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All times are PT. Events in black text are LASFS events. Events in gray text are not.

* **Thursday Programme Items:** **Sept. 7**—Arlene Busby, on the Aerospace Legacy Foundation; **Sept. 14**—Aldo Spadoni, on conceptual aerospace design in science fiction; **Sept. 28**—David Raiklen, on the music of *Star Trek*

Meeting Tech Specs: LASFS meetings are currently held online via Zoom. Contact host Susan Fox at susanfox@scifi.radio to receive an invitation, the meeting password, and weekly reminders.

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Deadlines are fluid. Any material deemed not appropriate for *De Prof* will be considered for apazines published by the editor.

The editor will prioritize content mandated in the LASFS By-Laws and supported by any applicable club traditions.

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Addendum: At the LASFS Board of Directors meeting Dec. 11, 2022, the directors accepted Eylat Poliner's proposal that Heath Row become editor of *De Prof*. He will do so as LASFS scribe for the term of January-June 2023.

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July-December 2023

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Vice-President: Susan Fox
Registrar: Eylat Poliner
Scribe: Heath Row
Treasurers: Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin

Board of Directors

Chairman: Michelle Pincus (2024)
Vice Chairman: Nick Smith (2023)
Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2025)
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Condensed Cream of Menace

(Official, approved minutes are also available online at <https://www.lasfs.org/lasfs-meeting-minutes>. Unofficial, unexpurgated minutes can be read in *Menace of the LASFS*, which is available upon request.)

Fannish Union Complete! Meeting #4481, June 29, 2023

Susan Fox, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Susan Fox called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Animator and special effects creator Ray Harryhausen
- Author Brian Herbert
- Artist Michael Whelan
- Actor Maureen O'Brien
- Courtesy of Matthew B. Tepper: Actor Slim Pickens

Dispatchings

- Neuropsychologist and fan Amy Wisniewski
- Actor Nicolas Coster
- Materials scientist, physicist, and chemist John Bannister Goodenough
- Olympic athlete Dean Smith

Media anniversary

Noir fantasy *The Amazing Mr. X* was released on this date in 1948. (IMDb suggests July 29, 1948.)

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for June 22, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Eylat Poliner clarified that she will be absent the first three weeks of July.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "I'm Just Here to Name the Minutes."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Alan Frisbie was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Charles Lee Jackson II, and Nick Smith. Frisbie received three cheers—and a sacred flying disc.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- July 6: Big auction
- July 13: Author Craig Miller, *Star Wars Memories*
- Aug. 10: Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier
- Aug. 17: Gail Carriger, *Divinity 36*, Tinkered Starsong Book 1
- Aug. 24: Tom Safer presents a program of cartoons after the meeting
- Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, on the Aerospace Legacy Foundation
- Sept. 28: David Raiklen on the music of *Star Trek*

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): The con has a mysterious writer guest of honor who will be announced at the end of Loscon 49

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio. For the month of July, Jim DeTar bid \$15, won, and dedicated the Spot of Honor to Loscon 49.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

There are no guests.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. Two people have to pay their dues this week. Everyone else can donate.

Susan Fox bid \$5 to donate.

Pelz has been looking at properties and has identified a commercial realtor, but further work might have to wait until after Pemmi-Con later this month.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

Our next board meeting is July 9 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith:

- Beginning this Saturday, Pluto TV is launching a new channel to feature kaiju movies.

- New Beverly Cinema matinees of *Independence Day* and *Jaws*
- American Cinematheque Los Feliz Theatre screening of the 1953 *The War of the Worlds* and *The Cow Who Sang a Song into the Future*
- Horror Vibes Coffee is hosting a special event on Saturday: Summerween.

Tom Safer screening of *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile* Saturday at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Library

Kevin Segall:

- The Hollywood Show, featuring William Shatner, is this weekend.
- Saturday night's *Robot Monster 3-D* 70th anniversary screening at the Velaslavasay Panorama is sold out.
- Next Wednesday's Los Angeles Breakfast Club will feature restored Max Fleischer cartoons.

Eylat Poliner: At the memorial for Marty Cantor, someone left a cooler at Barbara Gratz Harmon's house. Nick Smith suggested it might belong to Bootsie Janette Brenner.

Eylat Poliner will not be here the first three weeks of July. Heide Nichols will serve the role of registrar.

Moments of Science

Nick Smith remarked on science related to the upcoming movie *Meg 2: The Trench*. The real-world creatures might have been warm blooded, giving them a metabolic boost in the water as they chased other creatures.

