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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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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*.

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July-December 2024

President: Cathy Johnson
Vice-President: Susan Fox and Eylat Poliner
Registrar: Derek LaPorte
Scribe: Nick Smith
Treasurers: Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz

Board of Directors

Chairman: Matthew B. Pepper (2026)
Vice Chairman: Heide Nichols (2025)
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Other Members

Cathy Johnson (2024), Dean Johnson (2025), Christian B. McGuire (2026), Elayne Pelz (2026), Eylat Poliner (2024), and Rob Powell (2026)

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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 and APA-L Liaison: Heath Row; 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. Pepper; 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

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.)

Happy Anniversary to Chris and Elizabeth.

Meeting #4523, April 18, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order 25 seconds into the video recording.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Illustrator Frank R. Paul (b. April 18, 1884; d. June 29, 1963)
- Actor Clive Revill (b. April 18, 1930)
- Screenwriter and novelist David Whitaker (b. April 18, 1928; d. Feb. 4, 1980)
- Actor David Tennant (b. April 18, 1971)

Dispatchings

Guitarist, singer, songwriter, and composer
Dickey Betts (b. Dec. 12, 1943; d. April 18, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1940, *The Man With Nine Lives* was released in the United States.

Courtesy of Susan Fox: On this date in 1938, *Action Comics* #1, featuring Superman, first went on sale.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Susan Fox stood in for Scribbles, doing reluctant double duty. Fox read the Condensed Cream of Menace for March 21 and April 4, 2024. (March 21 was also later read by Scribbles in mid-May, because he didn't preview past all the negotiations—my apologies!)

Additions and Corrections

March 21, 2024: None

April 4, 2024: James DeTar commented on the movie *Restore Point*, indicating he'd seen it at Loscon and found it very well done and original. He recommended it.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Heide Nichols bid \$5, won, and named March 21, 2024, "Death Will Not Release You."

Susan Fox bid \$5, won, and named April 4, 2024, "Can You Take a Choke?"

Call for Approval

March 21, 2024: Moved to accept as read, and approved.

April 4, 2024: Moved to accept as remarked upon, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Stan Burns was celebrated and recognized by Chris Marble and Matthew B. Tepper. Burns received three cheers—and a toque.

June and Len Moffatt were celebrated and recognized by Maryann Canfield, Charles Lee Jackson II, Debra Levin, Chris Marble, Heide Nichols, and Eylat Poliner. The Moffatts received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- May 2: Charles Lee Jackson II reading of "The Diamond Men"
- May 9: In-person (hybrid) meeting and Big Auction at Denny's
- May 23: In-person (hybrid) meeting at the Consulate General of the Czech Republic (One Westwood building, 10990 Wilshire Blvd. #1100, Los Angeles) followed by a screening of *Restore Point* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA0c4uchstk>)
- May 30: Robert Sawyer reading of *The Downloaded*
- June 6: President nominations
- June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections

Mark and I attended an open house at the consulate and checked out the parking. Our host will cater the event for us. There's paid parking at the building next door: \$21 for a couple hours. I recommend carpooling. Most of the people at the mixer found street parking, so there's street parking available. Do we still want to move forward with this? Whomever does Zoom will miss out.

Members of the LASFS expressed interest in moving forward.

Matthew B. Tepper has been to a couple of events at the host's home. He lays out a nice table of cheese, crackers, cold meats, and olives. This will be the first official LASFS meeting taking place in another country.

Poliner inquired whether there were any legal implications to that—referring to Susan Fox's question in chat. Elayne Pelz said no.

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): There is a hybrid staff meeting this Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport. There is a limited amount of parking passes available for \$20. Try to carpool if you can. There will be coffee, tea, chips, and cookies.

Loscon is still happening. We're staffed. We hope you all come.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): George Mulligan is moving along. When I visit, he works out. When I don't, he doesn't.

I visited Greg Barrett yesterday. His apartment's annual inspection was this morning. He didn't pass, but we can fix it. We need to clean his patio.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held in honor of Tom Digby, a long-time LASFS member and beloved wacko, a fun guy to be around. I wish he were still around.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

We have no visitors today. It's always nice to see newer members and a few of the old ones, like Peggy Wu, who only occasionally gets to drop in to see us.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reported that everybody has paid their dues; there's nobody to yell at. But you can donate money—please.

She also reported on Project Yolanda. We have made an offer on a property and are awaiting a response.

Cathy Johnson: Project Yolanda refers to property we've looked at that we're making an offer on. It's on Yolanda Avenue south of Sherman Way in Reseda.

Pelz: Donate money! Anyone who wants to donate \$25,000 or more, now's the time to do it.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board of directors held its regular meeting Sunday, April 14. Among other things, we welcomed two new members, John and Susie Searight, whose applications were approved by the board.

We also discussed the recent defeat of the By-Laws change and agreed to work on a revision that will bring it more in line with what the opponents to the change wanted. The board will discuss it via email. We won't have a

meeting in May because of Mother's Day, and we moved the meeting from June 9 to June 2.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Willard Stone: The Los Angeles Times Festival of Books is this weekend. There are fannish panels. (<https://events.latimes.com/festivalofbooks>)

Nick Smith: The indoor events at the Festival of Books this year have a small ticket price. It now costs \$6 to go to any of the indoor events. The graphic novels stuff is largely outdoors, so it's free. The science fiction stuff is indoors.

