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Thursday Program Items

December 4: Nominations for president.

December 11: Hybrid meeting at Denny's / Procedural officer elections

December 18: No Program

December 25: CLJ II reading to the members

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July-December 2025

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Scribe: Matthew Mitchell
Treasurers: Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz

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Condensed Cream of Menace

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

Bored Now

July 31, 2025

Meeting #4590

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Matt Mitchell, Scribe

President Cathy Johnson managed to have her cup of tea in hand in time to call the meeting to order at precisely 8:00 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith and Susan Fox]

Hatchings:

Nick gave us the birthdays of the following, the first of whom he has met in person:

- Ted Cassidy, known as Lurch on *The Addams Family*, and three roles on Star Trek (Ruk the Android and the voices of the Gorn captain and Balok, who turned out to be a mannequin), but also a talented voice actor and radio personality.
- Steve Miller, author who did his best work on the series he and his wife Sharon Lee created, the Liaden series.
- John Joseph Adams, assistant editor of the *Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, co-creator of *Lightspeed Magazine*

Susan contributed these additional Hatchings:

- Tami Stronach, The Childlike Empress in *The Neverending Story*.
- Michael Biehn, known for his roles in James Cameron's science fiction films, including *The Terminator*, *Aliens*, and *The Abyss*; later in *Walking Dead* and *The Mandalorian*.
- France Nuyen, *Star Trek* guest star in the title role of "Elaan of Troyius", as well as roles in *Battle For The Planet of the Apes*, *The Joy Luck Club* and so much more.

Nick gave us the following Media Anniversaries:

- 1930, The Shadow debuted, (albeit as a radio narrator rather than protagonist.)
- 1942, *The Invisible Agent* movie. Several actors would claim he represents them.

Susan added that in 2000, Toby McGuire was announced to be starring as *Spider-Man*

Passings:

Nick reported the passing of Tom Lehrer, known for songs *The Elements*, *Poisoning Pigeons in the Park*, and *The Masochism Tango*. He threw his entire catalog into public domain for

everyone's enjoyment.

Susan brought up Ozzy Osbourne, whose songs *Iron Man*, *Bark at the Moon* and *Planet Caravan* are fandom-adjacent.

Reading of the minutes for #4589

Cathy corrected the minutes in regard to the record number of presidential terms was *consecutive*, not total. Matthew Tepper currently has the record of consecutive terms, although it may have been surpassed because we apparently haven't been paying attention. Lee Grixit remarked that it's fortunate LASFS does not commemorate this with marble statues. Dean Johnson added that we've all lost our marbles, a pun for which even his wife insisted he pay. Appropriately enough Eylat bid \$5 to name the minutes: "LASFS has lost its marbles". The members voted to approve at 8:18 p.m.

Patron Saints:

Sean Cleary: Chris Marble remembered he was a fan of all genres, but primarily a furry; he is apparently living in Portland and working as a security guard. Nick is still in touch with him, and though he does not live near any major fannish groups, he does participate in filksinging on Zoom. Eylat Poliner consulted the Necronomicon, or rather, the Patron Saint archive, and found him on the membership list of Loscon 36, and that he also participated in L.A. Filkers Anonymous for many years. Sean was given 3 cheers, that were not nearly as well choreographed as some filksongs.

David Okumora: Cathy remembered that David made models for Loscon & origami objects. Susan met him on the extinct online

Clubhouse Opening

Currently, the Grand Opening of the new LASFS clubhouse has been pushed back at least a few weeks. A couple of minor problems with the clubhouse, as well as the inclement weather in the L.A. basin, and Loscon 51, are preventing the club from moving in at this time. We will notify the members when the Board decides on a new date. Thank you for your continued patience.

service eWorld, and recognizing a fan at first sight, pointed him in the direction of fandom and LASFS. Nick knew David had moved down to Orange County for family reasons. He remembered David writing a number of filksongs, including some based on H.P. Lovecraft, and won several competitions at Loscon over the years. Eylat said David contributed toilet seat covers and toilet paper to the club. (In a post-COVID world, this does not seem trivial.) He attended several Loscons and Condors, and was a frequent contributor during Moments of Science during LASFS meetings. Matthew remembered that when the club met at the Directors' Guild, David brought in a clapboard, the kind used in making movies and TV, and it was used to start meetings. MaryAnn Canfield wrote in the chat that David helped her park at the clubhouse. Marc Silver added that David was a great filker and that he got Marc interested in paper crafting. Michelle Pincus managed to place a call to David, and discovered he is currently in the hospital with a heart condition. She passed the best wishes of the LASFS membership to him for a speedy recovery. David was given 3 cheers and a teeny tiny airplane.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: As Sci.Radio's tenure in the spot of honor was drawing to a close, Charles Lee Jackson II explained the significance of the spot of honor, and the auction thereof. \$20 was bid by Eylat to have **LosCon 51** occupy the spot for the month of August.

Registrar: Matthew announced Orty Ortwein, author of *The First Geeks*, who has been with us before and did a reading a while back. Another old member, David Brian Doering, who saw the Burbank clubhouse from the liquor store across the street, stopped in this evening.

Treasurer: Elayne said that some of the attendees had not paid their dues, and reminded us that next week is a new month. Plus, donations are welcome anytime.

