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# DE PROFUNDIS 440



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ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.  
BOD = Board of Directors - 11 am  
2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm  
Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons  
CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation  
Work Party = Varies with what needs doing  
FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club  
Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

### CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever  
BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm  
Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends  
CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
Work Party - 10:30 am  
TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am  
ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm  
Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
FWEMS -

75th Anniversary Meeting  
Tuesday, October 27  
see [www.lasfsinc.info](http://www.lasfsinc.info) .

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**OCTOBER 1** - Early TV SF: "World of Giants"  
**OCTOBER 8** - No programme as of press time  
**OCTOBER 15** - Tom Safer presents an Animated Cartoon  
**OCTOBER 22** -Big, Fat, AUCTION!!!  
**OCTOBER 27** - Special Anniversary Meeting  
**OCTOBER 29** - Bing Crosby presents a Washington Irving Animated Cartoon  
**OCTOBER 30** - Autumn Holiday Party (begins at 7 pm)  
(programme items subject to change without notice)

SNAIL WITH A MISSION, ON SPEED

Illo by Bill Rotsler

## DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 440—October 2009. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

*De Profundis* is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. The club's web site is: [www.lasfsinc.info](http://www.lasfsinc.info). *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

Westercon is a service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Incorporated (LASFS, Inc.). Worldcon and NASFIC are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS).

I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address *c/o De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-built Intel dual-core computer (using the XP Pro operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

**Addendum:** At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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### LASFS OFFICERS

#### Elected Procedural Officers July—December 2009

**President:** Christian McGuire. **Vice-President:** Maryann Canfield, Rob Powell (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year,

serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

#### Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2009). **Vice-Chairman:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2009). **Comptroller:** Christian McGuire (2011). **Secretary:** Darnell Coleman (2011). **Other members:** Marsha Minsky (2009), Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2010), Milt Stevens, (2010), Mike Thorsen (2010), Tadao Tomomatsu (2009). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackeman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

#### Official Committees

**De Profundis Editor, Speaker to Gestetner, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** C.B. McGuire, Elayne Pelz. **\*\* Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Bob Null, Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://lasfsinc.info>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Ministry of Silly Gavel:** Bob Null. **\*\* Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, **Editor. Computers & LASFS Archives:** Bob Null. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II.

#### Honorary Officers

**Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity:** Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

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### CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at [www.lasfsinc.info](http://www.lasfsinc.info))

#### **Meeting #3751, July 2, 2009 Rob Powell, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting 3751 was opened at 20:13:42

The **Menace** were read and approved as "And now for something completely the same".

**Patron Saint: Doug Abe.** Matthew Tepper: Doug Abe is a member since the early 70s, originally from Hawaii. He came to Santa Monica and decided he liked Southern California. One nice thing is he'd come to meetings with spare paperback books he no longer required and give them out to anyone who wanted them. Sandy Cohen: Doug was known as one of the human wallets, regularly giving money to the club. He was a Sergeant At Arms for a while. Actually, it may have been Samurai at arms, until Kees Van Toorn became Windmill At Arms. Milt Stevens noted that the Samurai at Arms was Takumi Shibano.

Patron Saint Doug Abe was given three cheers and a bucket of Kentucky Fried Sashimi.

**Committee Reports:** (zombie slugs???)

The **Registrar** announced Alan Trimpi's lovely god-daughter.

**Time Bound Announcements:** Alan Trimpi and his god daughter have kittens to give away. 626-319-4627 And, because LA Unified has lost 90 of 161 teachers, he'll be working at night to shore things up. (*Shoring things up? That explains why Alan is sometimes all wet. - ed.*)

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Hare Hobbs: There was a flyer being handed out in Hollywood. The RTD TAC cards can cause cancer. And they can track you with them.

**Miscellaneous:** Milt Stevens got a ballot from first fandom – which he's not old enough to join. He's an associate member. Len Moffatt is nominated for the First Fandom hall of fame. So is James Gunn and Ben Indick. The Eaton collection may win for collection category.

We adjourned at 20:58:25.

