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Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

BoD - Board of Directors
CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization
Cinema Anime - Japanimation
Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout
Society
FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club
TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information
Programming and Entertainment
TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10 am
Work Party - Varies with what needs doing

Calendar Details

Asian Cult Cinema - 2 pm BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
Estrogen Zone - 2 pm
FWEMS - "A Salute to Professor Moriarty:
Part 1, George Zucco"
Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
Reading of SF Short Stories - 7:30 pm
Time Meddlers - 10:30 am
TRIPE - Noon until whenever
TSPC - "A Tribute to Bugs Bunny"

Thursday Program Items

July 6 - Nothing Scheduled

July 13 - Programming Discussion

July 20 - What Have You Been Reading?

July 27 - "Bugs Bunny's Birthday"

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We 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, Milt Stevens, can be reached at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his edress: miltstevens@earthlink.net. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

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.

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Letter to DeProf

re: latest DeProf. Allan Rothstein's first name is spelled that way.

What Rotsler and I worked on for ten years was a French TV show, DESTINATION SERIES, not a newspaper. The producers loaned us a home video camera that shot in PAL, and every month we did a little piece that related in some way to American television. We filmed familiar locations, including some specific to a particular series, we did interviews, including one with Bill himself—he handed me the camera as the tape was running and I filmed him talking about writing novel versions of JOANIE LOVES CHACHI, etc. I was the oncamera host. Twice, very much to my surprise, here in Los Angeles people recognized me from the French show, called DESTINATION SERIES. Bill and I never wore out our welcome for each other, and it was great fun doing this. Our final show together was taped the day before he died.

Bill Warren

Next LA Area LAFA Filksing

Saturday, July 22 7:30 PM filking Pooh Bear Lair Harry, Mara, and Madeline Brener 325 Sharon Road Arcadia, CA 91006 (626) 447-1664

Editorial Stuff

Recently, the Board of Directors has been considering how to reduce costs on various club activities. One of these activities is De Profundis. About half of you receive De Profundis by first class mail. We imagine that some of you discard the paper copy after reading (if not before). It is possible that receiving an e-mailed shortcut to a PDF file would work just as well for your purposes. If so, it would save the club money. Expect some form of questionnaire on this matter in the near future.

Lee and Barry Gold Medical Situation

Lee Gold was tentatively scheduled for a hysterectomy on June 7. This has been postponed because of an infection. Barry Gold is tentatively scheduled for an angiogram on June 16. This will probably be followed by angioplasty or bypasses.

LASFS Procedural Officers Second Half of 2006

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Zines Received In Trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

Club Zines: BCSFAZine #397 (British Columbia Science Fiction Association), DASFAX V38#5 (Denver Area Science Fiction Association), Einblatt!, June 2006 (Minnesota Science Fiction Society), Ethel the Aardvark #123 (Melbourne Science Fiction Club), Instant Message #768,769 (New England Science Fiction Association), NASFA Shuttle, May 2006 (North Alabama Science Fiction Association), Warp #64 (Montreal Science Fiction and Fantasy Association).

Other Zines:

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(Copies of the complete minutes are filed in the archives.)

LASFS Board of Directors Meeting
May 14, 2006
Karl Lembke, Presiding
George Van Wagner, Scribe

Directors Present: Karl Lembke (chairman), Elayne Pelz, Ed Green, Bob Null, George Van Wagner (secretary), Cathy Beckstead, Mike Thorsen.

(Excused absence) Liz Mortensen, (unexcused absences) Brett Achorn and Tadao Tomomatsu.

Others present: Milt Stevens, Matthew Tepper, TonyBenoun, Sherri Benoun, Joan Steward, Joyce Sperling, Alison Stern, Mike and Laura Korp, Joe Zeff, Arlene Satin. Greg Bilan, Marty Cantor,

Much to the surprise of the secretary, the meeting was called to order by the chair at 11:35 am.

Because board attendance was barely above a quorum this month, it was proposed that we keep to "agenda lite".

