

LOS ANGELES ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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Calendar for June.

June 10	General Meeting	Museum of S.I.
15	Work Party	Lockwood Valley
17	Star Member	Palms Rec. Center
22	Work Party	Lockwood Valley
22	Star Party	Lockwood Valley
24	Board of Directors	Palms Rec. Center

We need your help at the work parties. Non members (star) who will come up and work on the 17th will be allowed to use the site for observing that night.

Mark your date book for the WAA-ALPO CONVENTION we are the host-remember. Aug. 9,10,11 .UCLA. Papers should be sent to Clyde Tichenor, 15524 Cohasset St. Van Nuys, Ca. 91406. Speakers lined up so far-Abel, McDermitt, Capen. Sounds great.

What gift is as good this month as last month, contains exploration, food for thought or soul, companionship, does not wear out, can be rejuvenated each 365 days-all ways in good taste-for yourself or a friend-well I reckon Im not very clever as I see you have all ready guessed-A membership in the LAAS. And speaking of members, when was the last time you asked someone to join?

You say you would like to do more in astrophotography but cant or dont want to set up a darkroom-gots the place, the L.A. Center. One in the valley and one in downtown L.A. They are run bt the City of L.A. \$ 10.50 per year plus 50 cents an hour, Band W or color. Sure beats the rental labs @ \$ 3.00 an hour. Info. 383-7342

Well its finally here. A 20 year dream of having an observatory. Oh it still needs a lot of work, but it can now be used. Star Members in good standing (that translate to be that you have paid your dues) may request a key and instructions on using the 16 inch scope from Steve Kufeld, Lou Chilton, Ron McKnight, Norm Muir, or Ephraim Merritt. So if you would like to use the site all year long for camping, gathering pine nuts, using the scope-Join the Star Member Group.

From Glenn Wheelers Empirical Laws of Astronomy:

All important astronomical events happen:

- a) after midnight.
- b) on cloudy, foggy, smoggy or rainy nights.
- c) in places far removed from civilization.
- d) when you have a previous engagement.
- e) when your car, your telescope or both are on the fritz.

Membership expires 60 days after due. \$ 2.50 to reinstate. So-pay your dues on time.

PLEASE NOTE: Star parties-no open fires. No firearms. Take home your trash. Courtesy to all, such as dust, loud radios etc. Also NO walking on the observatory roof. It is not a playpen for you youngsters. The roof allready has some damage due to people walking on it.

You missed it. Just because it was cold, socked in and snowing—you hauled out. About 10 pm it became an astronomer's night and the views thru the 16 inch were so breath taking that it made you want to go home and give your 6 inch a swift kick. On second thought, maybe it was good that you did not stay, we would have too many broken scopes.

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General fund \$1121.80 , Star Member fund 994.37 this number should have a \$ in front of it. Thank you. mmmmmmm mm lets see moh yes The June speaker will be Dr. David Pierce on Astronomy in the USSR. I wonder if you miss calculate a comets orbit do they send you to siberia?

Well thats a pretty good way of doing it Johnny, but the way I was told, use transparent nylon thread for the cross hair in your finder or guide scope, then one can see the guide star behind the cross hair.

The Society would like to have your extra slides or prints of club activities. Turn in to L. Chilton. No pay but a couple of solar systems full of thanks. Perhaps that is not clear—it is not this many thanks for each person that turns in a slide but 2 solar systems of thanks divided by the number of members divided by the number of slides turned in.

Ah si, I almost forgot--- no running in the halls at the Museum of Science and Industry. We are not allowed to go around looking at the exhibits. Only the hall to and from the classroom are inbounds to us. Thank You.
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On a more serious note. General LAAS members have use of the Lockwood Valley Site on Star Party Week Ends ONLY. You are not permitted to go on the property or take your friends up just for fun or to see whats happening without permission from the Star Member Group. If you wish to use the site, join the Star Member Group. Why, well for starters-- The Star Member Group is buying the land, supplying the labor and paying all of the costs.

What does it take to build an observatory—people who care and people who will put the sweat of their arms to the task. On this we can not put a value. With paper and pencil I've come up with a few interesting figures.

What does it cost to build an observatory:

To date	land	\$ 2600
	concrete	1000
	iron	1500
	lumber	1000
	man hours	1536
	gasoline	2112 gals.
	oil	?
	car wear	?
	meals	?
	donated	?
	etc	?

Do you care this much? The Star Members do. There are so many things that we would like to do. Things that will benefit all in the LAAS. A clubhouse, a workshop, water, electricity, toilets, camp tables and you name it—but we need your time, your money and your sweat. In this short second of time that we call life, each of us must decide if we shall be a spectator or a participant. How about you?

Ads: Free to Members. \$ 2.00 to non-members.

for sale--- beginners scope,60 mm refractor.New \$ 75.00
eyepieces,sun screen,etc. Bill Buffinger CR 14432

for sale--- 8 inch Opical Craftsman Scope.New Cond.clock drive,
camera bracket,eyepieces. \$ 460.00

also Unihex eyepiece holder,multiple. \$ 15.00

Jay Friedman 534-2958

wanted--- person or persons having astronomy orientated
computer programs run in either FORTAN orBASIC ,

contact Rick Dorin 987-1663 after 6 pm.

wanted--- mounts for two 8 inch scopes.We have had some more good
luck.A 8 inch Cave scope has been donated to us.We now
have two scopes that members could use if we had mounts.
How about you? a spare one in your garage? or give us the
one you have as a tax deduction and buy yourself a new one
for your birthday?

In the busy world that I find myself,I sometimes forget to say Thank You
to all my many friends in the LAAS.So Ill do so now.Especially I want to
thank Norm James,Ed Johnston,Norm Muir,Mike Simmons,Ron McKnight,Tom
Cragg,and Lewis Chilton.You have enriched my life more than I can tell
you.Heres to you- may the wind blow gently,may the skies be clear and
may the heavens put on their best show -just for YOU.

Al Bond

