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September 2026

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Program Items

Thu. September 3: No Program
Fri. September 4: Open house/gaming
Thu. September 10: Forry Award
Fri. September 11: Open house/gaming
Sun. September 13: Board of Directors meeting;
 Second Sunday open house/gaming.
Thu. September 17: No Program
Fri. September 18: Open house/gaming
Thu. September 24: No program
Fri. September 25: Open house/gaming
Sat. September 26: Book Sale

LASFS meetings are at our new clubhouse: 8819 Reseda Boulevard, Northridge, CA 91324. Meetings are also accessible via Zoom. Contact Zoom host Susan Fox at susanfox@scifi.radio to receive an invitation, the meeting password, and weekly reminders.

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July-December 2026

President: Cathy Johnson

Vice-Presidents: Susan Fox & Eylat Poliner

Registrar: Elizabeth Carlie

Scribe: Matthew Mitchell

Treasurers: Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz

Board of Directors

Chairman: Michelle Pincus (2027)

Vice Chairman: Matthew B. Tepper (2026)

Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2028)

Secretary: Susan Fox (2027)

Other Members

Cathy Johnson (2027), Dean Johnson (2028), Christian B. McGuire (2026), Heide Nichols (2028), Elayne Pelz (2026), Eylat Poliner (2027), and Rob Powell (2026)

Special Advisors

Charles Lee Jackson II

Deceased/honorary positions: Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len and June Moffatt, and Fred Patten

Appointed Officials

Cat Liaison, Computers, Editor, LASFS Archivist, Publications, and Westercon Liaison: Christian B. McGuire; Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS and Key Control: Christian B. McGuire and Elayne Pelz; *De Profundis* Editor: Matthew Mitchell; Film Coordination Committee, Honor Guard, Party Rabbi, and Video Collection Curator: Charles Lee Jackson II; Hall Decoration: Charles Lee Jackson II, Christian B. McGuire, and Elayne Pelz; *LASFAPA* Liaison: David Schlosser; LASFS Information: Lee Gold and Matthew B. Tepper; Librarian: Gavin Claypool; Assistant Librarian: Elayne Pelz; Marketing and Promotions: Michelle Pincus; Patron Saints List Manager: Elayne Pelz and Eylat Poliner; Photographic Collection (Special): Mike Donahue; Program: Eylat Poliner; Science Officers: Bill Green and Nick Smith; Assistant Video Collection Curator: Tom Khamis; Webmistress: Kristine Cherry; Web Advisors: Barry and Lee Gold

Condensed Cream of Menace

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

We'll Remember These Saints for You, Wholesale June 4, 2026 Meeting #4634

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Matt Mitchell, Scribe

It was the first meeting in the month of June, so of course it made perfect sense that some members were planning the Holiday Gift Exchange, now that we have a clubhouse to have it in. Our lady president Cathy Johnson was asked to cease being a social butterfly and called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. to something resembling the opening theme of *The Muppet Show*.

Nick Smith took the reins for his weekly Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings Hatchings:

- 1936, Bruce Dern, actor in *Silent Running* and *Outer Limits*
- 1951, Wendy Pini, creator of *Elfquest*
- 1960, Kristine Katherine Rusch, writer and editor
- 1964, Sean Pertwee, Alfred in *Gotham* and son of the Third Doctor Who
- 1975, Angelina Jolie, actress in *Tomb Raider* and *Maleficent*.

Media anniversaries:

- 1982, L.A. premiere of *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*
- *Revolt of the Zombies*, which boasts a tenuous connection to Bela Legosi

Dispatchings

- Peabo Bryson, singer in many media, including Disney animated movies.
- James Handy, actor in *Arachnophobia*, *The Rocketeer*, and *Jumanji*
- Marjane Satrapi, French-Iranian graphic novelist
- Sally Grace, actress and voice artist, featured on the BBC Radio productions of the Dirk Gently stories
- John Blanche, fantasy illustrator in media ranging from book jackets and LP covers to miniature gaming figures
- Marcia Griffin Lucas, George's ex-wife, the film editor who, as Tom Safer pointed out, won the Oscar for editing *Star Wars*



Guest speaker David Gerrold with Patron Saint Bjo Trimble at the August 13th LASFS meeting. Courtesy of Krystal Rains.

After the Reading of the Minutes of Meeting #4633, Eylat Poliner bid \$20 to name the minutes: **Dammit Jim, I'm Finally Done!** (*I didn't think she had her doctorate yet, but okay...*) Heidi Nichols moved to approve the minutes at 8:30 p.m.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: It's once again Loscon 52 in the Spot of Honor. If you haven't got your membership, get your membership; no, Chris Marble, you can't have a membership, you're a Guest of Honor, so there.

Registrar: Marc Silver said while we don't have any new guests, we might have possible returning guests, which prompted Cathy to ask if there was anybody here who was older, which had everybody raising their hands. (*Does the Rotary Club have to put up with this?*) After the silliness, we determined we were members only tonight.

Treasurer: Elayne Pelz said, in the immortal words of Spinal Tap: give her some money.

Board of Directors: Michelle Pincus confirmed that the BoD meeting would be June 14th , 11 a.m., at this clubhouse and on this Zoom channel. While she had the floor, Michelle also gave a quick plug for Gloria McMillan's Facebook page called TusCon Fans Do History, to which she invited LASFS members to join.

Loscon 52: Eylat again referred to the QR code in the Spot of Honor.

Programming: This week, we have the standard Presidential Nominations as well as an auction. Next week, Procedural Elections. Eylat then ran down future program items for the year:

July 9: Auction.

July 16: Larry Niven and Steven Barnes present Ice Vegas.

August 12: Auction

August 20: Robert J. Sawyer.

September 3: David Gerrold.

September 10: Forry Award nominations and vote.

October 8: Auction

October 15: Ackie Award, nominations and vote.

October 29: CL presentation

November 5: Board of Directors nominations.

November 12: Board of Directors elections.

November 19: Auction,

November 26: Meeting at Loscon

December 3: Presidential nominations.

December 10: procedural elections.

December 17: LASFS gift exchange and auction

December 24: Holiday party

December 31: Potluck celebration hosted by CL and Scifi.radio

Fannish Wellness: Chris Marble, Zooming in all the way from the Windy City attending the Nebula Awards, quickly reported that George McUrso is getting stronger and his weight is stable.

Matthew Tepper, all the way from the fourth row of chairs, announced that for the first time in months, his right leg is free of bandages.