Dark Delicacies is hosting a signing Saturday for the DVD and Blu-ray editions of the TV version of Stephen King's *The Shining*.

American Cinematheque will show the 1960 film *House of Usher* on Saturday at the Los Feliz Theatre. On Sunday, the Aero Theatre will show a double feature of *Valley Girl* and *Real Genius*.

The New Beverly Cinema is showing the 1957 western *3:10 to Yuma* on Saturday and Sunday, as well as a horror double feature of *Fright Night* and *Night of the Creeps*.

Landmark's Nuart Theatre continues to show *The People's Joker*. On Saturday night, the filmmaker will do a Q&A.

The Old Town Music Hall is showing *Beetlejuice* and offers a special program about movie music and popular music on Sunday, including a performance on the theater's pipe organ.

Vidiots is showing the anime *Kiki's Delivery Service* on Friday, subtitled, as well as *Resident Evil* and *The Lego Movie* on Saturday, and *Turning Red* on Sunday.

Moments of Science

Nick Smith: They're finally getting around to how fruit flies move. There's something funny about the way they run. They built teeny, tiny treadmills and measured with rapid-motion photography how fruit flies run. A fruit fly can run on a split treadmill with each side running at a different speed. They move their legs at different speeds to keep their bodies level. They're very fast for an insect and marathon durable. They can run on a treadmill for an hour at a time. Scientists are still studying their middle legs. It'll assist AI

motion of legs. (<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/fruit-flies-walk-treadmills-behavior>)

Regular Announcements

Charles Lee Jackson II: Like Greg Barrett, I also had the Ministry of Housing inspect my domicile last Friday. I passed with no comments, which was the best you can do. Tom Khamis, I thank you.

I checked my weight today, and I've lost 90 pounds since my heaviest weight.

Reviews

Nick Smith saw two movies. *Civil War* is a horror movie in the way that Seanan McGuire's Newsflesh series included horror stories. It's really about the journalistic aspects of a civil war. *Arcadian* is possibly post-apocalyptic science fiction or horror. Nicholas Cage is once again doing a really strange story.

Charles Lee Jackson II saw several things this week: *Welt am Draht*, or *World on a Wire*, a German serial that predates *The Matrix*; and two episodes of *Lone Wolf and Cub*.

Miscellaneous

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

Maryann Canfield so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.

The Hare's Birthday. Meeting #4524, April 25, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order 0:28 into the video recording.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Author Fletcher Pratt (b. April 25, 1897; d. June 10, 1956)
- Magazine and comic book editor Mort Weisinger (b. April 25, 1915; d. May 7, 1978)
- Actor Peter Jurasik (b. April 25, 1950)
- Actor Gina Torres (b. April 25, 1969)
- Author, editor, and publisher Silvia Moreno-Garcia (b. April 25, 1981)

Dispatchings

- Actor and filmmaker Terry Carter (b. Dec. 16, 1928; d. April 23, 2024)
- Art director and production designer Ray Chan (b. 1967; d. April 23, 2024)
- Fan and LASFS member John Trimble (b. Nov. 17, 1936; d. April 19, 2024)
 - Members of the LASFS recognized a minute of silence in honor of Trimble.
- Courtesy of Elayne Pelz: Computer programmer and fan Leane M. Verhulst (b. June 25, 1969; April 20, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1951, *Five*, directed by Arch Oboler, premiered in Los Angeles.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Cathy Johnson reported that, "Yes, we have no minutes." We rolled past that and expect extra minutes some other time.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Bill Warren was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Debra Levin, Chris Marble, and Matthew B. Tepper. Warren received three cheers—and keep watching the skies.

Nick Smith was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Christine Lipscomb, Selina Phanara, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Smith received three cheers—and a Moment of Science.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- May 2: Charles Lee Jackson II reading of "The Diamond Men"
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- May 30: Robert Sawyer reading of *The Downloaded*
- June 6: President nominations
- June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections
- Chris Marble asked about in-person meetings in June, and Nick Smith and Cathy Johnson confirmed the in-person

meeting in June is June 13. Elayne Pelz also confirmed we're solid with the second Thursdays at Denny's.

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Susan Fox reported on the in-person staff meeting at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport. We did a little walk around, and I'll edit the walk-around video. It went smoothly and nothing exploded.

Cathy Johnson: We had a big group, about 42 people on Zoom and in person. There's a lot of excitement about the hotel.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): Greg Barrett is doing Greg Barrett stuff.

I took Selina Phanara to go see George Mulligan yesterday, and for Selina, George got out of bed so they could hug.

Selina had all sorts of dental work this afternoon.

I have been remiss in contacting Don Fitch.

Cathy Johnson pointed out Dean Johnson's arm, which is more mobile. He starts physical therapy in a couple of weeks, and he drove a car last night all the way downtown to see *Funny Girl*.

