

## LASFS meeting minutes

LASFS Meeting #4569

March 6, 2025

8:00 p.m.

Tonight's minutes are brought to you by Susan Fox, substituting for the traveling Nick Smith

Hatchings, Matchings & Dispatchings

March 6 is National Oreo Day, and National Dentists Day. Coincidence?

Today is the birthday of astronaut Gordon Cooper, cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova

Deaths:

Gene Winfield (June 16, 1927 - March 4, 2025) - A world famous car designer and hot rod legend. Gene's work is well known to Science Fiction fans for he helped design and build the full sized Galileo space shuttle for the Original Star Trek series. He also lent several of his custom cars to the shows as props, particularly the episode "Bread and Circuses" Gene's long time business partner was Dean Jefferies whose brother Matt was the major designer for Trek

Reading of Minutes will have to wait until Nick gets back. A flurry of not-approving the minutes and bids to not not approve the not-minutes ensued.

Celebration of Patron Saints: Dave Fox. No relation.

Susan – Despite the "dirty old man" rep, he always treated me as a gentleman, like a niece.

Matthew – when Matthew lived out of town, Dave would greet him by name cheerfully, but unfortunately, when he moved back permanently in 1986, Dave had passed away the previous week.

Chris actually read some of the porn that Dave wrote.

CLJII: Dave used to patronize the bar across the street from the clubhouse on Burbank Boulevard. When Dave passed away, the bar closed.

Explanation of the "Patron Saint" donation honors.

Three Cheers! And some porn.

## Committee Reports:

Honor Guard, the "parking space" is occupied by Loscon 51 this month. "Tell Me A Story"

Which was also the caption on a plaque on the writing desk of late LASFS scribe and book author, David McDaniel / Ted Johnstone.

Registrar: any guests?

We welcome guest Isaiah Lee-Shim, who met Krystal Rains at the table at Strategicon.

Treasurer (Elayne or Debra) PAY YOUR DUES.

Dues, pun fund fees and donations may be rendered via Zelle or PayPal to [payment@lasfs.org](mailto:payment@lasfs.org)

Dues rates: \$5.00 weekly

\$15.00 Monthly

\$170.00 yearly. Installments OK but finish by the end of March.

Board Business: Next board meeting will be March 9, 2025, 11:00 a.m. on this same zoom channel. We will be hearing bids for Loscon 52, and something very exciting for the whole club.

Future programs:

March 13: Live meeting/Hybrid with a Loscon bid if approved by the board; at the Denny's on Sepulveda just south of Burbank, 5525 N Sepulveda Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91411.

March 27: Marc Scott Zicree presents "Space Command."

April 4: Victor Frost presents.

April 24: Steven Barnes presents.

June – Procedural Elections

Loscon 51 "Tell Me A Story"

Guests of Honour:

Writer – Ursula Vernon/T Kingfisher

Artist – Benton Jew

Music -Lynn Gold

Fan – Tadao Tomomatsu

Fandom wellness committee: George rallying a bit, Selena okay, has not reached Don Fitch nor Greg Barrett.

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Old business?

New business?

Elayne has put in the bid for the building in Northridge and they have accepted. However, the by-laws require the membership to approve the sale, conditional upon property inspection. More details at the Board meeting.

Official motion: Move that the Society spend up to \$900,000 to acquire the real property located at 8819 Reseda Blvd, Northridge, California, provided inspection of said property proves satisfactory.

Gavin moves, Elayne seconds. Only one nay vote. The motion passes.

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Time-bound announcements - things that will be out-of-date by next Thursday

None, because we don't have Nick here.

Reviews: CL points out that Hershey's easter eggs are four bags for ten dollars, and much tastier than the hen fruit.

Marc Silver: just came from Ralphs and they didn't even show the prices for eggs at all. If you need to know the price, you can't afford it. "Market Price"

Eylat is enjoying the new Matlock, and the rewatch of Buffy: The Vampire Slayer.

Moment of Science: another SpaceX test flight failed today. But a little over 8 minutes in — roughly the same timing as the mishap in January — several engines appeared to cut off as the upper-stage Starship vehicle was still accelerating into space. Live video showed the craft spinning before all communication was lost.

Cathy notes that the Tesla Cybertrucks are everywhere in town these days.

CL says Access has refused to use Waymo vehicles for handicapped transportation. A self-driving car has nobody to help people in and out!

Matthew cites SF story "Sally" regarding self-driving cars for disabled Veterans.

Miscellaneous

Eylat: 4-6 month waiting list for cochlear implants, but she's on the list.

Review:

Derek: UXA.Gov by Blake Butler

Food: corn ribs – corn on the cob, cut into eights lengthwise, and fried so you eat it like a rib. Pretty Delicious! Might be good for a pot luck.

CLJII: Amazon is putting ads for other "sponsored" books by other authors on an Author's own page. A Scurrilous Practice.

Eylat: March 2, Firefly's Blue Ghost lands on the moon. First privately owned probe to land on Luna.

Marc Silver: Today or maybe yesterday, Intuitive Machines "Athena" lander near the South Pole. Its fate is unclear.

Dean Johnson, Wellness: they lasered his other eye, so now he can shoot acid out of both? No, just to relieve eye pressure. Very strange experience, it's been fine after his eyes stopped watering. And they didn't even give him a lollipop when he left.

Matt: post-stroke ophthalmology exam, seems to be fine inside the eye, whatever is wrong is in the occipital lobe. So it should come back in 6 months to a year. 4 month recall.

CLJII: dermatology exam. The drive along Burbank Blvd. and along Griffith Park was nice. Doc wants him to wear a hat, which he does not want to do.

The organ recital may continue at the after meeting, zoom link posted.

Barbara: we need a directing sign at Denny's to point people at the meeting!

Debra: in-person meetings also have a Zoom

Chris: more fannish wellness, George lost 14 pounds, so they are going to re-weigh him to find out if it was a misread or a radical loss, either of which would not be good news.

Call to adjourn 8:52 p.m.