Old Business

On that note, Cathy yielded the floor to Charles Lee Jackson II, who explained that as weird and wacky as the LASFS is, it does need to elect people to positions of responsibility twice a year. The primary office of the Society, and quite often the public face thereof, is the President. Cathy Johnson accepted no less than three nominations for the position, but declined a fourth because, well, that would be tacky. For the record, Eylat was the first to nominate Cathy. Gavin Claypool did nominate CL, who declined. After a brief pep talk to the members about getting involved with the operation of the club, the nominations were recessed until next week.

From there, we moved on to the **Auction**, Christian McGuire stepping up to the front to encourage people to bid on the following items:

- *Psycho* CD - \$5 to Hare Hobbs
- Folder \$5 to Elayne
- Stack of burnable discs - \$1 to Scott Beckstead
- Salt & Pepper grinder set - \$25 to Rita Loy
- Magnifier Light - \$10 to Susan Fox
- Cards Against Humanity set - \$10 to Rita
- LED Desk Lamp - \$10 to Matthew
- Deli slicer - \$10 to Rita
- Induction cooktop - \$25 to Rita

Timebound announcements:

Eylat said that Kristen Gorlitz's virtual media play *ROOT* will be performed starting this Sunday. The first show is already sold out. Also, the play will be presented at LA Con V.

Chris bragged about being at the Nebula



Awards in Chicago, which will be presented on June 6th. In between schmoozing with the literati, he has been promoting Loscon.

For the first Moment of Science report, Tom related the story of Beno Gutenberg, German-American seismologist and pioneer in the study of earthquakes and the Earth's interior who was born on this date. It also marks the first time natural gas was used for illumination in 1825.

Nick regretted to report that the Mars MAVEN probe is inactive after 13 years, due to unexpected out-of-control spinning.

From there we had an irregular barrage of Announcements, Reviews and Miscellanea:

- Larry Niven announced that *Ice Vegas* is on bookstands and newsstores...or newsstands and bookstores, wherever fine fiction is sold.
- Tom recently saw the films *Wicked* and *Wicked for Good* and pronounced them both well done. Also, a baritone friend of his is appearing in the opera *Carmen* at the El Portal Theater
- Hare says the *Avatar* movies are out in BluRay
- Scott says there is no Pepsi in the refrigerator
- Eylat watched the finale of the current series of *Matlock*
Matthew received a recorded performance of *Peter And The Wolf* narrated by Harpo Marx. Yes, **Harpo**.
- Tom has a new car!

Christian moved to adjourn at 9:08 p.m, and after multiple seconds the members voted in favor.

As a postscript, the Scribe is duty-bound to confirm that we did forget to honor our Patron Saints this week:

Michael Bloom worked as a programmer, in addition to attending a couple of Loscons and L.A. Con IV in 2006. Nick Smith remarked that health problems were interrupting Bloom's usual con participation—though he did attend later cons—and Joe Zeff reported that Bloom was quite a Hell player. His name appears in the source notes for George Pendle's **Strange Angel: The Otherworldly Life of Rocket Scientist John Whiteside Parsons**.

Jim Glass, who passed away in 2007, served

as the LASFS librarian, receiving the Evans-Freehafer award for his service in 1978. He worked as an Associate Technical Fellow at Rocketdyne. He liked to quote the rocket pioneer Konstantin Tsiolkovsky: "The Earth is the cradle of humankind. But one cannot stay in the cradle forever."

Three belated cheers apiece for our Patron Saints.

In Honor of Sandy

June 11, 2026

Meeting #4635

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Matt Mitchell, Scribe

Before the meeting started and the technical issues were being worked out, The Zoomies entertained themselves quoting old telephone skits and pranks. President Cathy Johnson asked if everyone on the Zoom and in the room could hear her, and celebrated that success by telling everybody to pay their dues. There was a quick count of real and virtual attendees to make sure we had sufficient for the evening's activities, before the call to order at 8:04 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings, brought to us by Nick Smith.

Hatchings:

- 1927, Dr. Christopher "Kit" Peddler, who took his knowledge of prosthetics to create the Cybermen for *Doctor Who*
- 1929, Charles Beaumont, writer for Roger Corman and *The Twilight Zone*, among others
- 1933, Gene Wilder, known for being both Willy Wonka and Young Frankenstein
- 1969, Peter Dinklage, actor in *Game of Thrones*, *X-Men: Days of Future Past* and *Avengers: Infinity War*

Media anniversaries:

- 1982, *E.T. the Extraterrestrial*
- 1993, *Jurassic Park*
- 1969, *Valley of Gwangi*, the cowboys-&-dinosaurs movie we always knew we wanted.

Dispatchings:

- Alan Hale, not the long-time Gallifrey One staff member, but the astronomer who co-discovered the Hale-Bopp Comet
- Anthony Guidera, actor in *Species* and *The Postman*
- Anthony Stewart Head, actor and singer,



LOSCON 52

BEYOND THE UNKNOWN

Hilton Los Angeles Airport, Nov 27- 29, 2026

Guests of Honor	Membership Rates
Writer – Bill Wolkoff <i>(Star Trek: Strange New Worlds and Star Wars Rebels)</i> Artist – Selina Phanara Music – Griff the Filker Fan – Chris Marble Science – G. David Nordley	Now thru Nov. 20th \$75.00 Nov. 21st – at the door: \$85.00 Child (ages 3-11) all year and at the door. \$25.00 Registration link: https://losangelessciencefantasysociety.regfox.com/loscon-52

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known as Giles in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, but was also in *Doctor Who* and *Repo the Genetic Opera*

- Jane Yolen, writer of over 400 s-f & fantasy books for adults and children

Reading of the Minutes

After the members rectified the lapse in cheering the Patrol Saints during the previous meeting, Christian McGuire bid \$5 to name the minutes: **We'll Remember These Saints for You, Wholesale.** Matt Mitchell was going to move to approve his own minutes, but withdrew his motion in favor of Heide Nichols' motion to approve at 8:30 p.m.

Patron Saints:

Hare Hobbs: Eylat Poliner said that he is wonderful at following directions. Matthew Tepper greatly respects that in spite of his

dyslexia, Hare is determined to read books, which encourages others to overcome their disabilities.. Selina Phanara acknowledged Hare's great taste in music, and that he shares what he loves. Liz Carlie found Hare to be gregarious and really easy to talk to. Hare was given three cheers

Our other Patron Saint, who is also a Sacred Object, the recently departed **Sandy Cohen**, Scott Beckstead recalled that while they initially did not mesh well, Sandy took him under his wing to run the convention Green Room. Selina added that Sandy was a great guy – kinda crabby but a great guy. Matthew recalled Sandy's traditional title of Sacred Chancellor of Chocolate, and indeed chocolate was brought in this evening to honor his memory. Sandy was given three cheers.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: Charles Lee Jackson II said that the Spot was held this month by Loscon 52. He reminisced that it used to be the background of his Zoom and explained that it was auctioned off on a monthly basis to display various things.