Charles Lee Jackson II went to the hospital yesterday by bus and on foot. The walk up the hill was challenging. Details on his upcoming surgical procedure are unclear, but he passed all the tests they gave him. While he was in the waiting room, he read half of David E. Brown's *Vampiro: Vampire Bat In Fact & Fantasy*.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held in memory of the wild, wacky, wonderful, weird, and wistful Tom Digby. He was a long-time member of the LASFS.

This being the last meeting of the month, I will open it up for suggestions for what it should be next month, with dollar amounts attached. Who would like to bid on next month's spot?

Debra Levin bid \$25, won, and dedicated it to whatever Susan Fox wants. Jackson sang a little song, and Fox dedicated it to Loscon 50.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

Heide Nichols wasn't present, and Susan Fox reported we had no guests. We miss our registrar and our emergency back-up registrar.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. This week, we have people who need to pay their dues. Pay your dues, people.

Project Yolanda is still sitting there, I'm afraid. We have not heard no, yes, or anything. Apparently, there was some sort of a mixup, but

everything has been straightened out. I haven't heard any big explosions, so they haven't laughed us out of the city yet.

I've got another absolutely perfect property, but it's in Palmdale. It's only \$875,000, but we can't move it.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board of directors has taken up the challenge of rewriting the proposed By-Laws change that was voted down by the club. It has gone to committee, and members of that committee might have looked at it. We will report back when we have some sort of consensus.

The next board meeting will be June 2 because we're not having a meeting in May because of Mother's Day. June 9 was unworkable for several people.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith: Dark Delicacies is having a signing on Saturday for the book *In Search of Darkness: A Definitive Look at '80s Horror*. The signing will feature not only the co-authors, Heather Wixson and Patrick Bromley, but also Tom Holland; Kelli Maroney; Heather Langenkamp; David LeRoy Anderson; Steve Johnson; Edward, Charles, and Stephen Chiodo; and editor Derek Anderson.

The Laemmle NoHo 7 is showing the original version of *Alien* for one week, starting tomorrow, three showings a day.

The New Beverly Cinema is showing the science fiction film *Gattaca* on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, they are showing *Labyrinth* as their kiddie matinee.

Landmark's Nuart Theatre continues to show *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* as their late night show on Saturdays, but this Friday, their late night movie is the director's cut of *Little Shop of Horrors*.

The Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo is hosting two different shows of classic cartoons this Saturday, for children and adults. Cartoon historian Jerry Beck will be at both shows.

Vidiots will show a festival of stop-motion animation from 16mm prints and *Muppets From Space*.

Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena will participate in Independent Bookstore Day. Their

morning story time will feature musicians from the Pasadena Conservatory of Music, and the rest of the day will include special giveaways and contests.

Cathy Johnson: If you enjoy classic rock with a lot of brass, a friend of ours' band, the Brass Roots Initiative (<https://brassrootsla.com>), will play at the BH Chapter 73 Veterans Hall in Woodland Hills on Saturday night. Dean Johnson will be working the soundboard.

Moments of Science

Matt Mitchell: There are what look like hundreds of little black spiders in a place called Inca City on Mars. The spiders are actually geysers. (<https://www.livescience.com/space/mars/hundreds-of-black-spiders-spotted-in-mysterious-inca-city-on-mars-in-new-satellite-photos>) David Bowie references are welcome.

Nick Smith: *Voyager 1* is communicating again, and we're sure that it hasn't been taken over by an alien intelligence because it said so.

Rob Powell: The Jet Propulsion Laboratory staff moved the code that runs communications to an uncorrupted part of memory. (<https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/nasas-voyager-1-resumes-sending-engineering-updates-to-earth>)

Regular Announcements

None

Reviews

Lee Grixit reviewed *Krapopolis*. It's simplified history featuring gods and mythical creatures such as manticores, cyclops, and sea monsters.

Nick Smith went to see *The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare*. The story itself is entirely outrageous and based on the book *Churchill's Secret Warriors: The Explosive True Story of the Special Forces Desperadoes of WWII* by Damien Lewis.

Cathy Johnson watched *Fallout* on Prime Video. We started watching it slightly begrudgingly but got hooked immediately. The characters are great, and it's kind of an alternate history of technology.

Ben Levin also endorses the show.

Charles Lee Jackson II has been clearing off his DVR queue with great dispatch. He recently saw *Mad Max*, which he'd never seen before. It's better than *The Road Warrior*.

Johnson: *Mad Max—Fury Road* is spectacular.

Jackson also saw *Something to Sing About*, which tanked. It's vaguely biographical.

Peggy Wu talked about Moe, her Dumeril's boa from Madagascar. He's a big, special needs snake with a damaged spine. She uses him for outreach.

Miscellaneous

Charles Lee Jackson II enjoyed some Hershey's Eggs leftover from Christmas.

Nick Smith reported on the annual gathering of storytellers in southern California. It was supposed to be in Orange County, but it's in Claremont because the organizer didn't lock down a venue. It'll be this Saturday at the Claremont Friends Meeting. A concert is open to the public.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

Matt Mitchell so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.

Loscon 50.

