

LOS ANGELES ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, INC.

MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR OCTOBER 1973

GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be Monday, October 8 at 7:45 pm at Lemon Grove Recreation Center. It is at Lemon Grove and Kingsley near Melrose and Normandie in Los Angeles, very close to the Hollywood Freeway. Our speaker will be Dr. Bruce Murray, Chairman of the Department of Astro-Geology at Cal Tech. His topic will be the coming Mercury-Venus probe.

OPTICAL SHOP

The Society's optical shop is open to all LAAS members. It is located in Room 407 at Belmont High School in Los Angeles, and is open every Thursday night from 6:30 to 9:15.

STAR PARTIES

The September star party was not very well attended. This means that those present were able to observe without some of the headaches which often accompany large crowds. The next star party will be October 27 at Lockwood Valley. Pick up a map at the meeting if you don't know how to get there. Be prepared for low temperatures, since this is a little later in the year than our usual star party season. Last month it dropped to just above freezing; this month should be cooler.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

None of the people mentioned in the last Bulletin have returned their overdue books. These books are now all several months overdue, and should be returned immediately. Anyone with an overdue book who is unable to return it at the general meeting should contact the LAAS Librarian, Lew Chilton at 836-4616 to arrange to return it.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The LAAS Railroad is on the track again. This year's engineers (election committee members) are Ron McKnight, Gordon Mitchell, and Norm James. They will present a slate of candidates for the LAAS offices and Board of Directors at the November meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from any member at the meeting. Anyone who wishes to run for an office of the Society may contact any of these gentlemen to have their name placed on the slate. They will also accept suggestions for candidates. Now is the time to start thinking about helping with some of the work.

STAR MEMBER REPORT

Work is continuing on the observatory. Only a few more work parties are needed to complete it sufficiently for use this winter, but only a few weekends remain before winter descends upon Lockwood Valley. Our next meeting will be October 15 at Palms Recreation Center, at 7:30 PM, and will probably be our last one of the current building season. It is vital that everyone who can, pitch in and help in the next month. If you can't make it to the Star Member Meeting, call Mike Simmons at 884-7156 to find out about work party dates.

DATES ON THE LAAS CALENDAR

General meeting--Monday, October 8, 7:45 PM, Lemon Grove Recreation Center near Melrose and Normandie, L.A.
Star Member Meeting--Monday, October 15, 7:30 PM, Palms Recreation Center, National and Overland, West L.A.
Star Party--Saturday, October 27, Lockwood Valley.
Board of Director's meeting--Monday, October 29, 7:30 PM, Palms Recreation Center

For that which is boundless in you
abides in the mansion of the sky,
whose door is the morning mist, and
whose windows are the songs and silences of night.

Kahlil Gibran

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