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* **Thursday Programme Items: July 6**—Big auction, **July 13**—Author Craig Miller, *Star Wars Memories*

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

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Addendum: At the LASFS Board of Directors meeting Dec. 11, 2022, the directors accepted Eylat Poliner's proposal that Heath Row become editor of *De Prof*. He will do so as LASFS scribe for the term of January-June 2023.

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July-December 2023

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Scribe: Heath Row
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Charles Lee Jackson II
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Condensed Cream of Menace

(Official, approved minutes are also available online at <https://www.lasfs.org/lasfs-meeting-minutes>. Unofficial, unexpurgated minutes can be read in *Menace of the LASFS*, which is available upon request.)

Board Meeting

April 23, 2023

Michelle Pincus, chairing

Susan Fox, Secretary

Call to Order

11:01 a.m.

Present

Chairman Michelle Pincus, Vice Chairman Nick Smith, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob “Gizmo” Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, and Heide Nichols. Non-board members: Webmistress Kristine Cherry, Loscon hotel coordinator Jason Justice, and club member observer Tony Benoun.

Minutes

Approved and accepted

Agenda Items

Jason Justice updated the board on hotel options for Loscon. He’s currently in talks with multiple hotels. All proposals should be ready sometime in May, but not Mother’s Day. The location must be decided by the end of the second quarter, at the end of June, for the hotel bookers. The keyword is “labor”—labor costs are high post-pandemic. Marriott properties are likely to charge for ballrooms. Justice hopes to bake that into the room requirements, and to fit our program with “set and forget” to minimize the labor needs.

There’s at least one proposal from outside the Marriott group (Universal Hilton), which is ugly but realistic without a large room night guarantee. Its location is notable, and it’s not cheap. We would probably lose a few panel rooms, but the ballroom could encompass the art and sales rooms in sections B and C, and gaming in A. They also partner with the Sheraton next door, connected underground, so we might be able to split between the two properties when and if we grow.

Room rates are more than \$200 even mid-week, and more than \$300 for the holiday weekend.

Heide Nichols asks about food and beverage service, and to work those into the contract. Can we guarantee it? What would we be comfortable paying, if the audience does not buy enough food and beverage? Justice wants some guidance from the board.

Is there any budget for paying rental on function spaces? Elayne Pelz says up to \$5,000 at the top end. That reduces the excess funds.

What is the maximum room rate the membership would tolerate? The current is \$135. Pelz thinks \$190—just keep it under the \$200 mark.

If the club could afford \$5,000, will that include food and beverage, and amp up our service to the con suite or ice cream social? It’s a game that Justice could play with them.

Michelle Pincus: Would letting the hotel serve the ice cream help that? That would save us in staff and volunteers, if we are required to pay the hotel for it anyway. The ice cream social manager, Kristine Cherry, is OK with that.

Good news: The LAX Hilton has also shown interest. They have enough room, their sales manager has tried to pitch Loscon for more than a decade. Justice can negotiate with Renee and that will be the best we can do for a new venue, which we can then take to the LAX Marriott for negotiation there. Nichols says they have good, low-priced snack booths, and some good non-convention floor spaces. Justice will explore everything that Renee will reveal; the hotel and sales manager are friendly to our kind of event, thanks to Strategicon.

Last possibility: We benefit from our association with Gallifrey One because the hotel sales manager sees the same faces when negotiating events. Justice asks what we think of Long Beach. Susan Fox says that it’s in Los Angeles County, so it’s not out of the question. It is further away from many of our members, which are largely Valley based. Pincus says that Long Beach would be good for the Pokemon community and Long Beach members, as well as closer to Orange County and points south. It’s worth pursuing if they have a really good deal. The Long Beach Marriott would be perfect for a newer, smaller convention, like 1,500 total square feet of function space for panels, 6,000 total including dealers, the art show, etc. Christian B. McGuire says it is comparable to the old Airtel.

