which was in English. It's a nice, funny movie with a good plot that steals from the *Captain America* serial.
- Debra and Ben Levin were watching a video earlier that mentioned Mike Tyson, which connects to one of Craig Miller's stories.

Miscellaneous

- Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

Eylat Poliner so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.