**Meeting #3752, July 9, 2009**  
**Rob Powell, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting 3752 was opened at 20:07:08

*San Jose won the 2011 Westercon bid. The Pasadena Hilton hosts the 2010 Westercon. With that, the price of the 63rd Westercon goes up to \$60 very soon. Give Elaine money to buy in at the \$50 price tonight.*

**Special Orders of Business:** Roderick Usher, filling in for the Emperor, announced the passing of Oscar Mayer III, the actual founder of the sausage company. More seriously, Marty Cantor announced that we have also lost Ken Moore, who was a long-time runner of Kubla Con, passed from a long illness. We are very short on details.

The Emperor resumed: We also lost Julie Heiss of Kansas City, after a bout with cancer.

We held a brief moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “We covered it two weeks ago”.

**Patron Saint: Marc Schirmeister.** CLJII: Marc Schirmeister is one of the finest artists of the cartoon form that I know, with a distinct and interesting style that makes everything he draws interesting. And he exemplifies both Pinky and the Brain. Milt: He deserves the Hogu for the best illustration of a hotel room ever. He drew dinosaurs peeking out from behind the ferns on the wallpaper. Years later, the dinosaurs were still there. If anyone noticed, it was to add other dinosaurs.

Marty: A long time scandal: Marc has never been an artist guest of honor at a con. Very happily: and finally, Westercon saw the light and Marc will be Artist GoH at next year's Westercon. Jerruy Pournelle endorsed him as an old friend and a damn good artist. Don't you remember when we met in the most unlikely place? The summit of Mt. Baden Powell? Zeff: Schirm once designed a rose parade float. And it's traditional to point out he gave us lots of money.

Scratch: And he's a nice guy. Matthew Tepper pointed out that in 1971, Mike Glycer, Elst Weinstein and he came across a piece of artwork and asked, “Who is this Marc Schirmeister? He does wonderful work!” Then they met him and it was even nicer. Marc Schirmeister was given three loud cheers and a genuine Not Schirm on the board.

Marc: When he joined the LASFS, it was a place to draw and to display what he drew. He was able to grow in his art here. (*Most people grow in their clothes. - ed.*)

The **Registrar** announced we have no guests.

**Time Bound Announcements:** Doug Crepeau handed over a pass for Madame Tussaud's wax museum.

Christian announced that time-bound announcements will be cleared through the President before each meeting.

Terry Pratchett Discussion Group going out of business July 19th. It meets once a month in a coffee house in Hollywood. Until this weekend. Their organizer resigned without a replacement.

Marty Cantor offered a clarification on the meaning of Time Bound Announcement.

Joe Zeff commented that originally, it was just “announcements”. Time bound came in when a certain president started instituting constant agenda lite, and this was his way of lightening the agenda.

**Committee Reports:** Michelle Pincus: During courtship flights the male Anna's Hummingbird sustains accelerations that would knock out fighter pilots – an estimated 10 gravities. Check the article on New Scientist. (*I have gone through life knocked out, without ever having been a fighter pilot. Or a male Anna's Hummingbird.* - ed.)

**Treasurer's report:** We have money. Don't spend it.

The **committee to gouge** auctioned off a pass to the wax museum. Following that, we auctioned off the right to act as official namer of the menace in two weeks.

**Miscellaneous:** Crepeau: What a way to go. A man fell into a vat of chocolate at a Hershey's plant and died. What a waste of chocolate – Christian. The question is, how many times did he get out to go to the bathroom?

Tadao announced it was hot at the Arizona Westcon. Christian: Except for Registration, it was a pretty well run con. There were probably over 500 very warm bodies.

Milt was at Midwestcon in Cincinnati. No program, no films, no costumes, small dealer's room, just hang out for a weekend. 114 showed up. (*For those who are not aware of this, please note that Midwestcon is what is known as a relaxacon and no program, no films, no costumes and such are normal for these kinds of cons.* - ed.)

We adjourned at 21:12:12.

**Meeting #3753, July 16, 2009**  
**Rob Powell, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

“Some day, we should do the miscellaneous first, then the fannish committee reports...”

Meeting 3753 was opened at 20:14:10.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Brown, fan and community member, and editor of Locus, died

this week. He has won at least 30 Hugos, at least one for his fan writing. His vanity plate read “SMOF1”, leaving SMOF2 for Bruce Pelz. He was responsible for the invention of the semi-prozine Hugo category. He kept winning in the fanzine category. As for the future of Locus, he planned to establish a Locus foundation. We don't know if he managed in time, so there's a fair chance Locus will continue.