Registrar: We had one guest on the Zoom, Gloria McMillan from Tucson, Arizona, one of the curators of the TusCon Fans Do History page on Facebook. She wanted to bring more awareness of the history of fandom and to educate younger fans who Asimov, Heinlein and Bradbury were and felt LASFS was a good place to start,

Christian, acting as emergency backup **Treasurer**, gave the traditional call: Pay your dues.

Board of Directors: Michelle Pincus reminded us that this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. would be the Board of Directors meeting, followed by Second Sunday

Loscon 52: All the info anyone might need would be in the QR code in the Spot of Honor

Programming: Eylat said there might be an auction next week. She also ran down the items for July.

Tonight's Old Business, the Procedural Elections: CL took the floor and gave his usual spiel about how the club operates on the beneficence of its membership, the roles of the procedural officers, cue the strings and woodwinds.

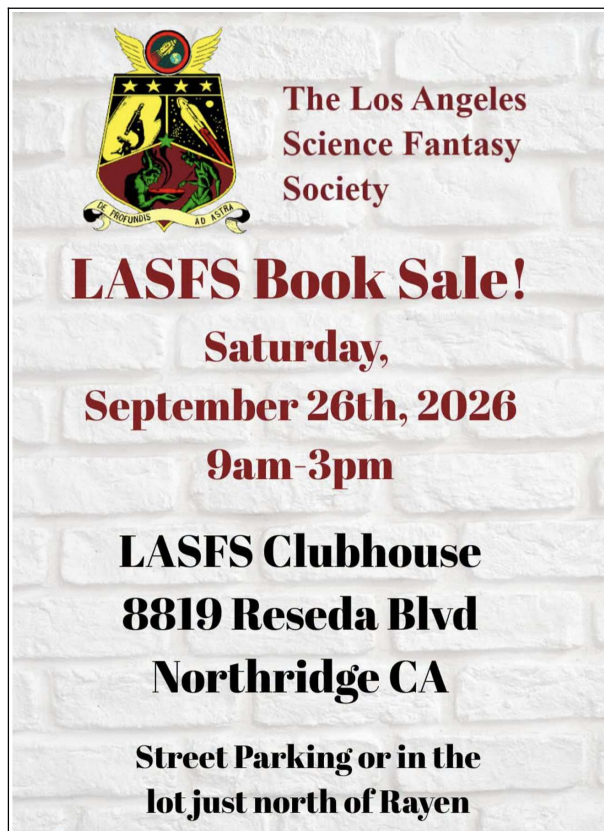
President: Last week we only had one nominee, Cathy. She elected to not crawl out under the head table and escape. There were no further victims, so nominations were closed. We did have actual colored index cards to use as ballots if necessary. Even with this novel state of affairs, we auctioned off the ballot color for each office, regardless of whether or not an election took place. Rita Loy bid \$5 to name the ballot color "Banana."

For the office of *Vice President*, the procedural Sous-chef of the LASFS, Matthew nominated the tag team of Eylat and Susan Fox, who accepted the nomination but declined the Mexican wrestling masks. No other nomination choose to stand against such a formidable force, and so we did not use the green index cards, which Susan bid \$10 to name "Chartreuse".

The office of *Registrar*, club greeter extraordinaire: after Matt figured out how to spell "chartreuse" he nominated the incumbent, Marc Silver, who accepted. Susan nominated Elizabeth Carlie, who also accepted. A quick auction of the chosen ballots netted \$10 from Gavin Claypool, who named the color "Junior Committee Men" – a holdover of procedural officer titles in days gone by. After a brief election utilizing both the cards and the Zoom raising-hands function, Elizabeth won. Marc was thanked for his service during the inaugural period of our new clubhouse, at times having had up to eight guests at a meeting.

As to the *Scribe*, the recorder, collator and archiver of the meeting minutes, Heidi nominated Matt, who accepted and was subsequently railroaded in. Selina bid \$6 to name the ballots "Blue."

The final office for consideration was *Treasurer*, the one that requires financial tracking, reeling, writhing and fainting in coils. Matt nominated Christian, who had been serving this evening as



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September 26th, 2026
9am-3pm**

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lot just north of Rayen**



Browncoat Auxiliary Depression & Anxiety Support System

Board of Directors Meeting

June 14, 2026

Michelle Pincus, chairing

Susan Fox, secretary

stand-in treasurer. He declined courteously, and then in turn nominated the tag-team incumbents Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz. Debra, appearing on Zoom because she was under the weather, accepted on behalf of both. No other nominations were forthcoming, so it was closed. Gizmo Powell bid \$20 to name the ballots, owing to a hot-mike exclamation by Selina, "Fecking Blue".

New Business refused to poke its head out, lest it get nominated for one thing or another

From there we went into Regular and Miscellaneous Announcements:

- CL let us know that his book, *Your Best Entertainment*, is in our library. It's about the Golden Age of motion pictures, when small blue furry creatures from Alpha Centauri were real...you get the picture.
- Eylat reviewed the awesome artwork on the Larry Niven Space outside. Selina did an amazing job, aided immeasurably by Gene Turnbow, Susan, and Gizmo. Selina said it killed her, but she got better.
- Eylat also reviewed Kristen Gorlitz's play *Running Out of Time*. "Definitely interesting" was the key phrase there.
- Hare reviewed Klaatu's compilation CD, containing songs that all have s-f themes.
- Gavin said the Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits was closing after July 6. Apparently they have to wash all the tar...wouldn't want it to get too dirty.
- Tom Safer said he would be screening the Disney animated film *Soul* at the Hollywood Regional Library

Eylat moved to adjourn at 9:28 p.m., and also asked the members to put away the chairs. They readily complied with the first, but had to be browbeaten into the second.

Called to order: 11:08 a.m.

