

Minutes of LASFS Meeting #4448
Nov 10, 2022 Call to Order at 8:00 p.m

Sad to announce that Michael Thorson passed away a few days ago, while in hospital.
A full minute of silence in memory of Michael Thorson

Nick Passings:
Leslie Phillips, Actor/voice actor

Birthdays
Neil Gaiman writer/ Forry Award winner
Claude Rains, actor
Russell Johnson, actor
Susan: Roland Emmerich Director/writer
Ed My brother's birthday, and in 1977 he gifted me with my first SF book, leading to me to fandom.

Krystal Last minutes week, reading. Amended, named: \$10 from Eylat, named by Lynn "A Salute to all LASFS Veterans both present and past on Veteran's Day" and approved

Honor Guard: Charles: Loscon 48

Registrar, Eylat No Guests

Patron Saint Sherwood "Woody" Dodge
Matthew, haven't seen him in years, but I visited him in the VA in West LA and he gave me advice on repairs for my Subaru. Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Woody Dodge.

Treasurer Pay your dues! Get ready for next year, \$135 for the year.

Website report: Kristine Cherry Working on 3 websites current Loscon/next years Loscon and LASFS site.
Rostler Award page is now live and working on Contact us page

Loscon 48 Nick
Most of our guests will be joining us for our in-person meeting at the Con.
History of the Loscon name, Forry Ackerman was responsible for it. He started the format of naming based on location.

Board/Marketing: Michelle
Sunday is the next meeting, this zoom channel, 11am
Marketing, we gained new members after the last email blast. Still active on Social Media

Eylat
Addition to follow Michelle, 14 of us gathered this past Sunday at the storage to sort stuff to load for Loscon.
Special thanks to Rob Powell for getting there early to set up a ramp. And to Heath, Kevin, Michelle, Willard, Cathy, Dean, Albert who showed up to help. And it was done in a couple of hours.
Programming
Live meeting on the 24th of Nov at Loscon, no Zoom meeting.
Dec 1 will be nominations/Dec 8th elections.
Charles describes the procedural elections

Old Business
Charles: Open the board elections, all those who accept the members selected to the 3 board seats, accepted,

closed

New Business None (crazied cackle)

Time Bound announcements

Gizmo/Rob Upcoming Artemis Launch on Nov 15th

Nick: Cinema showings/Bookshop events

Moment of Science

Lee: After WW2 when they described supercomputers they were a lot of electric relays, didn't last long, they shifted to triodes and pentodes, someone is looking backwards, new structure/modules and there are new pieces that looks like an erector set with a piston, and there is some flexibility connect together, stress is propagated through, stresses imputed with intelligence that can be trained. Final goal, such as a load bearing surface. Intelligence in the material surface. Still working on making it 3-d

Matthew: Mention, that a bit that connects both your name and the triode and LASFS

Effective inventor of the triode, Lee DeForest, long after that invention, was a member of the LASFS.

Mind blown

Lynn note of science: Archeologists have traced the origin of the cultivation of cacao to an interesting site in Amazonian Ecuador, east of the Andes. Cacao began to be cultivated as the inhabitants of the site transitioned from foraging to a settled agricultural lifestyle. After several centuries, cacao cultivation made it over the Andes to the Pacific coast and from there it spread to Meso America, with its most well known users being the Aztecs. Note: this was not chocolate as we know it in various forms. Cacao was widely used and traded: the chemicals associated with cacao have been recovered from the dried remnants inside cylinder jars found in elite burials at Chaco Canyon in modern New Mexico. (Brightly colored macaw feathers were also traded north into what is now the US Southwest.) (While the Aztecs did use cacao beans in some economic transactions, it was only one of several items, since they did not have a common currency. Turkey quills filled with gold dust were also used in transactions, along with jaguar pelts, etc.)

Conversation stirred amongst members about cacao

Regular Announcements

Chris, visited George, he's doing better, but perhaps he has more to say about that.

Heath The new issue of Analog features a story by Larry Niven and Steven Barnes

Also Winter Holiday gift idea for those who like old time radio, the New Focus the Radio Spirits catalog is out. Their anthologies are great introductions.

Charles: Toastmasters International, has a chapter devoted to Science Fiction and Fantasy, called Worlds of Wonder, online open house, any members of the LASFS are welcome to join or just check it out. Link in the chat.

George, having trouble hearing his voice, but we are glad you are here.

Reviews:

Nick New Weird AI movie qualifies as fannish, because it is an alternate history story. Available on the Roku channel

Which also has his little known tv series available.

Wakanda forever, brilliant in weird ways that are not the same as the original movie, don't miss the opening credits.

Eylat Weird AI movie is what Nick said, we were laughing the whole time, singing along to it.

Misc

Dean & Cathy, invitation to the after meeting

Puns fines issued liberally, note that the one person in the club who can say puns with impunity, is the scribe.
Eylat: Move to adjourn