

★ LOS ANGELES ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY ★

MONTHLY NEWS BULLETIN, FEBRUARY 1975

February marks the first monthly LAAS meeting of the 1975 season--our 49th such season. This is also the first month of the new year in which the News Bulletin appears, January having been given over to non-journalistic activities (merrymaking and whoopee) at the Annual Awards Banquet.

The entire News Bulletin staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all its readers a happy, healthy, prosperous new year, with lots of good seeing and plenty of gasoline to get to where the good seeing can be seen.

Those who attended our Awards Banquet on January 12th at Les Freres Faix restaurant were introduced to their Society officers and Board members for the upcoming year. For those unable to attend that gala event, we introduce your officers and Board here.

President: Thomas Cave Vice-President: Norman Muir
Secretary: Alvano Dean Treasurer: Alfred Bond

Board: Ronald McKnight (outgoing president), Robert H. Jones,
Steve Kufeld, David Sovereign, Bill Boyle, Dennis
Grantham, Mel Patterson, Lucian Rarogiewicz

Alternates: Robert Gorman, John Taylor, Scott Mesnick

Incoming President Tom Cave is by no means new to the Society or to the job. He joined the club February 14, 1946 and served as its president in 1950. A quarter-century later finds him once again accepting the challenge of the presidency with the same vigor and enthusiasm. One of Tom's goals in 1975 is to substantially increase membership (not dues!!) by utilizing the news media. Increased membership, of course, means increased revenues, and that would make possible increased and improved activities and benefits, at the same time increasing the pool from which fresh talent, ideas and new leaders could be drawn.

Outgoing President Ron McKnight leaves behind a legacy of accomplishment to mark his two tenures in office (1970 and 1975). In 1970 he was the prime mover in the acquisition of our Lockwood Valley site. In 1975 he was wholly responsible in obtaining for us our excellent meeting place at the museum. Even in retirement he continues to work in our behalf. His latest coup will be announced at the February meeting.

Charles Kowal of the Hale Observatories, our guest speaker for the February 10 meeting, will discuss the "Search For New Satellites of the Outer Planets." The meeting place as usual will be the California Museum of Science & Industry, Exposition Park. Unlike past meetings, however, we will not meet in the "classroom" but, instead, near the "Visible Woman" exhibit, several hundred feet east of the Queen Mary propeller entrance. (In deference to the feminists, the March meeting will be conducted near the Visible Man.) The meeting begins at 7:45 p.m. and street parking is free. A tour will be given of the new optical shops!!

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 10: First general meeting of the year. See reverse for details. California Museum of Science & Industry, 700 State Drive, Exposition Park.

FEBRUARY 17: First Star*Member meeting of the year. Scheduling of work parties, etc. on the agenda. Palms Recreational Center, Overland Avenue near the Santa Monica Freeway.

FEBRUARY 24: Executive Board of Directors meeting. Palms Recreational Center, Overland Avenue near the Santa Monica Freeway.

FOR SALE

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