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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**

**November 6:** Board Nominations

**November 13:** Hybrid meeting at Denny's / Board Elections

**November 20:** Evan J. Peterson does a reading. [www.evanjpeterson.com](http://www.evanjpeterson.com). wordmercury@gmail.com

**November 27:** Meeting held at Loscon (*not* Hybrid)

Programming for December 2025 listed on page 17.

**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](mailto:susanfox@scifi.radio) to receive an invitation, the meeting password, and weekly reminders

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## LASFS OFFICERS

**Elected Procedural Officers**  
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

### Board of Directors

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

## Condensed Cream of Menace

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

**Named by Chris Marble**

**June 19, 2025**

**Meeting #4584**

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson

### Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]

Hatchings:

- Julius Schwartz, comic book editor
- Virginia Hey, actress
- Zoe Saldana, actress
- Mia Sara, actress

Media anniversaries:

- *Them!* In 1954
- *The Terminal Man* in 1974

Passings:

- Mark Peploe, screenwriter
- Betsy Gay, actress, singer and yodeler

### Reading of the minutes for meeting #4583

Susan Fox bid \$5 to name the minutes "Chupaqueso" in honor of the Schlock Mercenary comic strip. Dean Johnson moved to approve, Matt Mitchell seconded, and the members accepted at 8:19 PM

### Patron Saint:

**Ted Johnstone [aka David McDaniel].** Charles Lee Jackson II gave some background on both of him, and his writing and fannish careers. Nick quoted Jerry Pournelle as having said that he would have been a major writer if he'd finished more manuscripts.

### Committee Reports

**Honor Guard:** CL showed us the Spot of Honor and its contents, in this case the logo of LosCon 51.

**Welcoming of guests [Derek LaPorte]:** None, but the registrar said it was nice to see lots of people online.

**Treasurer [Elayne Pelz]:** One person present hasn't paid dues yet, so please pay up.

**Board of Directors:** Matthew Tepper reported

that the next board meeting would be on July 13th at 11 am on Zoom.

**Loscon 52** was reported on, and Eylat Poliner is beginning to invite guests, and hopes to have them lined up.

**Loscon 51:** Don't forget to buy staff memberships and reserve hotel rooms.

**Programming:** July 3rd, no program; July 10th Hybrid meeting at Denny's;

**Fannish wellness:** Matt Mitchell reported that Steve Smyth has had his cataract surgery and is expected to see better; one eye done and one to go. Eylat reported that Kathy Mar is doing better, with the help of generous fans keeping her back rehab going. Eylat is feeling better, but is having to change her diet.

### Old Business:

CL auctioned off the color of the ballots from last week's election. Retroactive ballot color auctions are apparently not as vibrant monetarily. The scribe's ballot was the ichorous green of the giant eyeball behind the incoming scribe. The registrar's ballot was mallard drake head feather green. The treasurer's ballot was 637 angstroms.

### New Business

None

### Timebound announcements:

Nick reported on movie screenings and bookstore events.

### Science report:

Tom Safer reported on a few scientists with today's birthday:

- Viktor Ivanovich Patsayev, cosmonaut and design engineer, who died on re-entry of Soyuz 11
- Aage N. Bohr, like his father he was a Nobel laureate
- Blaise Pascal, French mathematician and physicist

On this day in 1987, the Supreme Court ruled that the Louisiana law requiring the teaching of Creation Science violated the separation of church and state.

Nick reported on the semi-identification of the "Dragon Man" skull from China, and it has been shown that the fossil's mother was apparently Denisovan. The mitochondrial DNA had to be

found by scraping plaque off of a tooth. Marc Silver said that Australian scientists have found a type of moth that apparently uses celestial navigation for its migration. They were able to catch some and attach brain analysis widgets to them and show that the moths moved in response to correct star patterns.

Victor Frost reported that Etsy has put a ban on selling 3-D printed products that are not your design. The problem is that some people had bought the rights to reproduce.

Regular announcements:

Tom announced that on July 23rd he will be eligible for Medicare.

Susan announced that Sir Gary Oldman was on the new Honors List from the English crown.

Victor announced the annual Solarpunk Conference is coming up this weekend, with an emphasis for helping create an optimistic future. Victor will be giving a talk on the "right to repair."

Reviews: Eylat reviewed "Apothecary Diary" anime favorably, on Netflix

Gizmo Powell said that the Sci Man Dan is doing an experiment to measure your angle toward the sun on the solstice. This is to convince flat earthers of things, which of course won't work.

CL said that Facebook people are surprised by the summer solstice, as if it wasn't a regular thing...

Having given thanks to the winter gods for the coming of the solstice, we adjourned at 9:13 pm

**Susan Fox May Name The Minutes**

**June 26, 2025**

**Meeting #4585**

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson.



**LOSCON 51**  
*Hilton Los Angeles Airport*  
**Nov 28 - 30, 2025**

**"TELL ME A STORY"**

<b>Guests of Honor</b>	<b>Membership Rates</b>
<b>Writer – Ursula Vernon/T Kingfisher</b>	Now thru November 20: \$75.00
<b>Artist – Benton Jew</b>	November 21st–at the door: \$85.00
<b>Music – Lynn Gold</b>	Child (ages 3-11) \$25.00 all year and at the door.
<b>Fan – Tadao Tomomatsu</b>	Registration link: <a href="https://losangelessciencefantasysociet.regfox.com/loscon-51">https://losangelessciencefantasysociet.regfox.com/loscon-51</a>

*For more information, please visit <https://loscon.org>*

### Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]

#### Hatchings:

- Peter Lorre, actor
- Tom DeFalco, comic book writer,
- Lev and Austin Grossman, twin authors
- Chris O'Donnell, actor

#### Media anniversary:

- *Dragonslayer*, 1981
- *Escape From New York*, 1981

#### Passings

- Lalo Schifrin, composer and conductor
- Aki Aleong, actor, martial artist, and music executive
- Rick Hurst, singer and character actor

The club also celebrated the 75th birthday of the own Charles Lee Jackson II. We were sadly unprepared for this Diamond Jubilee, but made a valiant effort to sing "Happy Birthday" over Zoom.

### Reading of the minutes of meeting #4584

Susan Fox bid \$5 to have Chris Marble name the minutes "Named by Chris Marble." Approval of minutes at 8:21 pm

### Patron Saint:

**Alan Frisbie**, Sacred Flying Disc of LASFS, which means he has given us more than just a regular Saint. CL mentioned that Alan used to go to Galco's to buy interesting sodas. He was one of the people who figured out how to illegally get long distance calls, but he got better... Three cheers, and a sacred flying disc.

### Committee Reports

**Registrar:** Introduced new member Daniel Karen. Got to see *Star Wars* as a kid, and never recovered. Has read tons of science fiction and fantasy, and glad to find like-minded individuals. He found out about LASFS online.

A thank you was given to outgoing officers Derek as Registrar and Nick as Scribe.

**Honor Guard:** CL explained the Spot of Honor, and auctioned off the Spot for the month of July. Susan Fox bid \$10 to have the Spot of Honor be for SciFi.Radio.