Tom Safer reported on several entries from Today in Science History (https://todayinsci.com/6/6_29.htm):

- Rolf Luft
- George Ellery Hale
- Peter Waage
- From events: In 1995, the space shuttle Atlantis docked with the Russian space station Mir.

Eylat Poliner: CNN featured a baby seal that can surf!

Nola Frame-Gray read about senescent cells, which don't divide and can cause inflammation, in *Popular Mechanics*. They're also called zombie cells.

Tim Friedline: Europe's Euclid space telescope is scheduled to launch July 1 in order to search for dark matter.

Lynn Maners: A pod of orcas off the coast of Spain began attacking the rudders of certain small boats. There might be an aggravated matriarch in the pod teaching others to do so.

Meanwhile, a pod of orcas off of Scotland has started doing the same thing.

Jim DeTar: A recent *Wall Street Journal* article highlighted an interesting use of artificial intelligence: irritating telemarketers.

Regular Announcements

Damon Brown is planning his next trip to Los Angeles at the beginning of August for the 48 Hour Film Project. (<https://www.48hourfilm.com/la>)

Reviews

Nick Smith saw *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* and described it as a treat.

Nola Frame-Gray has been enjoying Tim Collins's *Notes from a Totally Lame Vampire*—especially its unusually dark text.

Chris Marble visited George Mulligan. He now has new clothing and plans to get out of bed soon.

Miscellaneous

Nick Smith showed members the *Perry Rhodan: The Cosmic League* board game.

Charles Lee Jackson II recently purchased a bottle of sweet wine and a box of See's candy. He was then given a bottle of sweet wine and a box of See's candy.

Eylat Poliner wished Jackson a happy birthday.

Susan Fox announced that there won't be an aftermeeting.

Lynn Maners remarked that his birthday is Saturday.

Call to Adjourn

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

I Don't Know.

Meeting #4482, July 6, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

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

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor Sebastian Cabot
- Actor William Schallert
- Actor Burt Ward
- Composer, director, and editor John Ottman

- Illustrator Rick Sternbach

Dispatchings

- Actor Alan Arkin
- Producer Lawrence Turman

Media anniversary

On this date in 1975, the David Cronenberg movie *Shivers* came out. (IMDb Pro suggests the release date was Oct. 10, 1975)

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for June 29, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Nola Frame-Gray commented that one of the disturbing features of zombie cells is that they don't die. Scientists are researching medicine to make them do so.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Anita Nunez bid \$5, won, and named them "Fannish Union Complete!" in honor of her recent marriage to Victor Khaze.

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as commented on, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Doug Abe was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Abe received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Susan Fox):

- July 13: Author Craig Miller, *Star Wars Memories*
- Aug. 10: Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier
- Aug. 17: Gail Carriger, *Divinity 36*, Tinkered Starsong Book 1—please wear blue or teal to match her book cover
- Aug. 24: Tom Safer presents a program of cartoons after the meeting
- Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, on the Aerospace Legacy Foundation

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): Tim Griffin will not only attend Loscon this year—but perform. Heide Nichols is working on an evening programming track, so be sure to reserve your hotel room.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49, which will be held over Thanksgiving weekend. Be there or be square.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

Heide Nichols stood in for Eylat Poliner.

We have no guests tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

For tonight's auction, if you win a bid, please send your email to Pelz so she can contact you with shipping costs.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is July 9 at 11 a.m.

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith announced that longtime Disneyland fan and toy collector Joel Magee is selling off more than 1,500 pieces from his private collection at auction through Van Eaton Galleries. The Joel Magee Disneyland Collection auction will run July 17-19. A pop-up exhibition of the collection will run until July 16 at the Burbank Town Center Mall.

Damon Brown is meeting with the Arkansas Free Thinkers Group on July 9 to start a Center of Inquiry in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Special Event: The Big Auction

The LASFS held an auction to raise money for the club. Members bid on items including collectible stamps, coasters, cups and mugs, action figures, and other items. There were multiple Disney-related items on hand. A total of \$93 was raised for the LASFS. Thank you to everyone who bid!

Regular Announcements

Chris Marble visited George Mulligan, who left his room walking for the first time in several months.

Susan Fox: The Society for Creative Anachronism recently crowned Lorissa du Griffin (Lora Boehm) as the Queen of Caid, the southern California kingdom. She'll serve as queen through December.

