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* **Thursday Programme Items:** **Dec. 7**—Nominations for President, **Dec. 14**—Procedural elections, **Dec. 28**—Loscon Retrospective

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.

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Elected Procedural Officers
July-December 2023

President: Cathy Johnson
Vice-President: Susan Fox
Registrar: Eylat Poliner
Scribe: Heath Row
Treasurers: Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin

Board of Directors

Chairman: Michelle Pincus (2024)
Vice Chairman: Nick Smith (2023)
Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2025)
Secretary: Susan Fox (2024)

Other Members

Cathy Johnson (2024), Dean Johnson (2025), Christian B. McGuire (2023), Heide Nichols (2025), Elayne Pelz (2023), Eylat Poliner (2024), and Rob Powell (2023)

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 and APA-L Liaison: Heath Row; Film Coordination Committee, Honor Guard, Party Rabbi, and Video Collection Curator: Charles Lee Jackson II; Hall Decoration: Charles Lee Jackson II, Christian B. McGuire, and Elayne Pelz; LASFAPA Liaison: David Schlosser; LASFS Information: Lee Gold and Matthew B. 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>. Unofficial, unexpurgated minutes can be read in *Menace of the LASFS*, which is available upon request.)

Board Meeting

Sept. 10, 2023

Michelle Pincus, chairing
Susan Fox, Secretary

Call to Order

11 a.m.

Present

Chairman Michelle Pincus, Vice Chairman Nick Smith, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, and Heide Nichols. Non-board members: Club member observers Tony Benoun, Matt Mitchell, and Matthew B. Tepper.

Minutes

Approved and accepted

New Members

None

Treasurer's Report (Elayne Pelz)

We currently have \$61,353.13 in active money, thanks to the \$27,000 grant from the City of Los Angeles.

30-Second Reports

Chairman (Michelle Pincus): No report
Vice Chairman (Nick Smith): No report
Secretary (Susan Fox): No report
Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Our Fidelity balance as of Sept. 8, 2023, is \$807,279.50. That's a change of -\$107.33 from last month. Our account had a high of \$820,865.85 and a low of \$792,354.20 during the previous 28 days.
Library (Gavin Claypool): No report
Quartermaster (Heide Nichols): No report
Archives (Cathy Johnson): No report
Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell): No report
AV Equipment (Dean Johnson): The AV equipment remains in storage.
Events (Eylat Poliner): No report
Publications (Christian B. McGuire): No report

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): Loscon 49 is on track. There are currently 350 members. About 31 people bought memberships at Westercon.

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Loscon 50 is also on track. We have Guests of Honor lined up. Kristine Cherry is doing the Web site. Krystal Rains is running the Loscon 50 party at Loscon 49. Michelle Pincus will start the Loscon 50 postcards next week.

Relevant to Loscon and the LASFS

Cathy Johnson: The event manager program Member Solutions will be going away. Her company is moving away from it after this Loscon. We would have to pay \$35/month (\$420/year) to continue using it. We will need to find something else by this Loscon.

Elayne Pelz: We cannot use Eventbrite. It's too expensive.

Michelle Pincus: The nice thing about Member Solutions is that people can pay through it.

Johnson will check out Squarespace and other services.

Nick Smith asked what we were paying per transaction: 12 percent.

Significant Others

Club President (Cathy Johnson): We are still meeting on Zoom. The American Lutheran Church is not an option; they have another group on Thursdays.

Eylat Poliner: Tom Safer has a possibility to use the same church. It'd be a different room and cost less money.

Dean Johnson: Do we have Internet access at the church? If there's no Internet access, we might be able to use a mobile phone hotspot.

Elayne Pelz: Safer found a location in Glendale with no Wi-Fi. It's a large room with chairs and air conditioning, and costs \$60 per week, which is too much. Pelz said that the Worldcon bid owns a portable Wi-Fi spot, which is better than a mobile phone hotspot. We can use theirs for now and buy the club's own afterward for \$120. But \$60 per meeting is more than we bring in, so that's not viable.

We are still meeting on Zoom. Things are going well.

Agenda Items

None

Open Forum

None

Take-Aways

We're looking for a new system to manage memberships for the LASFS and Loscon.