Meeting #4525, May 2, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order 1:15 into the video recording.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor, folk singer, musician, composer, unionist, and political activist Theodore Bikel (b. May 2, 1924; d. July 21, 2015)
- Actor and theater director John Neville (b. May 2, 1925; d. Nov. 19, 2011)
- Fan and LASFS member Bob Null (b. 1938; d. June 23, 2010)

Dispatchings

- Musician and actor Alex Hassilev (b. July 11, 1932; d. April 21, 2024)
- Finnish historian and author Rick Lai (b. Oct. 6, 1955; d. April 30, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1961, *The Beast of Yucca Flats* premiered in the United States.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Susan Fox indicated that Scribbles had provided no minutes.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Larry Niven was celebrated and recognized by Jay Freeman, Charles Lee Jackson II, Heide Nichols, and Nick Smith. Niven received three cheers.

Elayne Pelz checked whether there was a second saint to recognize. There was! James DeTar was celebrated and recognized by Lee Grixit, Cathy Johnson, Elayne Pelz, and Matthew B. Tepper. DeTar received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- May 9: In-person (hybrid) meeting and Big Auction at Denny's
- May 23: In-person (hybrid) meeting at the Consulate General of the Czech Republic (One Westwood building, 10990 Wilshire Blvd. #1100, Los Angeles) followed by a screening of *Restore Point* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA0c4uchstk>)
- May 30: Robert Sawyer reading of *The Downloaded*
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Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Loscon will occur Thanksgiving weekend in November. We will have guests of honor. To learn more, visit the Web site.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): George Mulligan, Selina Phanara, and Greg Barrett are doing OK.

Susan Fox: If you talk to Greg Barrett, could you let him know his email is bouncing?

Marble: He knows that. It's because he doesn't pay his bills, but he's trying to get around that.

I still need to get around to talking with—or listening to—Don Fitch.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 50, celebrating 50 Loscons. Not many conventions can say that.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

We don't have any guests tonight, but we do have 25 members attending. Thank you all for coming!

Nick Smith: We have a couple of people who aren't often here, too.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. There's a bunch of you guys who've been skipping out. Please pay your dues. It's a brand new month. \$12 will pay your dues for the month, or \$4 a week. We're trying to buy a building. Susan Fox indicated we're in the negotiation phase. Pelz reminded members to bring money next week because of the auction.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board of directors will not meet in May because of Mother's Day. Our next regular meeting will be June 2.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith: Litfest in the Dena (<https://litfestinthedena.org>) will actually be in Altadena this weekend, at the Mountain View Mausoleum, which is an amazing place for spoken-word stuff. One of our presenters, Denise Dumars, will read fantasy poetry there.

Dark Delicacies is having a signing on Saturday featuring Charles Fleischer, who's written a collection of short stories.

American Cinematheque is showing a couple of fannish films at the Los Feliz Theatre. On Saturday, they will show John Carpenter's *Prince of Darkness*. On Monday, they will screen *Monster Squad*.

Vidiots is showing *Big Hero 6* and the 1984 version of *Dune* on Saturday. On Sunday, they will show *Willow*.

Special Event: Charles Lee Jackson II reading of "The Diamond Men," a purportedly lost story by Edgar Allan Poe.

Jackson challenged members to identify the fatal flaw in the story that led Poe to set the story aside and not finish it.

After the reading, members agreed that it sounded like Poe could have written it. Feedback addressed the length of descriptions, whether the narrator would have been able to document the tale, intent to use the scenario in a *Dungeons & Dragons* game (Lee Grixit agreed to do so after the story was published.), whether heavy Mackinaw coats existed at the time, and comparisons to Poe's "The Pit and the Pendulum."

Reviews

Nick Smith got a copy of the playlist organized for Tom Digby while he was in hospice care. Susan Fox indicated she could organize a playlist for Scifi.radio. She still has the playlist from Karl Lembke's memorial.

Matthew B. Tepper said he might still have the playlist from Len Moffatt's memorial. Fox asked for that, too.

Miscellaneous

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Charles Lee Jackson II mentioned that while doing his coordinative exercises, he caught two balls thrown at him at the same time 10 out of 11 times.

Eylat Poliner described some challenges working with Karl Lembke's bank as his executor.

Call to Adjourn

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

Happy Anniversary to Tony and Lillian, and Chris and Beth.

Meeting #4529, May 30, 2024

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

- Voice actor and radio personality Mel Blanc (b. May 30, 1908; d. July 10, 1989)
- Author and painter Hal Clement (b. May 30, 1922; d. Oct. 29, 2003)
- Actor Keir Dullea (b. May 30, 1936)
- Screenwriter and producer Michael Piller (b. May 30, 1948; d. Nov. 1, 2005)
- Actor Colm Meaney (b. May 30, 1953)

Dispatchings

- Songwriter Richard M. Sherman (b. June 12, 1928; May 25, 2024)
- Courtesy of Hare Hobbs and Mae Hobbs-Scott: Their mother, Shirley Hobbs, died Tuesday. Hare would like company at the house. His phone number is 818-366-5130.

- The LASFS recognized a minute of silence to recognize the death of Shirley Hobbs.

