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All times are PT. Events in black text are LASFS events. Events in gray text are not. Links to gray events can be found in the Upcoming Conventions & Events columns inside this issue.

Thursday Program Items

July 3: Holiday weekend; no program

July 10: Hybrid meeting at Denny's (5525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91411); Auction.

July 17: No program

July 24: [Mary G. Thompson](#), author of young adult, middle grade and science fiction.

July 31: Craig Miller presents...

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

COLOPHON

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Send such material to Matthew Mitchell at 2121 Nadeau Street #D16, Mojave, CA 93501 or via email to captmurdock@gmail.com.

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Addendum: At the LASFS Board of Directors meeting on April 13, 2025, the directors accepted Matthew Mitchell's proposal to become editor of *De Profundis*.

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July-December 2025

President: Cathy Johnson
Vice-President: Susan Fox & Eylat Poliner
Registrar: Matthew B. Tepper
Scribe: Matthew Mitchell
Treasurers: Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz

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Chairman: Michelle Pincus (2027)
Vice Chairman: Matthew B. Tepper (2026)
Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2025)
Secretary: Susan Fox (2027)

Other Members

Cathy Johnson (2027), Dean Johnson (2025), Christian B. McGuire (2026), Heide Nichols (2025), Elayne Pelz (2026), Eylat Poliner (2027), and Rob Powell (2026)

Special Advisors

Charles Lee Jackson II
Deceased/honorary positions: Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len and June Moffatt, and Fred Patten

Appointed Officials

Cat Liaison, Computers, Editor, LASFS Archivist, Publications, and Westercon Liaison: Christian B. McGuire; Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS and Key Control: Christian B. McGuire and Elayne Pelz; *De Profundis* Editor: Matthew Mitchell; Film Coordination Committee, Honor Guard, Party Rabbi, and Video Collection Curator: Charles Lee Jackson II; Hall Decoration: Charles Lee Jackson II, Christian B. McGuire, and Elayne Pelz; LASFAPA Liaison: David Schlosser; LASFS Information: Lee Gold and Matthew B. Tepper; Librarian: Gavin Claypool; Assistant Librarian: Elayne Pelz; Marketing and Promotions: Michelle Pincus; Patron Saints List Manager: Elayne Pelz and Eylat Poliner; Photographic Collection (Special): Mike Donahue; Program: Eylat Poliner; Science Officers: Bill Green and Nick Smith; Assistant Video Collection Curator: Tom Khamis; Webmistress: Kristine Cherry; Web Advisors: Barry and Lee Gold

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESKTOP

YES, WE HAVE A CLUBHOUSE

The club has recently purchased a building in Northridge to function as its permanent clubhouse. It is currently occupied by a tenant, a private business, which is in the process of packing up and moving out. After that, the building will undergo several months of renovation to a condition where the club can hold meetings, both in-person and on Zoom. It will also house the club's library. A grand opening event is tentatively scheduled for **December 4, 2025**, the fiftieth anniversary of Loscon. However, the clubhouse may be opened before then.

Any inquiries sent to the editor's email regarding the new building will be forwarded to the Board of Directors.

Condensed Cream of Menace

(Official, approved minutes are also available online at <https://www.lasfs.org/lasfs-meeting-minutes>.)

I'll Have To Think About That February 6, 2025 Meeting #4565

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson at an undisclosed time.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]

Hatchings:

- actor Patrick Macnee
- author Eric Flint

Media anniversaries:

- 1933 limited release of *Mystery in the Wax Museum*
- 1962 debut of the animated series *Space Angel*.

No deaths were noted.

Reading of the previous minutes #4564 [Nick]
Minor correction, and Michelle Pincus reported that Dr. Benford smiled when he heard about LASFS wishing him a happy birthday. Bid to

name the minutes: \$5 to name them "Brains" from Susan Fox. Approval of minutes happened

Patron Saints:

Mike Glycer: Chris Marble said he was a great guy who spent time distributing the news of fandom to us all, with *File 770*. Three cheers and a Worldcon.

Albert Sheehan: Eylat Poliner says he shows up to help with the storage unit and to load and unload for Loscon and Gallifrey One. He sometimes shows up at Denny's for the hybrid meetings. Matthew Tepper said that for a while he was bringing donuts to the clubhouse in Van Nuys. Gizmo Powell thanked him for all his help with not just cons, but for things like helping to move the clubhouse. Until he retired, he worked for the city of Burbank putting up official street signs, or repainting the ones that needed repainting. Three cheers and a Yield sign.