Next Meeting Date

Elayne Pelz asked whether we need a board meeting next month, in October. Cathy Johnson and Pelz are the committee to arrange live meetings. There's no need for a board meeting.

Pelz moved to skip the board meeting in October. That was seconded. Nine voted to approve, and one voted in opposition. The motion passed.

The board will next meet Nov. 12, 2023, at 11 a.m.

Adjournment

Occurred at 11:22 a.m.

Please Give in Support of Out-of-Work Robots. Meeting #4494, Sept. 28, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order before the video recording began.

We are on agenda tonight because we have David Raiklen as a guest.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Archaeologist Edward Herbert Thompson (b. Sept. 28, 1857; d. May 11, 1935)
- Author Michael G. Coney (b. Sept. 28, 1932; d. Nov. 4, 2005)
- Director, actor, screenwriter, editor, and author John Sayles (b. Sept. 28, 1950)
- Collector, fan, and publisher Erle Korshak (b. Oct. 29, 1923; d. Aug. 25, 2021)
- Fan and LASFSan Ron Elik (b. Sept. 28, 1938; d. Jan. 27, 1968)

Dispatchings

- Actor and musician David McCallum (b. Sept. 19, 1933; d. Sept. 25, 2023)
- Actor Michael Gambon (b. Oct. 19, 1940; d. Sept. 27, 2023)
- Musician and songwriter Terry Kirkman (b. Dec. 12, 1939; d. Sept. 23, 2023)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1987, *Star Trek: The Next Generation* entered first-run syndication.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles did not read the Condensed Cream of Menace because he was absent.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Mike Donahue was celebrated and recognized by Simmie Noble Collins, Nola Frame-Gray, Chris Marble, and Eylat Poliner. Donahue received three cheers.

Ron Elik was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox and Matthew B. Tepper. Elik received three cheers.

Barry Workman was celebrated and recognized by Chris Marble and Nick Smith. Workman received three cheers—and a kaboom, but not an earth-shattering one.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- Sept. 28: David Raiklen, on the music of *Star Trek*
- Oct. 12: Forry Award nominations and vote
- Nov. 2: Board of Directors nominations
- Nov. 9: Meeting #4500 and Board of Directors election
- Nov. 16: History of the LASFS featuring longtime LASFSans
- Nov. 23: Meeting at Loscon 49
- Dec. 7: Nominations for president
- Dec. 14: Procedural elections
- Dec. 28: Loscon retrospective

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): There will be six droids at Loscon. The Progress Report will go out early next week.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49. We auctioned off the spot of honor for the month of October. There was an opening bid of \$13, which won. The recipient will be unveiled next week.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

There's nobody new here tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues. You can make donations, and next week is the beginning of a new month.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The board will not meet in October.

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith:

- The New Beverly Cinema is showing the movie *Super 8* as a matinee, as well as three nights of Harold Lloyd silents. Next week, they'll screen a double feature of *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* and *The Thing from Another World*.
- Everybody else seems to have taken the week off.

Special Event: David Raiklen, on the music of *Star Trek*

The LASFS was joined by composer David Raiklen, who makes music for film, television, video games, and live events. He gave a presentation—featuring many examples—about the *Star Trek* music and sound effects library, one of the largest in the world at more than 400 hours of music. After playing a brief game in which LASFSans identified various sound effects, Raiklen walked the club through seven decades of TV, movie, and video game sound. He addressed the repeated use of cues, sound effects as leitmotifs, the Cookerly organ, and the various composers who worked on the series.

LASFSans asked questions about the lyrics Gene Roddenberry wrote to “Theme from *Star Trek*,” John Williams, the phaser sound effect, Gerald Fried’s underscore from the *Star Trek* episode “Amok Time,” and other topics.

Miscellaneous

Chris Marble: George Mulligan will return to the hospital in the next day or two. He’s been on oxygen for the last month or so. At the hospital, they can do appropriate tests.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Nick Smith: This is the last week of Netflix sending DVDs out to people. That will put a bunch of robots out of work because they’d deployed robots to open the DVDs people sent back.

Charles Lee Jackson II: If you receive a DVD from them, you can now keep them.

Call to Adjourn

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

These Took Way Too Many Minutes.