**Treasurer [Elayne Pelz]:** Pay up if you haven't paid your dues yet.

**Board of Directors:** Michelle Pincus announced

that the next board meeting will be July 13th on Zoom at 11 am.

**Loscon 51** and **Loscon 52** are both being worked on.

### Programming:

**July 10th** is a hybrid meeting at Denny's

**July 24th** Mary Jane Thompson doing a reading

**July 31st** Craig Miller reading from one of his books

**Far future: December 4th** is the date being aimed at for a grand opening of the new clubhouse.

**Fannish wellness:** Chris reported that George Mulligan is being worked on for rehab again. CLJ reported on his sister. She is recovering, but is still unhappy with the doctor who made her need the recovery.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

### Timebound announcements

Nick mentioned movie screenings, and a book signing at Annabelle's Book Club on Ventura Blvd., as well as Don Glut's small comic book convention at the Mayflower club.

### Science report:

Tom Safer reported on scientists born on this date, such as:

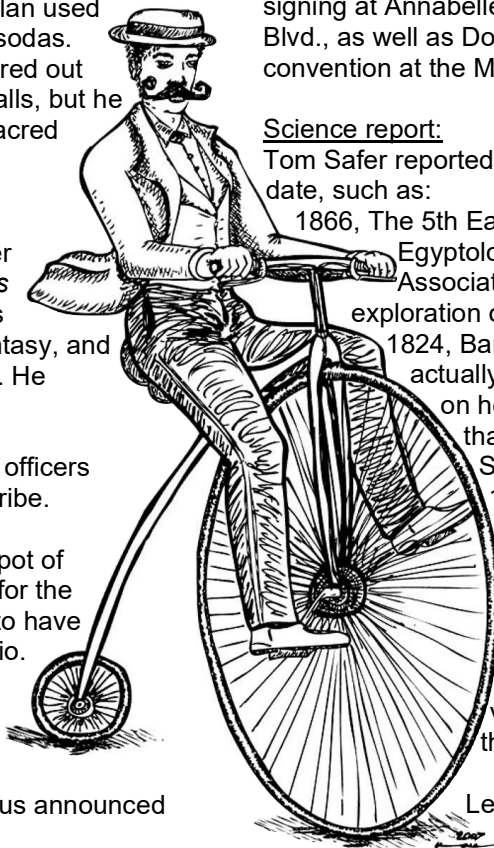
1866, The 5th Earl of Carnarvon, British Egyptologist, born on this date.

Associated with Howard Carter's exploration of King Tut's tomb in 1922.

1824, Baron William Thomson Kelvin actually did a lot more than his work on heat and temperature, but that's what he got famous for. Such is life.

1730, Charles Messier, an astronomer who discovered 15 comets and started cataloging star clusters, nebulae and galaxies. On this date in 1819, a patent was issued for a velocipede, an ancestor of the bicycle.

Lee Grixit and the quest to use



gene editing within someone's lifetime continues with a claim that the gene manipulation tool **krispr** may permit the curing of things like Down Syndrome.

Scientists have found a pretty much complete fossil skeleton of a newly identified small dinosaur. Based on early studies, it was a bipedal herbivore no bigger than a large dog, and the fossil found hadn't been torn apart by something eating it, so the skeleton was undamaged. Part of the study is to try to figure out why it has thigh joints that aren't like those of other dinosaurs, but it appears to have been a runner, using its speed and agility to avoid being on the menu of larger carnivores..

#### Regular announcements

Tom Safer will be screening Fantasia on Saturday, July 12th at 2 pm at the library in Hollywood.

#### Reviews

Chris Marble had a chance to see the *Star Trek* set re-creation in upstate New York, escorted by David Gerrold.

Lee Grixit said that there had been a trend in television about the concept of a revenant, someone just coming back from the dead, not as zombies. Now there is a new one called Revival on the SyFy channel.

Nick reviewed the first episode of *Ironheart* on Disney+



#### Miscellaneous

Gizmo said that he had received a request to help a fan move a bunch of things this weekend. Contact him for more information.

Larry Niven announced that he and Steven Barnes have been working on a novel, and Larry has finished his work on it and handed it back to Steve to work on. It should be out in less than a year.

#### **Excellent Job, Matt!**

**July 3, 2025**

#### **Meeting #4586**

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Matt Mitchell, Scribe

"The time has come, the Waller said, to speak of many things," said president Cathy Johnson at 8:01 p.m. (She may have said "Walrus" but somehow, "Waller" is more apropos.) And with that, she declared meeting #4586 open.

#### Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Susan Fox stepped up as Nick Smith was absent, possibly at WitchitaCon]

Hatchings:

- Tom Cruise, (*Edge of Tomorrow* and *War of the Worlds*)
- Yeardley Smith, the voice actress for Lisa Simpson

Media anniversaries:

- 40th anniversary of the release of *Back to the Future*.
- 38th anniversary of the movie *RoboCop*.

Passings:

- Jim Shooter, writer, editor of Marvel Comics

Reading of the minutes of meeting #4585.

Chris Marble bid \$5 to name the minutes: "Susan Fox May Name The Minutes" and the lady in question declared, "So named!" Eylat Poliner moved to approve the minutes, Chris seconded. The members voted to approve at 8:15 p.m.

#### Patron Saints:

**Doug Abe:** Matthew Tepper said he was a longtime fan; we haven't seen him around in a while, but his daughter did show up at a Denny's meeting in the last year or two. Susan found on Facebook that he passed away about a year and a half ago. According to some information that Eylat received from Heath Row, he was from Hawaii, possibly though not definitely the



only LASFS member from the Aloha State. He used to donate boxes of paperback books to the club. He also apparently served as a senior master sergeant in the United States Air Force. He was given three cheers.

As a side note, Eylat is going to forward the Patron Saint list compiled by Heath for the club's benefit. Also, Elayne Pelz reminded us that June Moffatt had kept the Patron Saint list for many years. (I think what Heath has compiled is information on each Patron Saint)

#### Committee Reports

**Honor Guard:** Occupying the spot of Honor (and the upper corner of Charles Lee Jackson's screen) is Sci-fi.radio. CL applauds and supports their activities on behalf of the science fiction community, and encourages the LASFS to do so as well.

In explaining what the Spot of Honor was and how it related to the club and its history, CL referred to it as "Auction Pinochle". But we appreciate all the people that have been helping us bring in a few extra dollars to keep the LASFS chugging along.

For his maiden voyage as **Registrar**, Matthew did not have any guests to introduce. However, he graciously thanked Eylat Poliner for supplying him with the green card document. Eylat says she will bring physical green cards to the hybrid meeting next week. Matthew hopes to be able to do his job and introduce new guests to us.

**Treasurer [Elayne Pelz]:** Everybody's paid up, but as all three of our storage spaces have increased their rates this month, donations are happily accepted.

Tom Safer will be calling the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation by August or September of this year for LOSCON. He asked Elayne when she would like him to get the Motion Picture license started for LASFS. Elayne replied that we'll get that probably starting September. Susan advised the price on that may have raised as well, so may as well call now.