Pincus says that if we rebrand and start over, we could run this as a 500-member con and start growing again. Justice says that they are extremely open to our kind of business because

they are near the Long Beach airport, not downtown. It's not as good for public transit. Free parking is a strong inducement. Gavin Claypool indicates that the hotel is in an industrial park south of the airport a bit off Lakewood Boulevard (CA-19).

Justice suggests that the Long Beach Westin is the best hotel for our needs, with food and beverage and other deals. The room rate might not be much under \$200, and parking is not free, but it's not as high as what we face at the LAX Hilton.

Action items: The LAX Marriott is our first choice, and the Hilton is backup because of friendly faces and fellow fannish events. We're beginning to talk to Long Beach, and the Burbank Marriott on the back burner. Their management has changed since we dealt with them before, which is an important point. But one sales manager probably has to cover multiple properties in the area, and that's why they are not responding in time. Nick Smith says that their service has improved. Layout will permit pop-up food functions, but it is still a "funny layout." Cathy Johnson asks about Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, but Smith thinks it is too small for our needs. Pincus disagrees; there is a lot of ground-level footage.

McGuire: Justice is the best possible negotiator, and he probably knows all this.

The LASFS board calls a special meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. Same Zoom channel.

New Members

Alex Garganigo. Accepted.

Treasurer's Report (Elayne Pelz)

The treasury currently has \$40,045.57.

Pelz needs the charitable trust tax figures from Gavin Claypool, who points out that all filings and payments were extended to Oct. 16 in the federal disaster areas in California.

30-Second Reports

Chairman (Michelle Pincus): No report.

Vice Chairman (Nick Smith): No report.

Secretary (Susan Fox): No report.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Fidelity account value as of April 21, 2023, is \$787,329.16

Library (Gavin Claypool): The vintage book sale raised \$374. Nick Smith adds that we were testing the lighting in the hall, which was good. A few higher-priced items sold. On the other hand,

we might not be selling books at Westercon because their dealer space is tiny.

Quartermaster (Heide Nichols): No report.

Archives (Cathy Johnson): No report. Rob Powell received a box from Karl Lembke that contains special stuff that needs to go into the archive storage. Elayne Pelz says that the archive storage is in the main storage and is non-accessible.

Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell): Powell has done an inventory of the new 2'-by-3' white boards. Some smaller used white boards are available. He has cleaned and dried the ice chests for the hot summer storage.

AV Equipment (Dean Johnson): The AV equipment remains in storage.

Events (Eylat Poliner): We had the unofficial Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society (GAGS) meeting at Papa Cristo's Greek restaurant. There were seven attendees. The next event will be in Sherman Oaks at the corner of Coldwater Canyon Avenue and Ventura Boulevard.

Loscon 49: April 29 meeting at the LAX Marriott. Please invite anybody who wants to volunteer.

Loscon 50: No report.

AnaCon: The event was held April 15. Michelle Pincus will get a report from Krystal Rains.

Publications (Christian McGuire): Good work! There's a new publisher for *De Profundis*.

Marketing and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): We won't have representation at Westercon because Michelle has no budget for travel. We have a fan table, but we need people to staff it. Christian B. McGuire volunteers to sit at the table; just get him the materials. Pick them up from Krystal Rains, who has them from AnaCon. Susan Fox also volunteers to staff the table if they confirm her speaker membership.

Significant Others

Club President (Cathy Johnson): We are getting good attendance and new members. David Brin spoke at our last meeting.

Webmistress (Kristine Cherry): Dean Johnson and Barry Gold are working on database issues. Johnson indicates that worries about losing the database forever are not a problem. Gold had a copy, even though it is old. The Joomla database is saved. Let's keep everything up and running. We need the password for the FTP sign in for LASFS; it's not the same as the admin password. Elayne Pelz might have it; she will look around.

Cherry would like a copy of the complete membership database, making it accessible for Zoom moderators and LASFS social media to keep out trolls. She also needs the meeting program calendar.