Meeting #4495, Oct. 5, 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 John Hoyt (b. Oct. 5, 1905; d. Sept. 15, 1991)
- Actor Skip Homeier (b. Oct. 5, 1930; d. June 25, 2017)
- Author, playwright, director, and artist Clive Barker (b. Oct. 5, 1952)
- Courtesy of Susan Fox
 - Actor Karen Allen (b. Oct. 5, 1951)
 - Actor, dancer, musician, and singer Glynis Johns (b. Oct. 5, 1923)
 - Astrophysicist and author Neil deGrasse Tyson (b. Oct. 5, 1958)
 - Comedian, actor, and screenwriter Bill Dana (b. Oct. 5, 1924; d. June 15, 2017)

Dispatchings

None

Media anniversary

The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising, the movie adaptation of Susan Cooper’s children’s fantasy novel *The Dark Is Rising*, was released on this date in 2007.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Sept. 21, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Eylat Poliner will continue to serve in programming until she is replaced.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Susan Fox bid \$5, won, and named them “I Just Chirped Up Because Lynn Maners Isn’t Here.”

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Steve Bilan was celebrated and recognized by Cathy Johnson and Christian B. McGuire. Bilan received three cheers—and a friendly Klingon brother.

Committee Reports

Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS (Christian B. McGuire): Eylat Poliner requested that there be a Big Auction on Oct. 19. Thank you to Susan Fox for uploading and organizing the pictures of the items on auction.

Fox asked if she could donate books to the auction. McGuire said that the LASFS is always open to donations, but books have to go through Gavin Claypool to check against the library holdings.

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- Oct. 12: Forry Award nominations and vote.
- Oct. 19: The Big Auction
- Nov. 2: Board of Directors nominations.
- Nov. 9: Meeting #4500. Board of Directors election.
- Nov. 16: History of the LASFS with historical LASFSians.
- Nov. 23: Meeting at Loscon 49.
- Dec. 7: Nominations for President.
- Dec. 14: Procedural elections.
- Dec. 28: Loscon Retrospective.

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): Cathy Johnson reminded members that the con is held Thanksgiving weekend.

Eylat Poliner reported that there's a staff meeting on Oct. 28 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott.

Johnson directed interested volunteers to Kandis Caringer.

Poliner remarked that the hospitality team is looking for volunteers to staff the con suite, the staff lounge, and serve other functions. Poliner also reminded LASFSans that Peter S. Beagle is our Guest of Honor.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by CLJII's Hallowe'en Haunts, Highlights, and High-jinks, which is now open on Facebook for its 11th season. (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064562504969>) It will run until Nov. 1.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We have a guest tonight named Kandis Caringer. She lives in San Bernardino and learned about the club from Loscon. Michelle Pincus invited her. She's attended Loscon five times and has stepped up to assist with volunteers. She's a major fantasy fan and enjoys the work of Mercedes Lackey. She's also a critic, writer, and aspiring professional, as well as a library assistant.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. We've got lots of people who haven't paid dues tonight. Some of you have been skating the last couple of weeks. If you've been in attendance, you owe dues.

Kandis Caringer asked what the pun fund was, and Cathy Johnson explained what pun fines are. Eylat Poliner detailed that they're 25 cents, inspired by the novels of Spider Robinson.

Dean Johnson said that it's basically punning it forward, and was fined accordingly.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

Susan Fox indicated that the next board meeting will be Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. There will be no meeting in October.

Nick Smith commented that the board chairman and vice chairman were interviewed by two students from Chengdu, China, for a business magazine there because of the upcoming Worldcon. They wanted to learn more about the history of the club and its involvement in sf fandom globally.

The interview was held in the coffee shop on the ground floor of the Bradbury Building.

Old Business

Cathy Johnson indicated that we're still looking for a place to meet in person. If you know of such a place, where we can meet once a month, let us know and we'll look into it.

Elayne Pelz contacted someone else recommended by a member, but they haven't called her back yet.