**Board of Directors [Michelle Pincus]:** Next board meeting is July 13th, 11 a.m. on this Zoom channel. Hope to see you there.

**Programming [Eylat]** New item added for

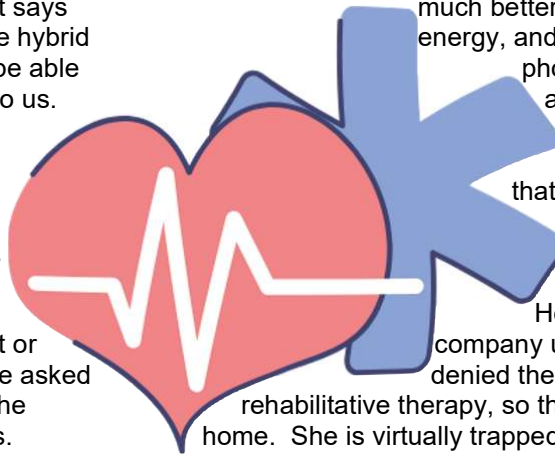
October 2nd.: Andrew Plotkin, when he will be talking about his interactive website. No program today, as it's a holiday weekend. She then reviewed the upcoming program items through August.

**Loscon:** Eylat stated there was not much to report. Loscon is currently tabling and having a party at Baycon AKA Westercon. Susan posted the additional information in the chat. Eylat adds they are working on Loscon 52

**Fannish wellness:** Chris reports Chuck Donahue is fine, they had lunch this week. George Mulligan is down to under 300 lbs., but he is still not vertical, largely due to a diabetic foot ulcer that they've been working on for the past four and a half months which is possibly related to the one that kept him off his foot for the first 9 months after he got COVID and went in. But he is currently getting physical therapy. Lee Grixit asked if George can't at least get around on a wheelchair. Chris replied George is not strong enough to sit up or roll over in bed. He also mentioned Doug Finley, possibly a LASFS member or LASFS adjacent, whose birthday it is today. Chris is also going to visit Don Fitch tomorrow. Finally, he reports Selina Phanara's job hunt is not going well.

Eylat reported Heidi Nichols is doing and feeling much better, has more energy, and she was on the phone with Eylat almost an hour yesterday. She also reported that Joyce Sperling has been in the hospital for the last week or so. Her insurance company unfortunately denied the coverage on her rehabilitative therapy, so the hospital sent her home. She is virtually trapped in her home and can't even go up and down the stairs. Please send good thoughts her way. Eylat herself, on the other hand, is now walking up two flights of stairs, so she is definitely doing better.

Susie Searight said husband John saw his cardiologist today, and in the words of his cardiologist (quoting Christopher Eccleston) "Fantastic!" So much so that apparently as the



elevator was busted, John walked up the stairs to the sixth floor. "He said his legs felt like jelly." but he still did it.

Matt Mitchell had an echocardiogram. They found nothing wrong with his heart, no hole, no defect that might have caused the blood clot that precipitated his stroke. But they don't know where it came from. That's very hard to treat.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

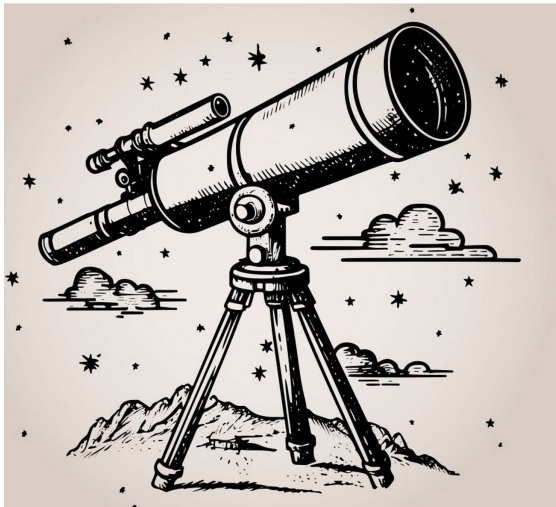
None

#### Timebound announcements:

Cathy reported the late Tony Todaro's Facebook page as apparently been hacked, as it has been generating some very puzzling and very scammy posts. "A \$20,000 car for \$7,000, give me a deposit to hold it," That kind of thing. Obviously Tony's Facebook page was not memorialized. Michelle contacted his widow Lily, who told her Facebook won't shut down Tony's page without a court order. Maybe if people keep reporting it, they will shut it down just to shut us up. Susie recommends Lily send Tony's death certificate to them. Apparently this had to be done with her late friend, the actor Camden Toy.

#### Science report:

Per Susan: astronomers have spotted what they think might be an interstellar object hurtling through the solar system. It is heading kind of inside of the orbit of Mars, and then out again. NASA has given it new official name 31/ATLAS, It's a comet, not an alien spaceship, you're still going to have to wait to hitch a ride.



Lee Grixit related that Researchers have found the lost mass of the universe. It's not great galactic strings, it's not dark matter, dark energy, Dark Helmet, just consolidated gases in deep space. So maybe the universe just needs Pepto Bismol.

Tom Safer spoke about Harrison Hagen Jack Schmidt, born on this day in July of 1935, American geologist and astronaut., Lunar Module Pilot on Apollo 17. He resigned in 1975 to run for the U.S. Senate, and was elected. Also mentioned by Tom were Samuel Proctor Massey and Jesse Douglas. Tom also noted that on this day in 1987, British millionaire. Richard Branson made the first crossing the Atlantic by hot air balloon, named Virgin Atlantic Flyer. From Maine to the Scottish coast in 33 hours; they set a new record for hot air ballooning. Finally, today, in 1841, John Couch Adams decided to determine the position of an unknown planet by the irregularities it causes in the motion of Uranus. This eventually led to the discovery of Neptune.

#### Regular announcements

CL announced USPS has issued a new stamp: Sponge-Bob SquarePants, who lives in a post office under the sea. Cathy asks if you lick the stamp, or do you use a sponge?

Chris mentioned that while he was out of town for a month, John Hertz left a long message on his voicemail about wanting assistance with emptying a storage unit. John's phone number was put in the chat to facilitate anyone following up with him to offer assistance, if needed.

Barbara Harmon wanted to ask if anybody knew somebody who's good with equipment. She has been having problems publishing APA-L and is looking for technical assistance. Various members offered advice, sight unseen. Cathy and Dean Johnson offered to stop by and take a look to see what the problems are and what can be done. Susan is also thinking of having Gene Turnbow talk to Barbara. Cathy gave Barbara her phone number and also invited her to stick around at the after-meeting.

Eylat announced *Strange New Worlds* returning July 17th, and promised lingering death to anyone who managed to stream episodes early and then post spoilers. Various members recommended her going into Airplane Mode,



more or less, for an unspecified interval before she is able to watch the episodes.

### Reviews

Lee reviewed *Squidgame*, describing the new episodes as even more “traumatic and appalling” than before.