Voice actor Dal McKinnon, who voiced courageous cat, and many other characters. He also played the grizzled old prospector on Gunsmoke and Bonanza.

We also lost a writer. Phyllis Gotlieb, the doyen of Canadian SF authors. She will be missed.

Jerry Pournelle notes Charles Brown detested the name Charlie. It's said in SFWA forums, Locus will continue. Staff has been named and an orderly transfer of ownership will take place. He and Jerry were among the oldest of Heinlein's friends at his death. He'll be missed, but Jerry will not miss the reviews he solicited from people who didn't like Jerry's work.

For these individuals, we held a moment of silence.

Chris wrote URLs for websites that are carrying real-time audio of the moon mission.

Doug Crepeau has received his copy of Rocket Men from Amazon.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “We don't need no stinkin' drunk minutes”.

The **Registrar** announced that we have guests. Two returning guests, Tim Henderson, after a three decade lapse. Aiden Collins, who was last here in the 80's.

And our new guest, William Castrogiovanni, and Genie Lim.

**Patron Saint: Bill Curry.** Matthew Tepper: He's a retired USPS worker, and has been a member since the Palms Playground days. He was a charming and good natured fellow, with a ready laugh. He's one of those who rather than dump books or sell them off, he'd bring them by and give them to people. Joe Zeff: Although Bill Curry did work for the postal service, he's the least likely to go postal. Three cheers to Bill Curry, and a nice, new wool hat.

**Treasurer's report.** We have money, you can't have any.

David Okamura announced that on the 40th anniversary of Apollo 11, NASA announced they'll be postponing any further shuttle flights. Large chunks of insulation fell off the last launch. (Subsequent photos show no damage to the shuttle insulation.)

There's a new food item on the market HuFu – human flavored tofu. Matthew Tepper announced that the last time he heard about this, it was a hoax. Maybe it was Soylent's fictio n...

Michelle Pincus read a moment of science. The NPR show On Point featured a debate over whether our next target should be the Moon or Mars. Mars won in a listener survey. Check [www.marssociety.org](http://www.marssociety.org).

David Okamura notes NASA did not take much care of the archival tapes. They had recorded over the Apollo 11 footage. But tape has been re-mastered, and can now be viewed.

Jerry Burnelle: All of this illustrates Sturgeon's comment that NASA's greatest achievement was to make mankind's greatest achievement look dull.

**Time Bound Announcements:** Doug Crepeau: noticed the blurb in the front of his book, mentioning that, among other things, NASA forgot to put an outside handle on the space capsule, so they had to leave the door open during their EVA.

**Miscellaneous:** Tina Fay has been nominated for an Emmy for a certain portrayal of a certain governor of Alaska.

We adjourned at 21:19:48.

**Meeting #3754, July 23, 2009**  
**Christian McGuire, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

"I'm 49 today." – Tom Safer "That makes you a perfect square!" – Karl Lembke (*Nah! Nobody is perfect. –ed.*)

Meeting 3754 was opened at 20:13:33

**Special Orders of Business:** We lost the 1950s answer to John Stewart, Walter Cronkite. He's genre because of his program, "You Are There". Tom also noted Cronkite spurred the space program, and is the only non-astronaut to have been given a moon rock. We had a brief moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "Chocolate covered moonhole covers".

Thanks to Rob for covering in Christian's absence last week. Shame on LASFS for not taking the opportunity to depose the current President....

**Patron Saint: Ed Green.** Cathy Beckstead: he's a great guy, he's missed hereabouts, but he's off being an actor. Zeff: Ed Green is the only president of the LASFS ever to throw out a member on his own saint's night. Tom Safer appreciates Ed getting him started for TSPC.

CLJII: Ed is one of three presidents of the LASFS who's also a comic book superhero. Hare: While in the military, he was stationed at the National Guard, and went on helicopter rides to assess damage after the Northridge Quake. Christian: He's chaired two Loscons, served on the LASFS BOD, served as President, as Scribe, and Registrar. He's received the Evans Freehafer award, and is still on the board of SCIFI.