Charles Lee Jackson II explained the Forrest J Ackerman Award, which is awarded to people who have made substantial and important contributions to sf as it relates to the LASFS.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith

- Saturday, Dark Delicacies will host a signing of the 4K UHD of *Night of the Demons* and the Blu-ray of *Night of the Demons III*. On Sunday, Lisa Morton will sign her new book, *The Art of the Zombie Movie*, which comes out Oct. 15.
- The New Beverly Cinema will host a *Pet Sematary* matinee tomorrow. Monday

offers an Abbott and Costello ghost movie double feature.

- The Los Feliz Theatre will show *The Cassandra Cat* on Saturday
- The Old Town Music Hall is also showing classic scary movies every weekend. This Saturday they'll screen *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* and *Rosemary's Baby*. On Sunday, they'll offer *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*.
- Marv Wolfman is being honored at the New York Comic Con next week for the Harvey Awards Hall of Fame to recognize his contribution to the body of work in the comics field.
- This year's *First Fandom Annual* edited by John L. Coker III and Jon D. Swartz features interviews with LASFS members such as Forrest J Ackerman, Robert Bloch, and Ray Harryhausen. Order yours today. It's going to be gone by next week.

Rob "Gizmo" Powell: The launch of the *Psyche* space probe was postponed from today to next week. It'll be launched by SpaceX next Thursday to the Psyche asteroid. It's expected to be a multi-year journey. Powell works for Ground Data Systems. They'll start receiving information in 2029. (<https://www.nasa.gov/news-release/nasa-sets-coverage-for-psyche-spacecraft-launch-to-metal-world>)

Chris Marble: It's Star Wars Day at the Upland Public Library this weekend. Craig Miller will be there. Four different *Star Wars*-themed cars will be there.

Charles Lee Jackson II: This weekend, MeTV is holding a marathon of *Sventoonie*. *Sventoonie*, the red tuna of terror, shows half-hour, severely edited versions of mostly public domain films. He and other commentators are not as mean as *Mystery Science Theater 3000*.

Kandis Caringer: The A K Smiley Public Library in Redlands will host a family day on Saturday. They'll read Mac Barnett's *Oh No!: Or How My Science Project Destroyed the World* and teach children how to make their own pop-up books and design robots.

Moments of Science

Charles Lee Jackson II pointed out a Halloween lantern he made with paper and dewdrop lights, deeming it science.

Regular Announcements

Chris Marble: George Mulligan is back in the hospital. He had a kidney infection. He's able to walk and get out of bed with minimal assistance. He's off oxygen, and his weight is down.

Charles Lee Jackson II: Music Choice's Sounds of the Seasons channel is now playing Halloween-themed music 24 hours a day. They'll do so through dawn Nov. 1.

Reviews

Susan Fox gave a shout out to *Star Trek: Very Short Treks* commemorating the 50th anniversary of *Star Trek: The Animated Series*. She recommended you skip the first three episodes and watch the most recent one. It's only a little bit gross.

Nick Smith almost binge watched the post-apocalyptic comedy *Twisted Metal* on Peacock. It's the prequel to an unreleased version of a video game series.

Kandis Caringer remarked on the subgenre dungeon core or LitRPG, which uses video game elements in fiction. She recommends Jonathan Brooks's *Dungeon World*, *The Fusionist*, and *Academic ConFusion*.

Charles Lee Jackson II was glad to see *The Lost Missile* again. It uses inexpensive but elegant special effects to tell a story that doesn't have a happy ending. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7_Ri1-QHDA)

Larry Niven mentioned *The Creator*, which offers wonderful special effects and no plot.

Miscellaneous

Christian B. McGuire: If you plan to see *Ahsoka*, you should see the first four seasons of *The Clone Wars* first.

Kandis Caringer: *Ahsoka* is almost an exact sequel to *Star Wars Rebels*.

Nola Frame-Gray shared some memories about Greg Bilan at ConFrancisco in 1993. He saw her struggling, legally blind at the time, and helped guide her back to the convention hotel.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

**Let's Remember Michael Mason
on the Anniversary of His Birthday.
Meeting #4496, Oct. 12, 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 Lester Dent (b. Oct. 12, 1904; d. March 11, 1959)
- Former senator and astronaut Jake Garn (b. Oct. 12, 1932)
- Actor Hugh Jackman (b. Oct. 12, 1968)

Dispatchings

- Costume designer Shawna Trpcic (b. Oct. 18, 1966; d. Oct. 4, 2023)
- Comic book artist and writer Keith Giffen (b. Nov. 30, 1952; d. Oct. 9, 2023)
- Actor Phyllis Coates (b. Jan. 15, 1927; d. Oct. 11, 2023)

Media anniversary

Douglas Adams's *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* was first published in England on Oct. 12, 1979. *The Nightmare Before Christmas* was originally released on Oct. 13, 1993. And on Oct. 12, 1964, the U.S.S.R. launched the first multi-person spacecraft, *Voskhod 1*.