Matt Mitchell: All 12 seasons of *Red Dwarf* are now available on Tubi.

Nick Smith:

- The New Beverly Cinema will screen *Minority Report* and *Finding Nemo* this weekend. They will also offer a Cartoon Club program and *A Clockwork Orange*.

- American Cinematheque at the Aero Theatre will screen *Tenet* and *2001: A Space Odyssey*.
- J. Michael Stracyzinski is scheduled to appear at the San Diego Comic-Con to promote the animated *Babylon 5: The Road Home*.

Dean Johnson: Cinespia will screen *Poltergeist* at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery on Aug. 26. (<https://cinespia.org/event/poltergeist-2>)

Christian B. McGuire received a text. His enthusiasm was unmuted.

Reviews

Charles Lee Jackson II: *Road to Utopia*, starring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, and Dorothy Lamour, is told largely in flashback, and features Santa Claus and a talking bear.

Nick Smith went to see the animated film *Elemental*, which was surprisingly good and suitable for adults. It was very well written.

Jackson has also been reading Disney movie distributor commentary from the 1930s and 1940s. Several distributors requested that Disney stop making features and return to making shorts because distributors made more money from the cartoons.

Miscellaneous

Charles Lee Jackson II recently went to Wal-Mart in Burbank. It's exactly one half mile from the bus stop to the store. It's more than a half mile back, for some reason.

He strongly endorses Baskin-Robbins' Sundae Funday and Icing on the Cake.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

Board Meeting

July 9, 2023

Michelle Pincus, chairing
Susan Fox, Secretary

Call to Order

11 a.m.

Present

Chairman Michelle Pincus, Vice Chairman Nick Smith, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Cathy Johnson,

Dean Johnson, and Heide Nichols. Non-board members: Webmistress Kristine Cherry and club member observers Tony Benoun, Matthew B. Tepper, and Gregory Lipscomb.

Minutes

Approved and accepted

New Members

Jean-Paul Garnier, from Joshua Tree. Special interests: All things sf. He has attended Loscon and is a bookseller who puts on events. Nick Smith says he might be a good meeting guest. Moved, seconded, and accepted.

Treasurer's Report (Elayne Pelz)

We have about \$20,000 in accounts.

30-Second Reports

Chairman (Michelle Pincus): No report

Vice Chairman (Nick Smith): No report

Secretary (Susan Fox): Sent out the minutes to the May 5, 2023, special session related to Westercon 75 to board members.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool). \$791,820.35 as of July 7, 2023. Incidentally, that's the 116th anniversary of the birth of Robert A. Heinlein.

Library (Gavin Claypool): No report

Quartermaster (Heide Nichols): No report

Archives (Cathy Johnson): Elayne Pelz gave Johnson some CDs of fannish recordings for the archives last weekend.

Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell):

Michelle Pincus asks if there is room in storage for five boxes. Rob says that they could go on a moving shelf, but it is possible. They will arrange outside of the meeting.

AV Equipment (Dean Johnson): The AV equipment remains in storage.

Events (Eylat Poliner): We have been having successful programs and have more planned for future meetings:

- Aug. 10: Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier
- Aug. 17: Gail Carriger reads from her new book, *Divinity 36*
- Aug. 24: Tom Safer presents a program of cartoons after the meeting
- Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, Aerospace Legacy Foundation
- Sept. 28: David Raiklen, on the music of *Star Trek*
- Oct. 14: Forry Award nominations and vote
- Nov. 2: Board of Directors nominations
- Nov. 9: Meeting #4500, Board of

Directors elections

- Nov. 16: History of the LASFS
- Nov. 23: Meeting at Loscon 49
- Dec. 7: Nominations for president
- Dec. 14: Procedural elections
- Dec. 28: Loscon Retrospective

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): The con is on track, and the con committee is very excited! Lots of nighttime programming. Tim Griffin is able to attend, so he will perform a concert. 253 members so far. More to come.

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): We're on track. We have most of our staff. We've selected the Writer Guest of Honor. Fan Guests of Honor will be Craig Miller and Genny Dazzo. Our first candidate for the Music Guest of Honor never responded, so we're asking Kathy Mar next. An author is teasing us about One Last Convention in November. Thanks to Michelle Pincus for the author networking.