Open Forum

None

Take-Aways

None

Next Meeting Date

The LASFS board's special meeting to discuss Loscon hotels is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. Same Zoom channel.

The next board meeting is June 11 at 11 a.m.

Adjournment

Occurred

I Had a \$15 Credit to Burn, so I Burned It. Meeting #4472, April 27, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Susan Fox stood in for Nick Smith

Hatchings

- Author Todd McCaffrey
- Actor Jenna Coleman
- Musician Ace Frehley
- Musician and actor Lizzo
- Actor Jack Klugman
- Radio broadcaster and voice actor Casey Kasem

Other notable events

National Support Teen Literature Day, National Tell a Story Day, and National Little Pampered Dog Day

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for April 20, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Matthew B. Tepper was satisfied by the *Star Trek: Picard* finale specifically.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Christian B. McGuire bid \$20, won, and named them "Thank You, John Mansfield."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Bill Warren was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Chris Marble, Christian B. McGuire, Matthew Mitchell, and Matthew B. Tepper. Warren received three cheers.

Nick Smith was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Scribbles, Kevin Segall, Tepper, and J.P. Van Gordon.

Committee Reports

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): There's a staff meeting Saturday.

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- May 11: Todd McCaffrey, author
- June 1: Nominations open for club president
- June 8: Nominations and election of all five procedural offices

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor was held by SCIFI.radio in April. Eylat Poliner bid \$20, then \$25, then \$30. She won and dedicated the Spot of Honor to Loscon 49 for May.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We have no guests.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues, four times.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

There will be a special board meeting at 7 p.m. May 17 to discuss hotel options. The next official board meeting is June 11.

Time-Bound Announcements

Rob Powell: Tickets for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's Explore JPL open house this weekend are no longer available.

Eylat Poliner: Thursday is May the Fourth.

Special Event: Auction

The LASFS held an auction to raise money for the club. Members bid on items including books, magazines, record albums, T-shirts, kitchenware, and other objects. There were multiple Disney- and *Star Trek*-related items on hand. A total of \$167 was raised for the LASFS. Thank you to everyone who bid!

Reviews

Eylat Poliner: *Star Trek: Picard* earned an “F— wow!”

Miscellaneous

Matthew B. Tepper commented that George Scithers wrote Karl Wurf’s *To Serve Man: A Cookbook for People*.

Chris Marble reported that George Mulligan continues to improve.

Cathy Johnson reminded people about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

Christian B. McGuire so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.

Cathy’s Birthday Present Meeting #4473, May 4, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath “Scribbles” Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor Esmond Knight
- Actress Pia Zadora

Dispatchings

- Fan, LASFSan, faned, and apahack Marty Cantor
- Eylat Poliner volunteered to help Nick Smith and others organize a memorial service
- Cathy Johnson called for a minute of silence, which we recognized

Media anniversaries

Colossus: The Forbin Project was initially released April 8, 1970. It might have screened in New York City on this date.

It is also May the Fourth today. Eylat Poliner added that Carrie Fisher received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for April 27, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Rob Powell clarified that tickets for Explore JPL hadn’t sold out; they were free, but no longer available.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$5, then \$10, then \$15, won, and named them “I Had a \$15 Credit to Burn, so I Burned It.”

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Larry Niven was celebrated and recognized by Nola Frame-Gray, Lee Grixit, Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, Michelle Pincus, Scribbles, and Matthew B. Tepper. Niven received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- May 11: Todd McCaffrey, author
- June 1: Nominations open for club president
- June 8: Nominations and election of all five procedural offices

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): The planning meeting was productive.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We have no guests tonight

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues, once.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next official board meeting is June 11 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

None

New Business

Still none

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith

- New Beverly Cinema screenings of *Psycho*, *Psycho II*, and *Psycho III*
- Dark Delicacies signings with Tom Holland and Peter H. Brothers (*Suspending My Disbelief*)

Moments of Science

James DeTar commented on an *Investor’s Business Daily* article about the state of the space race.