Reading of the Minutes

 (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Sept. 28 and Oct. 5, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Sept. 28: None

Oct. 5: Charles Lee Jackson II clarified that Sventoonie, the red tuna of terror, is one character on *Sventoonie*, not two. Music Choice will play Halloween music through dawn Nov. 1. And the special effects of *The Lost Missile* were inexpensive but elegant.

Rob "Gizmo" Powell specified that he works for Ground Data Systems.

Nola Frame-Gray requested that "to her destination" be changed to "back to the convention hotel."

Auction to Name the Minutes

Matthew Mitchell bid \$6, won, and named the Condensed Cream of Menace for Sept. 28, 2023, "Please Give in Support of Out-of-Work Robots."

Simmie Noble Collins bid \$5, won, and named the Condensed Cream of Menace for Oct. 5, 2023, "These Took Way Too Many Minutes."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept Sept. 28, 2023, as read, and approved.

Moved to accept Oct. 5, 2023, as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Beverly Kanter was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II and Chris Marble. Kanter received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

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- Dec. 28: Loscon Retrospective

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): Cathy Johnson reminded members that there's a staff meeting at noon on Oct. 28 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott. It will be a hybrid meeting.

Honor Guard

 (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by CLJII's Hallowe'en Haunts, Highlights, and High-jinks. (<https://www.facebook.com/HalloweenHauntsHighlightsAndHiJinks>)

Registrar

 (Eylat Poliner)

We have no guests.

Treasurer

 (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues—and to make donations.

Board Report

 (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting will be Nov. 12 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Tad Daley reported that the Worldcon in Chengdu, China, begins next week. He will speak virtually on the topic of world government next Friday evening. (<https://en.chengduworldcon.com>)

Rob “Gizmo” Powell: The NASA *Psyche* space probe launch that was scheduled for this morning was postponed because of weather on the east coast. It’s been rescheduled to Friday or this weekend.

Special Event: Forry Award Nominations and Vote

Charles Lee Jackson II explained the Forrest J Ackerman Award. It will be presented officially at Loscon.

Previous recipients are not eligible for nomination. (<https://lasfs.org/the-forry-awards> and Ursula K. LeGuin in 2022)

Chris Marble nominated author Vernor Vinge. Eylat Poliner nominated Susan Fox, who wanted to decline but could not.

Tad Daley nominated author Jack McDevitt.

Peter Santell nominated animator, filmmaker, and artist Hayao Miyazaki.

Willard Stone nominated artist Charles Vess.

Gregory Lipscomb nominated animator and director George Pal.

Matthew B. Tepper nominated author, editor, and educator Jack Dann.

J.P. Van Gordon nominated author Henry Kuttner.

Cathy Johnson nominated author and screenwriter Peter S. Beagle.

The membership voted with several successive rounds.

The Forry Award winner for 2023 is Peter S. Beagle.

Moments of Science

Lee Grixit: The most recent television version of *Brave New World* featured people wearing contact lenses with augmented reality displays. Contact lenses like that are now in possible development. They’re powered by tears. (<https://interestingengineering.com/innovation/contact-lens-battery-charged-by-tears>)

Dean Johnson: There will be a partial solar eclipse Saturday. It only happens every 30-40 years. Start looking around 9:13 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Be sure to use eclipse glasses.

Susan Fox suggested that you can also stick a pin in a piece of paper or use a colander to project crescent shadows on the sidewalk.

Nola Frame-Gray remarked that tree foliage can also create such patterns on the ground.

Charles Lee Jackson II said that if all else fails, watch the TV news.

Tim Friedline: OSIRIS-REx landed on an asteroid, gathered samples, and returned. Its

payload offers a treasure trove of early solar system remnants.