Board of Directors: Michelle reminded us: No August Board of Directors meeting on calendar; the next one will be on September 14th.

Loscon 51: Eylat put all the pertinent information in the Chat:

Writer Guest of Honor: Ursula Vernon/T Kingfisher

Artist Guest of Honor: Benton Jew

Music Guest of Honor: Lynn Gold

Fan Guest of Honor: Tadao Tomomatsu

Link: www.loscon.org

...as well as the **Programming** from now until December:

August 7: Maria Rodrigues presents "From Imagination to Reality." A guide to costuming.

August 14: Denny's hybrid / Auction

August 21: Members to discuss their first experience with LASFS / Fandom

August 28: Dr. Susie HoneyBee Searight presents BADASS and SF

September 4: Larry Niven reads "Potlatch"

September 11: Denny's hybrid/ Nominations and Vote for the Forry Award

September 18: – Gene Turnbow does a reading from his new book

September 25: Anthony Eichenlaub does a reading to the club

October 2: Andrew Plotkin – Interactive website presentation

October 9: Denny's hybrid / Auction

October 23: Mark Poliner Presents Free-masonry

October 30: CLJII reads to the club members

November 5: Board Nominations

November 13: Denny's hybrid / Board Elections

November 20: Evan J. Peterson does a reading

November 27: Meeting at Loscon

December 4: Grand Opening Celebration/ potluck and nominations for President. Coordinate with Eylat Poliner

December 11: Procedural Elections

December 25: Thomas Safer presents Christmas cartoons

For our Program, Craig Miller read excerpts from his books, *Star Wars Memories* and *More Movie Memories*. Afterward, Craig answered questions and participated in lively discussions about merchandising and autographs from Sith Lords. At one point Craig's cat tried to take over



his screen, prompting several members to ask if the cat had appeared three times or if he needed to pay dues. Matt said that we shouldn't *kibble* about it, resulting in a pun fine.

This week, the **Fannish Wellness Committee** presented its finding in the chat. Chris wrote that George McUrso (Mulligan), Selina Phanara and Don Fitch are not dead. Eylat added Joyce Sperling and Heide Nichols to the Land of the Living. Matt has traded emails recently with Joanne Dow, who is still alive "despite some determined efforts by fate to alter that state." Also, Steve Smyth has recovered some of his eyesight and has posted on Facebook.

Neither Old Business nor New Business managed to slither under the door since last week.

Cathy compressed the announcements and reviews and whatnot into a big ball of wibbly-wobbley stuff. Lee Grixit reported on the recent development of the next best thing to tricorders: a photoencephalograph that can see the faint light from brain activity through the skull.

Matt proclaims that *Fantastic Four: First Steps* finally gets the FF properly on film. Cathy and Dean have seen it and concur.

Nick reviewed a documentary called *The Hobby: Tales from the Tabletop*, about the fandom of board gaming. He saw it at the Lemmle theater, but it's available on Amazon and Apple and other streaming services.

CL noticed more signs of encroaching Halloween, such as pumpkin Snickers bars at the 7-Eleven, and Halloween programming on the Food Network starting late August.

Cathy slid a reminder of the aftermeeting before Eylat moved, and Willard Stone seconded, the motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m.

Wish You Were Here

August 7, 2025

Meeting #4591

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Matt Mitchell, Scribe

Talk of iced tea with lemon, sheet music, Costco switching to Coca-Cola and talking like Damon Runyon characters, was gaveled to death by the

call to order by president Cathy Johnson at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

Nick Smith started off the Hatchings with:

- Billy Burke, AKA Glinda the Good Witch in *The Wizard of Oz*
- Jane Adams, actress and violinist
- Jerry Pournelle, s-f writer and LASFS Patron Saint
- Paul Dini, writer & animator, creator of *Batman: The Animated Series*

Susan Fox continued with:

- David Duchovny, actor, of *The X-Files*
 - Cirroc Lofton, actor, of *Deep Space Nine*
- Nick commemorated the following Media anniversaries:

- 1985, *Real Genius*
- 1962, *Wonderful Worlds of Brothers Grimm*

Chris Marble contributed that *Masters of the Universe* debuted today in 1987. And Susan related that, while not a media anniversary, this week in 1976, *Viking 2* entered orbit around Mars, facilitated in part by LASFS' own Dan Alderson.

Passings:

Nick remembered:

- Loni Anderson, actor and voice artist
- Nando Angelini, Italian actor
- Angelo Maria Ricci. Italian illustrator and comics artist

Susan added:

- Kelly Mack, actress

After the previous meeting's minutes were read, Susan bid \$5 to name them "Bored Now." Dean Johnson moved to accept and the members approved the minutes at 8:21 p.m.

Patron Saints:

Ed Hooper: Sadly, no longer with us. Eylat Poliner is posting a picture of Ed, herself, Matthew Tepper and Debra Levin going to see *Guardians of the Galaxy* on Facebook. Matthew described Ed as a big puppy dog: unruly, loud, but very adorable. Chris got close to Ed while they were running errands together. Three cheers and a Linux installation were given!