Lee Grixit reported on archeologists discovering 2,000-year-old gemstones lost by bathers at a Roman bathhouse in England.

Regular Announcements

Scribbles reminded LASFSans about the Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire and announced a USS Angeles movie outing.

Chris Marble reported that George Mulligan continues to do well—and that the Los Angeles County Fair starts this weekend.

Reviews

Nick Smith commented on the 1977 television show *Quark*.

Lee Grixit has been experimenting with the generative AI tool Poe.

Matthew B. Tepper also gave it a go.

Charles Lee Jackson II remarked on the *Hop Harrigan* and *Chick Carter, Detective* serials, as well as the movie *True Lies*.

Cathy Johnson enjoyed the finale to *Star Trek: Picard*.

Miscellaneous

Chris Marble caught the common cold at CostumeCon.

Charles Lee Jackson II knows so much about Disneyland that he can help cast members find the hot corn stand.

Rob Powell reported that 36,000 people participated in the two-day Explore JPL event.

Cathy Johnson reminded LASFSans about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

F— Cancer

Meeting #4474, May 11, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Heath “Scribbles” Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor Doug McClure
- Physicist Richard Feynman
- Comedian and actor Foster Brooks

Media anniversary

Bride of the Monster premiered on this day in 1955 in Hollywood under the title *Bride of the Atom*.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for May 4, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Charles Lee Jackson II clarified the title of *Chick Carter, Detective*.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Dean Johnson bid \$7, won, and named them “Cathy’s Birthday Present.”

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Eylat Poliner explained patron saints for attending guests.

Bob Null was celebrated and recognized by Nola Frame-Gray, Lee Grixit, Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, and Eylat Poliner. Null received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- June 1: Nominations open for club president
- June 8: Nominations and election of all five procedural offices

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

Gina Risemerg submitted a new-member form. Rachael Kuintzle also joined the meeting as a guest. Both introduced themselves, and we welcomed them.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

Our next board meeting is June 11.

Special Event: Todd McCaffrey

McCaffrey read an excerpt from the first L.A.

Witch book, *Birthday*. He also read a portion of *Raw Space*, the first Canaris Rift book.

Questions from LASFSans and the resulting discussion concentrated on the freedom offered by writing for middle-grade readers, the

availability of Anne McCaffrey's books as ebooks, grammar resources, and whether *Avatar: The Way of Water* ripped off McCaffrey's concept of the Impression.

Miscellaneous

Susan Fox reported that Westercon has been canceled. Loscon 49 will host Westercon members, and the annual Westercon meeting will occur at Loscon.

Charles Lee Jackson II announced that Farley the Fiddler's joke was broadcast on *Ghosts*.

Matthew Mitchell indicated that Gallifrey One's hotel rooms open up for reservations tomorrow.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

Eylat Poliner so moved. That was seconded and fourthed, but not thrided. The ayes had it.

Happy Birthday, R-Laurraine! Meeting #4475, May 18, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Fan and apahack R-Laurraine Tutihasi
- Actor Andreas Katsulas
- Author Fred Saberhagen
- Actor Michael Rogers
- Author Diane Duane

Dispatchings

- Film editor John Refua

Media anniversary

This is the anniversary of Roger Corman's *War of the Satellites* and *The Abominable Dr. Phibes*. It's also the date that the 1978 *Battlestar Galactica* movie hit the big screen. And in 1962, May 15 saw the first airing of the *The Twilight Zone* episode "I Sing the Body Electric."

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for May 11, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Nick Smith clarified the pronunciation of Feynman. Scribbles should've known better. Surely, he was joking.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$5, won, and named them "F—Cancer."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as written, if not read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Eylat Poliner explained the LASFS patron saints for an attending guest.

Tom Digby was celebrated and recognized by Nola Frame-Gray, Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, Eylat Poliner, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Digby received three cheers—and a whole lot of bubbles.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- June 1: Nominations open for club president
- June 8: Nominations and election of all five procedural offices

Charles Lee Jackson II described how LASFS elections work and will do so again in the future.

