

Los Angeles Astronomical Society

NOTICE

Your Bulletin Editor will be on vacation during April, so no May bulletin will be sent out. Save this bulletin for reference regarding May meeting dates.

LAAS MEETINGS FOR APRIL

General Meeting - Monday, April 9th, 7:45 p.m. at Griffith Observatory. The meeting will feature a special eclipse report by Father Ronald Royer. Father Royer took his photographic equipment to Winnipeg for the February eclipse.

Board Meeting - Monday, April 30th, 7:30 p.m.

Star Members - Monday, April 23rd, 7:30 p.m.

LAAS MEETINGS FOR MAY

General Meeting - Monday, May 14th, 7:45 p.m. at Griffith Observatory. Speaker to be announced at a later date.

Board Meeting/Star Members - Monday, May 21st, 7:30 p.m. The meetings are combined due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Star and Board meetings convene at the Palms Recreational Center, located on Overland Avenue, just north of the Santa Monica Freeway. All members are welcome.

PUBLIC STAR PARTY

The LAAS will observe WAA Astronomy Day (Saturday, April 7th) by holding a public star party on the lawn of Griffith Observatory. An event such as this is ideal to introduce our hobby to the public and promote potential new members. All members are urged to attend and bring their telescopes. We can start setting up telescopes at 5:00 p.m. The star party will run from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

RIVERSIDE CONVENTION

The annual Riverside Telescopes Makers Convention will be held at Big Bear in the San Bernardino Mountains on May 26th, 27th, and 28th. Low cost accommodations are available at the Y.M.C.A. camp. Further details should be available at the April and May general meetings.

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Experiments in Astronomy for Amateurs by Richard Knox, 1976, St. Martin's Press, describes in detail several simple measuring tools from sundials and quadrants to astrolabes and planetariums which anyone may construct at virtually no expense. Then it goes on to explain practical astronomical experiments in planetary motion and Lunar position, eclipse prediction, etc., with several degrees of accuracy or approximation. Suitable as a high school text or reference, this is a new book in your L.A.A.S. library and may be checked out by any member. See Lou Raragowicz in the telescope dome at Griffith after any regular L.A.A.S. meeting.

BOOK REPORT BY Ed Ehrhart

Now that the summer observing season has started, members are reminded that the LAAS gives out two observing awards. One is for observing all the Messier objects and the other is for those Messier objects prominent in summer (14 to 22 hours R.A.). Just keep a log book of your observations. After an honor system inspection of your log, awards are issued. Start keeping your log today. Both awards can and have been won within a single year.

OBSERVING AWARDS

All parties will be at our Lockwood Valley property. If any member needs directions to the site, ask at the general meetings or write to the bulletin return address.

STAR PARTY SEASON
Dates for our summer star parties have been officially selected:
May 26
June 23
July 21
August 18
September 22
October 20