Arlene: He and she can talk about any subject, on opposite sides, and not kill each other. (Well, certainly not more than once!) Joyce Sperling notes that he's the only male member of the club to have been diagnosed as pregnant. Frank Waller recalls his Iraqi camel reports, including one account of blowing up a camel.

Zeff: He gave us lots of money. Tepper: Of all LASFS members now living, he's one who's done an incredible lot of good stuff for the club. It would be nice if he'd drop by. Crepeau: has once called him by the wavelength of green light. In Angstroms. Christian: Rumors that there had been spies among us. Someone started the business of "That's Ed G R E E N" Ed G R E E N – was given three C H E E R S.

**Patron Saint: Tom Safer.** Scratch: he's a nice guy and has a good selection of movies. Zeff: he shows great cartoons that not enough people stay around to watch. Tepper: he has a fine baritone-bass voice. And he's up for challenges, including performing in two performances of Mozart's Req-

**LAFAs**  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

LAFAs Filksing  
OCTOBER LAFAs FILKSING October 24, 2009:  
7:00 PM till around 1:00 AM.  
Sean and Linda Cleary  
(and Heather and Fiona Cleary: born in 1992 and 1995)  
13637 Oxford Ct, Chino (East side of Oxford) — 909-464-9892  
seanearlyaug@juno.com  
The house is grey with white trim. The house number is on the right  
front side of garage.)  
There is a FIRE HYDRANT out front. You are welcome to bring  
food; some munchies supplied.  
(*One has to feed the hydrant?* - ed.)

pre-filk dinner at Carrows Family Restaurant, 5:00 PM:  
12325 Mountain Avenue, Chino, CA 91710; (909) 627-0271  
Sean's cell phone is 909-762-1844. Carrows is visible directly across  
from the east 60 offramp.  
FILK STYLE: Loosely moderated ad-lib/Chaos. Songs suitable for  
and interesting to teens have slight priority over those unsuitable --  
until all teens have gone to bed. Think of some to sing!

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LAFAs info: Barry & Lee Gold:  
(310) 306-7456

uiem in one day. Crepeau: would he be up for a Bugs Bunny trivia challenge? (Answer: Probably) And he's a nice guy. Three Cheers for Tom Safer, and one gray hare.

Tom Safer added: For those who do stay for animation shows, I greatly appreciate it. Thanks very much to Charlie who got him started presenting cartoons.

**Treasurer's report.** We have money, the club still exists.

*We paused to hear people's accounts of what they were doing 40 years ago during the moon landing.*

Zeff: for moon landing and moon walk, his dad brought a TV set into the store, so everyone could watch the moon walks. Only interruption was a woman who Would Not Understand why her pizza had to wait. Peter Santel recalls Cronkite was once interviewing Clarke, asking what would happen if the astronauts discovered a monolith on the moon.

Milt Stevens unemployed during moon landing, went to Trimble's party. He was on that good terms with them? Why? Oh, yes. Later saw a photo of him at the party next to Mike Glickson, who he would have sworn was never in LA. Yes, they landed on the moon. (*Milt and Mike landed on the Moon? I did not know that they ever got that high ... ed.*) Tom Safer: Was at a beach house in Delaware. Fa-

ther was telling about how it would be nine hours before they'd emerge from the capsule and watch the moon walk.

Frank Waller: watched the whole program at school during school week. They had an assembly at school, and everyone piled into the auditorium. Tom Locke was also at the Trimble's party. One unusual thing they did was have Earl Thompson and one other bring over their color TVs. One thing making it special was that he had worked on Project Apollo three years before that. HE was a subcontractor working on the reaction control unit.

Doug Crepeau: at time of touchdown, he was at Bernard's Surf Restaurant in Coco Beach, Florida. The raucous crowd was in rapt silence prior to the landing. When the Eagle landed, all hell broke loose. Matthew Tepper: was also at the Trimble party. He needed special dispensation to attend because it was the same day as his parents' anniversary.

Scott Beckstead: It was a cold winter day, he was in San Francisco. HE was 11, and there was a crowd at the house because they had the only tv over 11 inches. Hare: His dad was a prototype machinist. He was a nervous wreck during the whole process, because any problem reflected on his work. HE also got to do repairs when they were called for. Fortunately, he survived without being institutionalized.

