Menace of the LASFS #4593
August 21, 2025
Somebody Had to Do It

It was a hot and humid night, the kind even Snoopy wouldn't write about, upon which the meeting was called to order by president Cathy Johnson at 8:02 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick & Susan]
Nick
Hatchings:

- Emilio Salgari, Italian author of science fiction and lost world stories,
- Miriam Allan deFord, author of mysteries and science fiction
- Anthony Boucher, author and editor also of mysteries and science fiction, inspiration for BoucherCon.
- Basil Poledouris, composer for Conan the barbarian and Robocop

Susan
Hatchings:

- Kim Catrall, actress (Star Trek VI)
- Hayden Paniettiere, actress (Heroes)
- Alicia Witt, actress (Dune)

Matthew Tepper posted in the chat that today was the birthday of actress Edith Marie Blossom MacDonald, better know as Blossom Rock of The Addams Family TV series. Simmie Noble Collins, LASFS member and attendee of this meeting, mentioned today is her 77th birthday.
Media anniversaries:

- 1933, debut of the Brick Bradford s-f comic strip,
- 1947, premiere of Down to Earth, sequel to Here comes Mr. Jordan

Passings:

- Joe Caroff, poster artist noted for Rollerball and the James Bond series
- John Bartley, Cinematographer on the X-Files and Lost
- Terrance Stamp, actor (General Zod in Superman II)

Matthew Tepper mentioned that LASFS member Valerie Milewski, active during the late 90s and early aughts, has passed away.

After reading of the minutes for meeting #4592, Matt accepted some minor corrections, and Chris Marble bid $5 to name the minutes: "I Wasn't There." Willard Stone moved to approve the minutes, and the members voted accordingly at 8:27 p.m.

Patron Saints:
Marilyn "Fuzzy Pink" Niven: Eylat says she knew her through remembrances from her husband Larry; also several scarves of hers will be donated in future auctions. Dean Johnson remembered her being a wonderful hostess, friendly and giving. Cathy mentioned getting one of those scarves and also that Fuzzy Pink liked to do lacing. She was given 3 cheers and a root beer float.
CLJ II took the opportunity to explain what a Patron saint was, in the context of the LASFS.
Michelle Pincus, the other Patron Saint, was on the Zoom call and had to endure the indignity of people saying nice things about her. Eylat mentioned that in addition to being the chairman of the Board of Directors, Michelle has done a lot of marketing for the club and for Loscon. Chris called her his favorite Pokeman Go partner. Michelle was given 3 cheers and hundo Mew.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CL explained the spot of honor. He then mentioned that SciFi.Radio had the spot this month

Treasurer: Elayne Pelz said that a couple of people had not paid for tonight, but other than that, please donate.
Board of Directors: Michelle, having recovered herself, mentioned the next Board of Directors meeting of September 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Registrar: Matthew asked if Brad Goldberg was new. He's "newish" He joined several years ago, only to find that LASFS has its meetings the same weeknight as most the other organizations he belongs to. He's been working on various projects and gotten a novel published, but wants to get back into the community, especially as he read we have a new clubhouse. Cathy and Matthew explained the dues structure to him.

Old Business managed to sneak in the back door at that point. Brad asked if going to the clubhouse would be as exciting as going to the Magic Castle. Marc Silver asked if the tenant of the new clubhouse has moved out (they have). Simmie Noble Collins asked about book signings; unfortunately, as it was pointed out, LASFS does not have a resale license. However, it is an idea to take to the Board.
New Business, None
Loscon 51 information was put in the chat. Eylat added that Loscon 52 has Writer, Fan and Music Guests of Honor lined up. Upcoming Programming for the club through December was also in the chat.

Fannish wellness: Chris Marble mentioned in the chat that George Mulligan is getting stronger, but he still can't sit up in bed yet.

Our program this evening: How we got into fandom/LASFS. Various members such as Eylat, Matthew, Chris, Nick, Susan, Chris Wilson and many others gave us their origin stories. The chat was quite active with anecdotes and asides. Susan closed out the discussion with the phrase, Fandom Is A Way of Life.

The membership resisted the motion to adjourn long enough to squeeze in a few regular announcements: CL mentioned that the Disney resort has already put up Halloween decorations. Nick reported that Octavia's Bookshelf, The Last Bookshelf in Studio City and Annabelle's closet are having book signings this week.

After announcing that there would be no Zoom aftermeeting tonight, Cathy re-instated Eylat's motion to adjourn, which the membership sustained at 9:37 p.m.