Matthew reviewed the novel *Road to Roswell* by Connie Willis. Crazy-themed but whimsical. (*Sounds perfect for Bing and Bob. -ed.*)

CL said Me-TV is bringing back *the Adventures of Superman* with George Reeves.

Tom mentioned *Twilight Zone* marathons on H&I and SyFy.

Chris saw the live action *Lilo & Stitch*. He'd be willing to see it again if a friend wanted to, but...

By contrast Matthew did enjoy the live action version of *How to Train your Dragon*. Though he notes the actor playing Hiccup sounds a lot like Matthew Broderick as Ferris Bueller. For a few minutes, at least.

Tom reviewed *Sinbad & the Eye of the Tiger*, as “definitely worth your time.”

Cathy reminded us of the aftermeeting and put the link in the chat.

After reminding us to please be kind to our animals, because they do not like fireworks, Eylat moved to adjourn. Matt seconded, and the members overwhelmingly passed the motion and ran off into the night.

### **APA-L May Be Back**

**July 10, 2025**

**Meeting #4587**

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Matt Mitchell, Scribe

At 7:58 PM president Cathy Johnson called a 2 minute warning! Chris Marble asked if we should play “Sweet Georgia Brown” and dribble basketballs back and forth. Matt Mitchell theorized it was the little warning you hear before you die, as put forth by George Carlin. After wondering if that was related to the 7th inning stretch, Cathy called the meeting to order.

### Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings:

A brief discussion ensued, wherein it was decided that Nick Smith will continue, along with Susan Fox, as a committee of two to bring us this news. Programming, Honor Guard and Fannish Wellness will also continue under their present regimes.

Hatchings:

- The Dean of Science Fiction, Robert A. Heinlein (mentioned by Dean Johnson, appropriately enough)
- Ringo Starr, actor in the movie *Caveman*, and was involved in some rock band back in the sixties
- Actors Chiwetel Ejiofor and Ron Glass, both of whom were in *Serenity*
- Joe Schuster, co-creator of Superman
- Nikola Tesla, engineer and inventor
- Maribeth Mitchell, science fiction and horror fan, writer, LASFS member and Matt's late wife.

We appeared to have no media anniversaries or passings this week.

### Reading of the minutes for meeting #4586

Matthew Tepper bid \$5 to name the minutes “Excellent job, Matt.” Eylat Poliner moved to approve, and the members sustained at 8:28 p.m.

### Patron Saints:

**Marc Schermeister:** Charles Lee Jackson II described him as the world's wackiest cartoonist. He worked on many LASFS projects, APA-L covers, convention badges and even a Rose Parade float. Nick said when he did some work for him on an anthology, and said he was the only artist we ever had illustrate stories where the authors of the stories would thank us for assigning Mark to do the artwork. Eylat remembered that Marc drew cartoons on the whiteboard behind the president's desk at the clubhouse, and hopes somebody has photos of them somewhere.

Christian McGuire said Marc showed up to the 1st meeting at the Tyrone clubhouse with coolers with full of rare and unique sodas that he'd gotten at Galco's. Maybe he'll show up in December... Lee Grixit added “somebody donate a big freezer!” Craig Miller said Marc is a good guy, and a good friend. And he's been a member of LASFS going back to the Ventura Boulevard clubhouse back in the 70's. There was a bathroom with a window that you could see into from the backyard. Marc painted the outside gray, And on the inside it was

completely covered with faces looking at you. Marc was given three cheers and an APA-L cover.

#### Committee Reports

**Honor Guard:** CL reported that the spot of honor is held this month by Scifi.Radio.

**Registrar:** Matthew was thrilled to be able to do his job live for the first time. He pointed out member Chris Wilson attending the meeting, who held the same job 52 years ago. Our guest Emet Hirsch was inspired to come to the meeting by ChatGPT. He reads a lot of genre fiction, and in general said it's great to be here at his first meeting.

**Treasurer [Elayne Pelz]:** not everybody is paid their dues yet. Other than that, please donate to the club so we can pay our bills.

**Programming:** Eylat ran down the upcoming club programming. No major changes from last week, but a reminder about the potluck for the December 4th opening. Please coordinate with Eylat so we have don't have sixteen kinds of cups and no soda (unless Mark Schirmeister shows up...)

**Loscon 51** was at BayCon. We had a couple parties, it's on track for this year. **52**, they're waiting to hear back from a guest of honor.

**Fannish wellness:** Chris said Don Fitch was doing well, active and engaged. Geri Sullivan will be visiting him. She's publishing a special one-issue, one-shot fanzine with well wishes for him. Also there is a card the club is sending to him, which Susan facilitated the passing around for signatures. George Mulligan is still not vertical, but his foot is getting closer to being able to take weight, and he has lost more weight.

#### Old Business:

Susan Fox chimed in with a comment about the new clubhouse building: driving by the location this past week, they saw the bicycle shop appeared to be closed. The business' sign is apparently gone. However, as pointed out in the discussion, there is still several months of renovation to be done. We do have money for the contractor, but donations would be oh-so-welcome because then we won't have to spend money. "Does Home Depot have a bridal registry?" was asked, and then the members

discussed bringing random gallons of paint to make the new clubhouse look like Jackson Pollack did a drive-by.

#### New Business:

None

#### Program:

**Auction:** Christian McGuire once more played the auctioneer. Many items were donated and bid upon. Most of the stuff bought by Krystal Rains and Stephanie DeVoy, except for a Silk Scarf once owned by Fuzzy Pink Niven, won by Dean Johnson and given to our Madam President.

#### Timebound announcements

Tom Safer announced this Saturday at the Francis Goldman Howard Hollywood Regional Library he will be screening Walt Disney's *Fantasia*.

Gene Turnbow announced that his new novel *Juniper Fairchild and the Alterwhere* is available for pre-order on Amazon.

Scott Beckstead brought up a Tiktok channel dedicated for STEM. A nice change from teenagers dancing. Maybe someday teenagers will dance and then talk about STEM.

#### Moments of Science

Lee informed us about the latest iteration of the avian flu, H5N1, which has evolved faster evolutionary strategies to pirate extra genes out of other viruses. So it may exterminate us before AI has a chance to do so.

Speaking of which, CL has renamed artificial intelligence. It is now the Learning And Misinformation Engine. Or L-A-M-E.

Tom mentioned that on this date in 1925, the Scopes Monkey Trial began in Dayton, Tennessee, and ran for 12 days.

#### Reviews

Lee reviewed an audio show, *Wittenberg to Westphalia: The Wars to the Reformation*, about the history of Western Christianity and all its funky iterations.

Chris reviewed the latest *Jurassic Park* movie, to be as good as he expected. "There's only so many ways that people can get chased by dinosaurs."

Scott has been following a channel on YouTube called *7 Days of Science*, a weekly broadcast with a slant towards paleontology and anthropology.

Eylat related an adventure she and Deb had: an excursion to the Skirball Museum, to see the Noah's Ark exhibit, and the Jack Kirby Exhibit. The lights went out while they were in the Jack Kirby exhibit; it is being extending through September, and it's worth going to, with lots of history on Marvel and DC comics. The museum had to kick people out because it was dark and you're not supposed to use your flashlight on the exhibit.