The April minutes were approved without changes.

New Members: Steve Tymon of Quartz Hill CA and Ggreg [[He really spells his first name that way. Honest!]] Snyder of Sherman Oaks, CA were approved.

Marketing Committee: The new display for LASFS con tables is under construction, to be debuted at Worldcon. There will be origami rockets.

Pressurizing the fuel tanks, however, is still a challenge. Marketing has an open call for ideas for the table/booth. Marketing distributed a "wish-list" budget for projects they would like to do, Discussion of the proposed budget was tabled until next month's board meeting.

Institutional memory committee is still struggling with scheduling meeting times.

Library: Clean up continues apace. Much

movement has occured, especially cleaning out rows in the back room. Off-site storage has been moved to a new space.

LaLaCon: Happened. There were 56 attendees. No final financial figures yet. The banquet was applauded.

Pubs Computers: A new computer system has been scoped out and will be purchased.

Archives: The archivist is starting a project to scan old minutes into jpg format for long term permanent storage.

Lights: Estimates have been high enough that we will be deferring this project until such time as more money is available in the budget.

Gestetner: Seems healthy

DeProf: There was some discussion of ways to reduce the mailing costs of DeProf. With a bulk mail permit, costs will be reduced to \$.24/ newsletter with a minimum of 200 copies per mailing. The other option is to switch to PDF and emailing a link to a download. George Van Wagner volunteered to print a sign-up sheet to allow members to sign up for electronic delivery of DeProf, and Cathy Beckstead agreed to collate the names and email addresses for delivery to the DeProf editor.

Westercon: Much technical meepery over bylaw changes caused no valid bid listings for 2008 (though there were valid bids) for the site selection ballot. Ed Green made the decision in the board's stead to allow the bids to be listed on the ballot, despite the procedural problem, and so informed the board. No eyebrows being raised, this was assented to and Mr. Green was assured that he had made the right call.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Meeting # 3586, May 4, 2006 Ed Green, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Ed Green called meeting number 3586 to order at 20:12:48

Special Orders of Business: We have one of note. Matthew Tepper announced the passing of a scientist – Roman Glazman – oceanographer. He'd been connected with JPL. He passed away this week, and no details are available at this moment. He outlived his country of origin – the Soviet Union.

Ed has spoken with the Moffatts. June's arm is still giving her trouble. Whatever she did has crept up to her neck.

Tadao Tomomatsu passed the Lantern for John Arruda's memorial, June 3.

Menace: The menace were read and approved as may the fourth be with us". Looks like all we understand is fourth.

Registrar: We have guests. Yvonne Penny, from Ontario, Canada. She's here for ISDC – International Space Development Conference. And she's involved with Worldcon.

Patron Saint: Tonight's is Larry Niven. And he's not here, yet. And today is the day without a Jerry! Scratch: He's a superb storyteller, gives us marvelous characters, and works fairly well with another of our authors, Mr. Pournelle. George Mulligan. Premiere writer, a gentleman, and one who has contributed greatly to the club and the Loscons. Joe Zeff: Provided us with Irish coffee at Loscon. Michelle: He's fun to hike with, and he's a neat person. Hare Hobbs: One of the major sponsors of the Citizens' committee on Space. Possibly the major financial contributor. George Van Wagner: Fan who looks the most authentic in Regency garb. Tom Safer thanks Larry. Doing an animated show one Thursday, and was appreciatikve of the comments he gave on the writing of Slaver Weapon. Fred Patten: Either he or Fuzzy gave the club its first computer. Don Wenner: Before coming to Los Angeles, had a chance to go to conventions. Larry was an author who liked to mix with the fen.