Loscon (Eylat Poliner): Loscon will occur over Thanksgiving weekend. Registration is open.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

Charles Lee Jackson II described the Spot of Honor for an attending guest. The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49. We'll auction off next month next week.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

Tim Friedline attended as a guest. He works in information technology for a bank and has been reading science fiction for a long time. He learned about the LASFS while looking for local book discussion groups and clubs. We welcomed him!

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

Cathy Johnson stood in for Pincus. The upcoming board of directors meeting is June 11 at 11 a.m. Guests are welcome.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith:

- The New Beverly Cinema will screen the director's cut of *Aliens* Friday night. Saturday night, they're going to screen *Beyond the Black Rainbow* starring Michael Rogers.
- American Cinematheque at the Los Feliz Theatre will screen *The Sword and the Sorcerer* on Saturday.
- Dark Delicacies in Burbank is holding a signing May 20 for the DVD release of *Space Wars*. The signing will include the writer, the director, and several actors.

Eylat Poliner: The Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society (GAGS) event this Saturday has been canceled. GAGS will resume in June.

Regular Announcements

Krystal Rains indicated that Loscon is tabling at Strategicon's Gamex on Memorial Day weekend. People who aren't members can join for \$10 off at the gaming con.

Chris Marble reported that George Mulligan continues to improve. Marble also recently had lunch with Chuck Donahue, who sends his greetings.

Cathy Johnson commented that Scott Beckstead recently reported on Facebook that he'd had a toe removed. He's now walking again and is in good spirits.

Reviews

Nick Smith went to see *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3*—and enjoyed it.

Charles Lee Jackson II went to the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. Elayne Pelz received multiple awards for her needlework. No one stopped him for directions.

Cathy Johnson went to the Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire on Mother's Day—and had fun.

Miscellaneous

Nick Smith commented on the slow progress gaining access to Marty Cantor's apartment and belongings. John Hertz, his attorney, hopes to access his trust and will soon. The staff of University of California, Riverside's Eaton Collection of Science Fiction & Fantasy has

expressed interest in acquiring Cantor's early fanzine collection.

Heide Nichols announced the Koroneburg Renaissance Festival in Eastvale. It runs through June 25.

Charles Lee Jackson II reported that the Schtroumpfs, the precursor to the Smurfs, were featured on *Jeopardy!* that night.

Cathy Johnson reminded LASFSans about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

Upcoming Conventions

July 1-4: Anime Expo, <https://www.anime-expo.org>

July 1-4: BayCon, Santa Clara, <https://baycon.org>

July 7-9: *Supernatural* Official Convention, Burlingame, https://www.creationent.com/cal/supernatural_sf.htm

July 16: ComicVerse, Sacramento, <https://www.comicversecon.com>

July 20-23: Comic-Con, San Diego, <https://www.comic-con.org/ci> (sold out)

Upcoming Events

July 2: *Jaws* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

July 2: *War of the Worlds* (1953) screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 3: *Critters* and *Critters 2: The Main Course* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

July 3-4: *Jaws* screenings at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 7: National Fantasy Fan Federation Video Bureau screening of about an hour program of undead-related Super 8 reels online (4 p.m. PT, <https://tinyurl.com/N3F-Theatre>)

July 7: *Minority Report* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

July 7: *Tenet* screening at the Aero Theatre

July 8: N3F Tape Bureau screening of *Lost Continent* (1951) online (7 p.m. PT, <https://tinyurl.com/N3F-Theatre>)

July 8: Cartoon Club and *A Clockwork Orange* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

July 8-9: *Finding Nemo* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

July 9: *2001: A Space Odyssey* screening at the Aero Theatre

July 10: *Jaws 2* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 11: *2001: A Space Odyssey* screening at the Aero Theatre