Christian used this opportunity to get in a stealth motion to adjourn, which was seconded and approved at 9:15 p.m.

### **Board Meeting July 13, 2025**

Michelle Pincus, chairing  
Susan Fox, Secretary

Called to order: 11:01 a.m.

#### Present:

Chair Michelle Pincus, Vice Chair Matthew Tepper, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, Heide Nichols  
Non-Board Members: Kristine Cherry, Charles Lee Jackson II, Elizabeth Klein-Lebbink

Club member observers: Thomas Safer, Matt Mitchell

#### Minutes:

Approved

#### New Members:

None

#### Treasurer's Report [Elayne Pelz]:

In the main account: \$164,312.69

#### 30 Second Reports

**Chairman [Michelle Pincus]:** No report

**Vice Chairman [Matthew Tepper]:** No report

**Secretary [Susan Fox]:** No report

**Library [Gavin Claypool]:** Continuing to process Tony Benoun book donation

**Comptroller [Gavin Claypool]:** Investment account as of July 11, 2025: \$121,813.35

**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]:** **Loscon 51** table and parties at Baycon, no memberships sold. The marketing kit was lost; cashbox [empty], tablecloth, candy etc. Checked with hotel and Con Ops but never returned. We still have the tall banner. Postcards to be distributed at SDCC, and Worldcon.

**Loscon 52:** still waiting for GoH response. LASFS Grand Opening Open House at Thursday after Loscon, December 4<sup>th</sup>,

**Publications [Christian McGuire]** No report. Eylat: Heath Row has made a list of every Patron Saint and their information, from *De Profundis* and other sources, for upcoming meetings.

**Marketing and Recruitment [Michelle Pincus]:** No report

#### Significant Others

**Club President [Cathy Johnson]:** Still meeting on Zoom and In-Person/hybrid once a month with auctions. One recent guest found about us through Chat GPT!

**Webmistress [Kristine Cherry].** Put Grand Opening on the website? Not yet. Saints and their descriptions "Hagiography".

#### Business Before The Board:

**Requested by Charles Lee Jackson, II: Our new clubhouse.** In the past, for a new location, we have had a Grand Opening, and a more outreaching public event, Open House with speakers, auction, etc. on a Sunday sometime after the Grand Opening, for outreach to the community.



Dean: does the board need to authorize money for speakers, snacks etc.?

CL: usually this has an admission fee to cover expenses

Michelle suggests a Saturday in order to not conflict with Second Sunday board meetings

Elayne: Remember, there is NO KITCHEN; dishwashing in the bathroom.

Eylat: December 4 is the first Thursday after Loscon

Gavin: Likes the idea of an event to introduce us to the public but prefers a no-fee event.

Susan: Do we still have a soda machine?

Elayne is not sure, she has not seen it but does not remember getting rid of it

Dues to be collected on December 4, as a club meeting. There will probably be some meetings going on before but this is Official Grand Opening.

Christian: suggests late in January in order to avoid Anime LA

CL: Free or Ticketed? Board consensus seems to be Free, so CL will need to make a funding request for supplies in the fall.

### **Requested by Eylat Poliner: Future of**

**Loscon.** We are losing personnel to run the convention. Leaving the fandom or “over the rainbow.” Should Loscon 52 be the last Loscon and maybe start a new convention later on?

Our hotel contract ends with Loscon 52.

Cathy: 100% disagree. We have been growing the convention, this is our big event of the year

Heide: Understands that our revenue from Loscon was maintaining the club. Can we hear from Elayne to confirm?

Christian: we depended on Loscon for revenue as active club membership has dwindled, but this may change with new location.

Elayne: at this time, Loscon supplies half of our annual income. Most of the attending meeting members are life members so this is why Elayne solicits donations.

Michelle: Hotel Liaison Elizabeth needs time to negotiate.

Matthew: It is great that people who love media have their own conventions. If we get rid of Loscon, that's all that's left. Book reading, science, “fannishness” and other Loscon-specific topics are left without a con.

Loscon 50 had a panel on this subject, and Joyce Sperling was the one panelist who was ready to let Loscon go.

Gavin: Can you summarize why Joyce objected? She was tired and her health is problematic. She has asked Debra Levin to

succeed her to run the office. Are we really short on volunteers?

Michelle: we need about 100 volunteers to run a convention

Eylat: we had about 75 volunteers for last year's Loscon, and are struggling to get enough trained personnel for the committee positions

Gavin: perhaps if we want to continue Loscon, we need to look at structure and how to run it

Kristine: agrees with Matthew, we are the only Literary SF con in town. Only Blood Drive at a SF con in the area as well. We have probably lost people due to the lack of a club house, so the prospect of a new location should get more new people involved. Also concerned that the marketing department needs a break, or a new team.

Christian: points about the only Literary Con in Southern California, we should not take this for granted. Blood Drive for 35 years.

Heide: we need to train people to take over departments, as Eylat pointed out, younger people to succeed aging or dead, to keep a pipeline of people to preserve the knowledge.

We will have opportunities to reach out to community, like CSUN near the new club house, but we can not determine that now. Hotel contract for 2027 is not a pressing issue at this time, but we need to think about it now. Heide requests we bring this discussion to an end and discuss later.

CL: Odd situation between meeting on Zoom, previous in-person members drifted away, this affects camaraderie. New physical location provides more engagement, therefore greater potential volunteer pool. We need at least one more year or so to find out the influence of the new location on club and convention participation.

Christian: We don't need another five year hotel contract, we could negotiate a three or two year contract.

Elizabeth, hotel liaison: Christian's idea for a two year contract is a good one. She has not heard back from the hotel yet. Asks about Loscon 51 membership number? Elayne and Eylat will get that together. Likes the idea of new club house under way, and inviting the students in.

Gavin: Can we extend the existing hotel contract for an addition one year? We would need to ask the hotel. Elizabeth will ask.

Heide moves: Table this discussion for now, until January 2026. Motion passes.

**Requested by Kayla Allen (Kevin Stanlee's twin sister): Future of Westercon**

Westercon meeting had the first of two votes to revoke the by-laws to Westercon, dissolving the convention

LASFS holds the service mark, which has been renewed for nine years, so it is up to the convention meetings.

Charles: Westercon caters to much of the same audience as Loscon

Elayne: Westercon has only attracted under 100 in recent years, even when not combined with Loscon or Baycon.

Gavin: two choices: we do nothing and let it go, or accept applications from any western US cons to add the Westercon banner to their con.

Christian: Westercon was never intended as an attachment to other conventions, it sounds tired.

Matthew: History: Westercon combining with other convention is not new. Combined with Mythcon in 1972, ConChord in the 90s. It has had up and down times. But the past several years, Spike Con was Westercon, NaSFIC and a couple of author cons combined in Utah Michelle and Kayla were considering bidding for Reno for Westercon 80

Table until after the next Westercon meeting

**Requested by Kristine Cherry: form software for LASFS and Loscon websites**, including a

review of Loscon 50. Should we accept submission from non members for blog posts? Michelle does not want us to turn into a community forum, taking away attention from this club.

