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GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held Monday, June 11 at the Griffith Observatory at 7:45 P.M. All L.A.A.S. members and their guests are welcome.

ART JOHNSON ASSUMES RENO POST

Amid talk of Presidential resignations, our own Art Johnson has found it necessary to end his term of office early. Art was recently appointed Director of a planetarium in Reno, Nevada, and will be leaving soon to assume that position. Art has worked diligently as President for the last year and a half, and all of us wish him the best in this new endeavor. Vice-President Tom Cragg now becomes President for the remainder of the year. Tom has appointed Ed Johnston interim Vice-President pending approval by the Board of Directors.

OPTICAL SHOP DIRECTOR LEAVING

Jim Scarborough, L.A.A.S. Optical Shop Director, has taken a position out of state and will be leaving in June. Anyone interested in running the shops at Belmont High School on Friday evenings should contact any officer or Board Member. Jim was also a member of the Board. His position has been filled by Alternate Steve Kufeld. Jim did much work in establishing the shops at Belmont High and took an active part in formulating Society policy as a member of the Board. We wish him well in his new post.

ELECTION IN JULY

A special election to fill the vacant position of Alternate Member of the Board of Directors will be held at the July 9 meeting. We will also vote on the office of Society Vice-President, now temporarily held by Ed Johnston. Nominations will be accepted at the June and July meetings.

STAR PARTIES

The June 2 star party was very well attended with 35 to 40 telescopes present. The western side of the observing site had the highest big scope density with three 12 inch telescopes side by side; those of Norm James, Ron McKnight, and Rich Lanker. A good time was had by all.

The next star party will be June 30, also at Lockwood Valley. See last month's bulletin for a map or pick one up at the meeting.



STAR MEMBER REPORT

The observatory roof was partially constructed over the weekends of May 26 and June 2. Only equipment failures prevented its completion. The movable center section was found to roll very easily on the special track we purchased for it. Completion is now expected in June or July.

The Society's 14½ inch telescope is still undergoing renovation. The mirror was tested by Howard Parsons and proved to have a very good figure. Steve Kufeld re-aluminized it and gave it a special SiO over-coating to enhance reflectivity. It is now 92% reflective, which is more than most commercial coatings. Steve also re-built the mirror cell. The mount was sandblasted free due to some leg-work by Ron McKnight. All that is left now is to polish the tube and re-assemble the scope.

The next Star Member meeting will be Monday, June 18 at 7:30 P.M. at Palms Recreation Center in West-L.A.

CLASSIFIED ADS

This column is available to all L.A.A.S. members free of charge. The deadline is the last Monday of the month for the next month's bulletin.

FOR SALE: 2 six inch mirror kits complete, \$12.50 each.  
Call Dave Sovereign, 247-1205.

DATES ON THE L.A.A.S. CALENDAR

General meeting-Monday, June 11, 7:45 P.M., Griffith Observ.  
Star Member Meeting- Monday, June 18, 7:30 P.M., Palms  
Rec. Center, National and Overland, West L.A.  
Board of Directors Meeting-Monday, June 25, 7:30 P.M.,  
Griffith Observatory.  
Star Party-Saturday, June 30, Lockwood Valley.

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