Tim Merrigan: Chris says Tim was always in the back room, editing De Prof or APA-L, just being one of the reliable folks for getting things done...when we actually did things. Charles Lee Jackson II remembered Tim was one of a number of LASFS members who became an animal character in the Brontosaurus and Toad

comics he was doing. Tim wanted to be a Manx cat, with a prosthetic tail, CL gave him one that he had to drag behind him in a little red wagon. Cathy read from the List of Adrian Messenger, or rather the Patron Saints, that Tim was involved in fanzines for a while. Three cheers were given.

Jerry Pournelle: Larry Niven met him while they were young. His favorite collaborator on over 40 projects together...most notably dismantling the Soviet Union using a program called "Star Wars." (No, they did not write the movies, this was the Strategic Defense Initiative). And the odd novel or two. Michelle Pincus said Jerry was a good friend to all of LASFS, and an *ad hoc* mentor to young writers with freely-given advice. CL remembered that Jerry was an early advocate of digital self-publishing, and encouraged CL to publish his own books electronically, which he found both mellow and profitable. Barbara Harmon mentioned that her cousin who works in engineering knew Jerry from his scientific work in rocket combustion. Three especially loud cheers were given for Dr. Pournelle.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CL reports that the Spot of Honor is held by **Loscon 51** "Tell Me A Story."

Registrar: Matthew reported no guests tonight, although there was a mysterious participant named "Dave" who was lurking about.

Treasurer: Elayne reminded us that it's a new month, so it's \$15 for the month, and that goes for Zoomers, too.

Board of Directors: Michelle confirmed our next Board meeting on September 14th, 11:00 a.m., same Zoom channel.

Loscon 51 and Club Programming: Eylat supplied all that info in the chat.

For the meeting's program, Maria Rodriguez made a presentation: "From Imagination to Reality." A guide to costuming. She then took questions and comments from the members. This did lead to a discussion of a sewing workshop meeting regularly when the new clubhouse opens.

Fannish wellness:

Chris reported that George Mulligan is using

heavier weights, so he is making progress. Michelle spoke to David Okamura again. He's still having health and financial issues but he is excited about the new clubhouse.

Matt reported that Time Meddler Andrea Spilholtz had Comic-con crud, but is recovering nicely. Eylat says Joyce Sperling is lonely, and would love getting phone calls. Dr. Susie Searight says husband John graduated from cardiac rehab. And Larry let us know that his cast is off! He still has to wear the brace for six weeks.

Regular announcements

CL found out that Dean Cain, of *Lois and Clark*, is joining ICE! This prompted multitudes of "Kneel Before Zod" pictures on Facebook. Matthew advised carrying Kryptonite around with you.

Eylat said hooking up her laptop directly by wire to her new internet is working.

Timeboard announcements

Nick reported Annabelle's Book Club on Ventura Boulevard will be hosting a signing in a couple of weeks: Holly Overton, for her book *A Mother's Guide to the Apocalypse*. Also, Crystal Lake Nightmares, a convention for Friday the 13th movie series fans, is happening this weekend at the LAX Hilton. Finally, the musical *It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's Superman* will be at the Broadwater theater in Los Angeles this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Eylat moved to adjourn, and the members sustained the motion, faster than a speeding bullet, at 9:24 p.m

I Wasn't There

August 14, 2025

Meeting #4592

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Matt Mitchell, Scribe

After the members re-arranged the deck chairs on the *Titanic*, well, actually re-arranged the dining chairs of the Denny's, president Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith, flying solo this week]

Hatchings:

- George Sawaya, actor, stuntman & stand-in

- Alice Ghostly, actress (*Bewitched*)
- Alexei Panchin, author of fiction and nonfiction
- Jim Wynorski, director (*Return of Swamp Thing*)
- James Horner, composer (*Star Trek II-III*)
- Brannon Braga, writer and producer (*Trek, BSG*)

Media anniversaries:

- 50th anniversary of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

Passings:

- Ray Brooks, actor, several roles in *Doctor Who*

Reading of the minutes of meeting #4591

Christian McGuire bid \$5 to name the minutes "Wish You Were Here." Eylat moved to accept, Christian seconded and the minutes were approved at 8:16 p.m.

Patron Saints:

Mark Bilan, brother of longtime LASFS member Greg Bilan. Christian said he was Greg's caretaker after Greg moved in with him in the Bay Area. Cathy met him some years ago. Three cheers for giving money to a club his brother enjoyed.

Bjo Trimble: Cathy read *On the Good Ship Enterprise*, which amongst other things talked about LASFS and fandom. Barbara Harmon knew her after Bjo returned from military service, and how she thought of incorporating LASFS and selling shares to get a Gestetner. Charles Lee Jackson II says she called him the conscience of the LASFS. Lee Grixit's girlfriend met her at convention and they discussed *Doctor Who*. Nick recalled her skill as a cartoonist, including contributing covers for the Filk-Harmonic Songbooks. He also related that Bjo talked his college roommate into going on the *Star Trek* march to NBC. Tom Safer came to her house, met her daughters Lora and Katwen and found Bjo a wonderful conversationalist. Matthew Terpper added that in addition to her and John's own daughters, she also fostered Jennifer Jumper. Three cheers for Bjo!

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CL mentioned that the spot of Honor was currently several miles away, but affirmed it was still being held by **Loscon 51**, "Tell Me a Story." He then took the time to reiterate the tradition of the Spot in the context of the club.

Registrar: Matthew Terpper reported we are members only tonight. Insert the usual cool-jackets joke.