Media anniversary

On this date in 1919, the silent film *The First Men in the Moon* premiered in the United Kingdom. No known copies of the film, based on the H.G. Wells novel, survived.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for May 16, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

Dr. Susie Searight clarified the pronunciation of Seanan McGuire.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Dr. Susie Searight bid \$10, won, and named them "Mira Grant."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as mispronounced, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Ed Baker was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Cathy Johnson, and Scribbles, who read a profile from APA-L. Baker received three cheers—and a "Huro!"

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- June 6: President nominations
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- June 27: In-person meeting at the Consulate General of the Czech Republic (One Westwood building, 10990 Wilshire Blvd. #1100, Los Angeles) followed by a screening of *Restore Point* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA0c4uchstk>)

There will be no Zoom meeting, but we will probably open the room for a homebody hangout.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): Greg Barrett sends his greetings and is doing fine.

George Mulligan is no longer receiving his regular physical therapy, but he will receive some.

Marble has not gotten in touch with Don Fitch.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 50.

Charles Lee Jackson II entertained bids for the Spot of Honor in June. Eylat Poliner bid \$20 and dedicated it to whatever Jackson would like to put there. We will find out in the future!

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

Heide Nichols introduced guest Emiran Saleh, who learned about the LASFS from Matthew B. Tepper. Saleh is 18 years old and a new member of the LASFS. He likes to live action roleplay and re-enact, particularly the American Civil War. He's also interested in the Revolutionary War. He participates in a LARP called Amtgard and is active in Westmarch, Kingdom of Amtgard.

Mike Sheffield is another member who hasn't been around in some time.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues. It's the last week of the month. If you pay monthly, pay for next month. It's too late to pay yearly.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board of directors will meet at 11 a.m. June 2, 2024, not June 9. Members and interested parties are welcome to attend.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Charles Lee Jackson II: Next week, we hold elections for the president. If you'd like to learn more about the position, refer to the By-Laws. (<https://lasfs.org/lasfs-by-laws>)

Nick Smith: American Cinematheque will screen *Dick Tracy* at the Egyptian Theatre Hollywood on Friday.

At the New Beverly Cinema, *The Neverending Story* will screen this weekend.

Landmark's Nuart Theatre will screen *Tron* on Friday.

Susan Fox on behalf of Tad Daley: On June 22, the Los Angeles Central Library will host *The Parables Convening: An Octavia E. Butler Celebration*. (<https://lapl.org/labs/octavia-lab/parables>)

Eylat Poliner: Mae Hobbs-Scott indicated that Shirley Hobbs's memorial service will be held June 20.

Special Event: Robert Sawyer reading of *The Downloaded*

Sawyer is a lifetime member of the LASFS. He wrote the novel *Illegal Alien*, which features Los Angeles. (<https://sfwriter.com/index.htm>)

The author read a six-minute portion of *The Downloaded*, "Interview with Roscoe Koudoulian," and talked about the six-month exclusive with Audible, as well as the audio production, which included voice acting by Brendan Fraser.

He also talked about non-sf readers' perception of sf. Their awareness might be limited to Star Wars. He wanted the novel to be a taster menu of science fiction concepts and broaden their perception of what sf is and can be.

Koudoulian is an Armenian name. In all of Sawyer's work, he tries to include an Armenian. One of his best friends is a survivor of the Armenian diaspora who lives in Glendale. This particular Armenian name is for Greg Koudoulian, who gave his permission.

Spider Robinson is also a friend, and a fellow Canadian. Sawyer told a story about a signing early in his career at White Dwarf Books in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Not many people showed up, and Robinson invited him to his house for a party with members of the British Columbia Science Fiction Association to welcome Sawyer as a new author to the community.

Scribbles asked Sawyer to send his regards to R. Graeme Cameron, longtime supporter of fandom and publisher of *Polar Borealis* and *Polar Starlight*. (<https://polarborealis.ca>)

Moments of Science

Heide Nichols: My Moment of Science starts lighting up the sky the night of June 2. (<https://astronomerswithoutborders.org/programs/observing-events/observing-events-2021591/worlds-align-june-2022>)

Regular Announcements

Hare Hobbs volunteered to help prepare the new clubhouse for use.

Reviews

Nick Smith: Annabelle's Book Club on Ventura Boulevard in Studio City is a family-owned bookstore that looks like it was designed by a teenager. (<https://annabellesbookclubla.com>) It emphasizes young adult literature. They have a delightful sf and fantasy selection.

Miscellaneous

Chris Marble: His and Beth's 38th wedding anniversary is next week.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

Please Vote for Cathy Johnson! Meeting #4530, June 6, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson was on vacation. Eylat Poliner called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor Richard Crane (b. June 6, 1918; d. March 9, 1969)
- Actor Gary Graham (b. June 6, 1950; d. Jan. 22, 2024)
- Interior designer, actor, and television presenter Amanda Pay (b. June 6, 1959)
- Actor Jason Isaacs (b. June 6, 1963)

Dispatchings

Courtesy of Susan Fox: Musician and artist MaryAnn Harris (b. 1953; d. June 3, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1986, *Space Camp* and the remake of *Invaders from Mars* premiered in the United States.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for April 18 and May 30, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

April 18, 2024: None

May 30, 2024: None

Auction to Name the Minutes

Victor Khaze bid \$5, won, and named April 18, 2024, "Happy Anniversary to Chris and Elizabeth."

