



Los Angeles Astronomical Society

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calendar

GENERAL MEETING - Monday, March 8th, 7:30 p.m.

Our featured speaker for March will be Charles Townsend, president of the Western Amateur Astronomers (WAA). Mr. Townsend, who has been active in the Ventura Astronomical Society for many years, will speak about "Astrophotography for the Amateur." We may also have a short talk and slide show about amateur astronomy in New Zealand, but this is unconfirmed at press time. An illustrated report about the "big event" will also be presented (see Lockwood Report below). Place: Kinsey Auditorium, Museum of Sci. & Ind.

OTHER MEETINGS IN MARCH

STAR MEMBER MEETING - Palms Recreational Center, Overland Avenue, near the Santa Monica Freeway. Monday, March 15th, 7:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Palms Recreational Center, Overland Avenue, near the Santa Monica Freeway. Monday, March 29th, 7:30 p.m.

Lockwood Report

WE DID IT! In April, 1970, a small group of Lockwood Valley pioneers pounded a pipe into the ground in a small clearing to mark the center of a newly planned observatory. On February 28th this year, just a few feet from that spot, the 14.1/4-inch Grow telescope was bolted to its permanent pier and the LAAS observatory was, for all practical purposes, completed. Of course there are bugs to be worked out and improvements to be made, but the telescope is in its new home and is in use. Using the telescope that evening, I recalled all the weekends since 1970 that were spent digging, pouring concrete, laying block, and nailing boards at this spot--and pulling the telescope to star parties in a trailer. And now, here we are, just like we said it would be. Who said dreams don't come true?

--Mike Simmons

A Lockwood Valley Fun Fest (otherwise known as a work party) is planned for Saturday, March 27th. All Star Members are encouraged to join in the festivities.

RIVERSIDE TELESCOPE MAKERS CONFERENCE

The annual Riverside Telescope Makers Conference will be held at Big Bear in the San Bernardino Mountains on May 29th, 30th, and 31st. The cost for accommodations is extremely low this year. Information and maps will be available at the general meeting, or write to: Phillip Wolfe, 8952 San Vicente, Riverside, CA 92503, or phone (714) 688-1594.

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STAR PARTIES IN 1976

The following dates are slated for this year's star party season:

May 1st	August 28th
May 29th	September 25th
June 26th	October 23rd
July 24th	

All dates fall on a Saturday and occur on or near new moon. All LAAS members and their guests are welcome. Maps to the Lockwood Valley site will be available at the meetings.

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FOR SALE: Criterion 6-inch f/8 reflector. Pedestal w/equatorial mount and motor drive, Dyna-tracker and accessories, Solar-Skreen, 4 eyepieces and barlows, 2.4-inch guidescope w/27mm eyepiece w/crosshair reticle, Coulter "Tune-Up" kit, 35mm camera adapter, sun projection screen, misc. extras. \$400 or best offer. Daytime: (213)463-3455, nights and weekends: (213)885-8614. Donald F. Bates.

FOR SALE: Cave 6-inch f/8 Student Deluxe reflector. Equatorial mount with circles, 30X viewfinder, clock drive, 3 eyepieces. Perfect condition. \$300. Doug Warrick, 5400 Las Lomas Street, Long Beach, CA 90815

FOR SALE: The Farrington Observatory. Asking \$60,000. For further information write Mr. William B. Farrington, 1565 Skyline Drive, Laguna Beach, CA 92651.

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