Frank Waller: Nick recalled that Frank sold snack foods, and brought us some of his leftovers. He brought us enough snacks to pay for much of his sainthood, in the good old days when the bags of chips were actually big. Dean Johnson got away with a dreadful pun because he has an "in" with the president. Eylat mentioned that he used to cosplay Harcourt Fenton Mudd. Debra Levin mentioned Frank's love of classic cars, and Frank would go to classic car meets.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CLJ II reported that the Spot of Honor is held by SciFi.Radio this month.

Registrar Derek LaPorte is slightly ill, and guzzling pedialite as he reports, but says we have no guests other than our musical guest.

Treasurer [Elayne Pelz:] Pay up. Many of you are late.

Board of Directors: Michelle reports that the next Board meeting is on this Zoom channel on Sunday at 11 am.

Loscon 51: No new news. \$55 to buy a membership at present.

Fannish wellness: Chris reported that Don Fitch is still alive and attempting to set new records for duration in hospicecare, and George McUrso and Greg Barrett are still okay. Joyce

Sperling is home after surgery and resting with her cats.
Matt Mitchell reported that Steve Smyth has been out of touch because he currently has cataracts that make it difficult for him to read a computer. He's in Idaho.

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Timebound announcements

Movie screenings at various locations and a book signing at Dark Delicacies were noted. The signing had a movie connection, as it was of a graphic novel adaptation of the Bela Lugosi version of *Dracula*, and his granddaughter was to be there as one of the signers.

Program
Lynn Gold sang a Valentine's Day set of filks. Whatever you do, do not attempt to have a "holistic California love."

Science report
Nick reported on the prehistoric duck-like bird that lived in Antarctica, as much as 70 million years ago.
Dean reported on a procedure the VA used to reduce pressure in his eye.
Eylat reported on a procedure used to reduce side effects from cataract surgery.

No medical procedure having been found to make adjournment an automatic process, a motion to do so was introduced and passed.

**Board Meeting
February 9, 2025**
Michelle Pincus, chairing
Susan Fox, Secretary

Called to order: 11:00 a.m.

Present:
Chair Michelle Pincus, Vice Chair Matthew Tepper, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, Heide Nichols
Absent: Susan Fox

Minutes of previous Board meeting
Approved

New Members
None

30 Second Reports

Chairman [Michelle Pincus] No report

Vice Chairman [Matthew Tepper] No report

Secretary [Susan Fox] Not present

Library [Gavin Claypool] No report

Quartermaster [Heide Nichols] No report

Archives [Cathy Johnson] No report

Physical Plant (storage) [Rob Powell] No report

AV Equipment (in storage) [Dean Johnson]
No report

Events [Eylat Poliner] No report

Publications [Christian McGuire] No report

Marketing and Recruitment [Michelle Pincus]
No report

Business Before The Board:
Eylat asks if they should present the **Loscon 52** bid presentation at this meeting today.
No, it should be at the March Board Meeting, Sunday, March 9, and then presented to the membership at the club meeting on the following Thursday, March 13.

Next meeting date: March 9, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment.

By Saint Craig!
February 13, 2025
Meeting #4566
Cathy Johnson, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]

Hatchings:

- actor Patrick Barr
- science consultant Andre Bormanis

Media anniversaries:

- 1973, *The Horror at 30,000 Feet*
- 1994, TV movie *Knight Rider 2010*. The

Passings:

- animator Jerry Eisenberg
- character actor Bruce French

Reading of the minutes of meeting #4565 [Nick]

Bid to name the minutes: Susan Fox bid \$5 to name them "I'll Have to Think About That."

Approval of minutes happened.

Patron Saints

Craig Miller: Heide Nichols and Nick said nice things about the way he has turned his enjoyment of fannish things into his career.

Committee Reports

Spot of Honor: CLJ II regaled us with the current position of SciFi.Radio in the Spot of Honor.

Treasurer [Elayne Pelz] Pay your dues. No, really.

Board of Directors: Next board meeting will be on March 9th at 11 am on the regular Zoom channel

Programming:

Feb. 20th CLJ II will do a reading

April 4th: Victor Frost will be presenting

Fannish wellness: Chris Marble and Barbara Harmon have talked about George Mulligan who is not in good cheer. Barbara is going to try to cheer him into doing more rehab work. Marcia Minsky and Joe Ziff are doing well. CLJ II reported on Hare Hobbs not finding out about the Denny's cancellation, so he showed up there.

Old Business:

None

New Business

None

Timebound announcements

Movie screenings and a book signing were noted, as well as the Gallifrey One and

Strategicon conventions being held this coming weekend.

Program: none tonight, but Susan asked people to suggest Hugo-worthy reading, now that nominations are open. I mentioned *Thornhedge* by T. Kingfisher for the Novella category, and Susan agreed that it was very good. CLJ II's book on Captain Marvel came out in 2024, and might qualify as a related work.