Chris Marble bid \$6, won, and named May 30, 2024, "Happy Anniversary to Tony and Lillian, and Chris and Beth."

Call for Approval

April 18, 2024: Moved to accept as read, and approved.

May 30, 2024: Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Michael Bloom was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox and Nick Smith. Bloom received three cheers.

Jim Glass was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox and Scribbles. Glass received three cheers—and a former librarian.

Committee Reports

Programming (Susan Fox on behalf of Eylat Poliner)

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- July 18: By-Law discussion of and vote on the By-Laws' revised residency requirements
- July 25: Second By-Law vote, if passed the previous week

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Loscon is coming up. Please visit the Web site for all the information that you'll need. We will do All the Things.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): George Mulligan is doing OK, getting more motivated, and participating in physical therapy.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by the Emperor, beating entropy for 74 years this month.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

Eylat Poliner stood in for Heide Nichols. We had no guests tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. Most everybody has paid their dues except for Matthew Mitchell, who might owe money. He indicated that he had paid his June dues already. Pelz contended that he hasn't

even paid May, and they agreed to follow up with each other.

Pelz also encouraged members to donate money. We'll offer items for auction next week if elections don't take long.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The LASFS board of directors met last Sunday, June 2. Among the items discussed were the proposed By-Laws change. The subcommittee reported back with a draft to address the concerns of board and club members. We have a wording that we think will pass muster. It will be put before the club on July 18 and 25.

Our next board meeting will be July 14, Bastille Day, at 11 a.m.

Old Business

Charles Lee Jackson II: Tonight we begin the process of replacing our procedural officers, the five people who run the meetings. Four of those offices we will get to next week. This week, we will focus on the presidency. Next week, we will have in-person voting, and I have worked out a mechanism so the people attending via Zoom can vote.

The general procedure is that if we have more than two nominees for one of the offices, we will use Dan Alderson's Australian automatic run-off ballot. For now, let us proceed with the opening of nominations for president. The term runs from July through December.

Eylat Poliner nominated Cathy Johnson, who had previously accepted the nomination via Facebook Messenger.

There were no further nominations, and Jackson closed nominations until next week.

Susan Fox asked about materials needed for the election. Jackson will figure that out. Thomas Safer confirmed that the election will be held at Denny's. Poliner volunteered to procure a whiteboard and markers.

Poliner asked that she be nominated as Vice President along with Susan Fox next week, and pre-accepted any such nominations. She pre-declined any other nominations and identified Thomas Safer as her witness.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Scribbles on behalf of Joe Zeff: Today is the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. (<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/world-leaders->

[veterans-commemorate-d-days-80th-anniversary-normandy-2024-06-06/](https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/world-leaders-veterans-commemorate-d-days-80th-anniversary-normandy-2024-06-06/))

Charles Lee Jackson II: Today, the Los Angeles City Council voted to rename the intersection of Vendome Street and Del Monte Drive across from Laurel and Hardy Park the Music Box Steps.

Victor Khaze and C. Anita Nunez: Time-bound, but not strictly club related—It's our first anniversary this Monday!

Nick Smith: The Los Feliz Theatre will screen *The Heroic Trio* on Monday.

Brain Dead Studios will show *12 Monkeys* on Friday, *Hackers* on Saturday, and *The Night Is Short, Walk on Girl* on Sunday.

The New Beverly Cinema plans to screen *Duck Soup* and *A Night at the Opera*, as well as *The Lost World: Jurassic Park* and a classic cartoon show.

Dark Delicacies will hold two signings for the Blu-ray of *Prom Night* and the book *Monsters, Movies, and Me* by Frank Dietz.

Moments of Science

Thomas Safer from *Today in Science History* (https://www.todayinsci.com/6/6_06.htm)

- George Davis Snell
- Richard E. Smalley
- David Scott
- Godegroy Wendelin
- Hoover (Boulder) Dam first concrete

Susan Fox: The Boeing Starliner launched on time this morning and docked at the space station. Everything went well. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HneVxAmYcaA>)

Regular Announcements

Thomas Safer: MeTV is launching an all-cartoon channel called MeTV Toons. (<https://metvtoons.com/home>)

Reviews

Victor Khaze has been enjoying *Frieren: Beyond Journey's End* on Crunchyroll. It's a wonderful look at the nature of humanity, the appreciation of friendship, and is a solid fantasy show. It is not filled with action or drama but has rich and beautiful world building. (<https://www.crunchyroll.com/series/GG5H5XQX4/frieren-beyond-journeys-end>)

Jay Freeman has been reading *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries* and *Emily Wilde's Map of the Otherlands* by Heather Fawcett. I recommend them, and another one is due out in November.

Thomas Safer recommended that members see the latest Aquaman film, *Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom*. It's definitely worth watching.

