

## **Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS**

### **Meeting #4485**

July 27, 2023

Scribe: Heath “Scribbles” Row

### **Call to Order**

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

### **Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)**

#### Hatchings

- Actor Frank Shannon
- Actor Rebecca Staab
- Courtesy of Susan Fox: Game designer and author Gary Gyax

#### Dispatchings

- Courtesy of Susan Fox: Fan, former LASFS member, and former *De Profundis* editor David K.M. Klaus died July 27, 2023
- Courtesy of Susan Fox: Actor Bernard Cribbins died July 27, 2022

#### Media anniversary

An advance screening of *Monster a Go-Go* was held in Pennsylvania on this date in 1965. *Mighty Joe Young* premiered in New York City on this date in 1949. And the first episode of *Stargate SG-1* aired on Showtime on this date in 1997.

Courtesy of Susan Fox: Bugs Bunny made his first official appearance in *A Wild Hare*, screened on this date in 1940.

### **Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)**

Scribbles read the minutes for July 20, 2023.

### **Additions and Corrections**

Lynn Maners clarified that we don’t know which species used the cores to make the first tools.

### **Auction to Name the Minutes**

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them “Happy 70th Anniversary to Marvin the Martian!”

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Ed Green was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Lynn Maners, Chris Marble, and Tom Safer. Green received three cheers—and that’s G.R.E.E.N.

Tom Safer was celebrated and recognized by Barbara Gratz Harmon, Debra Levin, Chris

Marble, Eylat Poliner, Annamarie Safer, Scribbles, and Matthew B. Tepper. Safer received three cheers.

### **Committee Reports**

- Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus)
  - Artist Phil Yeh will have a table in the Dealer's Room.
- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
  - Aug. 10: Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier, science adviser for movies and television
  - Aug. 17: Gail Carriger, *Divinity 36: Tinkered Starsong Book 1*
  - Aug. 24: Tom Safer presents a program of cartoon shorts after the meeting
  - Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, on the Aerospace Legacy Foundation
  - Sept. 28: David Raiklen, on the music of *Star Trek*
- Marketing and promotions (Michelle Pincus)
  - Her tabling at San Diego Comic-Con was successful. Many friends of the LASFS displayed promotional cards on their tables.

### **Honor Guard** (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49. It's the end of the month, so Jackson opened bidding for the Spot of Honor in August. Damon Brown bid \$30 for the Los Angeles 48 Hour Film Project and won.

### **Treasurer** (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues. Susan Fox indicated that the next meeting is the first of the month, so you can pay for the month all at once.

### **Board Report** (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting will be Aug. 13 at 11 a.m. on this Zoom channel.

### **Old Business**

Cathy Johnson reminded members of plans to return to meeting in person at least once a month. The idea will be picked up again when Elayne Pelz returns from Canada.

### **New Business**

None

### **Time-Bound Announcements**

- Chris Marble: Costume College is going on at the Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel and runs through the weekend.
- Nick Smith:
  - Midsummer Scream is this weekend in Long Beach.
  - The La Pintesca Branch Library, Octavia's Bookshelf, and the Huntington

Library are holding an Octavia Butler Sci-Fi Book Club discussion of *Parable of the Sower* on Saturday.

- American Cinematheque will screen *Monster on the Campus* at the Los Feliz Theatre this weekend.
- The New Beverly Cinema will screen *Starship Troopers* on Friday and *Lilo & Stitch* this weekend.

### Moments of Science

- Tom Safer: From Today in Science ([https://www.todayinsci.com/7/7\\_27.htm](https://www.todayinsci.com/7/7_27.htm))
  - Allen K. Breed
  - Hans Fischer
  - John Hopkinson
  - Event: A 1931 grasshopper plague in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota
- Lynn Maners: Every letter in English has a silent version except for one letter: v. V does not have a silent version in English.
- Damon Brown: Exxon-Mobil has committed to buy land for a lithium battery processing plant in Arkansas. Local activists are concerned about the company's safety record and potential impact on the water table and area livestock.
- Lee Grixit: Researchers claim they've created a room-temperature superconductor. They have published purported instructions, and almost any lab could do it. (<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-02895-0>)

### Regular Announcements

- Scribbles reminded members of *The Los Angeles County Fanac Guide*, seeking submissions of local cons, stores, and historic locations of interest to area fan. (<https://tinyurl.com/LA-fanac-form>)
- Damon Brown leaves for LA soon to participate in the Los Angeles 48 Hour Film Project. He'll then attend Defcon before returning to LA and eventually Arkansas for the Little Rock 48 Hour Film Project.

### Reviews

- Chris Marble visited George Mulligan, who continues to improve.
- Nick Smith watched the entire *Secret Invasion* series on Disney+. It was clever and interesting.
- Damon Brown recommended *Barbie*. He laughed out loud the entire film.
- Tom Safer commented on the DC animated adventure *Justice League: Warworld*. It's a little bloody, but he recommends it.

### Miscellaneous

- Lynn Maners was rear ended by a hit-and-run driver in Tucson. He's OK but ordered a Wile E. Coyote sticker for his car.
- Nick Smith asked for help identifying a fanartist whose work was in Marty Cantor's collection. The artist, Robert Jones, drew caricatures of people associated with the

LASFS. Nobody knew who he was, but members said his art looked like that of Arthur "ATom" Thomson and Bob Jones. Smith also found two handmade games: *Fanopoly* and *Interplanetary*.

- Tom Safer mentioned that the Baltimore Orioles are in first place in the American League East for the first time since 2014.
  - Eylat Poliner suggested that the Orioles should be called the Oreos and are a lousy team.
- Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

### **Call to Adjourn**

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