CLIII: A number of years ago, he forwarded money to back up our mortgage. Fred Patten: Thom Digby shows up in Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover story, which Larry Niven wrote. Ed Green: Niven is one of those responsible for the current state of the world. He and

Pournelle helped convince Reagan that SDI was viable. Because of that, the USSR collapsed. Second, he's a hell of a poker player. The only thing worse than losing to him is winning from. Finally, Niven is possibly one of the nicest guys around here. In a field where the prostend to distance themselves from the fans, and demand worship, Larry is basically a fan who happens to write well. HE's a good man, and deserves more than the three cheers we'll give him. Larry Niven was given three cheers, and a fine quill pen. And a magic card.

Committee to Gouge: auctioned off a copy of "How to Extract Your Head from your Butt."

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Appointed Committee Reports:

George Van Wagner says we need two more signatures on the sign-up sheet for Emergency Response training.

Arlene, after only minimal prompting, reported on LaLaCon last weekend. We had a lot of fun things to do. Much fun was had by all. We had some number of people. Liz said we had forty-something people.

Programming this night will be "What have you been reading". 5/11 Rick Foss reads. First week in June, nominations for President of the LASFS. Second week, elections.

Reviews: Michelle Pincus went to the Science Museum and saw the superhero exhibit. It's well done. It features the marvel superheroes and explains their powers in scientific terms. It's worth the price.

CLJII: last week, got to see the worst Dr Who story ever. The Doctor had avoided time paradoxes. The problem was, the writers had no idea what they were doing.

Rob Cole reviewed the LaLaCon banquet. Atmosphere was pleasant, service efficient, food gourmet quality. Hare Hobbs reviewed LaLacon. The ideal clubhouse panel was worth the cost of admission.

Matthew Tepper: reviewed an episode of Dr Who: Despite the technical flaws, from the point of view of the characters, it was very well done, and very poignant.

Ed Green reviewed a stage performance: The Black Rider – the casting of the twelve magical bullets. German Folk Legend where a hunter makes a deal with the devil for bullets that never miss their target. Art Direction Robert Wilson. Book William S. Burroughs. Set surrealistic, interesting. It was about four bullets too long. It you're a live theater fan, it's worth attending for free – at the Ahmonson. Matthew Tepper noted that the plot sounds like an opera by Carl Maria von Weber.

Fannish Committee Reports: Hare Hobbs reported that a rather prominent fan has something out on DVD.

Terry Harden, mermaid at Worldcon – hands and arm operator of Baby on Dinosaur. Dinosaur is out on DVD.

Tadao announced thanks to all who attended and helped for LaLaCon. Thanks to Mario, Liz, Arlene, and the guy who cooked the banquet.

Tom Safer: passing along an announcement: May 5 is supposed to be "no pants day". Many of us went the whole day without panting.

Miscellaneous:

Doug Crepeau mentioned that there are 60 cities preparing for nude bicycle races. I've often ridden a nude bicycle. George Mulligan wasn't aware bicycles had clothing.

We moved to line a weaver, and this Motion carried at 21:13:57.

Meeting # 3587, May 11, 2006 Ed Green, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Ed Green called meeting number 3587 to order at 20:13:20

Special Orders of Business: Tonight's SOB is a good one. June Moffatt is finally back, so tonight the Birthday Cake was presented. And we sang. And Jerry Pournelle did whatever it is he does.

Menace: The menace were read and approved as "sans coulottes".

Registrar: We have lots and lots of guests....
Elisa Graybill, Rhonda Weinstein, Leann Mizzi,
Jackie Cortez, Nile Straczniekas, and Heather Housman,
sitting next to Rick Foss. Heather is interested in many
things, including Rick Foss.

Rather than turn the duty over to some floozie, Charlie Jackson walked the not-a-lantern-o-jack around to collect for John Arruda's memorial. Jerry Pournelle offered a bid of 25 cents to "bring the floozie back".

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Patron Saint: Bob Null. Marty: He's been one of the most valuable members of the club. He's served 18 terms as VP. You'll hear a lot of nice things about him. When Marty took over De Prof, Bob was an invaluable assistant – he showed up to help with the physical work of printing, collating, folding, spindling, and mutilating. Hare Hobbs: He was V.P. when hare came to LASFS. He'd only been a member for a couple of months before he failed his saving throw for VEEP. He's also our resident seismologist, and makes a point of introducing the new earthquakes as they come up. Joe Zeff: Bob is one of the more important in running Loscon. One year, when nominated to be GOH, he insisted on being allowed to do his regular work as well.