Kristine: could we set some guidelines?

Cathy: pending approval from the Webmistress: make it like meetings, they get one free posting and then should join the club

Michelle: no personal advertising, no kickstarters, etc.

Rob: We do need to determine rules for a blog like this, including marketing

Michelle and Kristine to meet offline

Heide: is there a place on the online form to direct them to club membership page?

Kristine: it's complicated but possible. Will discuss with Michelle

Rob: we need formal guidelines, so we need to add this to the by-laws?

Christian: it would simplify matters if only members but how do we enact that on the web site? Needs board approval

Kristine: Elayne will supply member list

Rob: that could be a great potential blog, but there are already sites out there for short stories,

etc.

Gavin: agrees with Christian

Eylat: members-only portal? Kristine says, maybe in the future.

Dean wants to call a vote for Michelle and Kristine to draft rules

Motion passed.

Open Forum

Thomas: new building has no kitchen. Is it possible to put one in?

Elayne: does not have answers until we get in there with the contractor. We need a place for refrigerator and drink machine, sink, but there's very little room for them.

Gavin: Where do we stand with the new work on the club house?

Elayne: we get access on the last of July and get the contractor in there to work up what needs to be done.

Heide: Do we have a mission statement for Loscon? She could not locate it.

Elayne has one and will forward to Heide, who is writing for grants.

Heide: a mover local to LA to recommend, to move stuff into the club house, when we are ready.

Matthew also has a great mover, his family has used them for years.

Green Mountain will move our stuff to our location, it's part of our storage contract with them.

CL: as an administrator of the LASFS Facebook page, he only approves submissions that apply to the club or its members. An author we don't know with long excerpts; jokes or rambling stories; these get referred to the LASFS Free-For-All Facebook page.

**Next meeting date:** September 14, 11:00 a.m.  
[Ordinary 2nd Sunday in August is the weekend before Worldcon in Seattle, some board members may be in transit?]

Adjournment at 12:28 p.m.

**Long Ago Minutes**

**July 17, 2025**

**Meeting #4588**

Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Matt Mitchell, Scribe



A fascinating discussion of names being passed down with suffixes, by luminaries as diverse as Frederick Pohl, Tyrone Power, George Foreman and Nancy Sinatra, was terminated by the call to order by president Cathy Johnson at 8:01 p.m.

#### Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]

##### Hatchings:

- Billy Lourd, actor in *Star Wars* films and daughter of Carrie Fisher
  - J. Michael Straczynski, creator of *Babylon 5*
- Media anniversaries:

- Disneyland opens in 1955
- *Apollo-Soyuz*, the handshake in space in 1975

##### Passings:

- Gregory Hart, *Doctor Who* fan, technical director for Gallifrey One for a dozen years. He was remembered by Cathy and by Matt Mitchell. A minute of silence was observed by the members.

The minutes of meeting 4587 were read. The winning bid to name was \$10 from Barbara Harmon: "APA-L May Be Back!" Eylat Poliner moved to approve. The motion passed at 8:18 p.m.

#### Patron Saints:

**Bill Curry** was this week's Patron Saint. Chris Marble remembered that he was a book vender. Apparently Bill wore what Chris thought was called a beanie back in the day, or more commonly referred to a stocking cap nowadays. Eylat Poliner consulted the Book of Armaments, or rather, the Patron Saints list recently mentioned in meetings. Bill appeared on the rosters of L.A. Con, MythCon, IguanaCon, and others. He donated materials to an auction that provided funds to the Down Under Fan Fund. He was a frequent attendee of LASFS in the 70s when the club met at a park. Bill was given three cheers and a good paperback book.

#### Committee Reports:

**Honor Guard [Charles Lee Jackson II]:** The spot of honor is SciFi.Radio - Sci-fi for your Wi-Fi.

**Registrar:** Matthew Tepper reported no first time guests this evening.

**Treasurer:** Elayne Pelz said we currently have 1 non paying member, and to please donate.

**Board of Directors:** Michelle Pincus reported there will be no board meeting in August, possibly due to Worldcon. Next BoD meeting will be September 14th. Contain your disappointment.

**Programming** Eylat recited the July & August programming, reminding us that next week Mary G. Thompson will do a reading for one of her stories.

**Loscon 51:** Eylat reminded us that this is happening Thanksgiving weekend at the LAX Hilton. Guests of Honor were listed in the chat. Anyone wanting to place art in the Art Show, if you want a dealers table, or if you want to have a hotel room, book early, book often.

**Fannish wellness:** Chris visited George Mulligan. He's doing okay, he's working on his problem foot. Selina Phenara is still job hunting

Eylat reported Heidi Nichols is not doing well. She barely could speak, she was in so much pain. She also said Joyce Sperling is not doing well either. She is barely able to get out of bed and walk around. Eylat suggested, as both Heidi and Joyce are club members, we can send them cards as we sent to Don Fitch. Matt will send them cards, pursuant to the traditional duty of the Scribe

CL reported that his sister Margaret has three broken ribs, most likely when one of her doctors was performing a procedure, and one rib punctured her lung. They apparently couldn't tell because the lung still functioned, the only apparent symptom was an elevated white blood cell count. Lawyers are being consulted.

#### Old Business:

Reporting on the new clubhouse building, Elayne said the bicycle shop people are on track to leave at the appointed time. She is going over on August 4th with our contractor and Dean Johnson to go over the building thoroughly. And she would rather that the lookie-loos stayed home.

No New Business managed to sneak onto the agenda this week.

#### Timebound announcements:

CL announced Stephen Colbert's show is canceled. CBS/Paramount Claiming that it

really has something to do with complicated financial matters, and not with political pressure from Washington. In other news, swampland on Arrakis has just opened up.

Eylat begged everyone not to give any spoilers on the *Strange New Worlds* premiere. Cathy and Dean had to rewatch the previous season because it has been a couple of years. The members agreed to not let any spoilers be mentioned before the guillotine had to be hauled out of storage.

From there, exercising presidential fiat, which could be just a car she used to own, Cathy called for Reviews:

Eylat reviewed *Continuum*, a time-travel show on Amazon Prime. She also again mentioned the Jack Kirby exhibit at the Skirball Museum. Finally, she mentioned that she, Debra Levin and Matthew Tepper went to see *Superman*, and she enjoyed it so much she'd pay to see it again!

Matthew added this is the *Superman* movie he's been waiting for since the 80s. He praised the superb casting, especially the Jimmy Olsen who actually has red hair, and the best Lex Luthor. CL chimed in, saying the director James Gunn seemed very knowledgeable about DC comics but wondered why Superman's outfit didn't look like it was sewn together by Ma Kent. Barbara added that she saw it with her grandson and they both liked it, but she found the music uninspiring.

Tom Safer reviewed the 1963 film *Captain Sinbad*, with Guy Williams, saying it was worth picking up. CL agreed it was a remarkable little film, though perhaps not as good as *The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad*, but this movie had a surprising number of mechanical effects on a shoestring budget.