Chris was only six at the time. HE had trouble making the connection between what he was seeing and what he could see when he looked up at the moon. One woman was 9 years old three days before the blast off. They had just gotten their first color TV. Her mom wished she could have gone.

Doug Crepeau still has his badge for Gemini Titan III. His name is on the same page with Cronkite. Frank Waller's father used to work for Lockheed. He figured out how to make the fuel move along with the rocket.

Tom Safer heard that the speech is now enshrined at the Nixon Library, along with the lines to be uttered if the astronauts had been unable to launch. CLJII recalls at the time, Neil Armstrong said something, and Cronkite repeated from the written card in front of him

(The Scribe notes that by the day of the moon landing, he had mostly recovered from having his tonsils out, but was not old enough to head out to any

parties, even if he'd found fandom by then.)

*Thanks to CLJII for the reminiscences.*

**Reviews:** Martin Young reviewed modern art. He's found some that's not crap. There's a little gallery in west Hollywood called Glass Garage. Machine and the Garden – five artists of Steampunk. Well worth seeing. The proprietor noted people used to suffer for their art. Now it's the viewers who suffer.

We adjourned at 21:34:17, all at once and nothing first.

***Meeting #3755, July 30  
Christian McGuire, Presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe***

“We need to .... hold a meeting.” – Christian McGuire

Meeting 3755 was opened at 20:10:37

**Special Orders of Business:** Milt Stevens announced the passing of Seattle fan Ray Ballard. He was a fan for a long period of time, was in SAPS, but if he hasn't resigned from it by now, he will very, very soon. In his honor, we had a moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “That's the way it was”.

**Treasurer's report:** people showed up last week and gave us money. We have money. We knew how much a few seconds ago, but it's changed in the mean time.

**Registrar:** We have guests! Chuck Loring, K Von DeWitt, Beth Dickinson (returning after a 20 year lapse), and Harlie Tas.

**Patron Saint: Sean Cleary.** George Mulligan described him as nice. He's warm, sunny, and one of the nicest people to hang around here. He's in the filk circle. David mentioned Sean is involved in the film community, and has two daughters who have been part of the community. They usually show up at Loscons. Sean Cleary was given three cheers, and an honorary Connery.

**Committee Reports:** The Committee to Gouge auctioned off a bunch of stuff, including a bottle of venom. K Von De Witt brought in a program book

from ComiCon which brought in a pretty penny. (*Pretty as the penny was, none of the horny single guys offered to take it out on a date.* - ed.)

Jerry Pournelle recalled the Pons and Fleischmann cold fusion adventure. In the last 20 years, several things have happened. The Navy has continued to pursue it. This is the exception – if you're pursuing oddball science, good luck getting it funded. Everything is funded by peer-reviewed grant, so if something real exists in left field, no one will find it because no one looks for it there. (*Except for left fielders, of course.* - ed.)

**Reviews:** Charlie Jackson reviewed the OC Fair, and among other things got a sneak peek at Al Yankovic's brain, which is in 3 dimensions and quite silly. The big thing to report on at the fair – Chocolate covered bacon. Turns out to be really good. Bacon and maple syrup is pretty good, too! – Schirm.

CLJII read an article about music and the brain. Listening to, appreciating, and playing music lights up the same parts of the brain activated by chocolate and sex. (*Ahhh. Chocolate-covered-sex in your ear.* - ed.)

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Joe Zeff reported on something from the newsgroups. A member who is a system administrator commented about problems with people at work who think they know a lot more about computers than they really do. As part of his rant, he commented that he had looked at Joe's book, and the chapter about those folks was “spot on”. And the illustrations are wonderful. He has hinted that he might want to show up at Loscon and get signatures.

Bill Ellern noted we're in a quiet period of the solar cycle. (*Well, if we are in another Maunder Minimum, maybe we can make more Stradivarius violins...* ed.)

We adjourned at 21:40:48.