Present:

Chair Michelle Pincus, Vice Chair Matthew B. Tepper, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, Heide Nichols

Non-Board Members: Scribe Matt Mitchell

Minutes:

Approved

New Members:

Brendan Rowanoak, approved

Treasurer's Report [Elayne Pelz]:

[at the Worldcon meeting] We have \$38,000

30 Second Reports

Chairman [Michelle Pincus]: No report

Vice Chairman [Matthew Tepper]: No report

Secretary [Susan Fox]: No report

Quartermaster [Rob Powell]: we are stocked with toilet paper, paper towels, supplies

Comptroller [Gavin Claypool]: Investment account \$460,652.46 as of 6/12/26. Tax return extension filed, will be submitted by September.

Library [Gavin Claypool]: Book sale has been postponed, no new date yet. Library is getting set up, step by step, slowly

Archives [Cathy Johnson]: No report

Tech [Dean Johnson]: We are having internet problems (Clubhouse wifi went from 4K to 0 for no apparent reason); other than that, no report.

Marketing and Recruitment [Michelle Pincus]: Working with Tech for researching something new by Worldcon.

Events [Eylat Poliner]: Loscon: doing well, Krystal is running a Loscon table at Worldcon. Christian is running a Loscon table at Baycon. We need coverage for Friday of Gateway, same folks as Strategicon. GOH's have all turned in their preferences.

Eylat would like to run a LALAcon, the in-clubhouse con day, May 26-27, after tax season and Mother's Day. Eylat would like to chair, has staff arranged. Admission \$10. Eylat makes the motion; approved.

Publications [Christian McGuire]: No report

Significant Others

Club President [Cathy Johnson] We have elected a new slate of officers. New registrar, Elizabeth Carlie. Our thanks to Marc Silver for his service.

Old Business

Hotel contract- Elizabeth [who is at the Worldcon meeting, report sent to Michelle]

Both the Marriott and Hilton have submitted offers. We are waiting on Marriott to sweeten their offer. Hilton, if we go there, will waive the food and beverage requirements.

Cathy: is there a deadline for us the board to vote on this? We should have a signed contract by this Loscon for next Loscon, we should have one next month.

New Business

Elayne will have a line item in our budget for cleaning supplies. We need \$100 per month.

Heide: may we get a revised budget, including this and the paint budget for Selina? Yes.

Agenda Items

Make club programming one year rather than 6 months. Some of the bigger names need more lead time. Eylat moves to have Programming put under Board supervision for a longer term.

Heide: point of order: two motions should be clearer

Christian: moving from President to Board would be a major change in how committees are

handled

Cathy we need to address the point of order first
Gavin: would require a By-Laws change

Another way of dealing with it: procedural officers have been on a six month basis. Should we consider a twelve month term, from July to June?

Matthew: roll it into the Events coordinator already on the board

Eylat likes these

Heide likes Cathy's idea of it being an elected position, so nobody "bogarts" it for too many years. This may need a committee to determine where it should be in the By-Laws or Standing Rules.

Gavin: all suggestions imply a year term, which will run into the same problem of lead time as the term ends.

Cathy: is there a mechanism where we can keep things as they are but with some leeway to schedule special events with a greater lead time?

Heide: that could be codified into a new by-law or standing rule. A new events scheduler could change pre-planned events if needed.



Author Robert J. Sawyer was the guest speaker at the August 20th LASFS meeting. Scott Beckstead, background, looks ready to pounce on any hecklers. Courtesy of Krystal Rains.

Dearly Missed... But Not Released

Willard Andrew Stone

August 15, 1954-May 22, 2026

Willard Stone, a regular LASFS attendee via Zoom for several years, passed away in May after a series of medical setbacks. Originally from South Pasadena, he studied political science at the University of California, San Diego. He was retired from the Internal Revenue Service. He was known as the "night owl" in convention hospitality suites, handling the evening shift and greeting fans coming in for munchies and soda. Willard is survived by a brother and a sister. Friends and family will honor Willard's memory on Friday, September 11th at 1:00PM with a graveside service and marker dedication at Mountain View Cemetery, Altadena, California. The family requests that you RSVP in the comments section of Paul Scranton's post on Willard's Facebook page, if planning to attend, by September 4th.

Thanks to Paul Scranton and the members of LASFS.

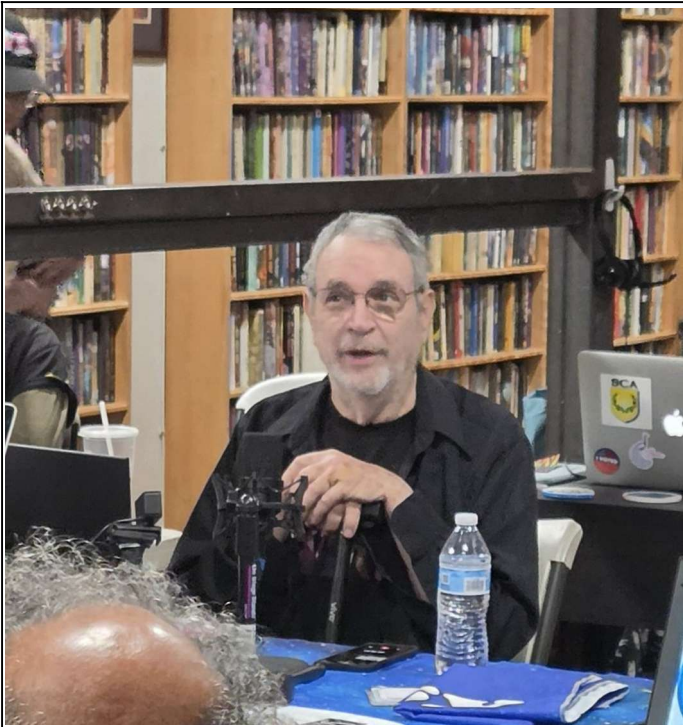


Deanna Bayless

June 10, 1964-August 16, 2026

Deanna Bayless passed away at the long-term care facility she had been staying at for the last couple of years. She was originally from Westchester, California, and studied music at UCLA. She was a member of LASFS since the eighties, as well as the Time Meddlers of Los Angeles and U.S.S. Tradition (a somewhat satirical Star Trek club). Besides attending and volunteering at Loscons and Westercons, she was one of the founding committee members of Gallifrey One. She was remembered as a quiet, astute participant in meetings and activities, usually seen with

her longtime companion David Keller. She is survived by several cousins. Memorial services have not been announced at press time. *Thanks to Sherri Benoun.*



David Gerrold addresses the LASFS at the August 13th meeting. Courtesy of Krystal Rains.

Susan: to establish precedent so it does not become a problem

Gavin: This would be a By-Laws change if under the Board; Standing Rule if appointed by President.