Regular Announcements

None

Reviews

Matthew B. Tepper just finished reading *Mining Heinlein* by Mark West. A married couple invents a way to travel to parallel universes, go to used bookstores, and find books written by Heinlein in that universe that weren’t written in ours. (<https://www.amazon.com/Mining-Heinlein-Mark-West-e-book/dp/B09T5MWP9L>)

Charles Lee Jackson II: The 1939 Bob Hope film *The Cat and the Canary* is currently on YouTube with strange act breaks but no commercials. It’s from an excellent print and is funny, scary, and mysterious.

Chris Marble went to Star Wars Day at the Upland Public Library. Shawn Crosby, Craig Miller, and Genny Dazzo send their regards, but the Ewoks do not.

Lee Grixit indicated that the successor to *The Boys*, *Gen V*, is now available.

Miscellaneous

Cathy Johnson reminded members of the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

Shut Up and Give Me the Cookbook. Meeting #4497, Oct. 19, 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)

Hatchings

- Wrestler and actor Tor Johnson (b. Oct. 19, 1903; d. May 12, 1971)
- Actor John Lithgow (b. Oct. 19, 1945)
- Author L.E. Modesitt Jr. (b. Oct. 19, 1943)
- Actor and filmmaker Jon Favreau (b. Oct. 19, 1966)

Dispatchings

- Actor Lara Parker (b. Oct. 27, 1938; d. Oct. 12, 2023)
- Actor, author, and business woman Suzanne Somers (b. Oct. 16, 1946; d. Oct. 15, 2023)
- Actor Piper Laurie (b. Jan. 22, 1932; d. Oct. 14, 2023)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1990, the remake of *Night of the Living Dead* was released. On this date in 1979, *Meteor* was released.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Oct. 12, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Cathy Johnson reminded Scribbles that the solar eclipse was in the morning, not at night.

Charles Lee Jackson II further clarified that Sventoonie, the red tuna of terror, is one character, not two, on *Sventoonie*.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Christian B. McGuire bid \$10, won, and named them “Let’s Remember Michael Mason on the Anniversary of His Birthday.”

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Randy Greiner was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Charles Lee Jackson II, and Elayne Pelz. Greiner received three cheers.

Beth Marble was celebrated and recognized by Chris Marble, Heide Nichols, and Eylat Poliner. Marble received three cheers—and a hot mug of Earl Grey.

Michael Mason was celebrated and recognized by Nola Frame-Gray, Cathy Johnson, Christian B. McGuire, Matt Mitchell, Heide Nichols, Eylat Poliner, and Matthew B. Tepper. Mason received three cheers—and an iced tea with no lemon.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- Nov. 2: Board of Directors nominations
- Nov. 9: Meeting #4500 and Board of Directors election
- Nov. 16: History of the LASFS with historical LASFSans
- Nov. 23: Meeting at Loscon 49
- Dec. 7: Nominations for President

- Dec. 14: Procedural elections
- Dec. 28: Loscon Retrospective

Loscon 49 (Cathy Johnson): There’s a staff meeting on Oct. 28.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by CLJII’s Hallowe’en Haunts, Highlights, and High-jinks. (<https://www.facebook.com/HalloweenHauntsHighlightsAndHiJinks>)

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We have no guests tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting will be Nov. 12 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith:

- The New Beverly Cinema will show a double feature of *Frankenstein* and *Bride of Frankenstein* tomorrow night. *The Mummy* is their weekend matinee, and they’ll also screen a double feature of *Addams Family Values* and *Casper*.
- The Los Feliz Theatre will show *X: The Man with the X-ray Eyes*. Monday they’ll show *Creepshow*.
- The Old Town Music Hall will screen *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein* and *Frankenstein* on Saturday, and *Young Frankenstein* on Sunday.
- Dark Delicacies will host a signing Saturday for a new book about the Halloween movie franchise.

Charles Lee Jackson II: Tomorrow is the anniversary of the birth of Bela Lugosi.

Special Event: The Big Auction

Christian B. McGuire explained the bidding process and how winners can pick items up from Elayne Pelz or pay postage for mailing.

Star Trek: The Motion Picture Putty—Chris Marble bid \$2, won, and would like to pick it up at Loscon.