Treasurer [Debra Levin]: Elayne Pelz is at Worldcon, promoting next year's Worldcon and Loscon. Everybody is paid! Donate, don't spend.

Board of Directors: Michelle Pincus was actually in the house, well, the Denny's anyway. September 14th is the next Board meeting, on the usual Zoom.

Loscon 51: Susan stashed the info in the chat. Loscon 51 is well represented at Worldcon this weekend. Eylat also mentioned Strategicon. **Loscon 52** is struggling to find a Writer Guest of Honor, but the struggle continues.

Programming: Eylat reminded us that next week, members discuss their first intro to fandom. She then read the remaining program items through December. Susan also posted it in the chat.

Fannish wellness: Chris Marble is at Worldcon this week, so no report from him. Eylat reported that Joyce Sperling is doing better, but still wants phone calls. Heidi Nichols, however, is not doing well, as she is in tremendous amounts of pain. Matt Mitchell will send get-well cards from the LASFS membership to Heidi and Joyce; Eylat will send him their addresses.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Hare Hobbs addressed the club: he is moving soon and needs help getting rid of books. He has stacks of books that he cannot take with him to his new home. Several members are going to try to get his cell number from his sister Mae. Lee Grixit suggested renting a storage locker as a temporary sorting area.

As the LASFS is also going to be moving into new digs and needs all the money it can get its hands on for renovations, it was time once again for an auction. Christian McGuire, representing the Money-Gouging Committee, auctioned off the following:

- Dick Tracy Mug: \$5 to Matthew B. Tepper
- Dragon pendant. \$5 to Eylat
- The Twilight Zone: The Original Stories. Book. \$11 to Jim
- Poster, "Literary Insults" \$1 to Richard Costas [and the unassociated Raccoon Society box]
- Asterix and The Chieftain's Daughter, in English. \$5 to Susan Fox
- Tee shirt, XL, Witch cartoon "There's Room on my Broom for you!" \$10 to Hare Hobbs
- True Wireless Earbuds with Power Bank. Unused, brand new. They do work. Comes with a charger. \$5 to Marc Silver
- The Dictionary of Imaginary Places, book. \$5 to Michelle Pincus
- Tee shirt, 2XL, LAcon V logo shirt. Rarity, they went with another design for the shirts. \$10 to Eylat.

Special thanks to Susan Fox for assistance in listing the items.

Timebound announcements:

Matt reported that the Edmonton in 2030 Worldcon bid was putting its Bid Party on Zoom. At least the snacks won't tempt you into breaking your diet. He put the link in the chat; at Cathy's suggestion, he will also put on the LASFS Facebook page.

Nick mentioned several movie screenings coming up this weekend, the most fun-sounding being Braindead Studio's double feature of *Plan 9 From Outer Space* and *Ed Wood*. Also, Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena is having a signing on Tuesday of the graphic novel *This Place Kills Me*.

Science report:

Lee reported on a cure for carbon monoxide poisoning, at least in white mice. About time those guys caught a break. Also, a man has apparently been cured of type 1 diabetes from injections of modified islets of Langerhans, which are pancreatic cells that generate insulin.

Tom Safer noted that today was the anniversary of the 1st wireless transmission, predating Marconi's by a couple of years. Also, on this day was born Baron Richard von Krafft-Ebing, one of the great modern sexologists, and is remembered for his exhaustive catalogue of modern sexual desires and practices, the landmark *Psychopathia Sexualis*, first published in German in 1886.

Regular announcements

CL announced that supermarkets and Target are stocking Halloween-type foods. I suspect they want us to buy some.

Matt related an email he received about a presentation with screenwriter Greg Elliot at the local California Writers Club on September 6. He again pasted the info in the chat, and was again directed to stick it up on the Facebook page.

Reviews:

Mark Poliner reviewed *The Last Wizards Ball* by Charlene Harris and *Murder Your Employer* by Rupert Holmes.

Matthew debuted his new ratings system, giving both *Superman* and *Fantastic Four: First Steps* "5 mallard drake heads out of 5" and then quacked appropriately. Eylat also enjoyed *FF*, as well as the latest episode of *Strange New Worlds*.

Lee reviewed a book about the voyage of the *Argo* that seemed to forgo the Harryhausen skeletons with swords.

Nick reviewed the new Red Sonja movie that had a blink-and-you-miss-it run in theaters, but it's better than the 80's film.

Tom Safer screened *Comedy of Terrors* at the library last weekend.

Miscellaneous

CL announced that ME-TV started showing *Honey West* with Anne Francis and Burke's Law, at least one episode of which was written by Harlan Ellison.

Cathy reminded the membership that the fellow passing out slips of paper was not a process server, but a very patient waiter. Eylat moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m, and the members sustained it, to the tune of "Time Warp."

Somebody Had To Do It August 21, 2025 Meeting #4593

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Matt Mitchell, Scribe

It was a hot and humid night, the kind even Snoopy wouldn't write about, upon which the

meeting was called to order by president Cathy Johnson at 8:02 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

Nick Smith gave us these Hatchings:

- Emilio Salgari, Italian author of science fiction and Lost World stories,
- Miriam Allan deFord, author of mysteries and science fiction
- Anthony Boucher, author and editor also of mysteries and science fiction, inspiration for BoucherCon.
- Basil Poledouris, composer for *Conan the Barbarian* and *Robocop*

Susan Fox followed up with:

- Kim Cattrall, actress (*Star Trek VI*)
- Hayden Panettiere, actress (*Heroes*)
- Alicia Witt, actress (*Dune*)

Matthew Tepper posted in the chat that today was the birthday of actress Edith Marie Blossom MacDonald, better known as Blossom Rock of *The Addams Family* TV series. Simmie Noble Collins, LASFS member and attendee of this meeting, mentioned today is her 77th birthday.

