

### AY MEETING

California Museum of Science and Industry, 700 State Drive, Exposition Park. May 13, 7:45 pm. Don't know what you thought of the place, but I thought it was the best thing since orthoscopic eyepieces. Thank you Ron McKnight for obtaining this location for us. And mucho gracias to you Lewis Chilton for the refreshments. One sour note--- we must leave the place as we find it. So when you see the Directors picking up cups, gum wrappers, etc, pitch in, you are the Society. One Sweet note--- we do not have to split at 10 sharp.

Our speaker will be Norri Sirri, Mission Operations Director for the 73 Mariner 10 Venus/Mercury Project. Mr. Sirri is married and has two children. He is an electronics engineer, with JPL since 1952. He will describe some of the scientific results of this successful spacecraft.

### STAR PARTIES 1974

May 18, Lockwood Valley. June 22. July 20. Aug. 17. Sept. 14. Oct. 12. Ron McKnight tells me that he will have a 16-inch telescope in the new observatory for us to use.

### STAR MEMBER REPORT

The first work party of the year was held in Lockwood Valley on April 20. The roof was repaired and plans made for finishing the main structure. The usual workers were there- Steve Kufeld, Bob Gormam, and a new carpenter, Eric Scoville. We are very close to completion. There is only one thing we really need-HELP. We need participation at the meetings and the work parties. If you want to use the observatory this summer, come out and help. Next meeting, May 20, 7:30 pm, Palms Recreation Center, National and Overland in West L.A. REMINDER: if you have not paid your Star Member Dues, they are now overdue. Please help us (by giving us construction funds) and yourself (by keeping your Star Membership intact) Renew as soon as possible.

Mike Simmons

Ron McKnight was the guest speaker at the dedication of the observatory at Mulholland Jr. High School. Several other schools have requested speakers from our society and we are to be a consultant for the Los Angeles City Schools. Nice going Ron. You are sure going to put the society on the map.

### L.A.A.S. Display

Prints, 8 by 10 or larger, are needed for a display at the WAA/ALPO Convention. What we are looking for are salon or pictorial type prints of our Lockwood Valley site--- Orion thru the trees, observatory with the moon, sunrise thru the trees, etc. Turn in to Lewis Chilton or Al Bond.

### Second Glance

The November '73 Arizona Highways was devoted to Astronomy, Spacecraft, and Kitt Peak. Some of the photographs of that observatory are so beautiful that they can be framed as art pieces. One double page of white words on a deep sky photo I mounted on a 13 by 20 white board and hung it up in my lab. The prose is by Harry Golden from the Book "Only in America", Thomas Y. Crowell, Inc N.Y.--- it is called "Why I never bawl out a waitress". He talks of the vastness of our galaxy and beyond this there are 100 Million Known galaxies and who knows how many yet undiscovered systems-- "When you think of all this, it is silly to worry whether the waitress brought you string beans instead of limas".



## BEST BUY

Astrophotography: Kodak pamphlet #AC-20. Elementary, but you can not beat the price--a self addressed business size envelope, no postage needed. Eastman Kodak Co, Dept 841. 333 State St. Rochester, New York 14650.

The December 1973 Scientific American Magazine had an article on building a simplified cold emulsion camera by Mr. Williams, who has a patent (leases to Celestron) on it but gives the amateur his O.K. to build one for your own use.

The Monterey Park swap meet was not the greatest--only a few people and very few manufacturer turned out, but it was a success for me--I had a chance to see again many of my good friends, I did not buy a thing, but my cup is full.

## MAY MEETINGS:

General Meeting	--- May 13	Exposition Park.
Star Member	----May 20	Palms Recreation Center.
Board	----May 28	Tuesday Tom Cave's Home.
Star Party	----May 18	Lockwood Valley

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For sale: 7-inch O.D. aluminum tubing, \$1.00 per foot.  
Dave Sovereign 247-1205

Wanted: One benefactor who has a mount or an 8-inch reflector that they will donate to the LAAS. We have an 8-inch Optical Craftsman scope that needs a mount so that members can use it at star parties or use it for special projects of their own. Contact any Board Member or Call Al Bond.

Good Seeing and 30

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