



Los Angeles Astronomical Society



CALENDAR

- NOTE**
- June 2 Executive Board of Directors meeting - Palms Recreational Center, Overland Avenue near the Santa Monica Freeway, 7:45 p.m., (213)838-3838.
 - June 9 General meeting - GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY, 7:45 p.m.
 - June 16 Star member meeting - Palms Recreational Center, location & time as above.
 - June 30 Executive Board of Directors meeting - Same as above.

GENERAL MEETING

The June 9 meeting will be a joint venture with the Polaris Astronomical Society and the Polaris Observatory Association at Griffith Observatory's planetarium theater. Mount Wilson astronomer and longtime LAAS'er Thomas Cragg will use the Zeiss planetarium projector to guide us on "A Tour of the Summer Skies." See you there!

WAA CONVENTION

Consider spending a long weekend in San Francisco this summer. On August 7-10, the 1975 WAA convention will be held in the city by the Golden Gate. Among the highlights:

- Thursday, August 7 - Tour of NASA's Ames Research Center at Mountain View.
- Friday, August 8 - Field trip to Lick Observatory where the 12 and 36-inch refractors will be available for evening observations.
- Saturday, August 9 - Banquet (tentative speaker: a NASA astronaut).
- Sunday, August 10 - The film 2001: A Space Odyssey will open a program on extra-terrestrial life.

The convention will be held at the Golden Gate Holiday Inn, 1500 Van Ness Avenue. For information about registration and hotel accommodations, write to Douglas Berger, registration and reservations chairperson, 5312 Agena Circle, Union City, Calif. 94587.

- Dennis Grantham

NEW TELESCOPE?

A project of major proportions is beginning to take shape in the minds of a small nucleus of LAAS'ers. It all began a month or so ago when star member Dennis Grantham, at an after-meeting coffee klatch, offered to subsidize the cost of a 24-inch pyrex mirror blank. A couple of coffee klatches later, the Copper Penny planners tentatively agreed upon a Newtonian optical system with a focal ratio between five and six and a double yoke mount similar in design to the 100-inch Hooker telescope. All design criteria are being influenced by economic factors and the anticipated ease--or difficulty--of construction. If you support this project and wish to proffer your ideas or opinions, surprise Dennis Grantham, tentative chairman of this tentative project, by writing him at 7332 Variel Avenue, Canoga Park, Calif. 91303.

ASTRO CALENDAR

- June 1 Opposition of Neptune in Ophiuchus. Magnitude 7.7, diameter 2.5 seconds of arc (see BAA Handbook, p. 61 for detailed map).
- June 16 In the morning sky, Mars will pass 0.5 degrees south of Jupiter.
- June 17 Venus reaches greatest eastern elongation, magnitude -3.9, disc diameter 23.4 seconds of arc. Its greatest angular distance from the sun (45 degrees) is attained this week. (Continued on page two.)

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ASTRO CALENDAR (cont'd)

Of further interest:

Minor planet 43 Ariadne will come to opposition very close to the Trifid Nebula (M-20) in Sagittarius on June 21. Magnitude of 10.5 most of month (see p. 32, BAA Handbook for additional information).

Two June meteor showers, the Ophiuchids and the Lyrids, will have low hourly rates, averaging about eight. Maximum for the Ophiuchids occurs on the 20th when the moon will be 10 days old. Maximum for the Lyrids occurs on the 16th when the moon will be 6 days old.

- Dana Patchick

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For Sale: Six inch, f:7 Newtonian reflector with solid Coast Instrument mount. Setting circles, mirror and secondary newly aluminized, orthoscopic eyepieces, including erfle and barlow--in special case. Modified to accommodate clock drive, if you wish. Your choice of casters to fit. Total length of tube is 46 inches--fits easily into automobile. Scope for \$175., eyepieces \$100., but prefer to sell both as package for \$275. Contact Gordon Mitchell at 662-6458 or evenings at Griffith Observatory's telescope.

Commiserations are extended to Dale Devine on the death of his father - ed.

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