Rick Foss: It took years of being around the same club as he, the man is quite a scholar. Subjects include Ottoman history. He has a great depth of learning and a great love of learning.

Len Moffatt: Has enjoyed his commentaries. At one Bouchercon, Bob was doing his usual work. These cons are more conservative in appearance than most SF cons. Some of the men wear suits. Once in the hallway, he observed, there's not that much difference between mystery and SF con. The hall costumes are different. Jerry Pournelle: When we bought the clubhouse, he and Louie Gray rebuilt the place. Bob subsequently took over the emergency repair response duties. Phil Castora: Bob is always willing to help. Unlike many in the club, he helps because he enjoys helping, and not to make a name for himself. MaryAnn, Bob is an interesting person to talk to on any subject. Liz Mortensen observed, Bob can fix anything. Except possibly a cat. Ed Green: A few points of light in Bob's universe... Many years ago, we had a member who caused us lots of trouble. At one point, the fellow made an outrageous accusation regarding Bob. Ed asked him, "You wouldn't do anything like that?" "Well, I did", he replied. He admitted this in a roomful of people. That takes guts. Bob has carved a niche in fandom as - what is now called the Bob Null position - Logistics Guru.

In the time he's been in the club, Bob has been one of the nicest, kindest, most welcoming here. Even with his issues of the last year, he seldom has an unkind word about anyone. CLII: Didn't say anything, because he had to stay outside and guard the outdoors. Bob has been a real good friend and helped a lot over the years. He's just a helpful kind of guy. He's also fun to listen to, which is good because during hours of driving around

on errands results in lots of time spent listening to him.

Appointed Committee Reports:

Arlene: Wednesday is Marketing meeting. Starts at 7:30. Talking about Worldcon and set-up. Also, the reading on the 27th.

Programming – tonight, Rick Foss reading.

June 15, John Hertz comes in to do a reading and discuss some fan writing. Hertz is one of the fan writing nominees this year.

Reviews:

Hare Hobbs reviewed Hoodwinked. Loaded with references to other things, and very well done. Also bought a copy of Chicken Little. Similar, but not as good.

Doug Crepeau: Beyond the fall of night, Greg Benford. Hard SF sense of wonder. Found space-dwelling creatures most interesting.

Rick Foss: Lamb, Christopher Moore, the gospel according to Biff, Christ's childhood friend. It's more than just a pure exercise in recreational blasphemy. Any person with pure motives stands out as an anomaly in society. This is the childhood friend who put up with the perfect child. It's quite funny, but not if you're touchy about religion.

Fred Patten read Timothy Or Notes of an abject reptile, Documented environment in Hampshire. Also documented wanderings of a tortise that lived in the village.

George Van Wagner reviewed a book by Karl Zimmer, Soul Made Flesh – a book about the brain and nervous system. It deals with the science carried out by the Oxford Circle in the mid 17th century, so political overtones. Just as a history of science at the time and the effect of politics on science, it's a fascinating read.

Fannish Committee Reports

The paperback edition of Building Harlequin's Moon, Larry Niven and Brenda Cooper on stands

JP Simon and Schuster, having discovered Burning Tower sold better than expected, is bringing out a new edition. Baen is bringing out everything Jerry ever wrote.

Dorry notes that her mom broke her leg in March. While cleaning up the house, she noticed a couple of chickens in the back yard. Today, she went to visit mom, and found a hen under the bush next to the front door with eight chicks. Apparently, she nested and brooded within sight of the pedestrian traffic.

Phil Castora: on his way here, Joe Zeff and he saw a car with the license plate: DR SCIFI. Anyone willing to admit to owning it?

Michelle Pincus called our attention to Everwon, a new face in robotics. She simulates upper body movements, including facial expressions.

