

LASFS Meeting #4453
Dec 15, 2022
Called to order at 8pm

Nick

Deaths

Chris Boucher: Dr Who Writer

Birthdays

Freeman Dyson Physicist

Don Johnson Actor

Helen Slater Actress/Voice actress

Media

Christopher Reeves Superman movie release 1978

Gamera 1966

Young Frankenstein 1972

Matthew: Angelo Daniel Badalamenti Composer

Krystal Reading minutes Corrected Bid \$10 Eylat "Whatever Anyone Wants to Name them"
Accepted as amended and named.

Honor Guard CLJ!! CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices is your one stop
facebook page of Holiday Fun and there is no charge.

Registrar: No new guests..

Patron Saint Fred Patten

Krystal: Ascertained in the 1970's that the first meeting of Science Fiction Fan organization was
on Dec 11th 1929 as noted in a comment on the Society for the Perpetuation of Fannish
Fandom post wishing Fandom a Happy Birthday, although there was some disagreement by
LASFS members.

Chris: Fond memories of CFO and massive daisy chains of VCRs copying tape after tape. Fred
was the instigator. Many Anime groups would have been delayed if not for Fred's efforts.

Marty: Fred contributed to APA-L 1, 2, 3 and various ones even when it was kept from
him...even after his stroke, he continued writing, he kept producing zines for APA-L.. He has
probably contributed more zine's to an APA, than anyone known, a record that will probably
never be beaten.. No one will probably ever match that number of contributions to zines.

CLJII: Fred was a historian, a fan, an entrepreneur, a gadabout, but a quiet one. When I joined
in the late 60's he was a fixture and he provided European comics, and toys and memorabilia,
that you could not get anywhere else in LA, including the Shurupts, the precursor to the Smurfs.
He provided us the Mexican wrestling comic books. All this stuff you could only get from Fred,
and then he got caught up in the Japanese genre, which he called Japananimation. A writer of
considerable note, a huge collection of SF material, including a collection of paperbacks that
took every wall of his home was bookshelves, 2 deep. APA-L zines was like his personal diary
of what was going on, what he had done, what he read. He kept track of much of LASFS
history. volumes that would have been lost otherwise. APA-L issue 3000, is coming soon, and
watch for him in that issue.

Michele help

Nick: When I did the museum exhibit, I was able to get some of the things from his collection. He has so much stuff that the Eaton collection still doesn't know all that they have, because they don't have funding to inventory. He had pieces of artwork that many folks thought were long lost. He had an extensive collection, a genuine fan, collector and enthusiast.

Eylat Long before I joined LASFS, Fred Patten and Forrey introduced me to fandom, when I did a speech about fandom in high school.

CLJII another important aspect of Fred's life is that he too was a cartoon character appearing in adventure stories with Dan Alderson and myself. Comic book characters never die, they just go off to the side, waiting for a new editor to bring him back again.

Barbara I remember at meeting in the late 50's-early 60's he would sleep standing up where he would know what was going on, but would not respond.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Fred Patten and a shelf of paperbacks

Treasurer: Elayne Getting to the end of the year. you can make arrangements for annual dues between now and March, or pay for per meeting or month. We have \$1200 a month in storage expenses. Some folks have not been paying their dues, please start doing so.. \$4 a meeting, \$12 a month, \$135 per year. Check/Paypal/Zelle

Website Kristine:

Website has been updated, with a members update section with comments enabled

The website has the Losconzine 48, that is the latest blog. thank you to Heath

The memoriam page has been updated.

Updates on the Loscon 49 page.

Loscon 48, Nick no update

Loscon 49, we are on track, working on bring back a masquerade and a few other things

Marketing: we are chugging along, I am sure you have seen Krystal's social media posts.

Board report: January 15, via Zoom

Programming:

January 12: Brandi June, author

January 26 Tim Powers, author

February 2: David Brin, author

February 23: Craig Miller, author

March 2: Dr. Laura Brodian Freas Baraha presents a program about the art of her late husband, Kelly Freas.

Old Business:none

New Business: none

Timebound Announcements Nick Screenings and signings

Heath: APA-L 3000 comes out today, it will be mailed tomorrow, any members can ask for an issue. We brought back old timers; Mike Glycer, Ted White, Alrika O'brien and Barry Gold

Gizmo: Late tonight or early tomorrow, SWOT will be launching from Vandenberg. A space satellite that will be in near earth orbit, it is the Surface Water and Ocean Topography taking measurements and sending them back.

Moment of Science

Nick Livermore Labs, did an experiment that showed an energy profit of 50% in Nuclear Fusion, equivalent to the Wright brothers flight in aviation. It is an important step, but it will be decades before it is workable, and they have been working on it for decades already.

Volcanos, the super volcano in Yellowstone is probably not likely to become active. Another volcano at Hunga Tonga in the Pacific erupted and the water vapor hit the upper edge of the atmosphere, and it was the greatest electrical disruption ever previously measured. Meteorologists are keeping an eye on it. It will have an effect on weather patterns, but it is unknown how much.

Reviews:

Jim: Animated show, Alien News Desk, they are studying the Earth and they get things backwards. It is very well done, lots of humor. Like a cruise ship is considered a prison. On Roku, originally on SciFi

Heath, A good movie "Viy" wonderful folk horror movie. Witchcraft, the undead and startling special effects circa 1967 (it's been remade several times over the years) This version is absolutely amazing.

Charles: Galcos in Highland Park, a wonderful place to go and find all kinds of sodas you can't find anywhere else. I went and found 17 new ones. Good stuff, on York in Highland Park.

Regular Announcements None

Misc

Willard: What is the status of Westercon 75

Nick a few weeks ago they had to change hotels and Arlene is working on a new hotel contract.

Nick weirdness of things that went out of copyright. Pooh Horror movie

Eylat: Adjourn for the evening.

An end note by Chris Marble to thank SciFi Radio for their continued hosting of the LASFS meetings on Zoom.