

DE PROFUNDIS # 24

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LASFS BECOMES LASFS INC.

After much corresponding and even more waiting with and on state officialdom, the LASFS at last became incorporated under the laws of the state of California on September 20, 1968. On October 6, 1968 the board of directors held its first post-incorporation meeting at the home of Len and June Moffatt, in Downey. Present were directors Chuck Crayne, Dave Fox, Len Moffatt, Fred Patten, Bruce Pelz, Ken Rudolph, and Roy Squires. Forry Ackerman and Walt Daugherty were unable to attend, and Fred Hollander and Paul Turner are now living out of the area.

CLUB TO VOTE ON DUES INCREASE

This coming Thursday, October 24, 1968, the club will vote on a motion to amend the by-laws to restructure and increase the dues. The motion was discussed and passed by the board of directors on the basis that the club must have a greater financial base if it is to go ahead with the acquisition of a permanent clubhouse. Following is the text of the motion:

"Moved that the first sentence of Article III, section 4 of the By-Laws be amended to read 'Active members shall pay \$ 19.00 per calendar year, \$ 1.75 per calendar month, or 50¢ per meeting attended, as the member may elect' and that the following sentences be added after the final sentence of the section: 'To retain active membership, a renewal fee of \$3.00 per year must be paid, due on the first meeting attended during the dalendar year. This fee may be pro-rated, \$3.00 Jan-Apr, \$2.00 May-Aug, and \$1.00 sept - Dec.' Further moved that Article II section 2 be amended to read 'initiation fee of \$3.00, pro-rated by trimester, to the Procedural Treasurer'".

The motion was read and discussed at the October 17 meeting, and an amendment was passed to the effect that an inactive member who wished to attend meetings infrequently could do so without paying the renewal fee by paying 75¢ per meeting attended and retaining inactive membership status.

The Oct. 24 meeting will have the second reading of the motion, as amended, which will be discussed and voted upon. No additional amendments will be considered.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Although previous members of the LASFS carry over their membership to the new incorporated LASFS, they also may wish to carry evidence in the form of one of the clubs new membership cards. These cards, smartly printed in black and gold, are now available for 50¢ each with all proceeds to the building fund. Get your new card, and support the drive for a clubhouse, at any club meeting. For those who haven't been around for a while, the LASFS is now meeting at the 'Lab', 330 S. Berendo, Los Angeles. (Near 3rd and Vermont). Meetings start at 8:00 PM each Thursday evening.

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SHANGRI L'AFFAIRES CHRISTMAS ART SUPPLEMENT

For the first Christmas in several years, we have a club genzine. And Shangri L'Affaires editor Ken Rudolph plans to revive the tradition of a holiday Art Supplement, this year with the theme, "Future Christmases." He plans wide distribution of this fannish folio; it will be photo-offset and separately bound. Cost, if you don't subscribe to SHAGGY, 75¢. The deadline for artists wanting to contribute, is November 15. Contributors can be sure of quality reproduction (and will, of course, get their copies free.) Further information available from Rudolph, 745 N. Spaulding Ave, Los Angeles 90046.

MENSA SF SPECIAL

Saturday, November 23, Mensa plans a "Mammoth Malfunction. It will feature- it says here- "Star Trek' stars, blooper films, and various Mensan-invented lunacies." Cost is \$2.50, plus \$1.50 if you intend to stay for the "Survivors' Breakfast" beginning at 3 a.m. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. If all promised attractions actually appear, the Event will be fascinating; if they don't, a bunch of supposed Big Brains will make fools of themselves. Either way, it's worth \$2.50. Send your money together with a self-addressed envelope to Mensa Tickets, 964 East Colorado, Pasadena. Deadline for receipt of money on November 18.

PROGRAMS AND SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

October 26: Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at the Lab, 330 S. Berendo. This year is costing 50¢ for active members and \$1.00 for everyone else. Costume theme: come as your favorite Heinlean character. Prizes will be framed color photos.

October 31: Anniversary meeting. Guest of Honor Poul Anderson will speak at this 34th commemoration of the L. A. S. F. S. madness. Special for the occasion, APA L will be revived- #181. And more, if there's enough interest...?

November 2:- Party at Dave Hulan's, 1005 Mount Olive Drive #10, Duarte. For further info call Dave at 358-0720.

November 7:- Ray Eradbury will come to the meeting and play his tape of "Leviathan 99," and talk about it.

November 8:- IBM company night at Disneyland again, and just about anyone interested in an entire evening there for one admission fee of \$3.75, see Chuck or Sally Crayne soon.

November 21:- Meeting will feature Len and June Moffatts' showing their slides of FunCon and Baycon.

