



Los Angeles Astronomical Society



CALENDAR

- April 14 General meeting - Kinsey Auditorium, California Museum of Science & Industry, Exposition Park, 7:45 p.m. (Same location as March)
- April 21 Star member meeting - Palms Recreational Center, Overland Avenue near the Santa Monica Freeway, 7:45 p.m.
- April 28 Executive Board of Directors meeting - Palms Recreational Center, location and time as above.

GENERAL MEETING

The keynote speaker for April will be Dr. Daniel Popper of UCLA. His topic will be eclipsing binary stars. Plan to attend.

LOCKWOOD REPORT

We are still looking for a capable cement finisher to assist in installing the observatory floor. Will pay reasonable fee. Still needed: Fifty feet of water hose, masonry tools and hand-operated water pump. Thanks to Howard Packer for supplying three fifty-five gallon water drums with fittings. STAR MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: As soon as possible please remove any equipment that you may be storing in the observatory. Preparations are under way to form the concrete floor and all loose items must be removed at once.

NEW TELESCOPE

Star party-goers and star members have a new 16-inch reflector, thanks to the efforts of Steve Kufeld and Mel Patterson. In less than three months these star members fashioned a solid, smooth, functional and attractive equatorial mount with rotating tube assembly for the 16-inch optics, fabricated and donated by the late Duane Holroyd. Duane would have approved, we're sure.

GRIFFITH OBSERVER

With the recent 68 percent increase in the Griffith Observer subscription rates, the Board of Directors at the March 31 board meeting reluctantly voted to suspend LAAS subscriptions until the Los Angeles park commissioners adjudicate our appeal to reduce this unprecedented rate hike to a level that our budget can withstand. LAAS treasurer Alfred Bond informed the Commission that a twenty percent increase is the most we can go. While awaiting the park commissioners' decision, the Board is considering such alternatives to the Observer as Modern Astronomy and the BAA Handbook. Any suggestions?

SWAP MEET

One man's junk is another man's treasure. That could well be the motto of the third annual telescope swap meet, hosted by the Monterey Park Astronomical Society at the Garvey Ranch Observatory, 781 South Orange Street, Monterey Park, Sunday, April 27 from noon till 5 p.m. Plan to attend.

CLASSIFIED

For Sale: Mayflower model 815 refractor, 60mmD x 910mmFL. Finder, Equatorial head on five foot tripod, star diagonal, erecting prism, barlow, four eyepieces. \$180. Contact: Jeff Zarros at 763-8538

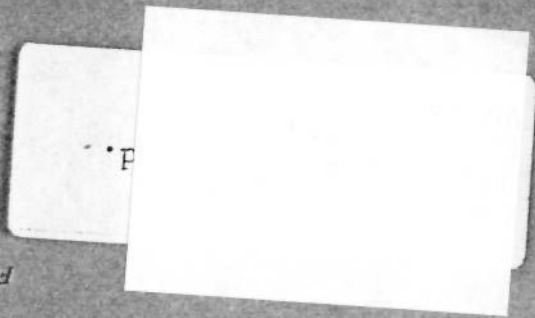
Wanted: Orthoscopic and erfle eyepieces. Approximate focal lengths desired: 6mm, 12mm, 18mm, and 28mm. Robert Eklund at 472-0802 or 679-4511, ext. 362.

Wanted: Six to ten inch reflector. Eight inch preferred. Write or phone: Marian Moore, 328 N. Yaleton Avenue, West Covina, CA, 91790. 338-0317

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