Elayne Pelz announced for Jason Justice that Loscon is moving. We have signed a new three-year deal with the Hilton Los Angeles Airport for Loscon 50-52. All Thanksgiving weekends. Flat food and beverage contract including green room, free meeting space, hotel room rebate, and discounted parking. Prices will go up nominally each year but not much. Overall, it will cost us \$15,000. If you have any questions, ask Pelz.

Eylat Poliner: The Staff Lounge and Hospitality will be swapped for a ticket system to use the food and beverage budget and free up staff members. We'll have a separate private room for staff to rest, eat their sandwiches, and grab a snack and non-Pepsi drink.

Poliner would like to run an event to thank all past Loscon chairs.

We need a price breakdown of the food and beverage—and to add 32 percent for tax and gratuity.

The board requests to send Justice a letter of thanks. Secretary Susan Fox will compose and send. Moved, seconded, and passed.

Publications (Christian McGuire): *De Profundis* is still coming out. Thanks go to Heath Row. Secretary Susan Fox will write and send an email expressing the board's gratitude. Moved, seconded, and passed.

Marketing and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): No report

Significant Others

Club President (Cathy Johnson): We're still meeting on Zoom. Members seem to want to

meet at least once a month in person, at the church or elsewhere. Elayne Pelz will contact the church after the North American Science Fiction Convention. We recently held a successful auction, with more programming to come.

Webmistress (Kristine Cherry): I'm lurking and working, playing catchup. I will start creating Loscon 50 and am working with Krystal Rains and Heath Row on *AnaConzine 2023* for the Loscon site (<https://tinyurl.com/AnaConzine2023>).

Dean and Barry really need to get on the meeting database. The project is lagging behind. Is there anything Cherry can do assist? Rob Powell would like to be included; he has experience with databases.

Agenda Items

None

Open Forum

Nick Smith: Marty Cantor passed away in April. Nick has finally gotten executor status and can get to his property. We need to move stuff that belongs to LASFS out of his storage unit. He has bequeathed books to sell, as well. Both need sorting. A pickup or van is needed to ship stuff to the sf collection at UC-Riverside. The property owner wants the apartment back. It's not urgent yet, but the clock is ticking.

Eylat Poliner can help on a Sunday.

Rob Powell has a pickup truck.

Poliner thanks Michelle Pincus for helping network to secure an unnamed author for Loscon, and Kristine Cherry for work on the Loscon Web site.

Rob Powell: LASFS chairs were taken to the memorial for Cantor and have been cleaned up.

Take-Aways

Michelle Pincus, Eylat Poliner, and Kristine Cherry are to work on Loscon marketing Web site issues.

Thank you notes to be sent to Jason Justice and Heath Row.

Next Meeting Date

Aug. 13, 2023, at 11 a.m.

Adjournment

Occurred

**Go with God, Frank Waller.
You Will Be Missed.
Meeting #4483, July 13, 2023**
Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

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

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Author Norvell W. Page (b. July 6, 1904, d. Aug. 14, 1961)
- Actor Steven Marlo (b. July 13, 1927, d. Nov. 7, 2019)
- Actor Sir Patrick Stewart (b. July 13, 1940)
- Actor Harrison Ford (b. July 13, 1942)
- Actor and voice actor Kari Wahlgren (b. July 13, 1977)

Dispatchings

- Animator Randy Fullmer (b. April 27, 1950, d. July 10, 2023)
- Actor and voice actor Jimmy Weldon (b. Sept. 23, 1923, d. July 6, 2023)
- Screenwriter, director, and producer Hector Manuel Koto (b. June 10, 1961, d. July 9, 2023)
- Swedish fan Hans Sidén (b. 1935, d. June 24, 2023)

Media anniversary

Two films debuted on this date, Irwin Allen's *The Lost World* in 1960 and *The Island of Dr. Moreau* in 1977. (IMDb indicates the latter first screened Dec. 31, 1977, while Wikipedia suggests July 13, 1977.)

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for July 6, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Susan Fox corrected the name of the kingdom of Caid's new queen

There was some speculation about whether J. Michael Straczynski would appear at Comic-Con because of the WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Susan Fox and Dean Johnson each bid \$5. Fox yielded to Johnson, who won, and named them "I Don't Know."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Marc Schirmeister was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Chris Marble, and Nick Smith. Schirmeister received three cheers—and a cartoon.

Committee Reports

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): The con is coming along.

Heide Nichols commented that The Fallen Stars, an Americana band inspired by *Firefly*, will perform at Loscon 49.