November 23:- Mensa party, 964 East Colorado, see above for details.

November 30: Regular Fourth Saturday party at the Lab, Tom Digby's place- 330 South Berendo.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS:-

Fred Hollander: 439 49th Street, Apt. 21, Oakland Cal. 94609.  
Owen & Hilda Hannifen: c/o Bigglestone, 780 Clayton, San Francisco 94117.  
Don Simpson, 745 N. Spaulding, LA 90046.  
Barry Weissman: 2400 Durant Ave. Berkeley Cal. 94721.

THE LASFS BUILDING FUND has reached \$5100.00, but investigation into the availability of buildings suitable for a clubhouse reveals that we cannot yet afford to buy one. We need both a larger base income, and a larger starting fund, in order to be able to buy a property that is suitable, put it into order for our needs, and then keep up the payments on the loan that will be required.

Since LASFS is now incorporated, donations to the Building Fund may be deducted from California State Income Tax. Shortly, it will be possible to deduct them from Federal Income Tax, also, when our exemption from Internal Revenue is approved. Contributors to the Building Fund will hereafter be listed in DE PROFUNDIS, as an appreciation. Contributions may be sent to the Procedural Treasurer, Dave Hulan, at 1005 Mount Olive Dr., #10, Duarte, CA 91010, or directly to LASFS at P.O. Box 3004, Santa Monica, CA 90403.

WESTERCON XXII will be held at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica, July 3-6, 1969. Guest of Honor is Randall Garrett, and Fan Guest of Honor is Roy Tacker. Harlan Ellison is Toastmaster, and the convention committee is approximately the same one that put on the successful FUNcon last July. Memberships are available at \$3.00 from WESTERCON XXII, Box 1, Santa Monica, CA 90406. Join NOW, and be sure of getting all publications of the convention! And while you're at it.....

ST. LOUISCON 2; the 27th World Science Fiction Convention, will be held over Labor Day weekend of 1969. Membership is \$4, and may be sent to Ray Fisher, 4404 Forest Park, St. Louis, MO 63108. This one should be a Good One!

THE VALLEY SCIENCE FICTION ASSN., or what is left of it, anyway, continues to meet on alternate Fridays. Current Chairman is the I Ching, as interpreted by Jim Schumacher and Russ Brooker, according to rumor. The meeting places for the next few meetings are:

- Nov. 1 (Meeting #70) - Jim Schumacher's, 418 Kenoak Dr., Pomona
- Nov. 15 (Meeting #71) - Larry Neilson's, 1506 N. San Antonio, Pomona
- Nov. 29 (Meeting #72) - Fred Whitley's, 8375 Hillside Rd., Alta Loma

INFORMATION WANTED: A list of LASFS Officers, as complete as possible for its 34 years of existence, is being assembled. If you have any information on who the officers were for any period from October 1934 through June 1958, please write to Bruce Pelz, Box 100, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90024. While you're at it, please include any information on Honorary Members of LASFS, too. (Already noted: Forrest J Ackerman, Doc Smith, Dr. Keller, Arthur J. Burks, Joseph William Skidmore, Bob Olson, and possibly Robert A. Heinlein.)

ADDRESSES WANTED:

Bill Clark                      Gil Lamont                      Paul Turner

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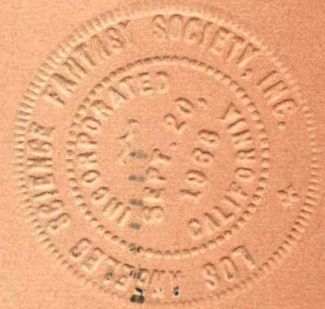
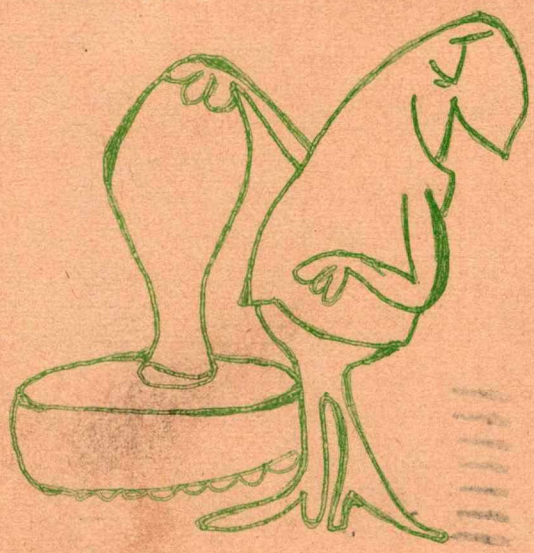
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