



Los Angeles Astronomical Society



CALENDAR

- October 4 STAR PARTY - Lockwood Valley, dusk till dawn. Last of season.
- October 13 GENERAL MEETING - Kinsey Auditorium, California Museum of Science & Industry, Exposition Park, 7:45 p.m.
- October 20 STAR MEMBER MEETING - Palms Recreational Center, Overland Avenue near the Santa Monica Freeway, (213)838-3838.
- October 27 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Same time and place as above.

GENERAL MEETING

Nova Cygni 1975 has got to be the biggest astronomical event of the year, if not the decade. Yet, till now, amateurs have heard and read little, though the event is over a month old. All this will undoubtedly change in the months to come, but one of the earliest substantive reports comes from our distinguished guest for October, Dr. Edward K.L. Upton, associate director of Griffith Observatory. Accompanying Dr. Upton is Ben Mayer whose exciting nova photos appear in the October Sky & Telescope. Plan to attend!

LOCKWOOD REPORT

A report from the star member chairman: As the star party season draws nigh, I reflect upon my year as chairman with feelings of both satisfaction and disappointment: satisfaction because we installed a large new pad, the observatory pier and floor; disappointment because we didn't do more. With the annual construction budget exhausted till next spring, site development for the duration must be restricted to those activities which do not require capital expenditures, i.e., clean-up, fence mending, tree pruning and etc.

I wish to thank all those star members who supported my efforts this year, particularly Steve Kufeld, Dennis Grantham, Mel Patterson and Dave Sovereign. I'm especially looking forward, in my turn, to supporting one of them next year!

- Lewis J. Chilton

OPTICAL SHOPS

Disappointment can be the only word to describe our feelings upon learning that the long awaited-for optical shop at the Science Museum is no longer available to this Society. The news was conveyed to the Bulletin editor in late September by Ron McKnight and reported to the Board of Directors at their September 29th meeting.

Lack of space and budgetary problems were the reasons given by the museum representative, but could apathy on our part and inadequate representation during the negotiations be the real reasons for this change of mind?

Once again our telescope makers find themselves without a shop or even a hope of a shop. Renting or leasing shop space would be prohibitively expensive and few would be willing to donate space unless, perhaps, they were satisfied with a tax write-off as compensation for the lost square footage.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Through the kind offer of member Mark Bondurant, the membership roster will be key-punched onto IBM cards. Beginning with the November Bulletin, address labels will be computer generated. With this method of data storage, updating of addresses and the issuance of membership rosters should become a relatively easy job. How long Mark can continue to provide this service is uncertain at this time. (Continued on page two.)

Submit Bulletin inquiries and materials, including articles, information, and ads, to Lewis Chilton, Bulletin editor, 1951 So. Shenandoah St., #10, Los Angeles, Calif. 90034.

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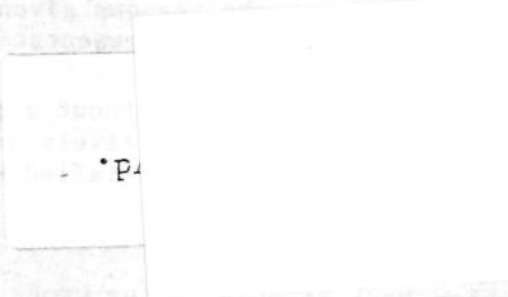
For Sale: Cave portable telescope pier, 17 inches high, detachable legs with top plate. For 6-inch or larger reflector, excellent condition---\$35. See Steve Kufeld at meetings or call him in Huntington Beach at (714)847-8903.

For Sale: 4½-inch Tasco reflector with 6mm and 20mm eyepieces, 2X barlow, equatorial mount, slow motion controls, setting circles, and lighted accessory tray. Good condition---\$125. Contact John Gemma, 13730 Ridge Rd., Whittier, Calif. 90601, or phone (213)698-4761.

For Sale: 12½-inch F/4.5 pyrex mirror with tool. 40% corrected---\$90. 6-inch F/3.9 R.F.T. complete but without mount---\$90. Contact Ron McKnight at (213)667-2602.

Wanted: 6mm eyepiece in good condition. Also, a 7x50, or such, finder that can possibly be mounted on a Celestron. Contact Ed Rosenblatt at general meetings or phone (213)272-3572.

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