JP: The movie about her is even better – it's really

Scratch: it speaks Japanese English, Chinese, and Korean, and responds to questions.

Miscellaneous:

Brad Linaweaver, made a plug for LASFS member Laura Brodean. She can be heard on KMZT 7 days a week. Tune in.

Fred annoughed his latest book reviews

Tadao's radiator busted. The attempt to repair it broke his leatherman.

We moved to put the meeting in radiator mode, and this Motion carried at 21:13:57.

Meeting # 3588, May 18, 2006 Ed Green, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Ed Green called meeting number 3588 to order at 20:13:57.

Special Orders of Business: We've lost Frankie Thomas. He played Tom Corbett, Space Cadet, Christian: Frankie Thomas was our special guest for LAConIV. Though he has passed, we will still honor him. WE also have a couple of things we're working on, that we didn't know we'd have to work on. He'll be with us in spirit, if not in body.

Menace: The menace were read and approved as " just get on with it ".

Registrar: We have one guest. The rest of them got away. Gene Sullivan, who found out about the club from Joe Zeff.

Patron Saint: Tom Digby, one of the more memorable people in the club. Larry Niven... He was one of the most interesting madmen in the club, at a time when Dan "Alderson was a member. He appears in two of Niven's stories. Wehn he came out as gay, most of us assumed he was covering up for being an alien. Milt Stevens: Tom appeared in Twilight Zone comics under his own name, as a mad TV repairman bent on world domination. Kay Shapero: He sees the world from a slightly different angle than any of us, and is able to report back on what he saw. Len Moffatt: You need little eyes for reading little teeny print like you need little teeny hands for milkikng mice. Hare: Digby's politeness in conversation producing a lag. Joe Zeff - One day, he was at a job interview. The interviewer asked, "Do you work on hardware or software?" His reply: "Yes." Doug Crepeau: He also has an essay on his website about PutriDos, the world's worst OS. Marty Cantor: He's one we miss quite a bit. He had a zine in APA-L, "Probably something, but not necessarily (fill in the blank)". He publishes an e-list called Silicon Soapware. Rob Cole: Tom had a number of clocks in his house, each of which told time in a different universe. Charlie Jackson noted: 60 or 80 miles east of here is the Woodland Area. Among these animals is a Tom Digby. He'd be a different animal each time he came through, and would say, "probably something, but not (whatever he had been before)". Tepper: His home was decorated with mobiles, twirling devices, and black light things so that guests could see wonderful things wherever they looked. Frank Waller: He'd be perfectly cast in the movie, Altered States. Tom Digby was given three cheers, and probably something.

Appointed Committee Reports: Tonight's program is fan videos by Allen Sanborn.

Upcoming: Presidential nominations 6-1Procedural elections will take place on the 8th The 15th features John Hertz reading fanzines.

CLII: Not thrilled to announce this, but there's stuff missing from the Video collection, including complete 1st, 2nd seasons of Star Trek the Next Generation. Some other stuff missing did transport into the audio/video equipment box. If you find it, please bring it back.

Reviews: George Van Wagner reviewed a book, back in print, Cooking Out of this World, edited by Anne McCaffrey. Found a copy at Dark Delicacies. Has neat recipes and anecdotes.

Hare reviewed Wee Three Men by Terry Pratchett. Typical Pratchett, making fun of other stuff. It's a discworld juvenile. Loved the bit with the lawyers. It's being made into a movie.

CLIII reviewed a film, Man-Thing, based on the Marvel comic. Interesting, storyline is a stripped down version of earlier stories. It's a mystery. It has the nexus of universes, but no ducks with cigars. It'll make a fine double bill with a movie that does. It's now in the club collection.

Doug Crepeau got Greg Benford's Tides of Light, with an alien character with multiple sub-brains. It's part of a series.