***Starting with the May 2009 meeting, the  
BoD minutes in De Prof will be  
the uncorrected ones taken by  
the editor of this zine***

(however)

**Board of Directors meeting, August 9, 2009**  
**Karl Lembke, Chairman**  
**Darnell Coleman, Secretary**  
**Secretary Darnell had an excused absence**  
**so the minutes (corrected in September)**  
**were taken**  
**by Marty Cantor**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Darnell Coleman (excused absence), Mike Thorsen, Bob Null, Arlene Satin, Milt Stevens (excused absence), Elayne Pelz (excused absence), Tadao Tomomatsu, Marcia Minsky, Christian McGuire, Robert Powell.

**Members and Guests:** Marty Cantor, Greg Bilan, Fred Lazelle, Don Wenner, Jeni Burr, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Michelle Pincus, Karen Anderson, Frank Waller, Scott Tygett.

**Called to order:** 11:07 am.

**Opening Remarks by Karl Lembke:** The Secretary is not here because of a family emergency; however, as Marty Cantor has volunteered to take our Minutes today, I have appointed him to do so.

**Minutes:** Accepted as submitted.

**New Members:** Deferred until next month.

**Treasurer:** See Treasurer for the amount in our treasury.

**30 Second Reports**  
**(Board Members)**

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** No report.

**Vice Chairman (Bob Null):** The new programme for graphics work is on the pubs computer.

**Secretary (Darnell Coleman):** (Excused for family emergency.)

**Comptroller (Christian McGuire):** (The Comps are under control).

**Library (Elayne Pelz):** (Absent – excused.)

**Physical Plant (Tadao Tomomatsu):** The trees which might cause problems for the truck which moves our LOSCON items, are being

trimmed. Some people have volunteered to work with the vegetation on our property. The lemon tree needs trimming. 98% of what was in the corner cabinet has been cleaned out by the work party of two weeks ago. Greg Bilan has done some work on the lemon tree but was told to not trim the branches which hang over our property fence.

**Letter to neighbor – any response?** No response, yet. Tadao will introduce himself to new dental neighbors. Jeni Burr recommends photographing things before we change anything.

**AV Equipment (Robert Powell):** We are on track for cleaning out the northeast corner of this room. We are exploring corner-replacement cabinetry.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** This is a 4-week period. Machine units sold, to date: 12,485, this period: 351. Machine total sales, to date: \$8,267.00, this period: \$263.25. Except for needed water replacement, our soda stock is in good shape.

**Publications (Milt Stevens):** Marty reported on the Gestetner, saying that it appears that the repairs undertaken by Charlie Jackson are holding. Also, to keep access to the area where future repairs may be needed, the “On” button has not been glued down but is now stored in the lockable cabinet with the black ink drum and should be inserted into its proper receptacle in the machine just before putting in an ink drum and turning on the machine.

**Events (Marcia Minsky):** LOSCON 36 is moving along and the con has approximately 550 memberships at the moment. Arlene mentioned that the Anniversary Banquet is also moving along. Board group shots for the Memory Book will be August 22 at 11 am, other group shots after will be taken after the Board shots. We are still looking for other photos for the Memory Book.

**Fundraising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin):** Artwork on hand for Zazzle.com “Will not sell” so other artwork is needed.

**(Significant Others)**

**Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin):** Tomorrow is the next reading for children at



the Library. The Librarian (of that city library) would like for us to do a dialogue reading. The IMAX theater in Irvine “likes us” but we are looking to putting on displays at a closer place. West Hollywood Book Fair: Barbara Hambly may confirm but John DeChancie has confirmed. Arlene asked how far (in miles) does the Board want Arlene and the committee to go. Recommendations included L.A. and adjacent counties. McGuire recommended that people going to cons at some distance to us carry bookmarks with them. New bookmarks will be needed soon as we are beginning to run low. There was a discussion of designs on the bookmark.

**Club President (Christian McGuire):** (Westercon will remain just a Westercon as the NASFIC bid was voted down.)The President, me, is still trying to get timebound announcements to be actually timebound.

**Agenda Items:** None.

**Open Forum:** None.

Barry Gold mentioned that the Moffatt photos are now on our web site. We are trying to arrange for somebody to go to Dik Daniels’ relatives in San Miguel to get tens of thousands of photos. Calendar page has been modified but still has some problems. Some photos of fan-nish places plus a Fred Patten paragraph on each is also now online.