Nick Smith just finished reading a book he got at Annabelle's Book Club, Andrzej Sapkowski's *The Last Wish*, part of the Witcher series.

He also watched a movie starring Christopher Eccleston, a biopic about a woman athlete, *Young Woman and the Sea*. Eccleston is great.

Scribbles enjoyed the first few episodes of *Ripley* and immediately read Patricia Highsmith's novel *The Talented Mr. Ripley*.

Eylat Poliner remarked that the new *Doctor Who* is really excellent and enjoyable. We are also watching *The Acolyte*, the new Star Wars series, which is also very enjoyable.

Miscellaneous

Susan Fox referred members to a *File 770* article on the Australia bid for the 2028 Worldcon. (<https://file770.com/australia-in-2028-worldcon-bid-news>)

Nick Smith: There's a cartoon show on Disney+, *Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur*. I just got to the episode in which she fangirls over a scientist who currently teaches at CalTech, Dr. Susan Arnold. The main character was trying to explain her work to her grandmother. I watched this after being on an email chain with Arnold, who's been supporting a musical group I'm involved in.

Eylat Poliner expressed interest in bringing Arnold in as a speaker.

Call to Adjourn

Susan Fox so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.

Upcoming Conventions

July 4-7: Anime Expo, <https://www.anime-expo.org>

July 4-7: Westercon, Salt Lake City, <https://westercon76.org>

July 18-21: The North American Science Fiction Convention (NASFiC), Buffalo, N.Y., <https://buffalonasfic2024.org>

July 20-21: TorpedoCon, Glendale, <https://torpedocomics.com/pages/torpedocon-2024-tickets>

July 25-28: San Diego Comic-Con, San Diego, <https://www.comic-con.org>

July 26-28: Midsummer Scream, Long Beach, <https://midsummerscream.org>

Upcoming Events

July 1: *Janet Planet* at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 1: *Not of This Earth* (1957) and *The Undead* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 2: *Werckmeister Harmonies* at Vidiots

July 3: *Frogs* and *The Spirit of '76* at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 3: *Maxxxine* at the Vista Theater

July 4: *Jaws* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

July 4: *Silver Bullet* at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 4: *Jaws* at Vidiots

July 4: *Jaws* at the Vista Theater

July 4-5: *Jaws* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

July 5: *Battle Royale* at Brain Dead Studios

July 5: *Jaws* at the Egyptian Theatre Hollywood

July 5: *Janet Planet* at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 5: *The Sixth Sense* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 5: *Candyman* and *One Hundred and One Dalmatians* at Vidiots

July 5-6: *2001—A Space Odyssey* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

July 5-6: *I Saw the TV Glow* at Vidiots

July 5-11: *Maxxxine* at the Vista Theater

July 6: *Howard the Duck* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

July 6: *Inception*, *Oppenheimer*, and *Tenet* at the Egyptian Theatre Hollywood

July 6: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

July 6: *2001—A Space Odyssey* at Vidiots

July 6-7: *Janet Planet* at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 6-7: *Raiders of the Lost Ark* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 7: *2001—A Space Odyssey* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

July 7: *Edward Scissorhands* at the Egyptian Theatre Hollywood

July 7: *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* and *Mulan* at Vidiots

July 8: *Nope* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

July 8: *Deathstalker* and *The Warrior and the Sorceress* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 8-9: *I Saw the TV Glow* at Vidiots

July 9: *Cremaster 3* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

July 9: *Strange Days* at Vidiots

July 11: *Janet Planet* and *The Man Who Fell to Earth* at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 11-12: *The People's Joker* with Vera Drew in person at the New Beverly Cinema

July 12: *Joker* at the Egyptian Theatre Hollywood

July 12: *Screaming Skull* and *Dementia 13* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

July 12: *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* and *Queen of the Damned* at Vidiots

July 12-18: *Longlegs* at the Vista Theater

July 13: *A Nightmare on Elm Street 4* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

July 13: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

July 13: *Outland* at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 13: *Charlotte's Web* (1973), *Cloak & Dagger*, *13 Going on 30*, *Just Like Heaven*, and *Society* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 13: *Star Trek VI—The Undiscovered Country* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

July 14: *Ready Player One* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

July 14: *Face/Off* at Brain Dead Studios

July 14: *2001—A Space Odyssey* at the Egyptian Theatre Hollywood

July 14: *Black Moon*, *Heart and Souls*, and *Peter Ibbetson* at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 14: *Cloak & Dagger*, *13 Going on 30*, and *Just Like Heaven* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 14: *Muppets Most Wanted* and *Persepolis* at Vidiots

July 14: *Placerita* signing with Lisa Morton and John Palisano at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

July 15: *Pumpkinhead* at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 16: *Mindorokke* at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 16: *The Running Man* at Vidiots

July 19: *Thirst* at Brain Dead Studios

July 19: *Lifeforce* at the Egyptian Theatre Hollywood

July 19: *Jurassic Park* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

July 19: *Stand by Me* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 19: *Snowpiercer* and *Up* at Vidiots

July 20: 24-hour Horror-Exploitation-Thon at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

July 20: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

July 20: *Lilo & Stitch*, *Stand by Me*, and *Tank Girl* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 20: *Nosferatu* (1922) at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

July 20: *The Care Bears Movie* at Vidiots

July 20: Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous Housefilk hosted by Terry and Craig Brussel Rogers in Winnetka in person and via Zoom. Pre-filk dinner: potluck barbeque.