Committee appointed: Eylat, Matthew, Heide, Cathy, Christian

Eylat is requesting we skip Second Sunday open house for July and August

And to have Friday game night only every other Friday during July and August

And not during Worldcon

Cathy does not think low attendance on Friday is due to Summer

Rob can open the clubhouse, so can Christian, who is commuting to con

Christian: we should talk to those who are not going to Worldcon

Worldcon week LASFS meeting will be on Zoom, Susan will run Zoom from hotel, some members will be in the clubhouse.

Signage for the clubhouse: Dean says we are working on it.

Christian: recommends that Dean prints up a sign for the front door

Westercon: Christian: nobody seems to be

bidding on them. 2026-27 it is folded into Baycon. Last year's business meeting, moved and approved to dissolve the Westercon constitution and by-laws, which needs to be re-confirmed in 2026. Christian to go to Baycon and represent LASFS. Christian and Kayla Allen wish the LASFS to officially bid for a 2028 Westercon to dissolve it.

Heide: sounds like most of us agree, let's have it go with a whimper instead of a bang, needs a motion. Gavin moves, Heide Seconds. Approved.

Open Forum

Rob: We have a shed. Rob has sent email with beautiful murals in progress.

Moves to give thanks to Selina for the art

Eylat: we should send her a card of thanks

Susan: minor matter: she has missed the promised return date of June 7 to continue

Christian: she is doing a great job despite issues of health and heat

Now she is faced with full summer, the job of Artist GoH for Loscon and other new art projects.

At this time, she is scheduling her return for December, after Loscon, for the second shed.

We should thank her for what she has done

Susan calls the question of sending her a card, approved

Christian proposes a \$400 paint budget for the third side, which is planned for Gene and Susan to emblazon the LASFS Shield.

Matt: there will be an article on the Shed art, including photos from the artist

Matthew: there was email to the board about whether Jerry Pournelle's book series will continue. Susan will handle this and refer him to Alex Pournelle, who handles his father's literary estate.

Heide: move to adjourn

Next meeting date: July 12, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment at 12:28 p.m.

Toreador, En Garde

June 18, 2026

Meeting #4636

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Matt Mitchell, Scribe

Southern California was once again experiencing fires, not the least of which in

scale, but possibly the most in irony, was at a cold-storage facility near Boyle Heights. The question of how much in pun fines we could charge the universe went moot when president Cathy Johnson decreed the penguin on top of the television set had exploded and called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Susan Fox presented the Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings in place of the absent Nick Smith.

Hatchings:

- Kane Parsons (21), filmmaker of *Backrooms*
- Carol Kane (74), actress in *Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*, *Scrooged*, and *The Princess Bride*
- Additionally Eylat Poliner announced that today was the birthday of her childhood friend and LASFS member Debra Levin
- Matthew Tepper informed us that today is also the birthday of Igor Stravinsky, who is not a member of LASFS and is not Matthew's childhood friend.

Anniversaries, Media and otherwise:

- On this day in 1947, Gene Roddenberry survives a plane crash in the Syrian Desert while working for Pan American World Airways.
- In 1977, Space Shuttle test model *Enterprise* carries a crew aloft for the first time while attached to a modified Boeing 747.
- In 1983, Space shuttle *Challenger* launches the first American woman into space, astronaut Sally Ride.
- 2010, *Toy Story 3* premieres;
- 2004, premiere of the motion picture *The Terminal*. Not SF, although there's a subplot about an airport worker who is a Trekkie, and LASFS member Jay Mayer was an extra.
- 2005, David Tennant's first appearance as the Tenth Doctor in the *Doctor Who* episode "The Parting of the Ways"

Dispatchings:

- Daveigh Chase, 35, "Lilo" in *Lilo & Stitch*, "Chihiro" in *Spirited Away*, live action parts in *Donnie Darko* and *The Ring*. Julie Scott remarked that Daveigh sometimes stopped by the karaoke joint that she and her friends would go to.

Reading of the Minutes of #4635

After some minor corrections to the minutes, and a discussion of the distinction between Patron Saints, Pillars, Sacred Objects and other

maniacal categories, Tom Safer bid \$6 to name the minutes: **In Honor of Sandy**. The minutes were approved at 8:23 p.m.

Patron Saints:

Ted Johnstone, sometimes known as **David McDaniel**, was honored as our Saint this week. Mark Schirmeister recounted how Ted sometimes indulged in *sub rosa* pranks in writing his *Man From UNCLE* novels whenever the publisher was being stingy with the royalties he was owed. Susan remembered that Ted was the Scribe when she joined the club, and Sylvia Stevens would throw confetti in the air at the end of his minutes reading. Matthew recalled that Ted was one of his mentors as a new member, and still misses him these many years. Charles Lee Jackson II remarked how Ted wrote under his real name, David McDaniel, but used his pseudonym with the club because of his fear the LASFS was some sort of government sting operation. (*Though, could even COINTELPRO come up with a group like this? -ed.*) In any case, he and Ted collaborated on both writing and film projects. Ted was given three cheers.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CL pointed out that Loscon 52 holds the Spot this month. He further noted that the Spot sometimes generates a fair amount of money when various members get competitive about what they want featured in a particular month.

Registrar: We had a returning guest, Gloria McMillan, who is joining the LASFS this very evening..