Media anniversaries:

- 1933, debut of the *Brick Bradford* s-f comic strip,
- 1947, premiere of *Down to Earth*, sequel to *Here Comes Mr. Jordan*

The following Passings were noted by Nick:

- Joe Caroff, poster artist noted for *Rollerball* and the James Bond series
- John Bartley, Cinematographer on the *X-Files* and *Lost*
- Terrance Stamp, actor (General Zod in *Superman II*)

Matthew mentioned that LASFS member Valerie Milewski, active during the late 90s and early aughts, has passed away.

After reading of the minutes for meeting #4592, Matt accepted some minor corrections, and Chris Marble bid \$5 to name the minutes: "I Wasn't There." Willard Stone moved to approve the minutes, and the members voted accordingly at 8:27 p.m.

Patron Saints:

Marilyn "Fuzzy Pink" Niven: Eylat Poliner says she knew her through remembrances from her husband Larry; also several scarves of hers will be donated in future auctions. Dean Johnson remembered her being a wonderful hostess, friendly and giving. Cathy mentioned getting one of those scarves and also that Fuzzy Pink liked to do lacing. She was given 3 cheers and a root

beer float.

Charles Lee Jackson II took the opportunity to explain what a Patron saint was, in the context of the LASFS.

Michelle Pincus, the other Patron Saint, was on the Zoom call and had to endure the indignity of people saying nice things about her. Eylat mentioned that in addition to being the chairman of the Board of Directors, Michelle has done a lot of marketing for the club and for Loscon. Chris Marble called her his favorite Pokeman Go partner. Michelle was given 3 cheers and *hundo Mew*.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CL explained the Spot of Honor. He then mentioned that SciFi.Radio had the spot this month

Treasurer: Elayne Pelz said that a couple of people had not paid for tonight, but other than that, please donate.

Board of Directors: Michelle, having recovered herself, mentioned the next Board of Directors meeting of September 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Registrar: Matthew asked if Brad Goldberg was new. He's "newish" He joined several years ago, only to find that LASFS has its meetings the same weeknight as most the other organizations he belongs to. He's been working on various projects and gotten a novel published, but wants to get back into the community, especially as he read we have a new clubhouse. Cathy and Matthew explained the dues structure to him.

Old Business managed to sneak in the back door at that point. Brad asked if going to the clubhouse would be as exciting as going to the Magic Castle. Marc Silver asked if the tenant of the new clubhouse has moved out (they have). Simmie asked about book signings; unfortunately, as it was pointed out, LASFS does not have a resale license. However, it is an idea to take to the Board.

New Business

None

Loscon 51 information was put in the chat. Eylat added that **Loscon 52** has Writer, Fan and Music Guests of Honor lined up. Upcoming

Programming for the club through December was also in the chat.

Fannish Wellness: Chris Marble mentioned in the chat that George Mulligan is getting stronger, but he still can't sit up in bed yet.

Our program this evening: How we got into fandom/LASFS. Various members such as Eylat, Matthew, Chris, Nick, Susan, Chris Wilson and many others gave us their origin stories. The chat was quite active with anecdotes and asides. Susan closed out the discussion with the phrase, *Fandom Is A Way of Life*.

The membership resisted the motion to adjourn long enough to squeeze in a few regular announcements: CL mentioned that the Disney resort has already put up Halloween decorations.

Nick reported that Octavia's Bookshelf, The Last Bookshelf in Studio City and Annabelle's closet are having book signings this week.

After announcing that there would be no Zoom aftermeeting tonight, Cathy re-instated Eylat's motion to adjourn, which the membership sustained at 9:37 p.m.

Long Ago Minutes August 28, 2025 Meeting #4594

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Matt Mitchell, Scribe

President Cathy Johnson declared that "it's never too early for a Kermit impression," whereupon Chris Marble flapped his arms like he was made out of felt. Protocol thus satisfied, Cathy called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

Nick Smith began the Hatchings with:

- 1916, Jack Vance, writer of mysteries and science fiction
- 1917, Jack Kirby, artist for Marvel, DC and other media
- 1948, Vonda McIntyre, writer of science fiction and *Star Trek* novels
- 1951, Barbara Hambly, also *Star Trek* writer, as well as mysteries and historical novels.

Susan Fox contributed the following birthdays:

- Jack Black, actor and musician

- Gates McFadden, actor (*TNG*) and choreographer
- Billy Boyd, actor (*Lord of the Rings*)
- Paul Reubens, actor & comedian (Pee-Wee Herman)

Media anniversaries:

- 1951, premiere of the movie *Five*

Passings:

- Guy Lillian III, fanzine fan and Hugo nominee
- Frank Price, TV writer and producer, later headed both Universal and Columbia Studios
- Takaya Hashi, Voice artist for anime and computer games in Japan
- Dave Taylor, comics artist for Marvel and DC
- Fifth Anniversary of the passing of Chadwick Boseman (*Black Panther*)

Cathy announced the passing of Christine O'Halloran, fan from the Bay Area who often came down with her husband John to work Loscon and Gallifrey One. Nick, Susan and Chris Marble also contributed their memories of Christine, which included playing taiko drums and tie-dying t-shirts of cats. The members observed a minute of silence in her honor.