Loscon 50-52 (Elayne Pelz): Loscon 50-52 will be held at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport. This year's con will be the last at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott.

Programming (Susan Fox)

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Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We welcomed new member Jean-Paul Garnier.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. Donations are always welcome.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is Aug. 13 at 11 a.m.

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith:

- At Dark Delicacies on Saturday, *Subspecies V: Bloodrise* Blu-ray signing with Director Ted Nicolaou, and on Sunday, *Kolchak Nosferatu* anthology signing with Christopher Sequeira and Gerry Huntman
- New Beverly Cinema matinees of *Fifth Element* and *Frozen*
- American Cinematheque showing Tuesday of *Humanoids from the Deep* at the Los Feliz Theatre

Tom Safer will screen Blake Edwards's *A Shot in the Dark* on Saturday at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library

Chris Marble reported that the North American Science Fiction Convention, Pemmi-Con, is next week in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Damon Brown said that his meeting with the Arkansas Free Thinkers went well and that he'll propose a Center for Inquiry to the full group.

Susan Fox dished that the Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society (GAGS) will dine July 23 at La Fogata Mexican Restaurant in Sherman Oaks.

Special Event: Craig Miller, *Star Wars Memories*

Miller told personal stories about working in publicity for *Star Wars*, his anecdotal memoir *Star Wars Memories*, and other experiences. Topics included the 1976 teaser trailer, *Damnation Alley*, alternate versions of the movie's opening crawl, the meaning of the term "parsecs," Carrie Fisher's wrap party, and the choreography for a *Star Wars* Underoos commercial.

LASFSans asked questions about the radio spots, Miller's inspiration for writing the book, feeding the rumor mill in the pages of *Starlog*, and other topics.

Regular Announcements

Tad Daley mentioned a congressional candidate, George Whitesides, founder of Yuri's Night, former chief of staff at NASA, and CEO of Virgin Galactic.

Reviews

Charles Lee Jackson II recommended the *Joel Magee Disneyland Collection* exhibition running until July 16 at the Burbank Town Center Mall.

Miscellaneous

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

Happy 70th Anniversary to Marvin the Martian! Meeting #4484, July 20, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:59 p.m.

Special Announcement

Kristine Cherry informed the LASFS about the death of Frank Waller over the weekend. Cherry offered some details and information about Waller's recent health situation, and LASFSans shared some memories. A graveside service will be held Sunday at Mount Sinai Memorial Park in Simi Valley. Cathy Johnson called for a minute of silence, which the LASFS recognized.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor Diana Rigg (b. July 20, 1938, d. Sept. 10, 2020)
- Actor Fritz Sperberg (b. July 20, 1951)
- Famed and educator Guy H. Lillian III (b. July 20, 1949)

Dispatchings

Chris Marble reported that fan and folksinger Bill Laubenheimer (b. Aug. 19, 1956, d. July 19, 2023) died while participating in Pemmi-Con.

Matthew B. Tepper pointed out an obituary for convicted hacker and computer security consultant Kevin Mitnick (b. Aug. 6, 1963, d. July 16, 2023).

Media anniversary

Frankenstein 1970 was released on this date in 1958. In 1969, American astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin landed on the moon as part of the Apollo 11 mission. Armstrong was the first person to walk on the moon, the first words there broadcast on national television. Susan Fox added that *Plan 9 From Outer Space* premiered July 22, 1959.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)
Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for July 13, 2023.

Additions and Corrections
Nick Smith clarified the name of Kari Wahlgren, which Scribbles had totally and entirely botched.

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Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)
The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49. A few weeks from now, we will have a new recipient of the Spot of Honor.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)
We have no guests tonight. Poliner thanked Heide Nichols for sitting in for her for the last few weeks.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)
Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)
The next board meeting will occur Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023, at 11 a.m.

Old Business
Cathy Johnson mentioned plans to return to meeting in person at least once a month. The idea will be picked up again after Pemmi-Con.

New Business
None

Time-Bound Announcements
Heide Nichols told members about the Midsummer Scream horror convention (<https://midsummerscream.org>) at the Long Beach Convention Center at the end of the month. Nichols is volunteering in the game room.

Eylat Poliner mentioned that the Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society (GAGS) will meet July 23 at La Fogata Mexican Restaurant in Sherman Oaks.

- Nick Smith:
- Dark Delicacies will not be open next weekend because the staff will be at Midsummer Scream. There is a signing this Saturday with authors Robert Stromm, Mimi Gibson, and Jimmy Hunt for *Cries in the Night: Children in Film Noir*.
 - The New Beverly Cinema will screen *Pitch Black* and *Hook*.