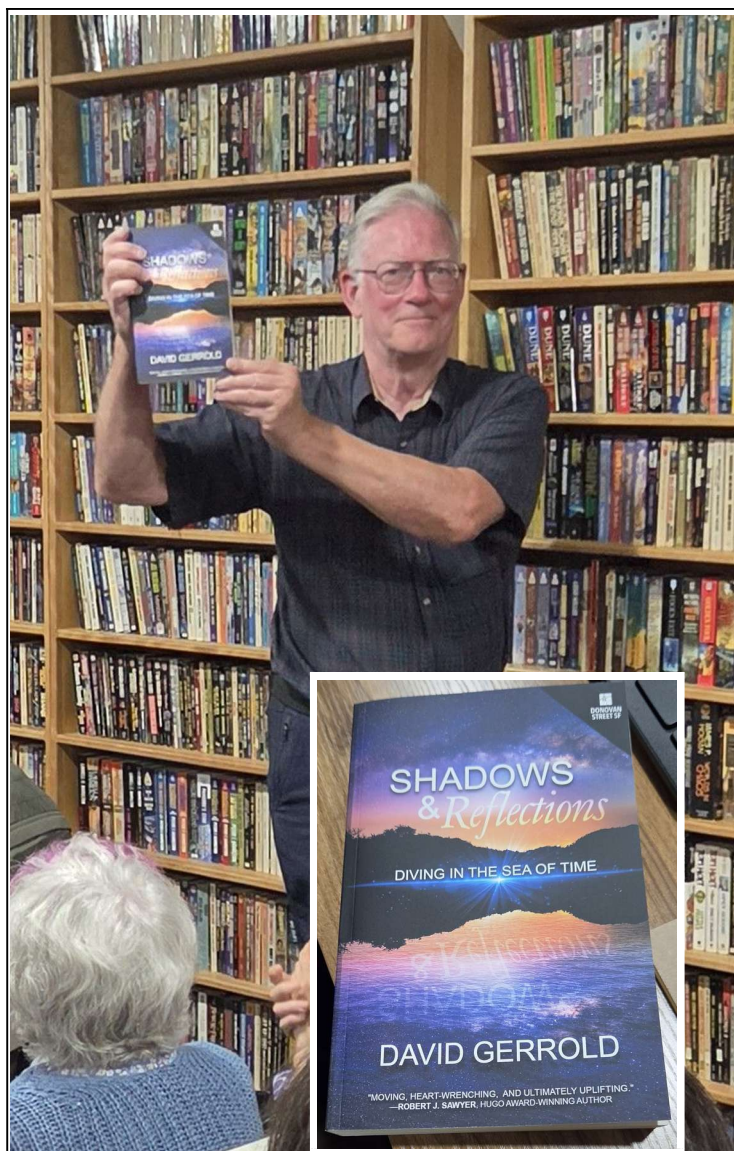
Treasurer: Elaine Pelz announced that \$10,000 had been donated to the LASFS by Catherine Ann Yaeger, Jace Foss' sister. Half of this amount is going to the club itself, the other half to Loscon.

Board of Directors: Susan reported that the next BoD meeting will be on July 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Loscon 52: Still happening on Turkey Day Weekend.

Programming: July 9, there will be an auction. On July 16th, Steve Barnes and Larry Niven will present their new novel, *Ice Vegas*.

Fannish Wellness: Matthew's right leg is



Gavin Claypool holds up the newest acquisition to the library: *Shadows & Reflections: Diving Into The Sea of Time* (inset) by David Gerrold. Courtesy of Krystal Rains.

healed enough so he can drive again.

In a similar vein, Old and New Business must have gone on a road trip together, because they weren't at the meeting tonight.

Timebound Announcements

Liz Carlie announced that her friend Katie sold her first story "Rain" to a literary magazine called *Big Pull Horror*.

Terry Brussel-Rogers announced a Pride Month celebration, with a couple of guest speakers at the Live the Dream meeting this Saturday.

From there, we segued into the Auction, once Dean Johnson had the roving camera set up and Christian McGuire had made his way up front. The following items were presented to the club:

- *The Goon Show* CD \$1 to Hare Hobbs
- Jean Shepherd comedy CDs (3) - \$1 to Liz
- Loscon logo glass - \$3 to Dean
- *Kill Bill* v 1 & 2 - \$5 to Marc Silver
- *Firefly* DVD - \$8 to Marc Silver
- Devil Duck - \$2 to Cathy
- Goat/ram statuette - \$1 to Liz
- Loscon 42 Don't Panic towel - \$2 to Gizmo Powell
- Haunted Mansion round LP prints \$1 to Krystal Rains
- Totoro towel - \$10 to Susan
- Black Rose novel - \$1 to Krystal
- Rivers of London graphic novels - \$5 to Hare
- MAD Star Wars special, Fall of the Republic treatment and early Star Wars draft script - \$7 to Krystal
- Sharpe's Storm novel -\$5 to Debra
- Dogmatik book - \$2 to Debra
- Godzilla action stickers - \$6 to Krystal
- Ellery Queen mystery - \$1 to Liz
- *Rare Breed* by Sturgeon - \$1 to Scott Beckstead
- *Ringworld* 1st printing - \$30 to Matthew

Moments of Science

Craig Brussel Rogers reported that there are bobble-head dolls specifically made to fool the car camera that is supposed to make sure the driver is actually watching the road.

Tom bragged that his new Toyota will unlock itself when he approaches it. He says he hasn't broken the car yet...bulletins at any second. On a separate note, he related that on this day in 1965, the first large solid fuel rocket, the Titan 3C was launched.

Floundering from there into Miscellaneous:

- CL said he won't be in person next week, but will Zoom in to auction off the Spot of Honor and such.
- Tom recommended going to see the opera *Carmen* at the El Portal this weekend, featuring his friend Eli Katz.
- For the next example of blatant nepotism, Cathy said her son Patrick is in a 2-act play called *Something Anxious* this weekend at McCaddin Theater

Eylat announced that Kristen Gorlitz's play *ROOT* has four more showings, and they are ironing the bugs out. From there, she moved to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. Anyone who opposed the motion was dragooned into putting away the chairs.

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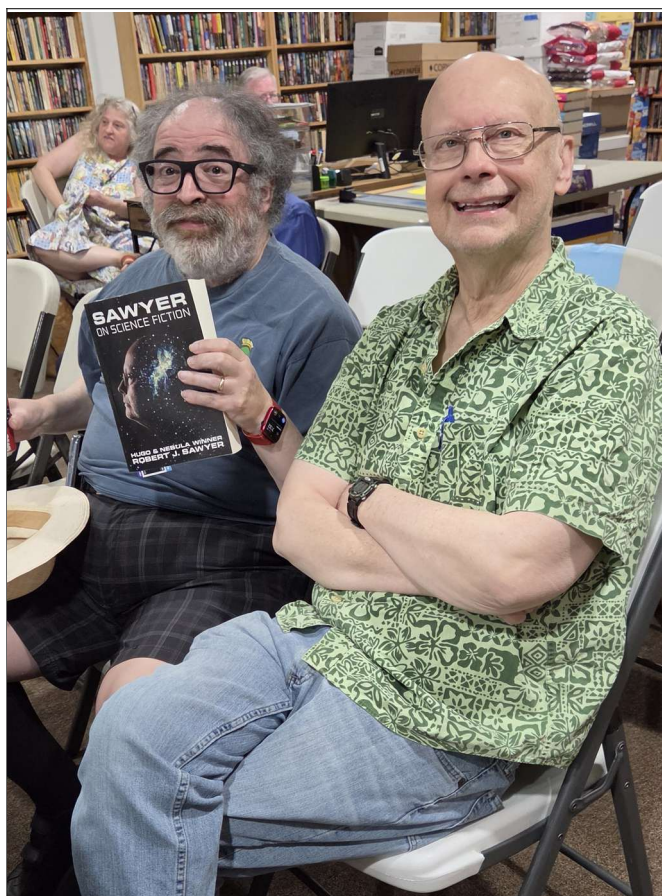
June 25, 2026