Walt Disney's *Fantasia* 50th Anniversary Commemorative Program: Willard Stone bid \$5 and won.

Dave McKean *Dream States: The Collected Dreaming Covers* with Harlan Ellison bookplate: Cathy Johnson bid \$25 and won.

Fantasy Cookbook compiled by Doreen Webbert and Jean Goddin for the 1991 World Fantasy Con: Susan Fox bid \$50 and won.

Gerry Anderson's Space Precinct 2040 Official Annual: Scribbles bid \$15 and won.

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Vol. 1 magazine: Scribbles bid \$5 and won.

Masterpieces: The Best Science Fiction of the Twentieth Century ed. by Orson Scott Card and *The Best Alternate History Stories of the Twentieth Century* ed. by Harry Turtledove and Martin H. Greenberg: Scribbles bid \$5 and won.

Variety Dec. 2, 1991, issue featuring *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*: Susan Fox bid \$5 and won.

Michael Whelan *Adventures in Fantasy* incomplete trading card set: Scribbles bid \$10 and won.

1984 *No Costumes* print inscribed to Connie by Kelly Freas: Eylat Poliner bid \$20 and won.

2006 *The Official Manual for Spice Cadets* ed. by Karl Lembke: Eylat Poliner bid \$35 and won.

Moments of Science

None

Regular Announcements

None

Reviews

None

Miscellaneous

Charles Lee Jackson II was shocked, shocked, that Susan Fox knows that he'd pout if the Honor Guard were skipped in the agenda.

Chris Marble reported that Selina Phanara and George Mulligan send their regards.

Debra Levin commented on Christian B. McGuire asking when her hair became blonde. It isn't blonde. It's pink. It was red, and now it's pink. She also said that we'll be very happy when Phanara and Mulligan are able to make it to a meeting.

Heide Nichols indicated that Coffin Creek, which raises money for Koroneburg Renaissance Festival, is open this weekend.

Cathy Johnson reminded people of the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

Upcoming Conventions

Dec. 1-3: L.A. Comic Con, <https://comicconla.com>

Dec. 2: Super Toy Comic & Collectible Show, Santa Clara; <https://www.timetunneltoys.com/toy-show-events>

Dec. 15-17: DesignerCon, Anaheim; <https://www.designercon.com>

Dec. 17: AniMarketplace, <https://www.animarketplace.org>

Dec. 23: Night at the Ramada, South El Monte; <https://www.626comicexpo.com>

Upcoming Events

Dec. 9: Cartoon Club and *Mary Poppins* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 9: *Miracle on 34th Street* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Dec. 9: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theatre

Dec. 9: *Sleepwalkers* screening at the Egyptian Theatre

Dec. 9: *Metropolis* screening at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 9: *A Bucket of Blood* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Dec. 9: *Weird Tales: 100 Years of Weird* signing with editor Jonathan Maberry; *Ex-Isle*, *Paradox Bound*, *The Broken Room*, and *The Fold* signings with Peter Clines; *Candy Cain Kills* signing with Brian McAuley at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

Dec. 10: *Interstellar* screening at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 10: *Blue Velvet* screening at the Egyptian Theatre

Dec. 10: *Mary Poppins* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 10: *Ready Player One* screening at the Fine Arts Theatre Beverly Hills

Dec. 11: *The Dead Zone* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Dec. 11-12: *Black Christmas* and *Silent Night, Deadly Night* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 12: *Tenet* screening at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 12: *Eight Crazy Nights* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Dec. 13: *Oppenheimer* screening at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 15: *Drop Dead Fred* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theatre

Dec. 15: *2046* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 15: *It's a Wonderful Life* screening at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

Dec. 16: Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous Housefilk hosted by Lee and Barry Gold via Zoom only. No pre-filk dinner. Filk style: Chaos.