Moments of Science
Tom Safer mentioned several notable scientists from Today in Science (https://www.todayinsci.com/7/7_20.htm):

- Sir Edmund Percival Hillary
- Robert D. Maurer
- Alberto Santos-Dumont
- Birthday of Gregor Mendel
- Events: Mars landing and man walks on the moon

Lynn Maners offered additional information about the earliest dated human-made tools, indicating that the cores are the size of a bowling ball. We still don't know which species used the cores to make the first tools.

Regular Announcements
Tom Safer: The next monthly screening at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library will be *Frozen II* on Aug. 19.

Scribbles told LASFSans about a new project, *The Los Angeles County Fanac Guide*, seeking member submissions of favorite cons, stores, historical locations, and other items of interest. (<https://tinyurl.com/LA-fanac-form>)

Damon Brown reported on an Arkansas Freethinkers book discussion focusing on John B. Eichler's *Damn Computers*, an upcoming visit to the Center for Inquiry office in LA, and his promotion as an officer for the USS Blackstone.

The Blackstone would like to schedule a meeting with the LASFS to discuss clubs.

Reviews

Scribbles commented on *Doctor Who* Series 13, “Flux,” which was a good finish for Jodie Whittaker as the Doctor—and a serial!

Charles Lee Jackson II read a shooting script for the 1951 movie *Nightmare, AKA Superman and the Mole Men*. The script includes an extra scene not included in the movie.

Tom Safer recommended *A Shot in the Dark*.

Cathy Johnson recently saw—and enjoyed—*Into the Woods* at the Ahmanson Theatre.

Miscellaneous

Lynn Maners remarked that Harry Turtledove’s book *Three Miles Down* offers the world’s best author photograph. Matthew B. Tepper held the book up for the camera—and also recommended it.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

Upcoming Conventions

Sept. 2-3: Anime Impulse, Anaheim, <https://www.animeimpulse.com>

Sept. 2-3: Long Beach Comic Con, Long Beach, <https://longbeachcomiccon.com>

Sept. 15-16: Cartoon-A Paloozah!, Temecula, <https://temeculatoons.com>

Sept. 16: Alpha Omega Con, Long Beach, <https://alphaomegacon.com>

Sept. 23-24: Creep I.E. Aftermath, Ontario, <https://www.creepiecon.com>

Sept. 29 to Oct. 1: Halloween 45, Pasadena, <https://horrorhoundweekend.com/shows/H45>

Sept. 30 to Oct. 1: HorrorCon Los Angeles, <https://horrorconla.com>

Upcoming Events

Sept. 1: National Fantasy Fan Federation Video Bureau screening of seven fantasy-oriented Super 8 films online (4 p.m. PT, <https://tinyurl.com/N3F-Theatre>)

Sept. 1: *Conan the Barbarian* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

Sept. 2: *Matilda*, *Pee-Wee’s Big Adventure*, *Big Top Pee-Wee*, and *Mystery Men* screenings at the Aero Theatre

Sept. 2-3: *Howl’s Moving Castle* and *Conan the Barbarian* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Sept. 2-3: *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Sept. 3: *The Birds* screening at the Aero Theatre

Sept. 4: *Femina* screening at the Aero Theatre

Sept. 4: Slash-a-Thon four-film marathon at the New Beverly Cinema (sold out)

Sept. 5: *The Walking Dead—Daryl Dixon* (“L’âme Perdue” and “Alouette” episodes) and *The Birds* screenings at the Aero Theatre

Sept. 6: *The Truman Show* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Sept. 7: *The War of the Worlds—Next Century* and *The Truman Show* screenings at the Los Feliz Theatre

Sept. 9: N3F Video Bureau screening of *Unknown World* (1951) online (7 p.m. PT, <https://tinyurl.com/N3F-Theatre>)

Sept. 9: *The Spongebob Squarepants Movie* and *Chicken Run* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Sept. 9: *Long Day’s Journey into Night* in 3D screening at the Aero Theatre

Sept. 9: *Long Past Midnight* signing with author Jonathan Maberry at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