Meeting #4637

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Matt Mitchell, Scribe

The conversation among the Zoom participants seemed especially eclectic this evening, ranging from cartoon characters singing calypso, to Charles Lee Jackson II talking about screening old movie serials at meetings as he did in years and clubhouses gone by. Only the slight question of logistics seemed to stand in his way. Chris Marble was back on the Zoom after



Robert Sawyer took time out on August 20th to sit with Matthew Tepper, who holds Robert's latest book, *Sawyer on Science Fiction*. Courtesy of Krystal Rains.

several weeks' hiatus. References to various Bugs Bunny cartoons and to *Beany & Cecil* may have nettled president Cathy Johnson, but the final straw came when she discovered the Zoom caption spelled her name with a 'K'. Mustering her dignity, she called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings, presented by Nick Smith

Hatchings:

- 1903, George Orwell, author of *1984* and *Animal Farm*
- 1925, June Lockhart, actress who went from being the *She-Wolf of London* to the mom in *Lost in Space*
- 1935, Charles Sheffield, writer and astronomer, Hugo and Nebula laureate
- 1943, Michael Vejar, television director for several *Star Trek* series and *Babylon 5*
- 1947, John Maddox Roberts, writer of Conan novels
- 1956, Anthony Bourdain, graphic novelist who wrote post-apocalyptic food-oriented dystopian stories (*Mad Max Meets The Galloping Gourmet?* -ed.)

Media anniversaries:

- 1982, the premieres of *Blade Runner*, *The Thing*, and *Megaforce*, none of which, according to Craig Miller, made money! Two of these movies became classics. The Scribe will leave it up to you all to decide which two.

Dispatchings:

- Jeff Olson, SFX model maker for ILM who worked on *Trek* films, *Star Wars* film, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* and *Willow*, to name a few.

Reading of the Minutes of Meeting #4636

Because Matt mangled the pronunciation of the El Portal Theater, Tom bid \$6 to name the minutes: **Toreador, En Garde**. The minutes were not only accepted at 8:29 p.m., but were given a juice box and frosted graham crackers.

Our Patron Saint of the evening, **Alan Frisbie** was lauded by Susan Fox as someone who helped her move and did not have to be bribed beforehand. Sandy Stoller said Alan had an annual party at Cal Tech. Eylat Poliner read from ~~the Chronicles of St. Anselm~~ the Patron Saint Hagiography that Alan was nicknamed "Flash" and was a phone hacker back when long-distance charges were a thing. Genny Dazzo recalled how Alan painted his station

wagon to look like a taxicab. Craig Miller said Alan and his wife have moved up to central Oregon, no longer active in fandom but alive and well. He was known as the Sacred Flying Disc of Philosophy. Alan was given three cheers.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: The auction for July's Spot of Honor, thanks to the \$20 bid by Eylat, resulted in Loscon 52 continuing to hold the Spot.

Marc Silver, in his swan song as **Registrar**, had no new guests to report. The members gave Marc a round of applause for his service.

Treasurer: Elayne Pelz asked the members to pay your dues and to donate generously to the club.

Board of Directors: Michelle Pincus announced the next BoD on 12th of July at 11 a.m., on Zoom and at the clubhouse. Second Sunday after, but only at the clubhouse. Susan threw in a plug for Friday night gaming; apparently there are still two boxes of games nobody's gone through yet.

Loscon 52: In addition to the usual announcement about Thanksgiving weekend at the LAX Hilton, Eylat announced also that Loscon will have tablers at Baycon and at Worldcon. But, volunteers are still needed.

Programming: Eylat has been talking to the people from the Omega Science Fiction Outreach project to possibly present at a meeting here. In addition to the July programs mentioned last week, we also have Robert Sawyer speaking here on August 20th and David Gerrold on September 3rd. An auction will probably occur on August 13th.

Fannish Wellness: Chris reported that George McUrso is doing okay, no significant improvements. However, Don Fitch has run out of money to keep him in his current care facility, and Chris is trying to keep him from being evicted.

Once again, we had an Auction, and once again Christian stepped up to separate LASFS members from their spare quattoos.

- Baron Herzog bottles (2) - \$15 to Krystal Rains
- Gargoyle magnets - \$3 to Susan for LASFS fridge

- *Staves* by Poul Anderson (signed) poetry - \$11 to Marc Silver
- *Murder in the Gunroom* by H. Beam Piper - \$15 to Matthew Tepper
- *Martians Go Home* by Fredric Brown - \$3 to Craig Miller
- Buck Godot t-shirt - \$10 to Larry Niven
- Kittens Sticker book - \$10 to Eylat
- Marc Maron CD - \$2 to Elizabeth
- Johnny Depp special ed of *Ed Wood* DVD - \$1 to Liz Carlie
- *A Distant Soil #1* - \$1 to Scott Beckstead
- Silk scarf - \$20 Dean

Timebound Announcements

Nick announced genre movies this coming weekend at the New Beverly, Landmark NuArt, and Vidiots among others. Also, the Octavia Butler discussion this weekend has moved to the La Pintaresca branch of the Pasadena Public Library.

ROOT is playing for a couple more weekends at Hollywood Fringe, and Cathy's son Patrick is appearing in two more performances of *Something Anxious*, though he is not the one doing a nude scene.

Tom Safer brought us our Moment of Science: Herrman Oberth, born on this date in 1894, Austro-German rocket engineer who helped pioneer space travel, or at least blowing things up on a launch pad. Marc Schirmeister that he was also an advisor on an early Fritz Lang film.

Reviews

- Dean highly recommended *Good Luck, Have Fun Don't Die*
- Tom recommended *Hoppers*, a recent Disney release
- Larry touted the *Buck Godot* graphic novel by Phil Foglio
- Chris said the registration for Nebula Awards was a monument to disorganization.

Miscellaneous

CL said that his book about motion pictures, *Your Best Entertainment*, is still in the top 100 sales on Amazon. He also said he talked to a fellow in Orange County about problems he has been having with his phone (*Maybe he should have contacted Alan Frisbie... -ed.*) then they traded anecdotes about Disneyland

Nick mentioned a movie adaptation of the Ishiguro novel *Klara & The Sun*, of which he

approves the casting at least.