July 12: *The People That Time Forgot* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 13: *Sharksploitation* and *Deep Blue Sea* screenings at the Los Felix Theatre

July 14: *The Fifth Element* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

July 15: *Subspecies V: Bloodrise* Blu-ray signing with Director Ted Nicolaou at Dark Delicacies in Burbank

July 15-16: *Frozen* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

July 16: *Kolchak Nosferatu* anthology signing with Christopher Sequeira & Gerry Huntman at Dark Delicacies in Burbank

July 17: *Friday the 13th Part VI: Jason Lives* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 18: *Humanoids from the Deep* screening at the Los Felix Theatre

July 20: N3F Tape Bureau airing of *Arch Oboler's Plays* episodes "The Truth" (Jan. 13, 1940) and "Rocket from Manhattan" (Sept. 29, 1945) online (4 p.m. PT, <https://tinyurl.com/N3F-Theatre>)

July 20: Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous Housefilk hosted by Terry and Craig Brussel-Rogers in person and via Zoom

July 21: *Pitch Black* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

July 22: *Aquamarine* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

July 22: *The Jungle Book* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo

July 23: *101 Dalmatians* screening at the Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo

July 22-23: *Hook* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

July 24: *The Car* and *Warlords of Atlantis* screenings at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 26: *The Face of Another* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 28: *Starship Troopers* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

July 28: *The Face of Another* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

July 29: *The Blair Witch Project* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

July 29: *Monster on the Campus* screening at the Los Feliz 3

July 29-30: *Lilo & Stitch* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

July 31: *Srigala* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Game Days

Mondays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Next-Gen Games (<https://www.nextgengames.la>)

Magic: The Gathering at Next-Gen Games, Odyssey Games in Pasadena (<https://odysseygamesco.com>) and Turn Zero Games (<https://www.turnzerogames.com>)

Warhammer: Age of Sigmar at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Tuesdays

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale (<https://www.collectorlegion.com>) and Next-Gen Games

Warhammer: Age of Sigmar and *Warhammer 40,000* at Next-Gen Games

Warhammer 40,000 at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Wednesdays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale, Mega City One (<https://www.megacity.one>), and Next-Gen Games

Thursdays

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale

Star Wars: X-Wing at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Warhammer 40,000 at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Fridays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Friday Night *Magic* at Knight Ware (<http://www.knight-ware.com>), Mega City One, Next-Gen Games, Odyssey Games, Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks (<https://www.paperherosgames.com>) and Turn Zero Games,

Saturdays

Magic at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Warhammer at Knight Ware (third Saturday of the month)

Sundays

Magic at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Warhammer 40,000 at Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks

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

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

Member News

Fred Patten's sister Sherry Patten recently emailed Lee Gold sharing that Tom Locke recently died, perhaps June 25.

Locke was scheduled to have a heart procedure in October 2022, after which he spent about six months in a convalescent hospital. He reported that the food was good and his rehabilitation was going well. Communication was challenging because Locke's computer was hacked and he lost online access, but Patten visited him in April.

After that visit, Locke returned home briefly before going to St. Joseph's Hospital and then another rehabilitation hospital after a fall. When Patten visited again in June, Locke was non-responsive. He'd suffered a stroke and a urinary tract infection—and later died.

Reportedly, Locke left quite a library behind, mostly focusing on sf and books about space travel. If the LASFS or any LASFSans can help find a suitable location for their donation, it might be worth reaching out to Patten. She plans to meet his nephews, so there's contact with his remaining family.

Letter of Comment

That's a very complete and detailed club newsletter you have there, Heath. I was a little surprised that the March issue arrived here in May, but then I don't know how often *De Profundis* comes out. I was also surprised that you were chosen to be editor for January to June; isn't a LASFS editor chosen for a full year?

As well as minutes and calendars and trade fanzine reviews, you list upcoming film and gaming nights. Perhaps it's time for local fans to do the same again, if they will. I must have a word with organizers.