Reading of the minutes of Meeting #4593

Barbara Harmon bid \$10 to name them. "Somebody Had to Do It." (Which covers a multitude of sins). Eylat Poliner moved to approve, Dean Johnson seconded, and the members sustained at 8:22 p.m.

Patron Saints:

Allan Rothstein: Charles Lee Jackson II told the tale of, pursuant to Allan's penchant for giving unexpected gifts to his friends, took CL to Disneyland and ended up buying him his first annual passport. Matthew Tepper had lots of stories of Allan that he had already told: the rotting watermelon; taking Matthew in as a roommate during a health crisis; and of Ginger, Allan's fluffy orange cat. Finally he related the tale of driving Allan to a yard sale and watching him pay twice the asking price for a giant Micky Mouse plushy. Allan was given 3 cheers and a giant Mickey Mouse.

Matthew Tepper: Eylat said she has known him an obscene number of years. They basically adopted each other. He came to her graduation from Pierce College. Cathy has known Matthew longer than she cares to admit; he was president when she joined LASFS. CL known Matthew as

long as he's been in the club, calling him "one of them snobby little newcomers," but somehow came to regard him as endearing when he went out of the area for a time. Among other accolades from members, Debra Levin praised Matthew for putting up with her evil dog! For that and many other grand qualities, Matthew was given 3 cheers!

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CL reported that last week SciFi.Radio was mistakenly holding the Spot of Honor when it should have been Loscon 51; recompense will take place at a later date. But as this meeting was at the end of the month, it was time for the auction for September spot of honor. Dr. Susie Honeybee-Searight bid \$50 for BADASS!

Registrar: Matthew recognized Megan S, who joined our meeting as part of the presentation of BADASS. Originally from Salt Lake City, she lives in southern Utah. She's a fan of *Doctor Who* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, and of author and filmmaker Barbara Gordon. She works for a jewelry company in marketing, and also has a background in television production.

Treasurer: Elayne Pelz asked everyone pay their dues, and to please donate, because we're about spend big-time bucks.

Board of Directors: Michelle Pincus reminded us of the September 14 Board of Directors meeting on this channel at 11:00 AM.

Loscon 51 and the club's **Programming** were posted in the chat. Loscon 52 was also noted to be on track.

The evening's Program proceeded, featuring Dr. Susie, along with husband John and Megan S, are the governing board of the Brown Coat Auxiliary Depression and Anxiety Support System, or BADASS. This organization supports the acceptance of neurodiversity in fandom communities and raises awareness of mental health support and crisis intervention. "Can you imagine," Susie asks, "how much more creative we could be if we felt supported in our quirkiness?" Information on BADASS' website, suicide and crisis hotlines was posted in the chat. Susie answered questions about diagnoses of ADHD and other neurodiversions.

Regular announcements

Susan got herself a Mah Jongg set, hoping to make tournaments a regular feature at the new clubhouse.

Fannish Wellness: Chris Marble reported George Mulligan is getting better, Greg Barrett is doing okay, and Selina Phanara has not been swept away by the floods out in that direction. Eylat mentioned that Joyce Sperling is doing better, having gotten some chairs where she can spend time in her living room watching TV. Heidi Nichols, unfortunately, is still in lots of pain, unable to hold a phone conversation.

Cathy again thanked the presenters and our guest, mentioned the aftermeeting in the chat, and asked Eylat if she had a motion. Eylat moved to adjourn, Matt seconded, and the members approved at 9:19 p.m.

Denny's Land, Worst Amusement Park Ever! September 4, 2025 Meeting #4595

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Matt Mitchell, Scribe

Discussions of gremlins, musicals, marching bands and the disappearing hairlines of the membership was truncated by the call to order by president Cathy Johnson at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]

Hatchings:

- 1916, Robert Augustine Ward Lowndes author & editor, recipient of the first Fandom Hall of Fame award in 1991.
- 1924, Ray Russell, author & fiction editor for *Playboy*
- 1928, Dick York, actor (Darren Stephens the First on *Bewitched*)
- 1957, Patricia Tallman, actress & stuntwoman (*Babylon 5* and various *Trek* series)

Media anniversaries:

Nick

- 1952, *Bela Legosi Meets a Brooklyn Gorilla*, a movie that makes *Plan 9 from Outer Space* look like, well, a movie.
- 1966, *Star Trek* premiered at the Worldcon in Cleveland.
- 30th anniversary of the premiere of *Xena: Warrior Princess*.

Passings:

- Joe Bugner, actor & boxer
- Graham Greene, actor and voice artist
- Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, author of many novels, notably the *Count St. Germaine* series, and recipient of Bram Stoker Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009 as well as a frequent guest at LosCon. The members observed a minute of silence in her honor.

Reading of the Minutes of Meeting #4594

Dr. Susie Honeybee Searight bid \$10 name the minutes:: Just a Bunch of BADASS! Eylat moved to approve the minutes at 8:19 p.m.