Eylat moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m, and the thunder of *Seconded!* preceded the rumble of feet out the door.

Upcoming Club Dates October-December 2026

Thu. October 1: Bjo Trimble (*tentative*)

Fri. October 2: Open house/gaming

Thu. October 8: Auction

Fri. October 9: Open house/gaming

Sun. October 11: Board of Directors meeting;
Second Sunday open house/gaming.

Thu. October 15: "Ackie" Award (given to those
who have passed on.)

Fri. October 16: Open house/gaming

Thu. October 22: No program

Fri. October 23: Open house/gaming

Thu. October 29: Charles Lee Jackson II
presents

Fri. October 30: Open house/gaming

Thu. November 5: Board Nominations

Fri. November 6: Open house/gaming

Sun. November 8: Board of Directors meeting;
Second Sunday open house/gaming.

Thu. November 12: Board Elections; Auction

Fri. November 13: Open house/gaming

Thu. November 19: Auction

Fri. November 20: Open house/gaming

Thu. November 26: Zoom Meeting. Clubhouse
closed for Loscon.

Fri. November 27: Clubhouse closed for
Loscon.

Thu. December 3: Presidential Nominations

Fri. December 4: Open house/gaming

Thu. December 10: Procedural Elections

Fri. December 11: LASFS Gift Exchange

Sun. December 13: Board of Directors meeting;
Second Sunday open house/gaming.

Thu. December 17: Auction

Fri. December 18: Open house/gaming

Thu. December 24: Holiday Party & Potluck

Fri. December 25: Open house/gaming

Thu. December 31: Potluck celebration hosted
by CLJ II and Sci-Fi Radio's New Year's
broadcast!

*Subject to change, as always. Use a dry-erase
board...they're great for this sort of thing..*

Upcoming Conventions

September 4-6: SacAnime Summer,
Sacramento <https://sacanime.com>

September 4-7: Gateway, Los Angeles
<https://www.strategicon.net/>

September 4-7: Pacificon Game Expo, Santa
Clara <https://www.pacificonquest.com/>

September 5-6: Anime San Diego
<https://www.animesandiego.com>

September 5-6: Long Beach Comic Con
<https://longbeachcomiccon.com>

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

September 12-13: BlizzCon, Anaheim
<https://blizzcon.com/en-us>

September 12-13: Collect-A-Con San
Francisco, San Mateo
<https://collectaconusa.com/san-francisco>

September 13: Fresno Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons>

September 18-20: Anthro SoCal, Ontario
<https://anthrosocal.org>

September 19: Anime Fan & Fitness Festival,
Gilroy
<https://www.theinitialmile.com/animefanandfitnessfestival>

September 20: CrockerCon, Sacramento
<https://www.crockerart.org/crockercon>

September 20: Fairfield Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons>

September 20: Kin-Yoobi Con, Union City
<https://iie540.wixsite.com/kinyoobicon2026>

September 27: Elk Grove Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons>

Upcoming Events

September 2: *Jurassic Park III* screening at the Los Feliz 3 Theater

September 2: *A Matter of Life and Death* screening at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

September 4: *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* screening at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

September 4: *Aliens* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

September 5: *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* screening (with bonus screening of TOS: "Space Seed") at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

September 5: *Tremors* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

September 5: *The Unlikely Escape of Uriah Heep* discussion and signing with author H.G. Perry at The Open Book, Woodland Hills

September 5: *The Crow* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

September 5: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

September 7: *Jurassic Park* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

September 9: *The Sleeping Sisters* discussion and signing with author Jennifer Givhan at Skylight Books, L.A.

September 9: *Scion* discussion and signing with author James Islington at Mysterious Galaxy, San Diego

September 10: *The Rocketeer* screening at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

September 10-13: *Practical Magic 2* screenings at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

September 11: *Unbreakable* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

September 11: *Labyrinth* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

September 11: *Hook* screening at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

September 12: *The Sleeping Sisters* discussion and signing with author Jennifer Givhan at Mysterious Galaxy, San Diego

September 12: *The Iron Giant* and *Christine* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

September 12: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

September 12-13: *Back to the Future II* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

September 13: *Twilight* screenings at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

September 15: *The Nudge* discussion and signing with author Joseph Fink at Mysterious Galaxy, San Diego

September 18: *Spookies* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

September 18: *Jurassic Park* screening at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

September 19: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

September 20: *The Twilight Saga: New Moon* screening at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

September 21: *Nosferatu* (1922) screening with live orchestra at the Landmark Nuart Theater

September 21: *The Thing With Two Heads* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

September 22: *Traps and Specters: Stories* discussion and signing with author Philip Fracassi at Mysterious Galaxy, San Diego

September 23: *Shadow of the Vampire* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater



A strange UFO was spotted through the window of the LASFS clubhouse bathroom. News at 11:00... Courtesy of Krystal Rains.

September 25: *Big Trouble in Little China* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

September 25: *Scream* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

September 26: *The Lost World: Jurassic Park* screening at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

September 26: *The Jewel and The Comet* discussion and signing with author Tim Pratt at Mysterious Galaxy, San Diego

September 26: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

September 26-27: *Godzilla, Mothra and King Ghidorah: Giant Monsters All Out Attack* and *Godzilla 2000* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

September 27: *So Superb, It's Killing Me* discussion and signing with author Zachery Sergi at Book Soup, West Hollywood

September 27: *Destroy All Monsters* screening at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

September 28: *A Divided Duty* discussion and signing with author Seanan McGuire at Mysterious Galaxy, San Diego

September 29: *The Big Bad Book of Kaiju* discussion and signing with authors Henry Herz, Jonathan Maberry, Luke Dumas and Scott Sigler at Mysterious Galaxy, San Diego

September 30: *Terminator 2: Judgment Day* screening 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.

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:

- *Starship Express* (Science Fiction Association of Bergen County, August 2026)
- *N3F Review of Books Incorporating Prose Bono* (National Fantasy Fan Federation, July 2026)
- *OASFiS Event Horizon* (Orlando Area Science Fiction Society, August 2026)
- *Tightbeam* No. 383 (N3F, August 2026)
- *The N3F Fan Gazette* Vol 6 No. 3 (N3F, August 2026)
- *The National Fantasy Fan*, Vol. 85 No. 8 (N3F, August 2026)

Available Fanzines

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