

Los Angeles Astronomical Society, Inc.  
MONTHLY BULLETIN for SEPTEMBER, 1974

WAA-ALPO: 1974

Yet another WAA convention lies behind us (this year combined with ALPO). The calibre of the papers and speakers, the popularity of the field trips, the exhibits and the banquet, not to mention the excellent choice of the G. Bruce Blair recipient in John Dobson--all these guaranteed its success this year. For the LAAS this was a convention with a difference--we were the host society. Thanks go to all our members for their support. Also to the Polaris Astronomical Society for helping to man the registration desk and to the many other Southland societies for their attractive and popular exhibits. Thanks to our commercial display exhibitors (in alphabetical order) Cave Optical Company, Celestron Pacific and Pancro Mirrors for the many fine door prizes that added immeasurably to the good fellowship, camaraderie and overall success of the banquet. But most of all, thanks go to those members of our Society who gave so very much of their time, their talents and themselves. Simply put, without them there would have been no convention.

For those who missed the convention or the opportunity to obtain a copy of the Proceedings and an 8 x 10 inch group photo, there are a few copies of each remaining. The Proceedings bound is \$4.00, unbound \$3.00, and the photo \$1.50. See Mike Simmons.

GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held on Monday, September 9th, 7:45 p.m. at the California Museum of Science and Industry, 700 State Drive, Exposition Park. The huge Queen Mary propeller marks the proper museum entrance. Street parking is ample and free to Society members and guests--do not feed the parking meters.

Our speaker at the time this newsletter goes to press is yet unannounced, but the meeting promises to be eventful and stimulating nonetheless. In the belief that member participation is a good thing, thus permitting us to know one another and our talents better, members are encouraged to share their astronomically-related projects and experiences. This month the emphasis, appropriately enough, is on the recent WAA-ALPO convention, so if you have slides, photos or experiences you wish to share, bring them along to the meeting.

We are reminded once again by the museum personnel not to wander through the building before, during or after the meeting. Also, members are requested to dispose of their coffee and punch cups in the proper trash receptacles, not under their chairs.

STAR MEMBER REPORT

The Frank Crow 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch reflector, the one our observatory was designed for, has been transported to the Site for its first "fitting." Star members happily report that it fits perfectly, with ample room for our makeshift 16-inch reflector. The footing for the Crow 'scope will be formed and poured, followed by the floor within the next month or two. Graveling the observatory berm, the spaces between the pads and the observing area access road are also in the offing.

Star members, there will be a meeting at the Palms Recreational Center on Monday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m. Make an effort to attend, we need your opinions, ideas and comments for future development of

the property. All members, by the way, are invited to attend and participate.

SEPTEMBER STAR PARTY

This month's star party is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at our Lockwood Valley Observatory site. Instructions for finding it will be provided to newcomers at the September 9th general meeting upon request. Because temperatures have been known to drop below freezing even in September, members are advised to bring along appropriate clothing. Also, there is no water and only one toilet "facility." Yes, you're right, conditions are primitive.

ADS

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

Wanted--Information about constructing a variable frequency inverter capable of handling 10 watts. Phone Sam Sjooren between 6 and 9 p.m. at 628-1433 or write to 1525 Sargent Place, Los Angeles, California 90026.

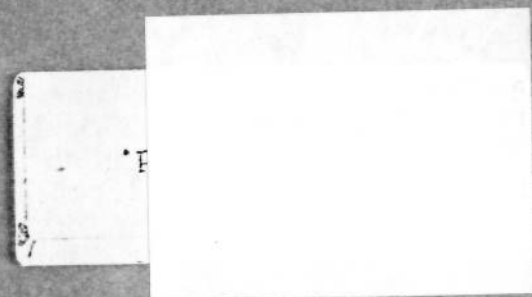
For Sale--Numerous back issues of Griffith Observer and Sky Magazine. Also, one issue of The Telescope (the last two publications are the predecessors of Sky & Telescope and are quite rare). Contact Lewis Chilton via the Society Directory or at the meetings.

(Editor's note: Sam, the man to talk to about inverters is Dave Sovereign. He's in the Society Directory and attends most meetings.)

DATES ON THE LAAS CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- \* General meeting: Monday, September 9 at 7:45 p.m. at the California Museum of Science and Industry, Exposition Park.
- \* Star Party: Saturday evening, September 14, Lockwood Valley.
- \* Star Member meeting: Monday, September 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Palms Recreational Center near the Santa Monica Freeway and Overland Avenue in West Los Angeles.
- \* Board of Directors meeting: Monday, September 30, 7:30 p.m., Palms Recreational Center.

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