Patron Saints:

Greg Bilan: Chris Marble says he always enjoyed his favorite friendly Klingon. Cathy remembered Greg as being a hard worker, always lending his two hands to whatever project needed them. He was given 3 cheers and a well-run Dealer's room.

Emil Luwish, who was the father of member Mike Luwish: Mike donated to the club in his father's name. Chris mentions the oft-told joke, which no one came forward to tell, denying the club the requisite pun fine. The members settled for giving Emil 3 cheers.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: Charles Lee Jackson II announced the Spot of Honor was held this month by BADASS. Dr. Susie gave a quick explanation of the organization, and promised CL proper clip art for the Spot.

Registrar: Matthew Tepper reported that not only did member and occasional presenter Arlene Busby show up, but she brought Rainy Smyth with her, riding shotgun in her Zoom window.

Treasurer: Elayne Pelz chastised those people who had not paid their dues to pony up their \$5. Susan Fox also posted a reminder in the Zoom chat.

Board of Directors: Michelle Pincus reminded us about the Board of Directors meeting at 11 a.m. on September 14, same Zoom channel.

In addition to putting **Loscon 51** and **Club Programming** in the chat, Eylat Poliner informed us that **Loscon 52** has all their Guests of Honor in place.

For a quick **Fannish Wellness** report: Chris said George Mulligan is fine, Selina Phanara is fine. Michelle Pincus says she talked to Heidi Nichols, who is planning on visiting Michelle in October. Chris added that Heidi told him she has a new heart doctor, which prompted several quips related to Bob Newheart that mysteriously did not generate pun fines. Eylat added that she spoke to Joyce Sperling, who seems to be doing better.

For tonight's program, Larry Niven read his new story "Potlatch." Afterward, he answered questions from Eylat and Michelle, gave us an excerpt of his early writing history, and teased us with tidbits of upcoming publications.

The club managed to go yet another meeting without either Old or New Business. And there was great rejoicing.

Science report:

Eylat, while taking a deaf studies class, encountered a remarkable offsite transcription service. Cathy added anecdotes of curricula and teachers for the hearing-impaired, and Marc Silver spoke of information-technology-related issues relating to same.

Miscellaneous

CL, wearing his Special Advisor hat, reminded us that next week is the nomination and voting for the Forrest J. Ackerman Award. Eylat asked if we could post the list of past winners on the LASFS Facebook page. A discussion of chronological order vs. alphabetical was quickly resolved. The list at hand was complete only up to 2021, sending out the call for an update to those in the know.

Cathy posted the link to the aftermeeting in the chat, then entertained Eylat's motion to adjourn (which itself is always entertaining) at 9:01 p.m.

Upcoming Conventions

December 7: SoCal Joe Show & Toy Convention, Temecula
<https://allevents.in/temecula/socal-joe-show-and-toy-convention/200027618214954>

December 7: Merced Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

December 13-14: Comics Arts LA, Los Angeles
<https://www.comicartsla.com/>

December 14: Modesto Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

December 20-21: Collect-A-Con Los Angeles 2
<https://collectaconusa.com/losangeles2>

December 20-21: Sac Gamers Expo 2025,
Sacramento, CA
<https://www.sacgamersexpo.com/>

Upcoming Events

December 1-4: *The Running Man* (2025)
screenings at the Vista Theater

December 1: *Brazil* (director's cut) screening at
the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

December 2: *Interstellar Sound Immersion – A
Sci-Fi Sound Bath* presentation at Vidiots, Eagle
Rock

December 3: *In the Mouth of Madness*
screening at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

December 3: *The Nightmare Before Christmas*
screening at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

December 4: *Escape from L.A.* screening at the
Egyptian Theater

December 4: *An Improvised Christmas Carol
with Andy Daley* live show at Largo At The
Coronet, Los Angeles

December 5: *Pan's Labyrinth* screening at the
Landmark Nuart

December 6: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*
screening at the Landmark Nuart

December 6: *Elf* screening at the Alamo Draft
House, L.A.

December 6: *Captain America* (1990) and *Black
Christmas* screenings at the Frida Cinema,
Santa Ana

December 7: *Elf* screening at the Old Town
Music Hall, El Segundo

December 7: *The Final Countdown* screening at
the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

December 9: *Brazil* and *12 Monkeys* screenings
at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

December 10: *Esperance* by Adam Oyebanji:
Reading Orbit at Denny's, Garden Grove. Email:
cdcurl@aol.com

December 11-12: *It's a Wonderful Life*
screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

December 12: *Corpse Bride* and *The Rocky
Horror Picture Show* screenings at the Frida
Cinema, Santa Ana

December 13: Los Angeles Filkers
Anonymous, hosted by Lee and Barry Gold, on
Zoom. <https://conchord.org/lafaad.html>

December 13: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*
screening at the Landmark Nuart

December 13: *It's A Wonderful Life*, *Godzilla
Minus One* and *Relic* screenings at the Frida
Cinema, Santa Ana

December 13-14: *Elf* and *The Shining*
screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

December 13-14: *How The Grinch Stole
Christmas* (2000) screening at the Alamo Draft
House, L.A.