#### Science report:

Tom Safer presented the following luminaries:

- Monsignor Georges Lematre, Belgian cosmologist and ordained priest, who among other things in 1927 formulated the modern Big Bang Theory
- Barnabi Oriani, Italian astronomer, geodesicist, and priest, (lots of scientist/clergymen this week!) who found the Virgo Cluster Galaxies;
- Mary Leakey, the wife of Dr. Louis Leakey, found what was later classified as an

#### *Australopithecus.*

Dean Johnson reported that Peter Jackson of *The Lord of the Rings* fame has donated/ invested \$14 million to bring back the extinct New Zealand Moa, a flightless bird similar to the ostrich. As if he didn't get into enough trouble with that *King Kong* movie...

Lee Grixit mentioned a new technique of in-vitro fertilization has apparently successfully overcome a genetic deficiency in the mitochondria. On the other hand, it will completely screw up the ancestry breakdown you would get from 23 And Me.

Cathy and Dean showed a quick video they took in their backyard of the Dragon spacecraft re-entering the atmosphere, bringing back four astronauts from the ISS, before splashing down near Long Beach.

#### Regular announcements/Miscellaneous

Tom announced he's turning 65 next Wednesday, to the derisive remarks of the many geezers in the membership.

CL spotted the first Halloween-themed food item: Pumpkin spice Swiss Miss cocoa mix. He's pretty sure the early appearance of such holiday items is due to the impending tariffs ... but what has their excuse been for the last thirty years? Lee Grixit mentioned leftover Halloween candy from his local Democratic club, with Tootsie Rolls that none dare take because they don't know how old they are!

And on that scary note, Cathy reminded us of the aftermeeting, and Eylat moved to adjourn, as if daring someone to try to sneak it past her again. Tom seconded, and the members upheld the motion at 9:11 p.m. so they could go watch *Strange New Worlds*.

#### **LASFS Has Lost Its Marbles**

**July 24, 2025**

**Meeting #4589**

Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Matt Mitchell, Scribe

The members were playing with the new chat feature on Zoom when the call to order by president Cathy Johnson came at 8:04 p.m.

### Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

Nick Smith reported on these Hatchings:

- Lord Dunsany, writer of novels, short stories, plays, poems, and nonfiction.
- John D. MacDonald, writer of thrillers, science fiction and fantasy, including *The Girl of the Gold Watch*, and *Everything*,
- Robert Greenburger, writer for Starlog & DC Comics, and of Star Trek novels.
- Colleen Doran, comics artist and writer of *A Distant Soil*
- Charlie Jane Anders, writer

Susan Fox contributed:

- Lynda Carter, actress, TV's *Wonder Woman*.
- Kristin Chenoweth, actress & singer from *Pushing Daisies* and *Wicked* on Broadway
- Summer Glau, actress and dancer, notably on *Firefly*

Media anniversaries [Nick] :

- 1952, *Black Hawk: Fearless Champion of Freedom*, adapted from the Will Eisner comic book
- 1985, *The Black Cauldron* (Disney)

Nick reported on the passings of:

- Julian LeFey AKA Benny Jensen, game designer, computer programmer, and musician, designed games for PCs, Amiga, and Nintendo games.
- Malcolm Jamal Warner, actor, co-starred in a science fiction series on Showtime called *Jeremiah*.
- Charles Augins, dancer & choreographer, best know for *Red Dwarf*
- Tom Troupe, actor, played roles in *Star Trek*, *Man From UNCLE*, and *Night Gallery*,
- Harry Standjofski, voice actor for *Assassin's Creed* and other games
- Jimmy Hunt, actor, starred in *Invaders from Mars*

Susan reported on the passings of:

- Ozzy Osborne
- Hulk Hogan

Tad Daley further waxed about John D. MacDonald's character Travis McGee. Larry Niven said, "He's one of the guys I'm trying to write like." Matthew Tepper mentioned a MacDonald short story "Ring Around the Redhead."



The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Susan moved to go directly to the program, because our guest is on the East Coast. The motion was passed by the members.

Mary G. Thompson read a couple of chapters from her novella, *One Level Down*, and then took questions from the members.

Afterwards, we returned to the regular order of business. Eylat Poliner bid \$5 to name the minutes "Long Ago Minutes" Approval of minutes occurred at 9:09 p.m. (*That may be a record for the interval between the reading of the minutes and the approval...and if it's not, I don't want to know.* - ed)

### Patron Saints:

After Charles Lee Jackson II informed us what constitutes a Patron Saint, we honored, first, **Ed Green**. Chris Marble called him a great guy, a hard worker and great at hustling funds for the club. Cathy added that he was a great auctioneer. CL remarked that Ed was a mere boy when he came to LASFS, becoming in essence an adopted son of Len & June Moffet. Ed went into the service, then came right back, and served as President for many terms.

Matthew Tepper added that he came up with the order of business / agenda for the meetings. Tom Safer said Ed gave him a film screening day, which occurred until the clubhouse closed. CL added that Ed went from living an honest life to becoming an actor. Cathy remarked that she and Ed are still good friends, even after she broke his record of LASFS presidential terms. (For the record, Matthew Tepper holds the record for *consecutive* presidential terms) Three cheers were given by the members.

As for our other Patron Saint, **Tom Safer**, Eylat said he ain't heavy, he's her brother. But seriously, she praised him not only for his personal support, but all the work he's done for LASFS and LosCon. Chris says he has always enjoyed the Saturday morning cartoons Tom has shown. Matthew called him a good friend and a good singer. CL was impressed that Tom is a member of 72 Sheets (ya kinda had to be there). Annamarie Safer chimed in, saying Tom was a wonderful husband of 33 years. Tom was given Three cheers as well.

### Committee Reports

**Honor Guard:** CL announced the Spot of Honor is being held by Scifi.Radio, and praised their service to the club.

**Registrar:** Matthew introduced guest Maria Larsen. Originally from Norway, moved to LA a year ago to start her PhD in literature at UCLA. She heard about us about a year ago, and came because she really wanted to join a s-f literary club.

**Treasurer:** Neither Elayne Pelz nor Debra Levin were in the meeting at this time, but the members were properly browbeaten about paying dues and donating.

**Board of Directors:** Michelle Pincus reminded us: no Board of Directors in August, due largely to Worldcon, the next one on September 14th on this Zoom channel.

Eylat put all the information for **Loscon 51** and programming for upcoming LASFS meetings in the chat. Nick added that the Loscon programming committee is meeting regarding panels and panelists. Carol Wuenschell wanted to know how to be a panelist at Loscon; Nick directed her to the links on the con website, and to the committee members, especially head of programming Arlene Busby.

**Fannish wellness:** Bowing to the pressure of time, Chris merely stated that neither George Mulligan nor Selina Phanara are dead.

### Miscellaneous

Peter Santell said that John D. MacDonald's fiction can be found in the *Other Times*, *Other Worlds* collection. Tom mentioned that Nick took him to Vidiots, where the novelty of renting DVDs still takes place.