**Take-Aways:** None.

**Adjournment:** 11:55 am.

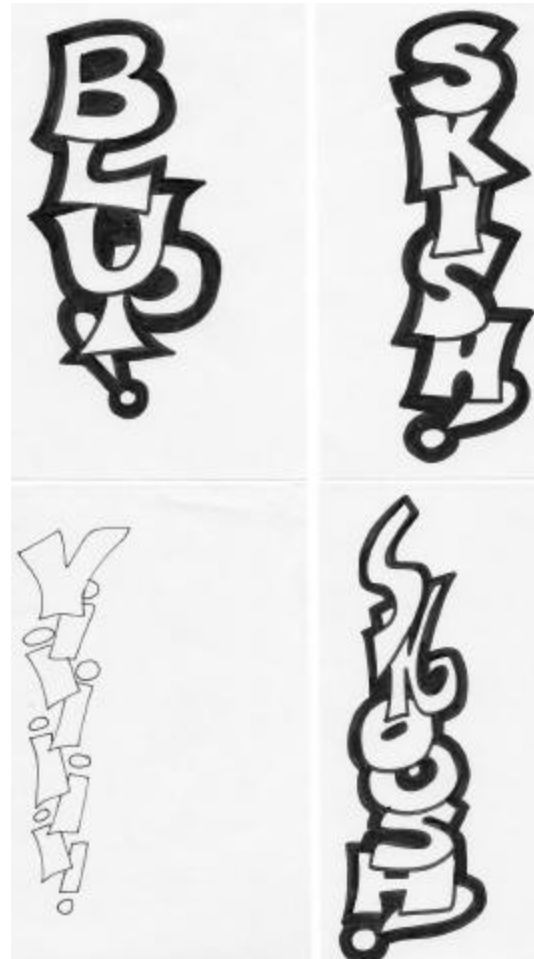
**NEW BOOKS**

*(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. Reading books, whatta concept...)*

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1632                       | Flint, Eric                       |
| Arrow of Time, The         | Coveney, Peter & Highfield, Roger |
| Azumanga Daioh: Vol. 1     | Azuma, Kiyohiko                   |
| Chronicles of Riddick, The | Foster, Alan Dean                 |
| City at the End of Time    | Bear, Greg                        |
| Courageous: The Lost Fleet | Campbell, Jack                    |
| Dark Wraith of Shannara    | Brooks, Terry                     |
| Dauntless: The Lost Fleet  | Campbell, Jack                    |
| Dragonhaven                | McKinley, Robin                   |

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| Fearless: The Lost Fleet       | Hopkins, Mariane S.                  |
| From the Pen of Paul           | Campbell, Jack                       |
| Ghosts of N-Space, The         | Korshak, Stephen D.                  |
| Illegal Aliens                 | Letts, Barry                         |
| Last Dragon, The               | Pollotta, Nick & Foglio, Phil        |
| Long View, The                 | De Mari, Silvana                     |
| Manchurian Candidate, The      | Busby, F.M.                          |
| Midnight Magic                 | Condon, Richard                      |
| Nation                         | Avi                                  |
| Opus                           | Pratchett, Terry                     |
| Opus 2                         | Windsor-Smith, Barry                 |
| Pretty Dead                    | Windsor-Smith, Barry                 |
| Princess of Landover, A        | Block, Francesca Lia                 |
| Revenge of the Witch           | Brooks, Terry                        |
| Ring of Fire                   | Delaney, Joseph                      |
| Strong Arm Tactics             | Flint, Eric                          |
| Sword of the Lady, The         | Nye, Jody Lynn                       |
| Turning Points: Thieves' World | Stirling, S.M.                       |
| Valiant: The Lost Fleet        | Abbey, Lynn                          |
| Warrior Princess               | Campbell, Jack                       |
| Winds of Dune, The             | Jones, Frewin                        |
|                                | Herbert, Brian & Anderson, Kevin J.  |
| Year's Best SF, 13             | Hartwell, David G. & Cramer, Kathryn |



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Please note, on page one, the programme item for Octo-  
ber 22. The programme item notes that we will be auc-  
tioning off some Big Fat.

as there will also be a 75<sup>th</sup>  
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on Tuesday, October 27,  
2009  
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