December 14: *The Polar Express* screening at
the Alamo Draft House

December 15: *2001: A Space Odyssey*
screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

December 15 & 17: *Elf* screenings at the Alamo
Draft House, L.A.

December 15-16: *Black Christmas* and *Silent
Night, Deadly Night* screenings at the New
Beverly Cinema

December 17-18: *Gremlins* and *Gremlins 2:
The New Batch* screenings at the New Beverly
Cinema

December 18: *The Muppets Christmas Carol*
screening at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

December 19: *The Fountain* screening at the
Landmark Nuart

December 19: *Castle in the Sky* and *Nausicaa
in The Valley of the Wind* screenings in the Fine
Arts Theater, Beverly Hills

December 19: *Gremlins*, *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000) and *Batman Returns* screenings at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

December 20: *Elf* screening at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.



December 20: *A Christmas Carol* (1951) screening at the Hollywood Regional Library

December 20: *The Changeling* screening at the Friday Cinema, Santa Ana

December 20: *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000) and *Silent Night, Deadly Night* screenings at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

December 20: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart

December 20-21: *The Muppets Christmas Carol* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

December 21: *It's A Wonderful Life* screening at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

December 23: *Bell, Book & Candle* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

December 24: *Batman Returns* and *It's a Wonderful Life* screenings at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

December 25: *The Muppets Christmas Carol* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

December 26: *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus* screening at the Landmark Nuart

December 26: *Brazil* (director's cut) screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

December 27: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart

December 27: *Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

December 27: *The Thing* (1982) screening at the New Beverly Cinema

December 28: *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* screenings at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

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

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

Clubzine Exchange

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

- *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 84 No. 10 (National Fantasy Fan Federation, October 2025)
- *Starship Express* (Science Fiction Association of Bergen County, Nov. 2025)
- *A Gentle Stroll #2* (RPG APA) (N3F, November 2025)
- *Tightbeam* No. 374 (N3F, November 2025)
- *The Obdurate Eye* No. 57 (genzine by Garth Spencer, November 2025)
- *OASFiS Event Horizon* Vol. 38 Issue 453 (Orlando Area Science Fiction Society, November 2025)
- *The Mark of the B*E*A*S*T* (Baltimore Science Fiction Society, November 2025)
- *N3F Review of Books* (October 2025)
- *N3F Fan Gazette* Vol 5 No. 6 (November 2025)

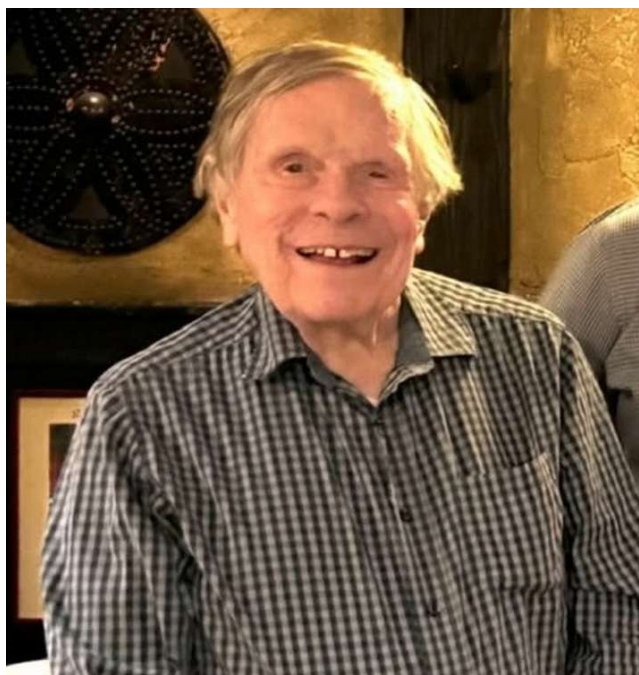
Available Fanzines

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

Dearly Missed...

But Not Released

Roger C. Hill of Altadena, CA passed away November 4, 2025 at age 84. He was born and raised in Pasadena, CA and achieved a Ph.D. in physics at California Institute of Technology in 1969. Roger was a mathematician who wrote his Ph.D. thesis on “Relativistic Quark Models and the Current Algebra”, and also wrote a textbook on the subject of quantum mechanics. He studied astronomy, was an accomplished photographer, a member of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, an expert on 3-D movies and 3-D imaging, lover of Medieval Renaissance music, and a dedicated model railroader. He also was a *Star Trek* and especially a *Doctor Who* fan.



Roger was a gentle soul who appreciated people and making friends with them as he grew older. Even casual acquaintances such as waitresses and rental car dispatchers formed friendships with Roger. In January 2025, Roger's family home in Altadena was completely destroyed by wildfire. Roger lived his last ten months at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Arcadia, where he made even more friends around the breakfast table. He started working on a new model railroad layout, that was meant to go into a condo in Sierra Madre where he was preparing to move, but that was not to be. Like Will Rogers, Roger “never met a man he didn't like”, at least most of the time.

We'll miss his habit of being chronically late for dinner, and his wonderful annual Holiday Slide Shows. Donations to the Orange Empire Railway Museum on behalf of Roger Hill, would be gratefully accepted. He is survived by his sister Catherine, brother-in-law Mark Kausler and many good friends.

--Excerpted from a testimonial by Ed & Bea Buchman. Additional thanks to Charles Lee Jackson II