Eylat moved to adjourn, and the members sustained the motion, rather than sustain the meeting any further, at 9:36 p.m.

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### **Upcoming Meeting Programming December 2025**

**December 4:** Grand Opening of the new clubhouse. Celebration/potluck – coordinate food and fun with Eylat Poliner. Nominations for president. (Hereafter In-person/hybrid live meetings at the clubhouse.)

**December 11:** Procedural officer elections

**December 18:** No Program

**December 25:** Thomas Safer presents Christmas cartoons.



### **Upcoming Conventions**

**November 1-2:** Anime-nia Fall, Fresno  
<https://www.anime-nia.org>

**November 1:** Madera Toy-Anime-Comic Con  
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

**November 2:** Hanford Toy-Anime-Comic Con  
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

**November 2:** Mouse-Con, Concord, CA  
<https://mouse-con.com/home.shtml>

**November 7-9:** PAWCon, San Jose  
<https://pacanthro.org>

**November 7-9:** Silicon Valley Fandomcon, San Jose  
<https://fandomcon.com/silicon-valley>

**November 8-9:** Anime Expo Chibi, Ontario  
<https://axchibi.org>

**November 8-9:** Anime Pasadena  
<https://www.animepasadena.com>

**November 14-16:** California Cup, Pomona, CA  
<https://www.bestcoastpairings.com/event/Joi1Jmyg3EX>

**November 14-17:** KublaCon Fall, Burlingame  
<https://kublacon.com/kublacon-fall>

**November 15:** Anime Destiny, Berkeley  
<https://animedestiny.cal.moe>

**November 15-16:** YumeCon USA, San Jose, CA  
<https://yumeconusa.com/>

**November 15-16:** Fresno Comic Expo  
<https://www.fresnocomic.com>

**November 16:** Santa Rosa Toy-Anime-Comic Con <https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

**November 21-23:** San Diego Anime Con  
<https://sandiegoanimecon.com>

**November 22:** Board Game Extravaganza, Modesto, CA  
<https://www.brushupyourgame.com/events/board-game-extravaganza>

**November 22:** Clovis Toy-Anime-Comic Con  
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

**November 22-23:** Anime 619, San Diego  
<https://anime619.com>

**November 22-23:** Bakersfield Comic-Con  
<https://bakersfieldcomiccon.com>

**November 23:** Porterville Toy-Anime-Comic Con <https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

**November 28-30:** LosCon 51, Los Angeles  
<https://loscon.org>

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### Upcoming Events

**November 1:** *Back to the Future* 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary screening at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

**November 1:** *Making Monsters: Inside Stories of the Creators of Hollywood's Most Iconic Creatures* signing by author Howard Berger at Vroman's Bookstore, Pasadena

**November 1:** *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

**November 2:** *Deadly Ever After* discussion with author Brittany Johnson at Octavia's Bookshelf, Pasadena

**November 3:** *The Brood* and *Dracula* (2025) screenings at the Los Feliz Theater

**November 3:** *The Return of Godzilla* screening at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

**November 4:** *Lifeforce* screening at Vidiots,

Eagle Rock

**November 4:** *Lightbreakers* reading & discussion with author Aja Gabel at Skylight Books, Los Angeles

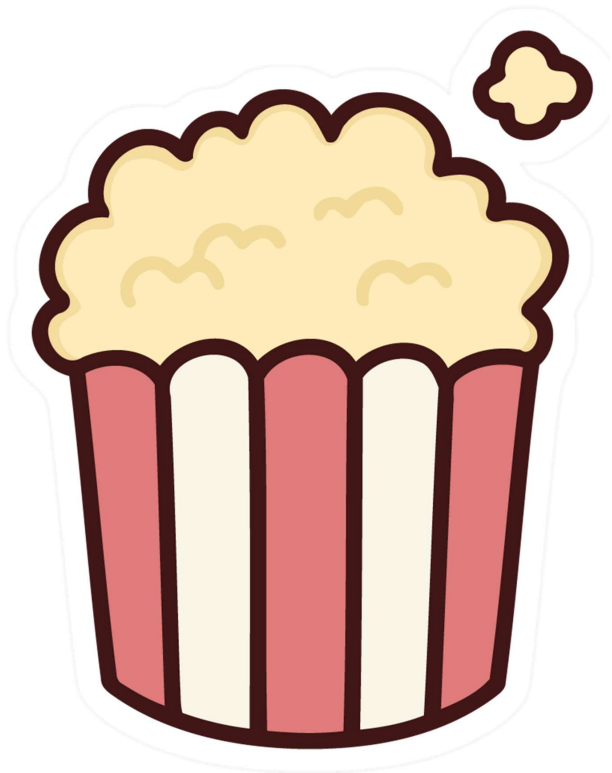
**November 8:** *The Never-Ending Story* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

**November 8:** *Eternal Ruin* discussion author Tiget Girma at Vroman's Bookstore, Pasadena

**November 8:** *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

**November 9:** *Ed Wood* screening at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

**November 10:** *Burnt Offerings* screening at the Los Feliz Theater



**November 11:** *The Descent* screening at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

**November 12:** *Roadside Picnic* by Boris and Arkady Strugatsky: Reading Orbit at Dennys, Garden Grove. Email: [cdcurl@aol.com](mailto:cdcurl@aol.com)

**November 15:** *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater



**November 15:** *Zombie* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

**November 15:** *Forbidden Planet* screening at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

**November 16-27:** *Keeper*: screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**November 22:** *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

**November 22:** Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous, hosted by Mary, Devon and Richard Creasy, in person and on Zoom.  
<https://conchord.org/lafaad.html>

**November 24:** *The Curse of the Werewolf* screening at the Los Feliz Theater

**November 28:** *The Wizard of Oz* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

**November 29:** *Jurassic Park* screening at the Los Feliz Theater

**November 29:** *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

**November 29:** *Back to the Future* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

**November 29-30:** *Batman Returns* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

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).

- *Films Fantastic* No. 20 (National Fantasy Fan Federation, September 2025)
- *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 84 No. 9 (N3F, September 2025)
- *Miles J. Bruer, M.D.: Poems from the Pulps* (Jaroslav Olsa, Jr.; courtesy Jean-Paul Garnier and Space Cowboy Books)
- *N'APA* No. 278 (N3F, September 2025)
- *Starship Express* Vol. 38 No. 9 (Science Fiction Association of Bergen County, September 2025)
- *A Gentle Stroll* (RPG APA) #5 (N3F, October 2025)
- *Starship Express* Vol. 38 No. 10 (SFABC, October 2025)
- *OASFiS Event Horizon* Vol. 38 Issue 452 (Orlando Area Science Fiction Society, October 2025)
- *N3F Fan Gazette* Vol. 5 No. 5 (October 2025)
- *Origins* No. 72 (N3F, Fall 2025)
- *Ionisphere* No. 48, (N3F, October 2025)

### Available Fanzines

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

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### 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:

- *Probe* No. 205 (Science Fiction and Fantasy South Africa, September 2025)