—Garth Spencer
Vancouver, Canada

The March issue was sent Feb. 28, 2023, to LASFS members, local clubs, and my standing apae distribution, which you're on. Not sure why you received March's edition in May! (The National Fantasy Fan Federation's franking service distributed the March issue in May, so you might have also received that email, I

suppose.)

De Profundis is published monthly, ideally before the first of the month so the calendar content is most useful. Sometimes that slides if life intervenes. (July's went out July 2, for example.)

I am editing *De Prof* because I am the scribe for the LASFS—or vice versa. I was elected for the standard six-month term and was recently re-elected for the second half of the year. The roles aren't always coterminous, but I volunteered to run for scribe so I could relaunch *De Prof*. It's the easiest way to make sure the editor receives the minutes because... I make the minutes!

Thank you for *De Prof's* first letter of comment under my editorship. It would be fun to get more letters.

—Scribbles

Clubzine Exchange

In addition to sending *De Prof* to the LASFS membership, we also send copies to almost 40 sf clubs around the world. Some of them reciprocate with their own publications, which I can forward to LASFSans upon request. Just ask for what you'd like to receive by name. Since the last issue, we've received:

Eldritch Science #10 (N3F, June 2023), *Fanactivity Gazette* Vol. 3 #1 (N3F, June 2023), *Instant Message* #999 (NESFA, June 2023), *Ionisphere* #41 (N3F, June 2023), *The Mark of the B*E*A*S*T* (Baltimore Science Fiction Society, May 2023), *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 82 #6 (N3F, June 2023), *The N3F Review of Books* (June 2023), *Origin* #64 (N3F, June 2023), *Probe* #196 (SFFSA, June 2023), *Starship Express* (SFABC, June and July 2023), and *Tightbeam* #345 (N3F, June 2023).

We also heard from the British Science Fiction Association, the Canadian Science Fiction & Fantasy Association, First Fandom, Melody Friedenthal of the Worcester (Mass.) Public Library's science fiction book club, Parsec (Pittsburgh), the Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association, and the USS Angeles.

Fanzines and Prozines Received

These items aren't received in trade for *De Prof*, but are received, read, and recommended by

Scribbles. I can't send you these, but you can explore them yourself: *Ad Astra* (Q2 2023), *Alexiad* Vol. 22 #3 (June 2023), *Amon Hen* #300-301 (April-June 2023), *Analog* (July/August 2023), *Asimov's* (July/August 2023), *The Compleat Anachronist* #199 (First Quarter, 2023), *The Crown Prints* Vol. 24 #19-20 (June-July 2023), *Cyber Cozen* Vol. 35 #6 (June 2023), *The Dark* #97-98 (June-July 2023), *Dark Toys* #75 (June 2023), *Enchanted Living* #63 (Summer 2023), *Focus* #76 (Spring 2023), *Galaxy's Edge* #62 (May 2023), *Intermission* #133 (June 2023), *LienZine*, *Locus* #749 (June 2023), *The MT Void* #2260 and 2275-2279 (May-June 2023), *Nightmare* #129-130 (June-July 2023), *The Obdurate Eye* #28 (June 2023), *Otaku USA* (October 2023), *Pablo Lennis* #427 (June 2023), *Perryscope* #33-34 (May-June 2023), *Scientificion* #76 (Q2 2023), *Shooting My CUFFs* #1 and 3 (April-June 2023), *Star*Line* #46.2 (Spring 2023), *Star Wars Insider* #219 (May/June 2023), and *This Here...* #66.

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *Alexiad* #123-128, *BCSFAZine* #554, *Captain Flashback* #54-55, *Claims Department* #39-44, *Cyber Cozen* Vol. 35 #6, *The Drink Tank* #448, *Endeavor* #16, *The Megaloscope* #7, *The Obdurate Eye* #28, *Opuntia* #550-551, *Perryscope* #33, *SF Commentary* #113, *Spartacus* #66, *This Here...* #65-66, *Warp* #113, and *Wild Ideas* #36.