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JULY MEETING

Our featured speaker at this month's meeting, Ben Mayer, is a many-faceted amateur observer. His unique equipment (such as his well-known meteor camera) and many of his photographs have been featured in SKY & TELESCOPE, ASTRONOMY and the GRIFFITH OBSERVER.

In his talk, titled "The Relationship Between Amateur and Professional Astronomers," Mr. Mayer will discuss his trips to Harvard as a guest of Dr. William Liller, and to Mount Hopkins Observatory (featured in the July SKY & TELESCOPE). He will also demonstrate his projection blink comparator, an important tool rarely found in amateur observatories. It was this instrument which helped him recognize his important pre-discovery images of Nova Cygni last year.

WHEN: Monday, July 12th, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Kinsey Auditorium, California Museum of Science & Industry, Exposition Park.

OTHER MEETINGS...

✓ STAR MEMBER MEETING – Monday, July 19, 7:30 p.m.
✓ BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Monday, July 26, 7:30 p.m.

Both meetings will convene at the Palms Recreational Center, located on Overland Avenue, just north of the Santa Monica Freeway, behind the Rancho Park Library.

✓ STAR PARTY – Lockwood Valley, July 24, dusk till dawn.

JULY STAR PARTY

Those attending the June 26th star party found warm temperatures and clear, dark, steady skies. More than two dozen 'scopes were in use, including four belonging to the LAAS: the 16- and 14-inch 'scopes in the observatory, the Holroyd 15-inch "ironing board" telescope and the Carroll 4-inch refractor, recently donated by Les Mawhinney.

Our next extraterrestrial extravaganza will take place on July 24th. Maps to the Lockwood Valley site will be available at the general meeting. The observatory will be operated by a star member who will locate objects in the large telescopes for viewing by all who attend. We will again be offering assistance to those new to the operation of telescopes. A part of the observing area will be set aside for this "clinic." Several experienced members will suggest objects for observing and the ways of finding them. All LAAS members are invited to take part in this clinic. Be sure and bring your own telescope, for none will be provided.

Presented to Thomas A. Cragg in recognition of his 37 year relationship with the Los Angeles Astronomical Society as officer, president, and valued member, June 1976.

This is the inscription engraved on the plaque presented to Tom Cragg at the June meeting. All in attendance gave Tom and Mary a warm send-off. Best of Luck, Tom and Mary.

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Lu Rarogiewicz has been appointed this year's Awards Committee chairperson. Those desiring to be considered for recognition or know of other members worthy of such recognition in the areas of telescope making, astrophotography, astro-art and literature, etc., should communicate with him at the meetings.

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For the second consecutive year David Sovereign has been appointed Awards Banquet chairperson. Any suggestions regarding the location of this year's banquet should be made to Dave at the meetings.

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FOUND: One flashlight, two small alarm clocks at the last star party. To claim, call Lewis Chilton at [213] 836-4616.

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