Science report: The Egyptian archeologist that was mentioned a few weeks ago in the science report was featured on the new episode of Nova, which was about an unusual Egyptian tomb found under a traffic triangle.

A motion to adjourn was introduced and passed before the membership could be found entombed under a traffic triangle.

I Was Gonna Make Espresso!

February 20, 2025

Meeting #4567

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]

Hatchings:

- author Richard Matheson
- actor Anthony Stewart Head
- actor Brion James
- actor Miles Teller

Media anniversaries

- 1953 premiere of *War of the Worlds*
- 1986 press screening of Ridley Scott's *Legend*.

Passings

- Belgian comic book writer and artist Chantal De Spiegeleer

Reading of the minutes of meeting #4566 [Nick]

Bid to name the minutes \$5 by Susan Fox to name them "By Saint Craig!" Approval of minutes at 8:17 pm

Patron Saint:

Maureen Garrett: Nick met her in the early 1980s, when she was involved with the Lucasfilm fan club. She was given three cheers

and a lightsaber.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CLJ II reported that the Spot of Honor is in the virtual hands of SciFi.Radio

Welcoming of guests: Derek LaPorte introduced Gershon Weltman. He encountered our old headquarters on Tyrone in Van Nuys, and looked us up. He's still a lecturer at UCLA where he got his Ph.D. in engineering.

Board of Directors: Meeting will be on March 9th, 11:00 am on the LASFS Zoom channel

Loscon 51: Eylat mentioned that work on the website is still in progress.

Programming: Tonight's program is CLJ II doing a reading from *The Bat Strikes*.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Timebound announcements:

Peer Talk with guest speaker Steven Barnes via Zoom.

The owners of Dark Delicacies are going through with their promise to retire this year, and will be beginning their big sale on March 2nd, so start gathering your money for that.

Regular announcements

March 13th is our next hybrid meeting at Denny's, with maybe a LosCon bid vote and an auction

Reviews:

Lee Grixit reviewed the new show Watson, comparing it to the various Holmes reworkings.

Meeting was adjourned.

Whatever You Choose February 27, 2025 Meeting #4568

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]

Hatchings:

- actor Donald Curtis
- actor Van Williams
- actress Elizabeth Taylor

Media anniversaries:

- 1959 movie *First Man Into Space* 1
- 1983 TV movie *Starflight*.

(Both had better casts than scripts.)

Passings:

- actor Gene Hackman
- actress Michelle Trachtenberg,
- Member of the Time Meddlers and anime fan Bill Watson.

Reading of the minutes of meeting #4567 [Nick]

Bid to name the minutes Matthew Tepper bid \$10 to name them "I Was Gonna Make Espresso!" Approval of minutes at 8:23 pm

Patron Saints

Bill Ellern: Chris Marble said that Bill would buy things at LASFS auctions and then re-donate them again at a later date. Matthew remembers him smiling all the time at meetings. Always paid attention to his wife Ann, especially when she was in poor health in her later years. Christian McGuire mentioned that he was a published author in the Doc Smith *Lensman* universe. Nick mentioned that he was also a gamer, with a large collection of game stuff that he was selling off late in life.

Marji Ellers: Longtime fan with major status in costume fandom and Regency dancing. Part of the club for many years, she installed the fannish wallpaper in the Burbank clubhouse: *Empire Strikes Bach* in the Freehafer Hall bathroom and an Earthrise from the moon in the computer room of Building 4SJ.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CLJ II explained the concept, and we opened the bidding for the month of March, as this is the last Thursday of February, where it's been held by SciFi.Radio. Christian bid \$40 to give LosCon 51 the spot of honor for March.

Welcoming of guests: Derek LaPorte reports that we have only members tonight. (*We still need jackets for that...*)

Treasurer: Elayne Pelz says to pay your dues. If you are paying annual dues, you have until the end of March to finish paying those off. Cross your fingers and other appendages, but we signed a contract for a building, pending inspection.

Board of Directors [Michelle Pincus]: Next meeting March 9th 11:00 am on this Zoom channel

Loscon 51: Christian updated us. This year's theme is "Tell Me a Story"

Programming [Eylat Poliner]

March 13th: Hybrid meeting at Denny's

March 27th: Marc Scott Zicree will talk about *Space Command*

April 3rd: Victor Frost on hosting your own data storage

Fannish wellness

Chris Marble visited George Mulligan. He's still not exercising enough, but his birthday is in two weeks.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Timebound announcements

Eylat said that her professor is as much of a geek as we are, and told Eylat about L.A. Zinefest, which is this coming weekend. 221 S. Grand in Los Angeles.

JoAnn's fabric stores are closing after a failed reorganization bankruptcy.