July 21: *Hook* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

July 21: *Beyond the Black Rainbow* at Brain Dead Studios

July 21: *Lilo & Stitch* and *Stand by Me* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 21: *Cinderella* (1950) at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

July 21: *Wreck-It Ralph* at Vidiots

July 21: *Nosferatu Unbound* signing with Jim Krueger and Leslie S. Klinger, *Teleportasm: Killer* signing with Joshua Millican, and *Disc-overy* signing with Jed Rowen at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

July 22: *Motel Hell* at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 22: *Wheels of Fire* and *Equalizer 2000* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 22: *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1978) at Vidiots

July 23: *Darby and the Dead* at Vidiots

July 26: *Donnie Darko* at Brain Dead Studios

July 26: *The Happiness of the Katikuris* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

July 26: *The Dark Knight* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 26: *Earth Girls Are Easy* at Vidiots

July 27: *A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night* at Brain Dead Studios

July 27: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

July 27: *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* and *The Dark Knight* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 27: *The Goonies* and *Up* at Vidiots

July 28: *Spartacus* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

July 28: *Metropolis* (2001) at Brain Dead Studios

July 28: *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* and *The Dark Knight* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 29: *The Howling* at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 29: *Brain Dead* and *The Unborn* at the New Beverly Cinema

July 29: *Time Bandits* at Vidiots

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.paperherosgames.com>) and Turn Zero Games Board Game Day at Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks (<https://www.paperherosgames.com>) from 2-10 p.m. (Courtesy of Nick Smith!)

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

Susan Fox's ex-husband and friend, Jim Davis, died June 15, 2024. Members of the LASFS condole with her, his family, and friends.

Clubzine Exchange

In addition to sending *De Prof* to the LASFS membership, we also send copies to about 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:

Angels Flight (USS Angeles, June 2024), *Fanactivity Gazette* Vol. 4 #1 (N3F, June 2024), *Instant Message* #1010 (NESFA, June 2024), *The Mark of the Beast* (BSFS, June 2024), *The N3F Review of Books* (May and June 2024), *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 83 #6 (N3F, June 2024), *Probe* #200 (SFFSA, June 2024), *Sigma* #458 (Parsec, June 2024), and *Tightbeam* #357

(N3F, June 2024).

We also heard from the the Academy of Science Fiction Fantasy and Horror Films, the Bay Area Science Fiction Association, the British Fantasy Society, the British Science Fiction Association, the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association, the Carl Brandon Society, the Fanac Fan History Project, the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts, the International Wizard of Oz Club, Lloyd and Yvonne Penney, Melody Friedenthal of the Worcester (Mass.) Public Library's science fiction book club, the Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association, the Science Fiction Research Association, and the Tolkien Society.

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:

Amon Hen #307 (June 2024), *Analog Science Fiction & Fact* (July/August 2024), *AntipodeanSF* #304-307, *Aurealis* #168-171, *The Crown Prints* Vol. 27 #6 (June 2024), *Fission* #4 (BSFA), *Idea* #14, *Kaleidotrope* (Summer 2024), *Locus* Vol. 92 #6 (June 2024), *The Obdurate Eye* #40, *Pablo Lennis* #439 (June 2024), *Perryscope* #44-45, *SMOF News* Vol. 3 #40-43, *Space Cowboy's Accretion* #9 (May 2024), and *This Here...* #75-76.

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *Blue Moon Special* 2024, *Captain Flashback* #66-67, *Claims Department* #72-73, *CyberCozen* (June 2024), *Idea* #14, *Journey Planet* #82, *My Back Pages* #30, *The Obdurate Eye* #40, *Opuntia* #574-575, *Perryscope* #44, *SF Commentary* #116, *The Stf Amateur* #9, *This Here...* #75, and *Wild Ideas* #48.

Call for Submissions

Do you write or draw? Not only is *De Profundis* open to news items and member updates, members of the LASFS participate in two amateur press associations.

APA-L is weekly and collated by Heath Row. If you'd like to consider joining APA-L, contact him to express interest. We're especially interested in cover art, which you can submit without joining. Former members can request

access to the online archives.

LASFAPA is monthly and collated by David Schlosser. You can contact him at schloss17@suddenlink.net to express interest in joining LASFAPA. Former members can request access to the online archives. (We're up to #98 in terms of scanning!)

And if you'd like to contribute otherwise but not necessarily on a regular basis, Heath Row publishes a monthly fanzine titled *The Stf Amateur*. The most recent issue is available upon request. He'd welcome your fanart, poetry, filk songs and lyrics, fiction, articles, essays, reviews, jokes, and other material. Contributors will receive the issue in which their material appears.

Who knows: If there's enough active member interest—i.e., submissions—maybe we'll return to publishing *Shangri-L'Affaires*, too. Wouldn't that be neat?