Dec. 16: *Satanic Hispanics* Blu-ray signing with directors Mike Mendez, Alejandro Bragues and Efen Ramirez, Jonah Ray, Morgana Ignis, and Norman Cabrera at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

Dec. 16: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theatre

Dec. 16: *Superman* screening at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

Dec. 16-17: *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and *Gremlins* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 17: *Silent Night, Deadly Night* signing with Armando Munoz at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

Dec. 18: *Repo Man* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Dec. 18-19: *Children of Men* and *Snowpiercer* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 20: *Jules* screening at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 20-21: *Scrooged* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 22: *It's a Wonderful Life* screening at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 22: *Prometheus* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 23: *Batman Returns* and *It's a Wonderful Life* screenings at the Egyptian Theatre

Dec. 23: *Arthur Christmas* and *The Shining* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 23: *It's a Wonderful Life* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo (sold out)

Dec. 24: *The Bishop's Wife* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Dec. 24: *It's a Wonderful Life* screening at the Egyptian Theatre

Dec. 24: *Elf* screening at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 28-29: *Gremlins II—The New Batch* and *Freaked* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 29: *The Thing* screening at the Egyptian Theatre

Dec. 30: *Strange Days* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 31: *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, and *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* screenings at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

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).



—William Rotsler

Letter of Comment

I had a thought: Who is the most senior member of the LASFS? Perhaps we could divide it into the longest consecutive member and one who joined before, but dropped out for a while.

I was thinking about this because I (dimly) recalled a meeting some 25 or 30 years ago about each decade of the LASFS. 4SJ [Forrest J Ackerman] represented the oldest decade.

Now he's gone, and may Roy Ferry suffer eternal damnation for what he did to Ack.

So, who is the longest-serving LASFS member?

—Joseph T. Major

Clubzine Exchange

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

Fanactivity Gazette Vol. 3 #6 (National Fantasy Fan Federation, November 2023), *Instant Message* #1003 (NESFA, November 2023), *The N3F Review of Books* (October 2023), N'APA #267 (N3F, November 2023), *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 82 #11 (N3F, November 2023), *Origin* #69 (N3F, November 2023), *The Starship Local* (SFABC, December 2023), *Science Fiction Forum Newsletter* #10-11

(Stony Brook University SF4M, October-November 2023), *Sigma* #452 (Parsec, Pittsburgh), and *Tightbeam* #350 (N3F, November 2023).

We also heard from the Academy of Science Fiction and the Saturn Awards, the Bay Area Science Fiction Association, the British Fantasy Society, the British Science Fiction Association, the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts, Melody Friedenthal of the Worcester (Mass.) Public Library's science fiction book club, the Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association, the Science Fiction Research Association, and the USS Angeles.

Locus Magazines Available

A friend of the LASFS who lives in the Glendale/Pasadena area has a collection of *Locus* magazines dating from 1995 through 2007. She would like to give the collection away as a whole or in portions, whichever interested parties prefer. There is an inventory list available, and the donor prefers that the magazines be picked up rather than shipped.

If you're interested, call Joyce Wolf at 818-249-4056 or email joycewolf@earthlink.net.

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:

Apex Magazine #141; *The Crown Prints* Vol. 25 #25 (December 2023); *Interzone* #296; *Locus* #754 (November 2023); *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction* (November-December 2023); *The MT Void* #2293-2296, #2298, and #2300 (September-November 2023); *Mythprint* Vol. 50 #3 (Fall 2023); *The Obdurate Eye* #33; *On Spec* #125; *Pablo Lennis* #432 (November 2023); *Perryscope* #38 (November 2023); *Portraits of Patriarchs* (BFS anthology); *Shooting My CUFFs* #8 (November 2023); *SMOF News* Vol. 3 #10-13; *Space Cowboy's Accretion* #1-2 (September-October 2023); *Spartacus* #69 (November 2023); *Star Trek Explorer* #9; *This Here...* #70; *Uncanny* #55 (November-December 2023); and *WOOF* 48.

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *Captain Flashback* #60, *Claims Department* #60-61, *CyberCozen* (November 2023), *Ellipsis* (September 2023), *Ethel the Aardvark* #222 (July 2023), *JenZine* #7, *Nowhere Fan* #7, *The Obdurate Eye* #33, *Opuntia* #560, *Perryscope* #38, *The Ray X X-Rayer* #173, *SF Commentary* #114, *Spartacus* #69, Scribbles's own *The Stf Amateur* (November 2023), *This Here...* #69-70, *Wild Ideas* #41, and *You're Still on My Mind* #4.

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