

LOS ANGELES ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, INC.

MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR JULY, 1974

GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held Monday, July 8 at 7:45 P.M. at the California Museum of Science and Industry in Exposition Park. Our speaker will be Dr. Bob Brucato who's topic will be "Optical Studies of x-ray Sources". The correct entrance is easily located by the huge propeller from the Queen Mary in front of it. Parking is available in the Museum lot, or on State St. in front of the Museum. The Museum has promised to have air-conditioning working this time. In return, we must honor their request to avoid wandering through the display areas, as the Museum is closed when we meet there.

STAR PARTY

The next star party will be at Table Mountain on Saturday, July 20. The observing area is a huge parking lot near the 7400 ft. summit. A limited number of those arriving in the afternoon will have an opportunity to visit the Ford Observatory. To get to Table Mountain, take Angeles Crest Highway (Calif. Hwy 2) to the Big Pines area, about 3 miles west of Wrightwood. Several ways are available to reach Table Mountain via Angeles Crest Hwy. One is to take Angeles Crest Hwy from La Canada. This route takes you past the Red Box-Mt. Wilson turnoff. Another way is to get to the Angeles Crest Hwy from Pearblossom via Calif. Hwy 138 or County Hwy N4. Yet another way is to take Interstate 15 north from San Bernardino to Calif. Hwy 138, thence to Angeles Crest Hwy (Calif. Hwy 2). The Table Mountain turnoff in the Big Pines area is clearly marked and is adjacent to forest ranger headquarters. Be sure to consult a road map and ask directions if unsure. See you there!

WAA CONVENTION

On August 9, 10, and 11, the LAAS will host the joint convention of the Western Amateur Astronomers and Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers. The conference will be held at UCLA and will feature a variety of amateur and professional speakers and exhibits. A number of field trips are also planned, including an observing session with the Stony Ridge Observatory 30-inch reflector. The banquet will feature the winner of the Bruce Blair Award, John Dobson of the San Francisco Sidewalk Astronomers, as guest speaker. More details will be given at the general meeting and in next month's bulletin. This convention is a must for amateur astronomers, so plan to attend.

STAR MEMBER REPORT

The observatory is now in use, with our 16-inch optics mounted on Ron McKnight's mount temporarily. Dave Sovereign will soon complete the sleigh and drive controls for the Grow 14½-inch telescope. It should be installed permanently in August. In the meantime, the

Star Members have gotten a lot of use out of the 16-inch. Regulars at the observing site have noticed some changes. Lew Chilton has contributed the initiative and labor to build our much discussed gate, and to improve our observatory's appearance. Steve Kufeld and Bob Gorman continue to give service above and beyond the call of duty. Our next work party will be Saturday, July 13. We will have a skip-loader there on that day to finish the berm-the mound around the observatory. We will need lots of manpower for this job. Bring your telescope and your shovel. Other work parties will be arranged at our meeting at Palms Recreation Center on July 15.

One important note, unfortunately, must again be made- the observing site is for the use of the Star Members and their guests only on nights on which there is no star party. This is because the land and observatory are being financed entirely by the Star Members. If you wish to join us, fifty dollars a year will acquire for you the use of the observing site and observatory year-round. A twenty dollar one time payment will buy a concrete pad for your own telescope on which you can install a permanent pier. See Mike Simmons, Star Member Chairman, if you are interested.

ADS

Ads are printed for LAAS members free of charge; all others pay two dollars per ad per month.

FOR SALE-- 6-inch Edmund reflector with clock drive.  
Edward Rosenblatt, 272-3572

DATES ON THE LAAS CALENDAR

- General meeting--Monday, July 8, 7:45 PM, Museum of Science and Industry, Exposition Park
- Work Party--Saturday, July 13, Lockwood Valley
- Star Member Meeting--Monday, July 15, 7:30 PM, Palms Rec. Center
- Star Party--Saturday, July 20, Table Mt.
- Board of Directors Meeting--Monday, July 29, 7:30 PM, Palms Rec.

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