

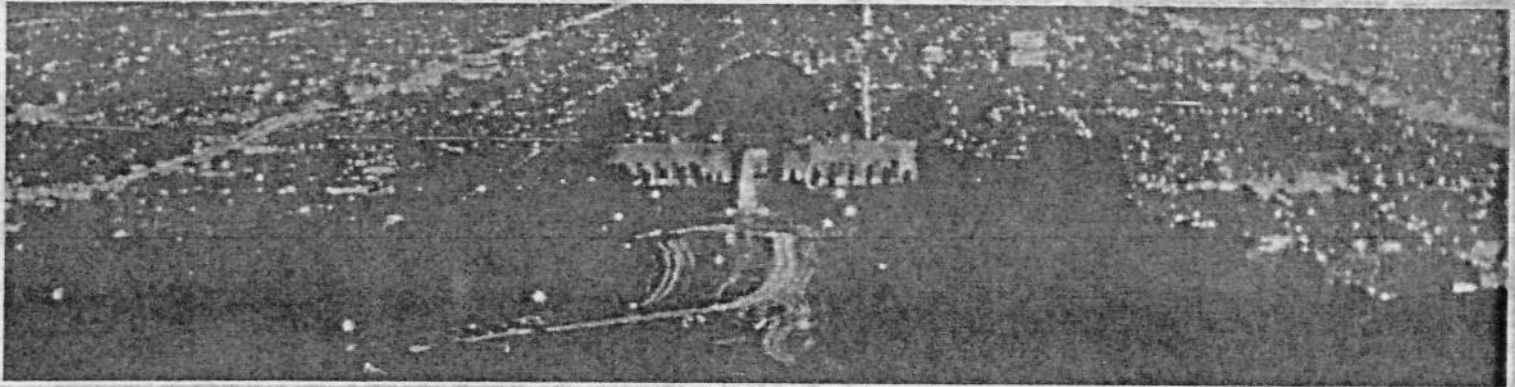


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Starting in September, after a 3 year hiatus, the LOS ANGELES ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY once again meets monthly most of the year at Griffith Observatory, here pictured against the backdrop of Hollywood at night. Griffith was the regular meeting place of the Society from 1947 until 1973 (photo by L. Chilton).

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The LAAS has had a close relationship with Griffith Observatory ever since the building was dedicated in the early 1930's. This relationship has waned somewhat in recent years, but this month we note a turning point. Dr. Krupp, Director of Griffith Observatory, has invited the LAAS to again hold its general meetings in the planetarium. This month's meeting* marks the first such regularly scheduled event. The speaker will be well-known Observatory staff member Ron Oriti who will speak on "The Mystery of Tektites", and also on the meteorite fall observed over most of California recently. Mr. Oriti has been a good friend of the Society for many years, and his part in the return of the LAAS to Griffith is significant.

* Sept. 13th, 7:30 p.m.

On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank Dr. Krupp, Mr. Oriti, and the rest of the Observatory staff for the interest shown in us, and to promise that we will help the Observatory in every way possible. Such events as the public star party announced below provide activities which are valuable on both sides. It is hoped that such symbiosis can be continued and expanded.

— Michael Simmons

Other Meetings...

- ◎ STAR MEMBER MEETING - Mon., Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.
- ◎ BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Mon., Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.

Both meetings 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, Sept. 25, dusk till dawn.

GRIFFITH STAR PARTY

A star party to which the public is invited will be held on the front lawn of Griffith Observatory on Sunday, November 28. The Observatory will be open but there will be no Laserium that evening. The idea is to contact the public and show them that they can get involved in astronomy at an amateur level. In the past, events of this type have been very successful, with stories and pictures in several newspapers. A good turnout of all types of telescopes is essential. Displays are being readied, but help and new ideas are needed. Help your Society, Griffith Observatory, a lot of people from the public, give yourself a good feeling, and have a lot of fun. GET INVOLVED. See Mike Simmons at the meeting to offer your help.

Attention Members!

NOT GETTING
YOUR
GRIFFITH OBSERVER?

Then get in touch with LAAS secretary Wanda Giblin. She's working diligently with officials of Griffith Observatory to iron out this problem. Write directly to her at 3427 Greensward Road, Los Angeles, CA 90039.

OCTOBER 1st DUES DUE

Dues for most Society members will be due October 1. If you receive a renewal notice, please answer it promptly so that another notice is not necessary (remember the cost of postage). If you know you are one of the lucky ones whose time has come, won't you send in your dues now? Thanks.

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LOCKWOOD STAR PARTY

The August star party was again well attended, with warm weather and a good sky. Were you there? If not, plan to attend our next focal point festival on September 25 at Lockwood Valley. It's your last chance for a summer star party, as summer ends just three days before (one more will be held in late October). The awards committee will be looking for any new telescopes (very few have been presented thus far). The observatory will again be open all night. This should be the biggest and best star party of the year. To show the good people at Griffith Observatory what can be done at a good location away from city lights, the entire Observatory staff has been invited. Don't be sorry later that you missed it. **BE THERE.**

Awards - 1976

All nominations for awards are to be brought to the attention of Awards Committee members Lu Progiewicz (chairman), Steve Kufeld or Phil Taylor at meetings or star parties. Get with it; the end of the year is the deadline and as the Romans used to say: tempus fugit, time flies. Categories include, but are not limited to, astronomy, photography, optics, mountings and accessories, literature, observing programs, mechanical designs, drives, etc., etc.

***** IMPORTANT NOTICE *****

The October general meeting will not be held the second Monday of the month, but the third Monday, October 18. This is due to a scheduling conflict at the Observatory. Please mark your calendar.

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LAAS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

In November the LAAS celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. The meeting for that month will feature Lew Chilton, LAAS Historian. Several others who have been members since the thirties and forties will be asked to relate some of their memories of those years. If you have been a member for many years or know someone who has, please help out. Pictures from past years are also needed. See Lew Chilton or Mike Simmons if you can help.

ALL SWEETNESS AND LIGHT

In The Astrophysical Journal for 1 November 1975, S. C. Simonson of the University of Maryland claims to have discovered our galaxy's nearest neighbor. By studying its radio emission in the 21 cm line of hydrogen, Simonson claims the new satellite galaxy has a distance of only 17 kpc and a mass of only about 100 million suns--just one thousandth the mass of our galaxy. Of it, Simonson writes, "I call it 'Snickers', because it's like a Milky Way, only peanuts."

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