Fred Patten: He and Michael saw Over the Hedge, based on the comic strip. Not a fan of the comic, and not reading it. It's too cynical. The movie tries to balance making them more sympathetic while keeping them true to the comic. Enjoyed the movie, but it seems most of the major characters were either unpleasant con artists, or the naive type they prey on. They ahve a new character, a possum. He was a good sport a bout the Shatnerisms they wrote in. If you enjoy the strip, you'll like the movie. If you don't enjoy the strip but enjoy fast-paced animated features, you may enjoy this one.

Fannish Committee Reports

Joe Zeff got a call yesterday from a headhunter. He was abit concerned about the gap in his employment. He wanted Joe to put in anything he could think of. This included one day consulting in Oxnard, and both books he's written, not yet in print.

Doug Crepeau: Harvey's casino in Tahoe is importing a hot musical off broadway: Debbie Does DAllas the Musical.

Hare Hobbs: His mother has been laid off from being a janitor at Rocketdyne. They wouldn't let her retire since she was the only one who'd clean the clean rooms. And besides, her benefits are better if she's laid off.

Don Wenner was at the satellite station for the Griffith Observatory over the weekend. He asked, "When will the observatory re-open?" Answer: "This fall." Sometime.

We moved to move away, and this motion carried at 21:02:47.

Meeting # 3589, May 25, 2006 Ed Green, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Ed Green called meeting number 3589 to order at 20:13:57.

Menace: The menace were read and approved as "probably something but not last week's minutes".

Registrar: This was an un-guest-at meeting. Well, we do have one fellow in, on his second inoculation.

Patron Saint: DeeDee Lavender. Len Moffatt admitted to knowing her. She was a nice lady, and died far too young. Roy and DeeDee helped put on a Worldcon back in the 50s. They had two kids that he knows of. Roy is still alive, and had his 80th birthday a few years ago. She was a great hostess and a wonderful person, and a mystery fan. June recalls her as a good cook.

Committee to Gouge: auctioned off space and a lemon

Appointed Committee Reports:

Programming: next week is nominations for President. Week after is procedural elections

June 15, Hertz does readings of his work, and we may be given stuff to throw if he mentions Beau Brummel.

Time Bound Announcements

Mike Bloom announced that his sister Leslie, the one who introduced him to fandom, has been shot. She was stable, but has taken a turn for the worse. Please include her in your prayers, magic, or whatever you do.

Eric announced that he's been loaned a DVD on Einstein's theory of relativity, with special FX by Max Fleischer. There's also a book by Garrett P. Serviss.

Milt Stevens notes Garrett P. Serviss did an unauthorized sequel to War of the Worlds, titled *Edison's Conquest of Mars*.

Reviews

None...

Fannish Committee Reports

Doug Crepeau: materials tech scientists have a material that may yield a real cloaking device. Also, there's a website – by fans dedicated to tearing apart the physics in SF movies. Also a 66-million dinosaur skull has a permanent home in a children's museum of Indianapolis. It is Dracorex Hogwartsia – easily the most unexpected honor Rowling has received.

Hare Hobbs notes his mom has been laid back on. It was too much of a demotion for her replacement.

Bill Ellern: last weekend, he and Anne went to the book expo in DC. It was interesting and exhausting. New DC convention center is approximately a block wide and three blocks long. It was packed, to the point where there's no room for pushcarts or much of anything with wheels.

It was a neat, productive, and interesting trip.

Leslie Fish, wearing purple but no red hat, plugged her book. She took it to Booksearch. For \$250, they'll publish a book and list it with Amazon. Offensive as Hell. Buy it as a double feature with Xanthan Gumm.

Miscellaneous:

Sir had a couple of things. In the last flyer, his name wasn't mentioned. Talk to Elayne.

Also, for Loscon, has anyone checked to see if Ray Bradbury would like to join.

We moved to run, and this motion carried at 21:17:05

There were two errors in the calendar grid. The Marketing Committee should have been listed for Wednesday, June 14, and Readings of SF Shorts should have been listed for Wednesday, June 28 rather than Wednesday, June 21.

Correction to De Profundis #401



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