Nick announced Upcoming movie screenings as well as the start of the retirement sale at Dark Delicacies.

Reviews

Debra Levin reviewed the Third Doctor episodes of *Doctor Who*, and enjoyed them.

Larry Niven reviewed some Terry Pratchett books that he hadn't seen before, and he found them inexpensively. These were early stories.

Miscellaneous

Peer Talk is tomorrow evening, with Steve Barnes, and this talk is about coping with the political environment.

Nick mentioned that Neil DeGrasse Tyson was

on Celebrity Jeopardy, and missed a science question because the answer they wanted was simpler than anything he could figure out. Susan Fox mentioned losing on *Jeopardy!* in its early days, but coming out ahead on *Win Ben Stein's Money*.

We adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Upcoming Conventions

July 3-6: Anime Expo, Los Angeles, CA
<https://www.anime-expo.org/>

July 4-7: BayCon 2025, Santa Clara, CA
<https://baycon.org/>

July 6: Hanford Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://allevents.in/hanford/hanford-toy-anime-comic-con/200028003055319>

July 11-13: East Bay Board Game Convention, Oakland, CA
<https://tabletop.events/conventions/ebbg25>

July 11-13: EsCon Gaming Convention, Escondido, CA
<https://www.reesgames.com/escon/default.php>

July 11-13: The Road So Far...The Road Ahead Creation Tour, San Francisco, CA
<https://www.creationent.com/>

July 11-13: Veterans GameFest, Clovis, CA
<https://tabletop.events/conventions/central-valley-game-fest-2024>

July 12: Game On The Table (GOTT) Con, San Jose, CA <https://gottcon.org/>

July 12-13: Oddities & Curiosities Expo, San Jose, CA <https://www.showpass.com/san-jose-oddities-curiousities-expo-2025/>

July 12-13: StocktonCon Summer
<https://stocktoncon.com/>

July 13: Modesto Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://allevents.in/modesto/modesto-toy-anime-comic-con/200027928246700>

July 18-20: Anime Market Sacramento
<https://animecons.com/events/info/25820/anime-market-sacramento-2025>

July 20: Monterey Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://www.facebook.com/events/67112122190>

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July 24-27: Comic-Con International, San Diego, CA <https://www.comic-con.org/>

July 26: Folsom Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1822595698594231/>

July 26-27: Anime Impulse Bay Area, Santa Clara, CA <https://animeimpulse.com/>

Upcoming Events

July 2: World UFO Day

July 3: *Cherry 2000* screening at the Los Feliz Theater

July 3: *Godzilla Raids Again* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

July 4: *2001: A Space Odyssey* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

July 4-6: *Return of the Living Dead* and *Repo Man* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

July 5: *The Cell* screening at the Los Feliz Theater

July 5: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

July 9: *The Forever War* by Joe Haldeman: Reading Orbit by the Orange County Science Fiction Club at Dennys, Garden Grove. Email: cdcurl@aol.com

July 11: *Colossus: The Forbin Project* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

July 12: *Zathura* screening at the Egyptian Theater

July 12: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

July 12: *Hellboy* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

July 18: *Terminator 2: Judgment Day* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

July 19: *Gremlins 2: The New Batch* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

July 19-20: *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

July 19: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

July 19: Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous, hosted by Terry & Craig Brussels-Rogers at their home and via Zoom. Potluck dinner prior.
<https://conchord.org/lafaad.html>

July 20: Moon Day

July 20: *Batman* (1966) screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

July 21: Invite an Alien to Live with You Day

July 25: *Ex Machina* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

July 26: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

July 27: *2001: A Space Odyssey*, Fine Arts Theater, Beverly Hills

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).

Clubzine Exchange

In addition to sending *De Prof* to the LASFS membership, we also send copies to about 50 sf clubs around the world. Some of them reciprocate with their own publications. Since the last issue, we've received:

- *Eldritch Science* (National Fantasy Fan Federation, May 2025)
- *Starship Express* (Science Fiction Association of Bergen County, May 2025)
- *Tightbeam* Vol 1. #369 (N3F, June 2025)
- *Event Horizon* Vol 38 #448 (Orlando Area Science Fiction Society, June 2025)
- *Starship Express* (SCABC, June 2025)
- *A Gentle Walk* #1 (RPG APA, N3F,

- June 2025)
- *The Mark of the B*E*A*S*T* (Baltimore Science Fiction Society, June 2025)
 - *Fan Activity Gazette* Vol 5. #1 (N3F, June 2025)
 - *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 84 #6 (N3F, June 2025)
 - Live the Dream newsletter, June-July 2025

Available Fanzines

Those interested in new fanzines (*should*) refer to <https://efanzines.com> and <https://fanac.org>.