Sept. 10: *Chicken Run* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

Sept. 11: *King Ubu* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Sept. 14: *O-Bi, O-Ba—The End of Civilization* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Sept. 15 and 17: *The Crow* and *The Crow: City of Angels* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Sept. 16: *The Powerpuff Girls Movie*, *The Crow*, *The Crow: City of Angels*, and *Cowboy Bebop: The Movie* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Sept. 16: Cartoon Jamboree—Animation Rarities screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Sept. 16: *Reflections of Evil* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Sept. 16: *Day of the Dead* CD signing with composer John Harrison (sold out), *The Outer Limits at 60* signing with David J. Schow, and *Lush and Other Tales of Boozy Mayhem* signing with Duane Swierczynski at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

Sept. 17: *The Last Night to Kill Nazis* signing with David Agranoff and *Suborbital 7* signing with John Shirley at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

Sept. 18: *Spider Baby* and *The Incredibly Strange Creatures Who Stopped Living and Became Mixed-Up Zombies!!?* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Sept. 21: N3F Tape Bureau airing of *CBS Radio Workshop* episodes “Brave New World, Part 1” and “Brave New World, Part 2” (Jan. 27, 1956, and Feb. 3, 1956) online (4 p.m. PT, <https://tinyurl.com/N3F-Theatre>)

Sept. 21: *Ga, Ga—Glory to the Heroes* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Sept. 22: *Her* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

Sept. 23: Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous Housefilk hosted by Rod O’Riley and Mark Merlino. No pre-filk dinner. Filk style: Moderated chaos.

Sept. 23: *DuckTales the Movie—Treasure of the Lost Lamp* and *Street Fighter* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Sept. 23: *The Day the Earth Stood Still* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Sept. 23: *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Sept. 23: *Hi-Fear* DVD signing with director Brad Sykes, producer Josephina Sykes, and Kristin Lorenz; and *Neon Nightmares: L.A. Thrillers of the 1980s* signing with Brad Sykes at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

Sept. 24: *DuckTales the Movie—Treasure of the Lost Lamp* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

Sept. 24: *Alien: Enemy of My Enemy* signing with Mary SanGiovanni, and *Road of Bones* and *All Hallows* signings with Christopher Golden at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

Sept. 25-26: *Phantom of the Paradise* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Sept. 30: *Super 8* and *Silent Hill* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Sept. 30: *What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?* and *The Haunting* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Game Days

Mondays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Next-Gen Games (<https://www.nextgengames.la>)

Magic: The Gathering at Next-Gen Games, Odyssey Games in Pasadena (<https://odysseygamesco.com>) and Turn Zero Games (<https://www.turnzerogames.com>)

Warhammer: Age of Sigmar at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Tuesdays

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale (<https://www.collectorlegion.com>) and Next-Gen Games

Warhammer: Age of Sigmar and *Warhammer 40,000* at Next-Gen Games

Warhammer 40,000 at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Wednesdays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale, Mega City One (<https://www.megacity.one>), and Next-Gen Games

Thursdays

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale

Star Wars: X-Wing at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Warhammer 40,000 at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Fridays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Friday Night *Magic* at Knight Ware (<http://www.knight-ware.com>), Mega City One, Next-Gen Games, Odyssey Games, Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks (<https://www.paperherogames.com>) and Turn Zero Games,

Saturdays

Magic at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Warhammer at Knight Ware (third Saturday of the month)

Sundays

Magic at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

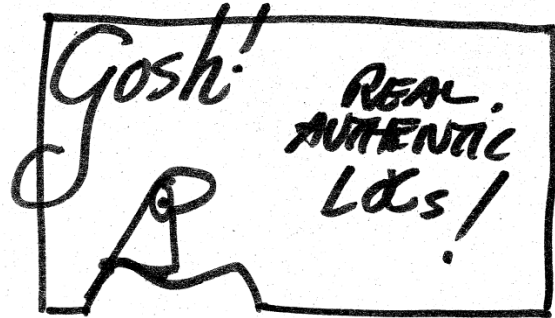
Warhammer 40,000 at Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks

Please contact the con, store, or venue (or visit its Web site) to confirm any events and logistics before traveling to attend. Events and schedules are subject to change. Additions and updates welcome.

If you'd like to submit cons, events, or news items of interest to LASFS members for inclusion in *De Prof*, please do so by contacting the editor (see Colophon above).

Member News

Bjo Trimble and her husband John celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary July 9. (Hat tip to Lee Gold for the notification!) Bjo's 90th birthday was Aug. 15. The LASFS sent her a birthday card on behalf of members.



—William Rotsler

Letter of Comment

[I am] curious if anyone has ever heard of British author Charles Sheffield. I imagine you might have. I haven't seen him mentioned, but I'm a fan—or was. I'm curious what his reputation is among the LASFS group. I was curious what his general "aura" was and didn't find much online. The group seemed like a knowledgeable entity to ask.

I've had various ideas about potential clubhouses. Also, I go to city council meetings and am known to some city council members. Perhaps I could help or try to find out about getting a city space for meetings until a better solution is found.

Reading the *De Prof* "discourse," it looks like the [clubhouse] problem is getting figured out as best as it needs to be. On my end, I'll keep an eye out for city buildings that can be had. Also, I'd imagine the fund is enough to perhaps buy and build [on] an empty spot in the valley. In the right contractor's hands, [it could be] enough to do that if it isn't buyable at that price. Not that I know what I'm talking about.

I have a friend whose family owns a general contractor in the Culver City area. The price might be near cost or cost and might be negotiable. I'd try to sell them on the prestige of doing it for cost maybe. I saw an empty spot near one of the LA River tributaries that sparked my imagination. A view of the waterways is kind of imaginative and desirable for a clubhouse. Just my two cents.

Hopefully, in-person meetings may resume soon?

Hope you are well and not minding the Valley heat too much!

—Jeff Delshad

I posted your query about Sheffield to the LASFS Free-4-All group on Facebook, but not many people responded. I also encourage you to contact Elayne Pelz to offer your real estate assistance and ideas. Many hands make for lighter work!

Clubzine Exchange

In addition to sending *De Prof* to the LASFS membership, we also send copies to almost 40 sf clubs around the world. Some of them reciprocate with their own publications, which I can forward to LASFSans upon request. Just ask for what you'd like to receive by name. Since the last issue, we've received:

Fanactivity Gazette Vol. 3 #3 (National Fantasy Fan Federation, August 2023), *Fission* #3 (British Science Fiction Association), *Instant Message* #1000 (NESFA, July 2023), *Ionisphere* #42 (N3F, August 2023), *The Mark of the B*E*A*S*T* (BSFS, July and August 2023), *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 82 #8 (N3F, August 2023), *The N3F Review of Books* (N3F, August 2023), *Origin* #66 (N3F, August 2023), *The Starship Local* (SFABC, August 2023), *The Starship Express* (SFABC, August 2023), and *Tightbeam* #347 (N3F, August 2023).

We also heard from the Academy of Science Fiction and the Saturn Awards, the Baltimore Science Fiction Society, the Bay Area Science Fiction Association, the British Fantasy Society, the Canadian Science Fiction & Fantasy Association, Melody Friedenthal of the Worcester (Mass.) Public Library's science fiction book club, Parsec (Pittsburgh), the Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association, and the USS Angeles.

Fanzines and Prozines Received

These items aren't received in trade for *De Prof*, but are received, read, and recommended by Scribbles. I can't send you these, but you can explore them yourself:

The Compleat Anachronist #200 (Second Quarter 2023), *Corflu Craic Programme Book*, *The Crown Prints* Vol. 25 #22 (September 2023), *Crypt of Cthulhu* #114 (St. John's Eve 2022), *CyberCozen* Vol. 35 #7-8 (July-August 2023), *The Dark* #99, *Endeavor* #16 (May 2023), *Foundation: The International Review of Science*

Fiction #144-145 (2023), *Freelan Gazette* #1 (September 2023), *Inca* #22, *The MT Void* #2286-2289 (July and August, 2023), *Mythprint* #404 (Spring 2023), *The New Faig Collector* #1, *Nightmare Magazine* #131 (August 2023), *The Obdurate Eye* #30, *Perryscope* #35, *Portable Storage* #9.5, *Science Fiction Studies* #149-150 (March-July 2023), *Sci-Fi Lampoon Magazine* Vol. 5 #1 (Summer 2023), *Simultaneous Times* Vol. 3, and *This Here...* #67.

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *Captain Flashback* #57, *Claims Department* #49-51, *CyberCozen* (August 2023), *The Drink Tank* #449-450, *Ethel the Aardvark* #220, *Inca* #22, *Journey Planet* #75, *The Megaloscope* #8, *The Obdurate Eye* #30, *Opuntia* #555-556, *Perryscope* #35, *Portable Storage* #9.5, *The Stf Amateur* (June and July 2023), *Wild Ideas* #38, *You're Still on My Mind* #3, and *The Zine Dump* #58.